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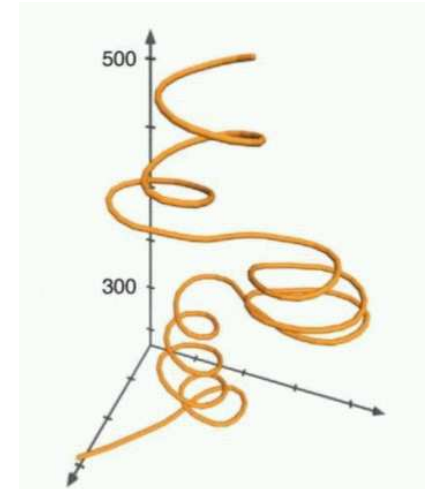
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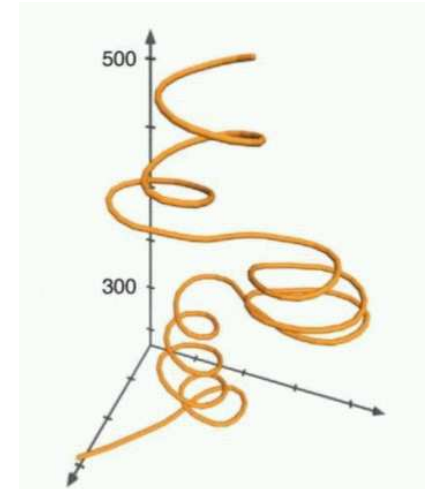
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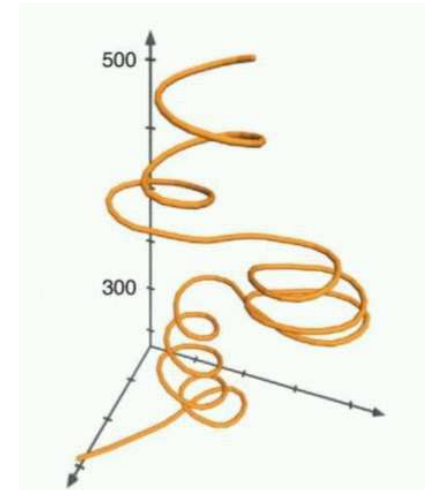
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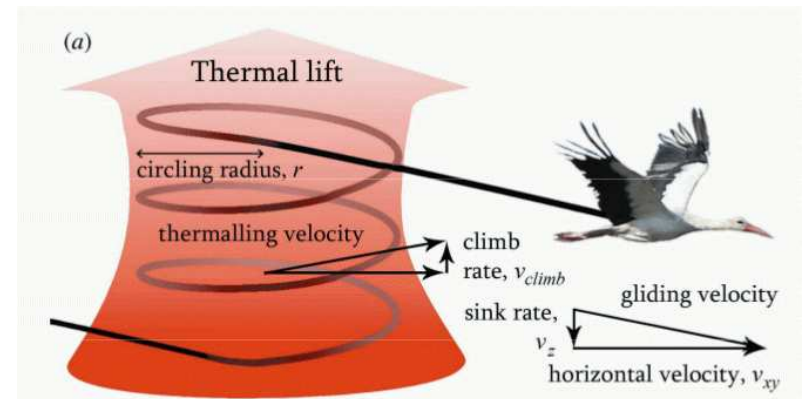
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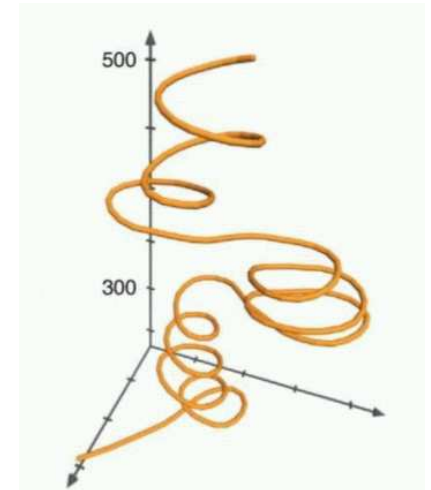
