

**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and  
Mathematical Methods**  
**10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**Plan for Lecture 4:**

- 1. Chapter 1 – scattering theory summary**
- 2. Chapter 2 – Physics described in an accelerated coordinate frame**

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**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods**  
MWF 10 AM-10:50 PM OPL 103 <http://www.wfu.edu/~natalie/f12phy711/>  
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**Course schedule**  
(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment)

Date	F&W Reading	Topic	Assignment
1 Wed, 8/29/2012	Chap. 1	Review of basic principles. Scattering theory	#1
2 Fri, 8/31/2012	Chap. 1	Scattering theory continued	#2
3 Mon, 9/03/2012	Chap. 1	Scattering theory continued	#3
4 Wed, 9/05/2012	Chap. 1 & 2	Scattering theory/Accelerated coordinate frame	#4

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**Events**

Wed Sep 5, 2012  
Physics Research Department # 4  
4:00 PM in Olin 101  
Refreshments at 3:30 in Lobby

The Sep 6, 2012 Society of Physics Students Meeting  
12:00 PM in Olin Lounge  
Pizza Provided - All interested invited!

Wed Sep 12, 2012  
Physics Research Department # 4  
4:00 PM in Olin 101  
Refreshments at 3:30 in Lobby

Wed Sep 19, 2012  
Dr. Vignello, COSPER

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Fall 2012 Schedule  
for N. A. W. Holzwarth

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Lecture Preparation/ Office Hours		Lecture Preparation/ Office Hours		Lecture Preparation/ Office Hours
9:00-10:00	General Physics I PHY113	Lecture Preparation/ Office Hours	General Physics I PHY113	Lecture Preparation/ Office Hours	General Physics I PHY113
10:00-11:00	Classical Mech PHY711		Classical Mech PHY711		Classical Mech PHY711
11:00-12:30	Office Hours	Physics Research	Office Hours	Physics Research	Office Hours
12:30-2:00	Condensed Matter Theory Journal Club		Physics Research		Physics Research
2:00-3:30					
3:30-5:00	Physics Research		Physics Colloquium		CEES - Renewable Energy Research

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Some more details on the laboratory and center of mass reference frames

Laboratory reference frame:

Before:  $m_1$  moving right with velocity  $u_1$ ,  $m_2$  at rest ( $u_2=0$ )

After:  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving away from each other with velocities  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  at an angle  $\psi$  relative to the horizontal.

Center of mass reference frame:

Before:  $m_1$  moving right with velocity  $U_1$ ,  $m_2$  moving left with velocity  $U_2=0$

After:  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving away from each other with velocities  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  at an angle  $\theta$  relative to the horizontal.

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Laboratory reference frame:

Total energy of the system :

$$E_{LAB} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{\mathbf{r}}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{\mathbf{r}}_2^2 + V(|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|)$$

Relative coordinate :  $\mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$

Center of mass coordinate :  $\mathbf{R}_{CM} \equiv \frac{m_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$

$$E_{LAB} = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{CM}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 + V(r)$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{CM}^2 + E_{CM}$$

where  $\mu \equiv \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$

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Analysis before and after collision in CM frame:

Assume that before and after the collision,  $V(r) \approx 0$ :

$$E_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \mu |\dot{\mathbf{r}}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 U_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 U_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 V_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 V_2^2$$

Conservation of momentum requires :

$$m_1 \mathbf{U}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{U}_2 = 0 = m_1 \mathbf{V}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{V}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 \mathbf{U}_1 = -m_2 \mathbf{U}_2 \text{ and } m_1 \mathbf{V}_1 = -m_2 \mathbf{V}_2$$

More algebra :

$$m_1 (U_1^2 - V_1^2) = -m_2 (U_2^2 - V_2^2)$$

$$m_1 (U_1^2 - V_1^2) = -\frac{m_1^2}{m_2} (U_1^2 - V_1^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow U_1 = V_1 \text{ and } U_2 = V_2$$

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Physical laws as described in non-inertial coordinate systems

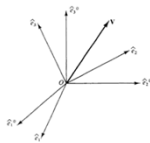


Figure 4.1 Transformation to a rotating coordinate system.

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a general vector, e.g., the position of a particle. This vector can be characterized by its components with respect to either orthonormal triad. Thus we can write:

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i^0 \hat{e}_i^0 \quad (6.1a)$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \hat{e}_i \quad (6.1b)$$

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Comparison of analysis in "inertial frame" versus "non-inertial frame"

Denote by  $\hat{e}_i^0$  a fixed coordinate system

Denote by  $\hat{e}_i$  a moving coordinate system

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i^0 \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \hat{e}_i$$

$$\left( \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right)_{inertial} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i^0}{dt} \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i}{dt} \hat{e}_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

Define :  $\left( \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right)_{body} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i}{dt} \hat{e}_i$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right)_{inertial} = \left( \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right)_{body} + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

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Properties of the frame motion (rotation):

$$d\hat{e}_y = d\Omega \hat{e}_z$$

$$d\hat{e}_z = -d\Omega \hat{e}_y$$

$$\Rightarrow d\hat{\mathbf{e}} = d\Omega \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}}{dt} = \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}$$

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$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

Effects on acceleration:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left\{ \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V} \right\}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{body} + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

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Extension to rotation and translation of coordinate system

Denote by  $\left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{a}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial}$  the acceleration of the coordinate system

$$\left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{a}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} + \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{body} + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

Newton's laws; Let  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{r}$ , the position of particle of mass  $m$ :

$$m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} = \mathbf{F}_{ext}$$

$$m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}\right)_{body} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} - m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{a}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} - 2m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)_{body} - m \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{r} - m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

↑ Coriolis force
 ↑ Centrifugal force

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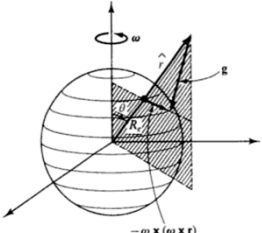
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Motion on the surface of the Earth:



$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\tau} \approx 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{ext} = -\frac{GM_e m}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}'$$

Main contributions:

$$m \left( \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{earth} = -\frac{GM_e m}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}' - 2m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left( \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right)_{earth} - m \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{r} - m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

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Non-inertial effects on effective gravitational "constant"

$$m \left( \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{earth} = -\frac{GM_e m}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}' - 2m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left( \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right)_{earth} - m \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{r} - m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

For  $\left( \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right)_{earth} = 0$  and  $\left( \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{earth} = 0$ ,

$$0 = -\frac{GM_e m}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}' - m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{F}' = -m\mathbf{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{g} = -\frac{GM_e}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r} \Big|_{r=R_e}$$

$$= \left( -\frac{GM_e}{R_e^2} + \omega^2 R_e \sin^2 \theta \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \omega^2 R_e \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

↑ 9.80 m/s<sup>2</sup>      ↑ 0.03 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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