

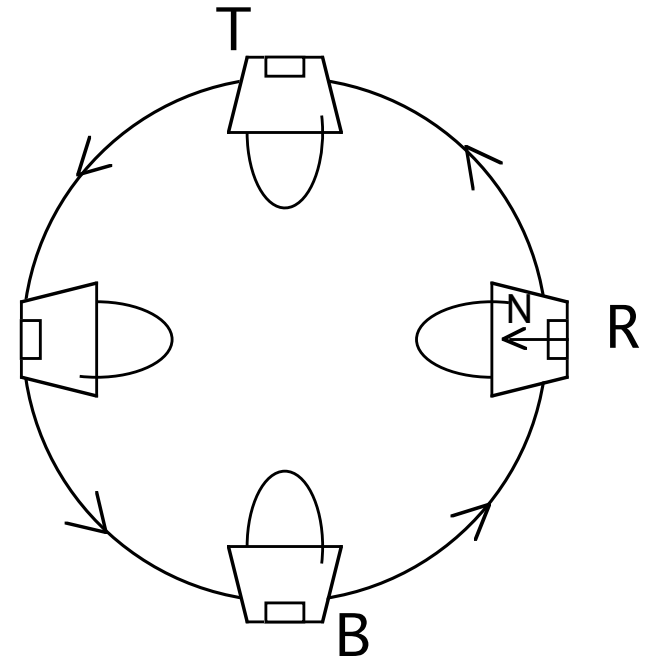
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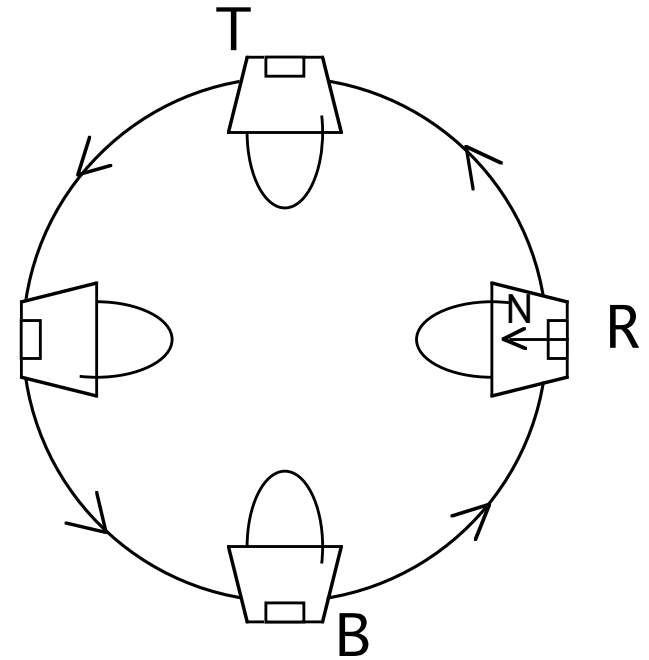
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**Answer:**

Net force:  $F_{\text{net}} = m a = m v^2/R.$

Since the speed  $v$  and radius  $R$  are constant, the acceleration and hence the net force must also be constant in magnitude.