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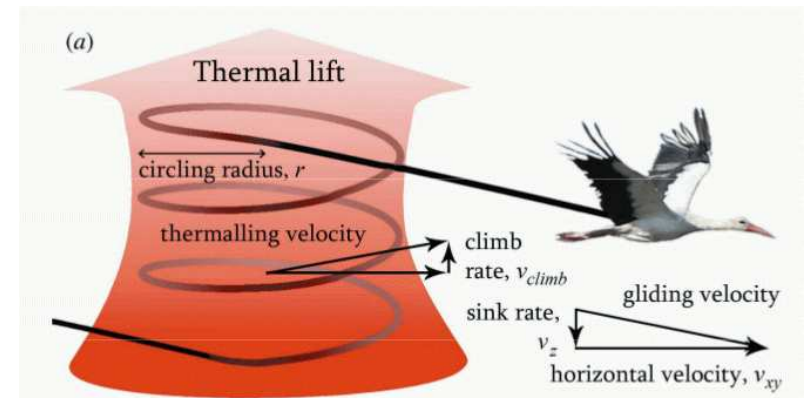
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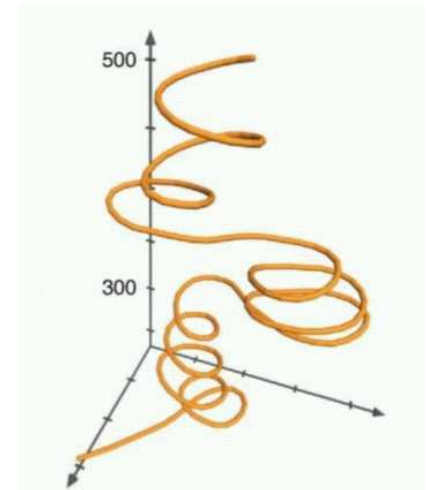
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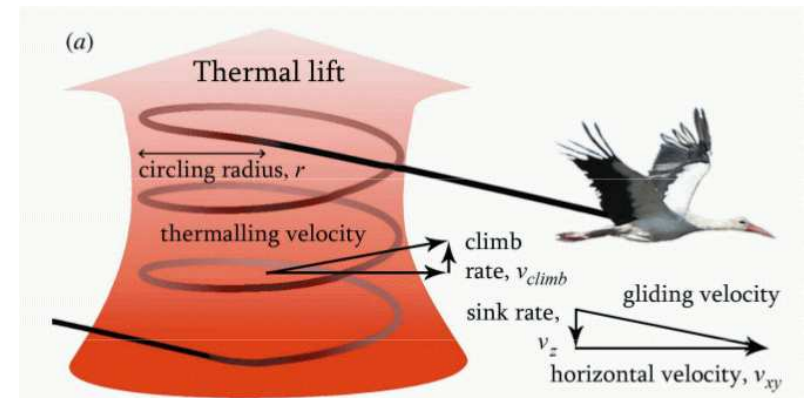
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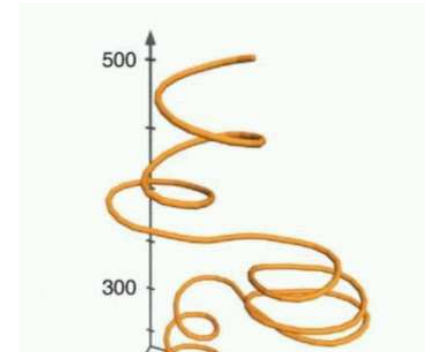
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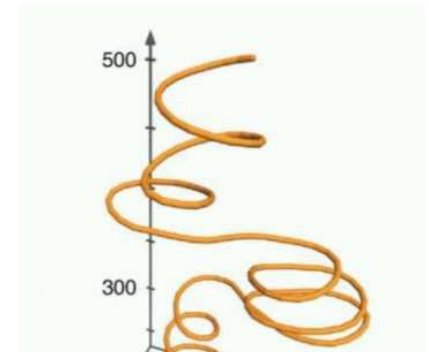
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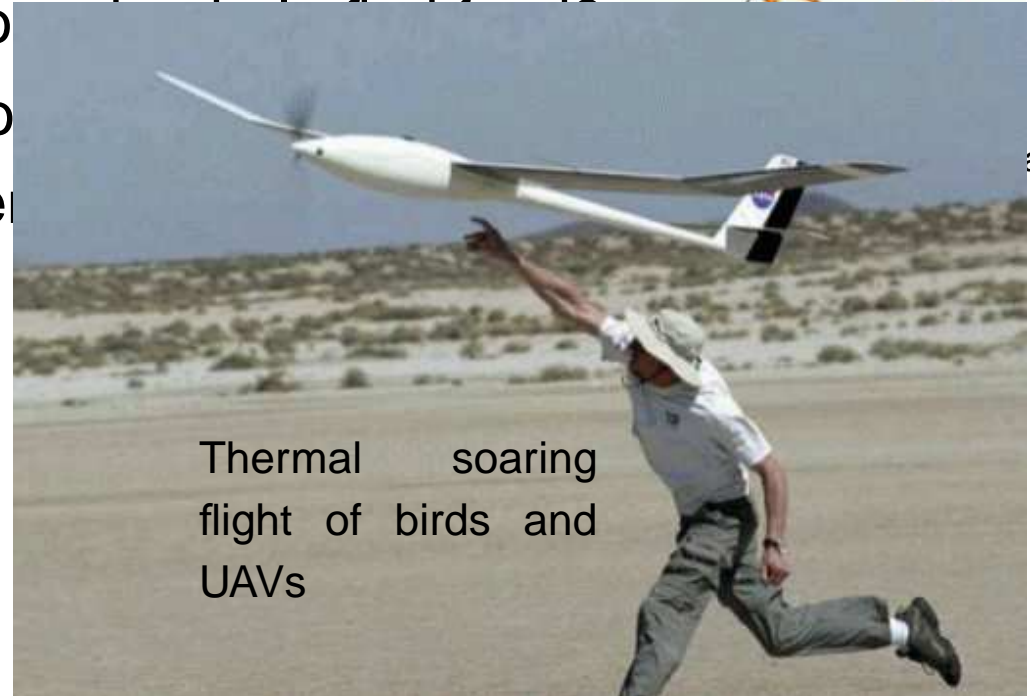
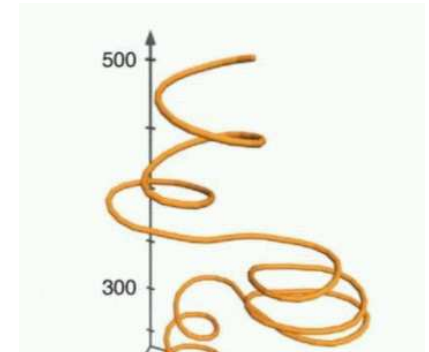
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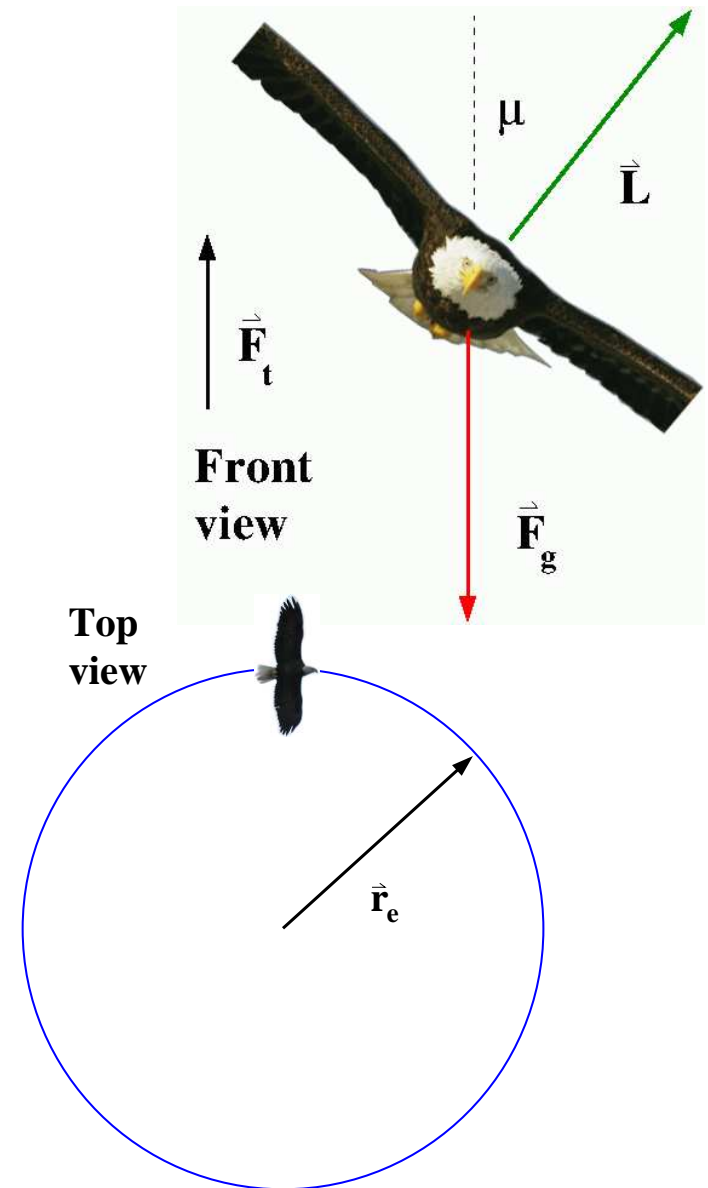
- Big increase in drones coming in 2015.



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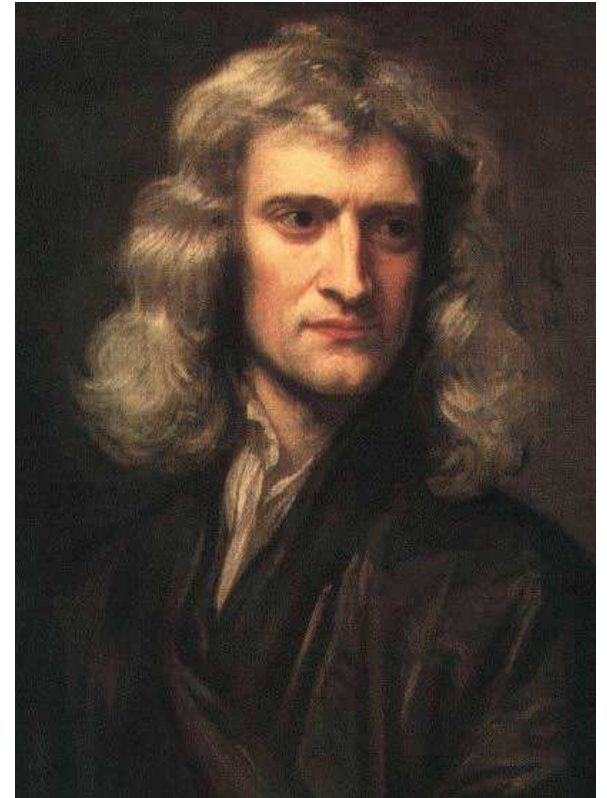
Newton's Laws

1. Consider a body with no net force acting on it. If it is at rest it will remain at rest. If it is moving with a constant velocity it will continue to move at that velocity.