**Spring 2014**

**PHYS-2010**

**Lecture 21**

# Announcements

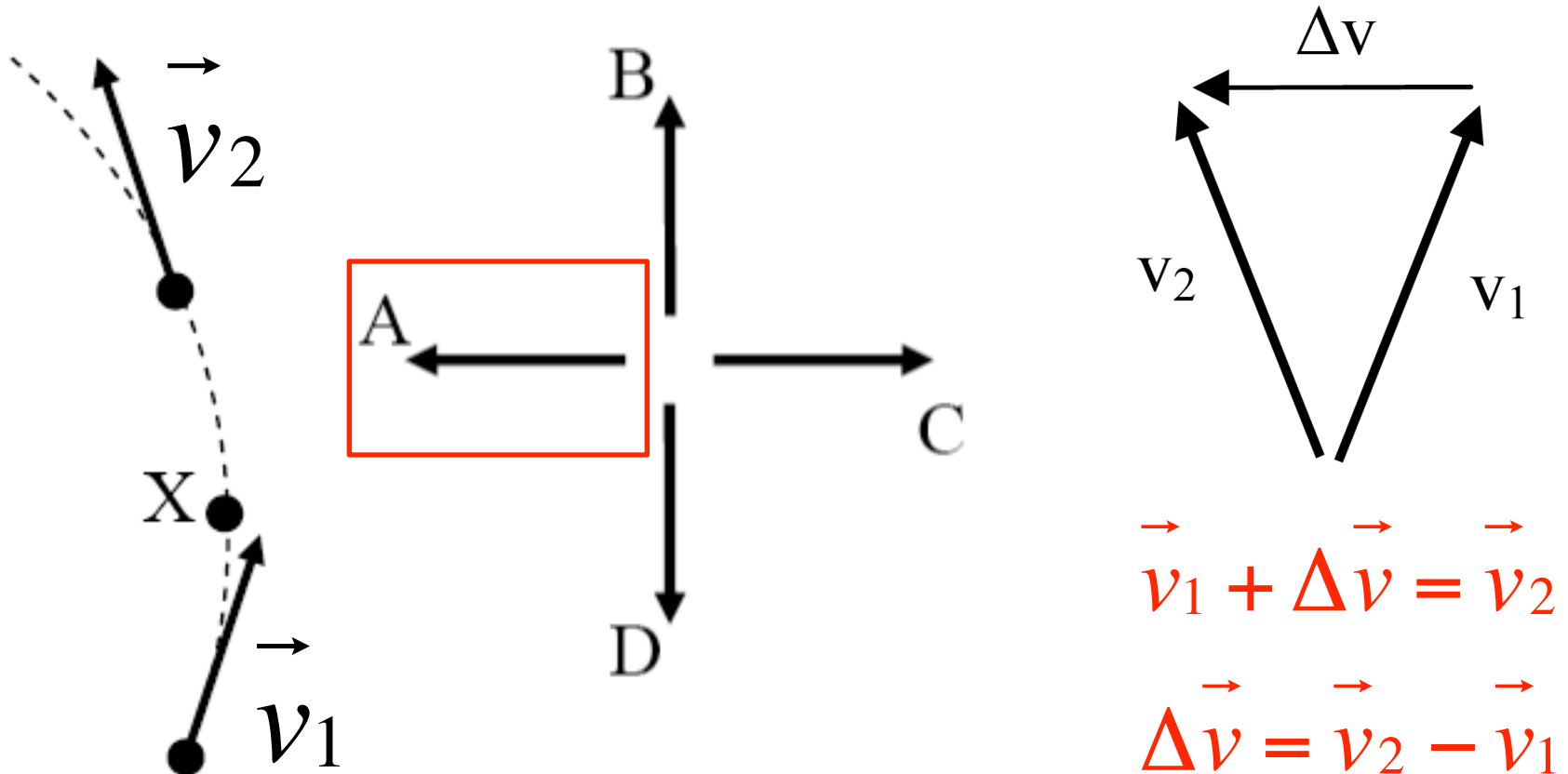
- Read Giancoli Chapter 5.
- **CAPA # 7** due Tuesday at 11 pm.
- **No Written homework** this week!
- This week: **Lab # 4** “Newton’s Laws” (no prelab).
- **Midterm II** on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 pm.
- **Practice exam** is posted on D2L.
- **Review session** tomorrow March 4, 5-6 pm, Duane G125.
- **Exam seating:**
  - if your TA is Rosemary Wulf or Andrew Hess, your exam is here, G1B30.
  - if your TA is Jake Fish or Clarissa Briner, your exam is next door, G1B20.
- More details about the exam are on the course website:

[http://www.colorado.edu/physics/phys2010/phys2010\\_sp14/exams.html](http://www.colorado.edu/physics/phys2010/phys2010_sp14/exams.html)

# Materials to study for Mid-Term II

- **Giancoli Ch. 3.5 – 5.3** (Vectors, Projectile Motion, Newton's laws, Pulleys, Friction, Circular Motion).
- In-class **Clicker Questions & Lecture Materials**.
- Your **CAPAs** through # 7.
- **Written Homeworks 3 - 5**.
- **Recitation Assignments and Lab**.
- **Giancoli web site**: “Practice Questions”, “MCAT Study Guide”, “Practice Problems”. Link on course web site.
- Old **practice exam** posted on D2L.
- Dr. Michael **Dubson's Chapter Notes** (link on course website).

What is the *direction* of the acceleration when particle is at point X?