2. For all the different forces acting on a body

$$\Sigma \vec{F}_i = m\vec{a} \quad .$$

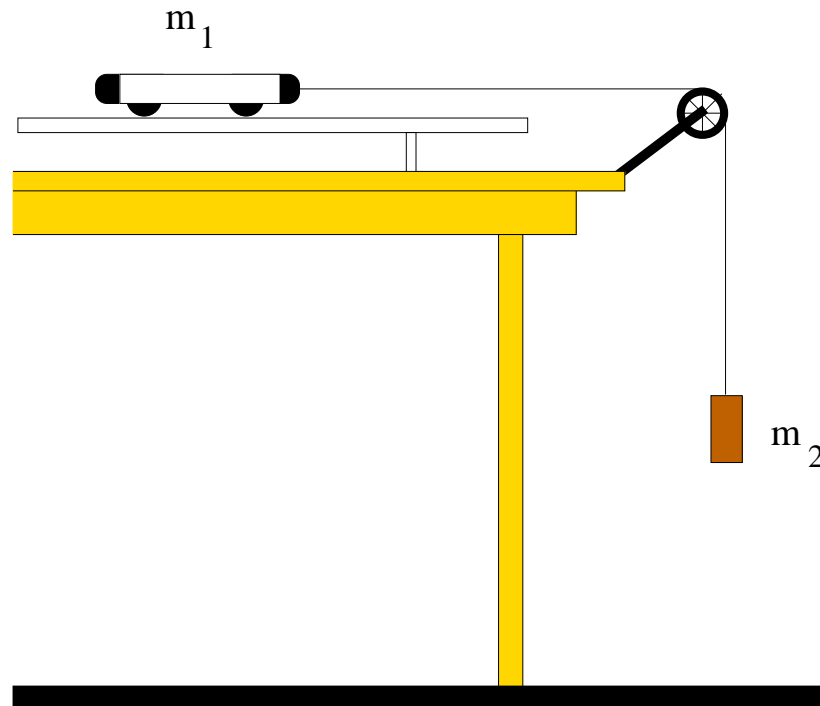
3. For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

$$\vec{F}_{AB} = -\vec{F}_{BA}$$



Newton's Laws - An Example

Two blocks are connected by a rope draped over a pulley as shown below. The masses are $m_1 = 1.0 \text{ kg}$ and $m_2 = 4.0 \text{ kg}$. What is the acceleration of both masses?

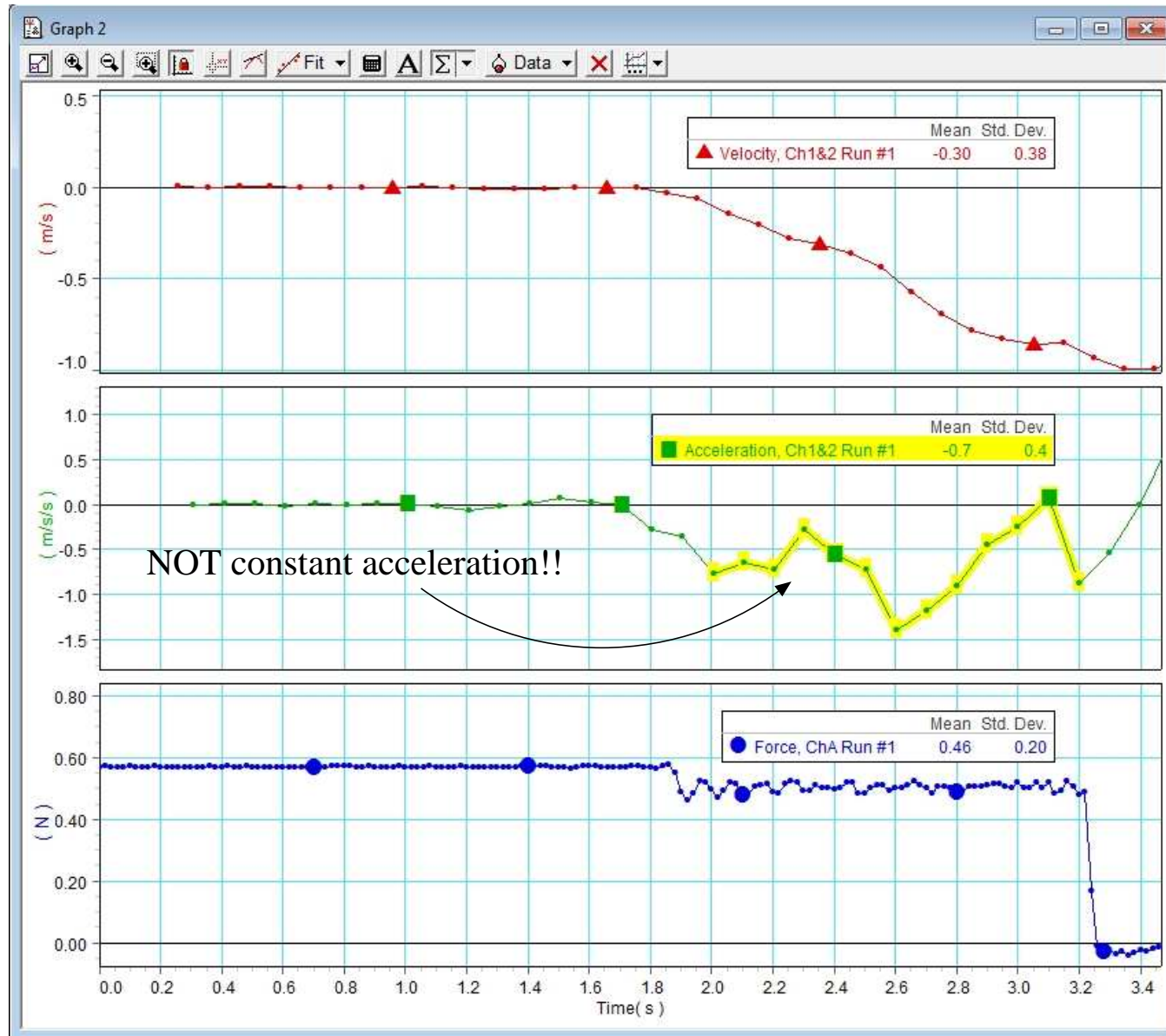


Combining Forces On A Falling Balloon

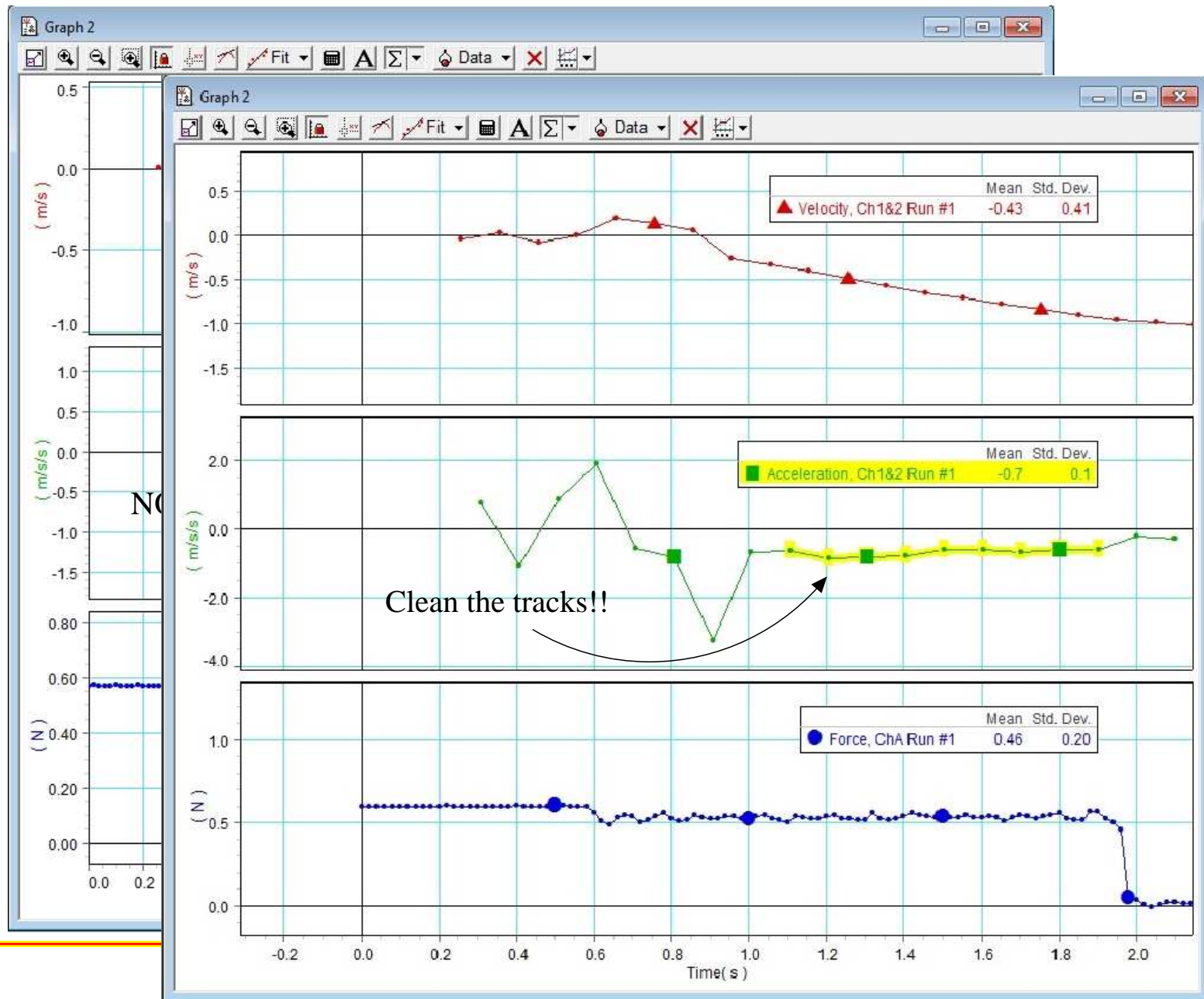
A hot-air balloon of mass M is descending vertically with a downward acceleration a as shown below. How much ballast m_b must be thrown out to give the balloon the same magnitude acceleration in the opposite direction (up)? Assume the upward force of the hot air does not change as ballast is dropped and express your answer as an equation in M , a , and any necessary constants.