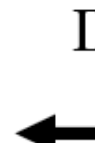
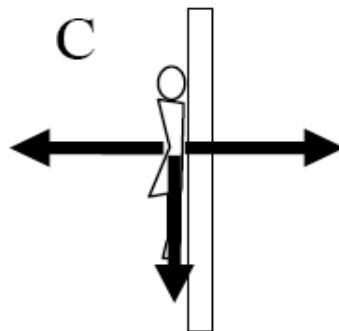
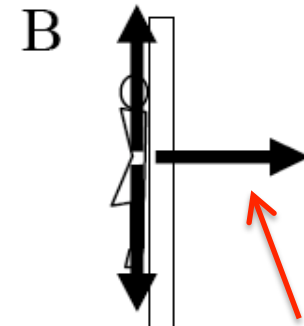
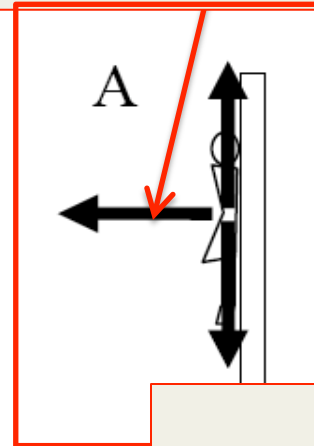
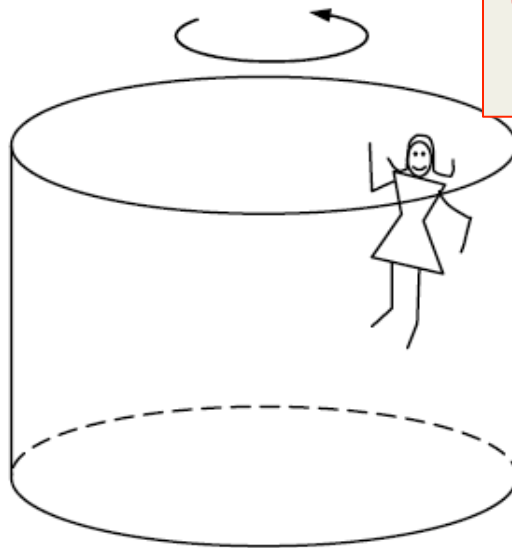


**Acceleration points toward the center of the circle.**

## Consider the “Wall-of-Death”

Which diagram correctly shows the real forces on the rider?

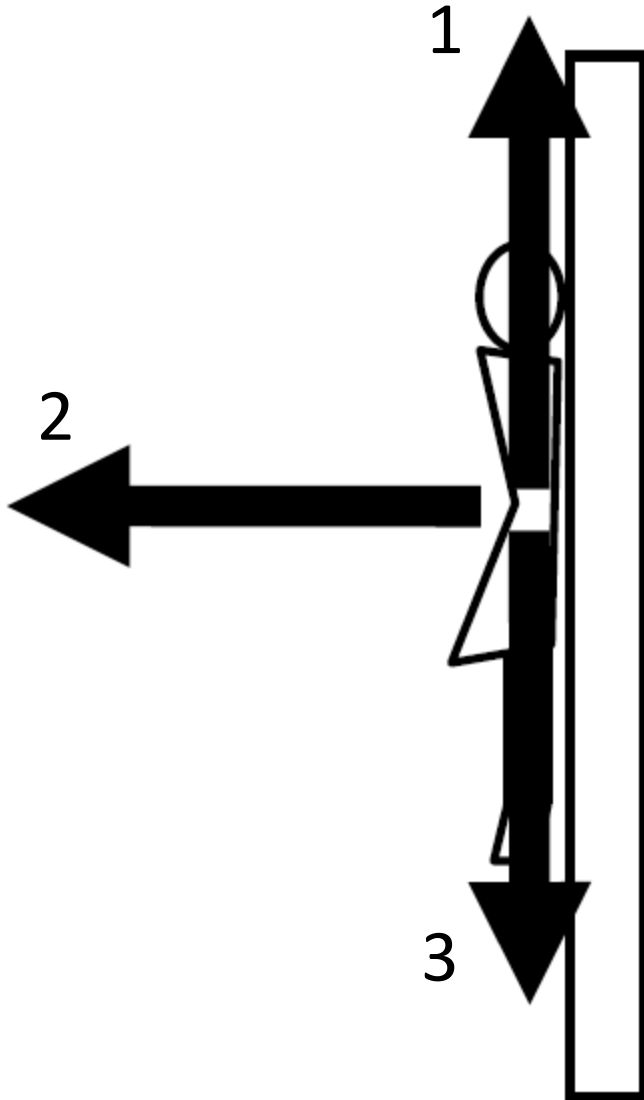
(Normal) “Centripetal force”:  
a real force.



Fictitious force:  
“centrifugal force”  
– in the rider’s frame.