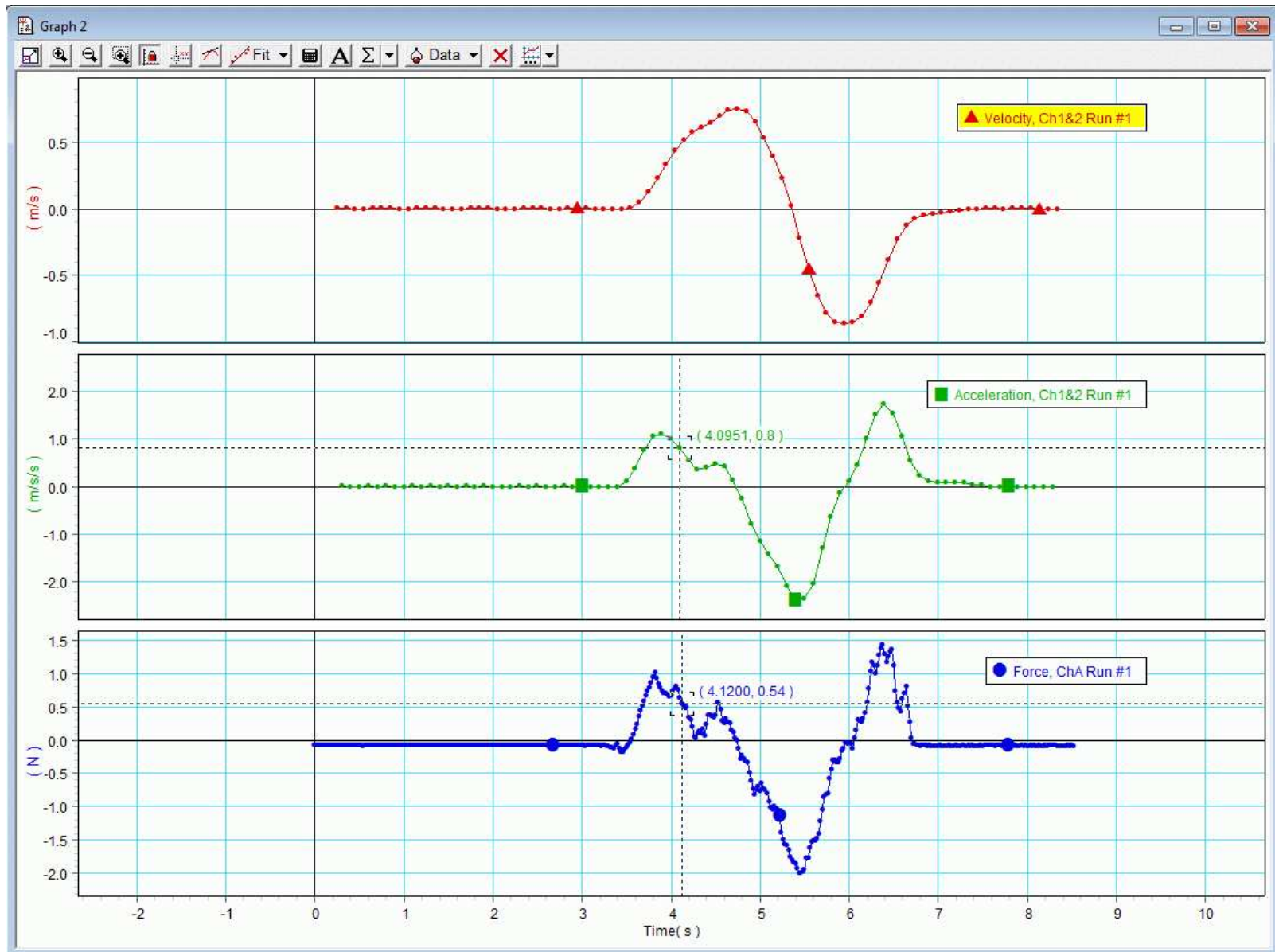
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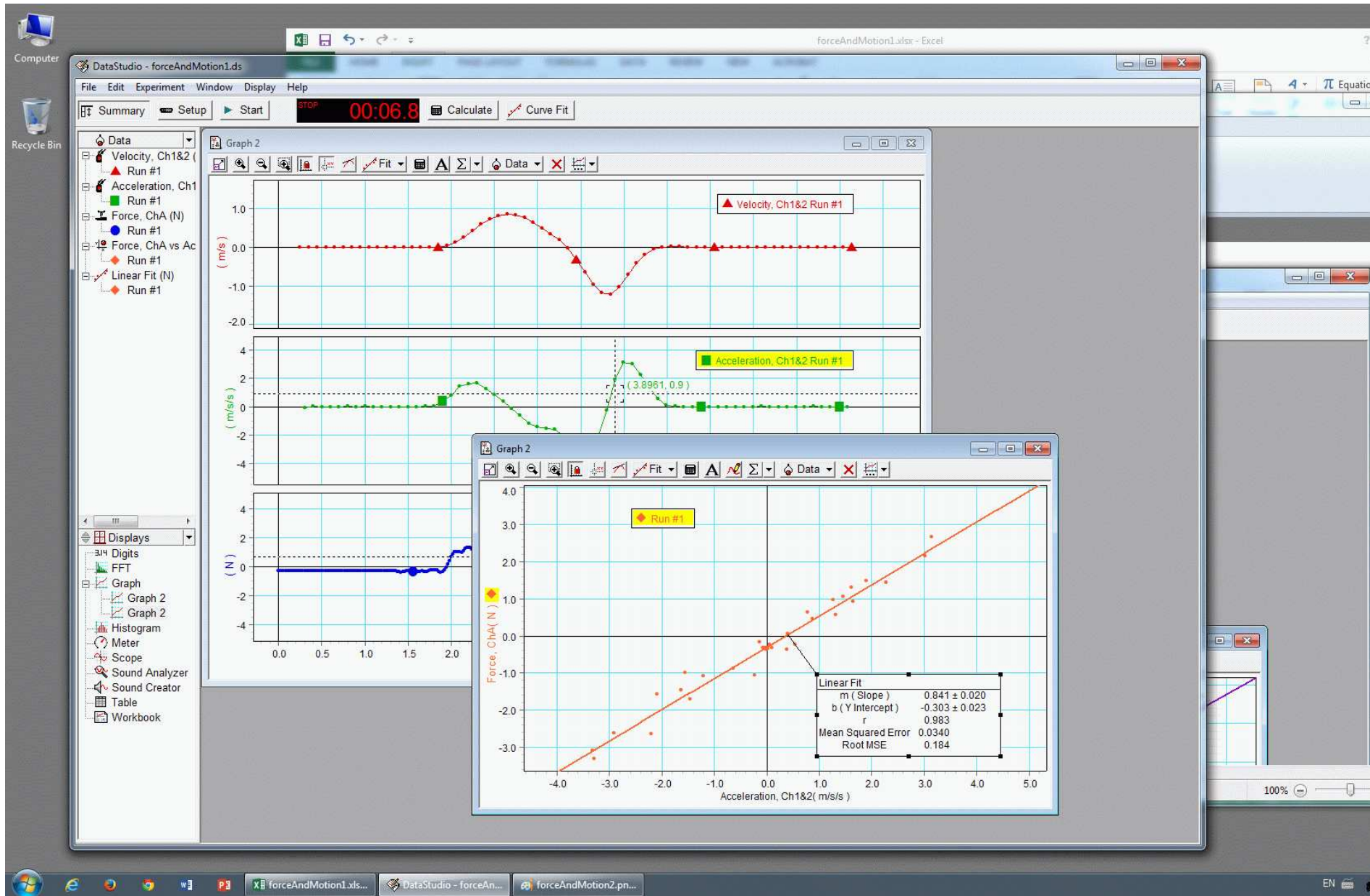
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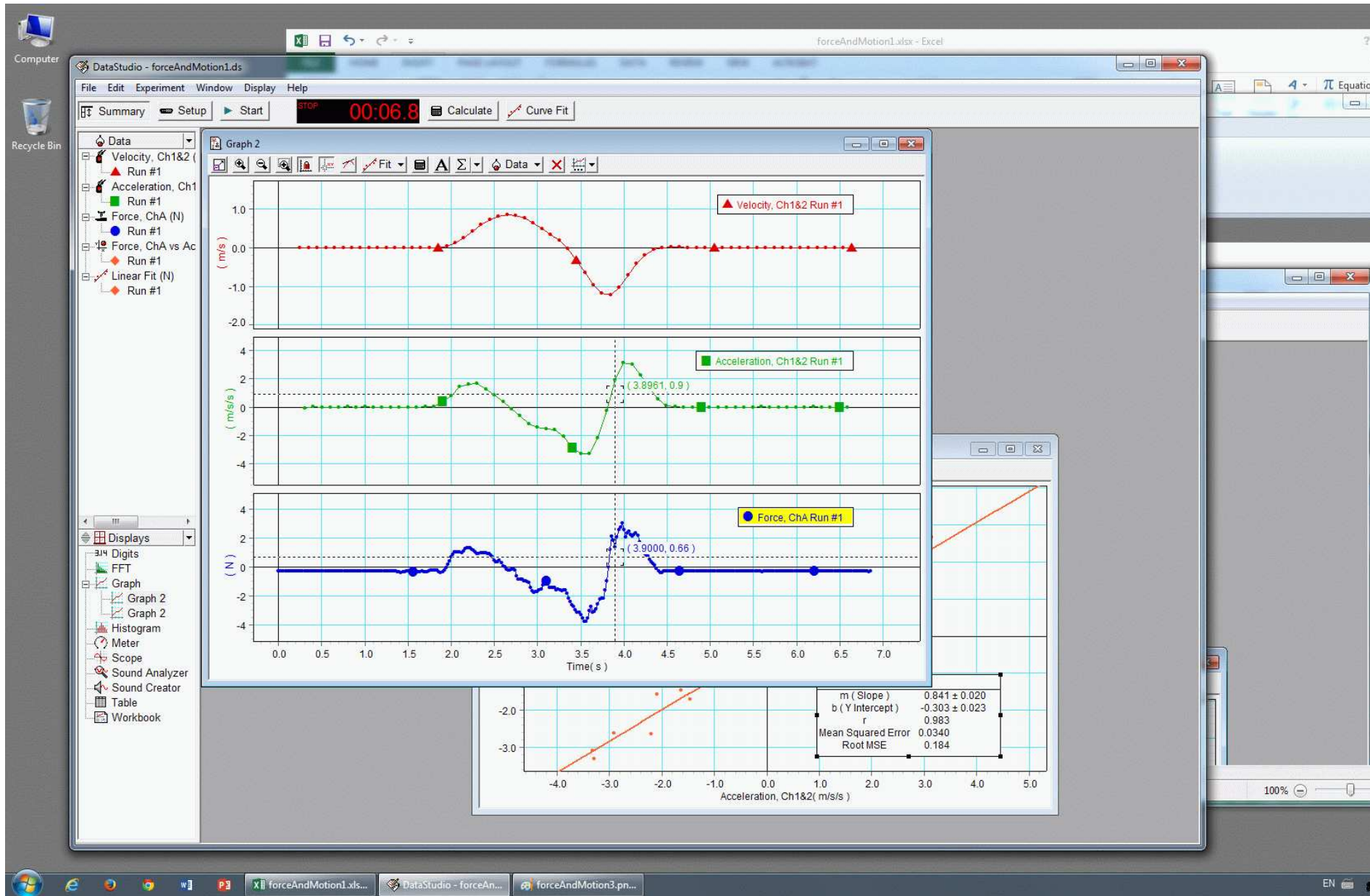