*Centrifugal* force (from Latin *centrum*, meaning “center”, and *fugere*, meaning “to flee”)

What are the three forces #1, 2, 3?



A) 1 - gravity  
2 - centrifugal force  
3 - friction

B) 1 - friction  
2 - normal force of the wall  
3 - gravity

C) 1 - centripetal force  
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D) 1 - friction  
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# Dynamics of Uniform Circular Motion

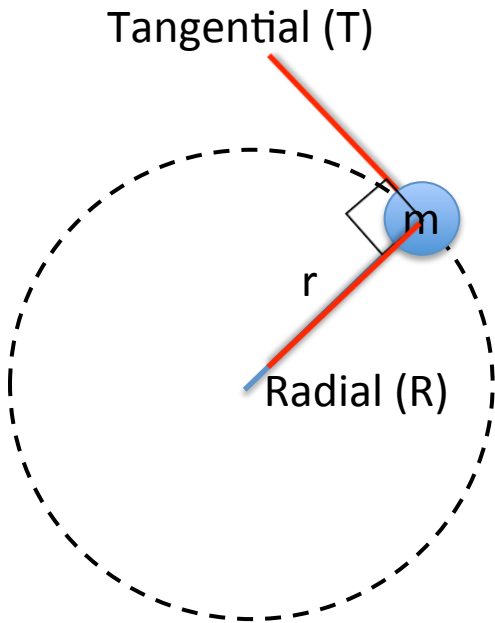
Choose a coordinate system:  
Usually radial and tangential.

For uniform motion, velocity in  
the tangential direction is  
constant, so

$$\Sigma F_T = m a_T = 0$$

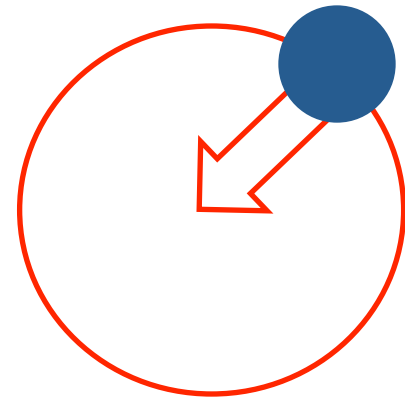
In the radial direction:

$$\Sigma F_R = m a_R = mv^2/r$$



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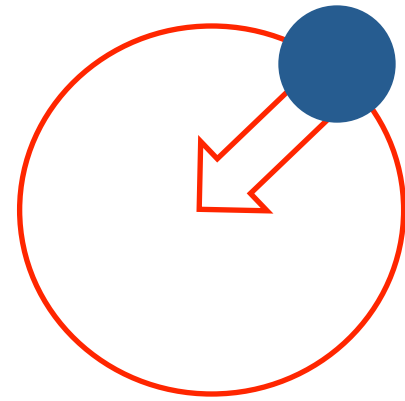
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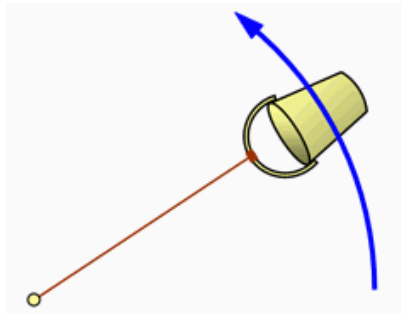


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# Corona Arch Swing (Moab, Utah, 03/31/2012)



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCjVUaR1tVo>

(video courtesy of Sean Kuusinen and CU Alpine Club)

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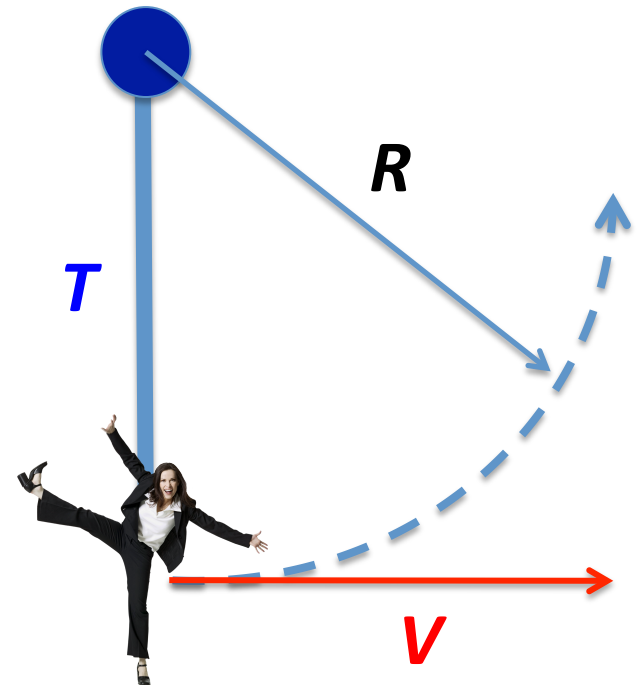
A student of mass  $m = 60$  kg suspended from the Corona Arch by a rope of length  $R = 30$  m is swinging left to right. When she is at the lowest point of her trajectory, her speed is  $V = 10$  m/s.

How does the tension force in the rope compare with the force of gravity?

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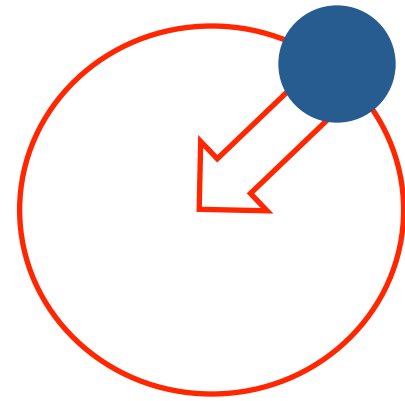
B)  $T = mg$

C)  $T < mg$



Tension is greater than  $mg$ . It has to overcome gravity to provide the upward *net force* necessary to provide the required upward *centripetal acceleration*.

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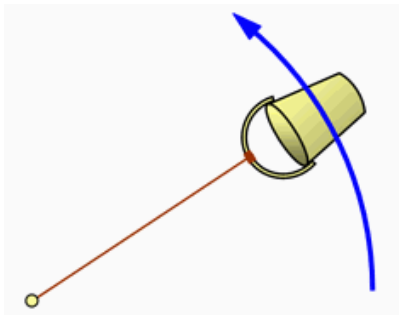


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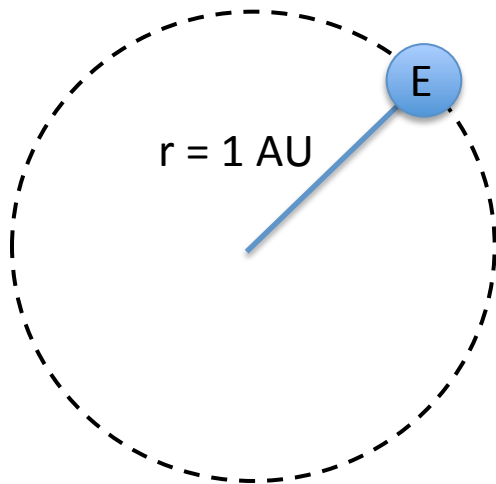
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The Earth circles the Sun at an average distance of 1 Astronomical Unit (AU) =  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  meters in one year.

What is its orbital centripetal acceleration?



$$a_{radial} = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{\left(\frac{2\pi r}{T}\right)^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

$$a_{radial} = \frac{4\pi^2 (1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m})}{(3.155 \times 10^7 \text{ s})^2}$$

$$a_{radial} = 0.006 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Sometimes we quote accelerations relative to  $g$  ( $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ).

$$a_{radial} = 0.006 \text{ m/s}^2 \times \frac{1g}{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2} \approx 0.0006 g = 0.06\% \text{ of } g$$

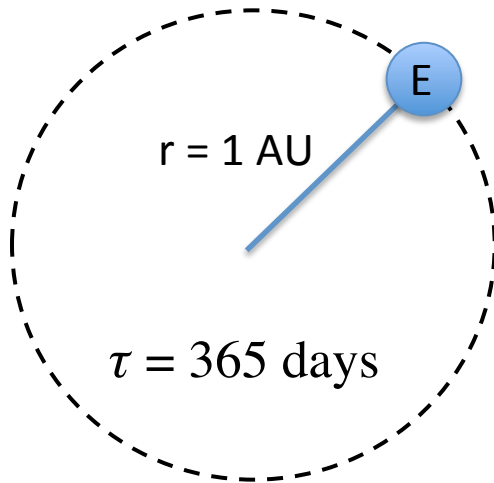


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What is the centripetal force in this case?

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What's causing the centripetal acceleration?

- A) The electrostatic force between the Earth and Sun.
- B) The tension in the string connecting the Earth to the Sun.
- C) The force of gravity between the Earth and the Sun.
- D) Depends on the time of day.