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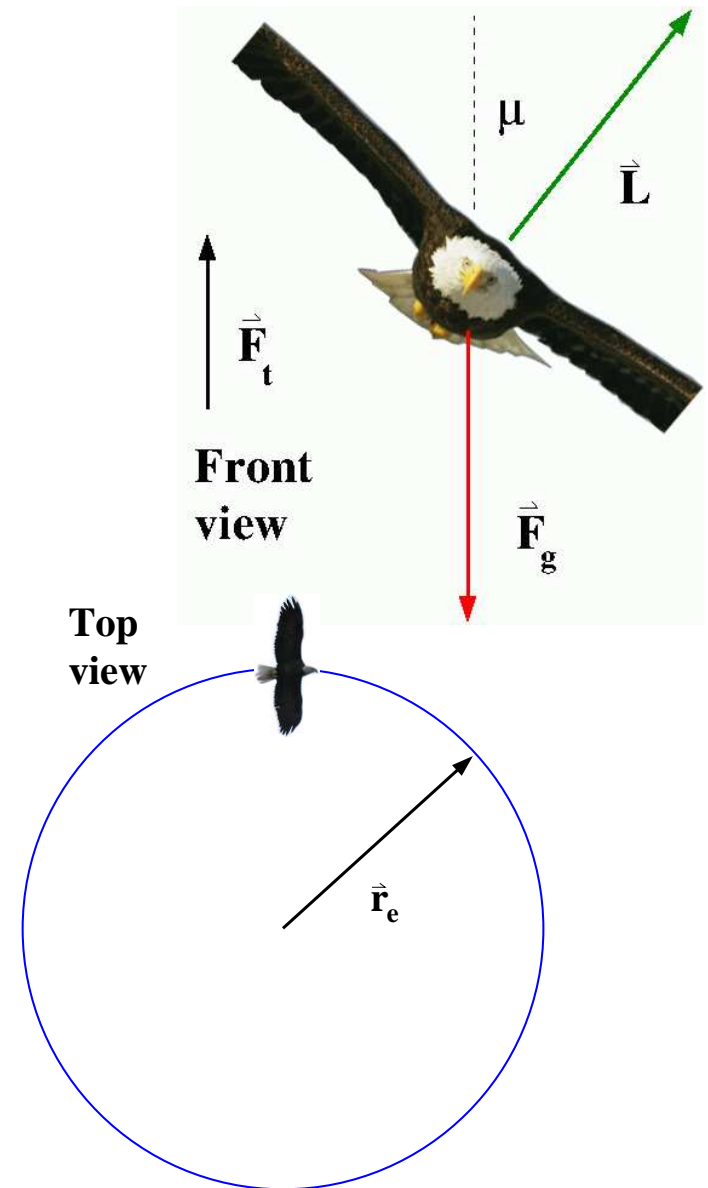


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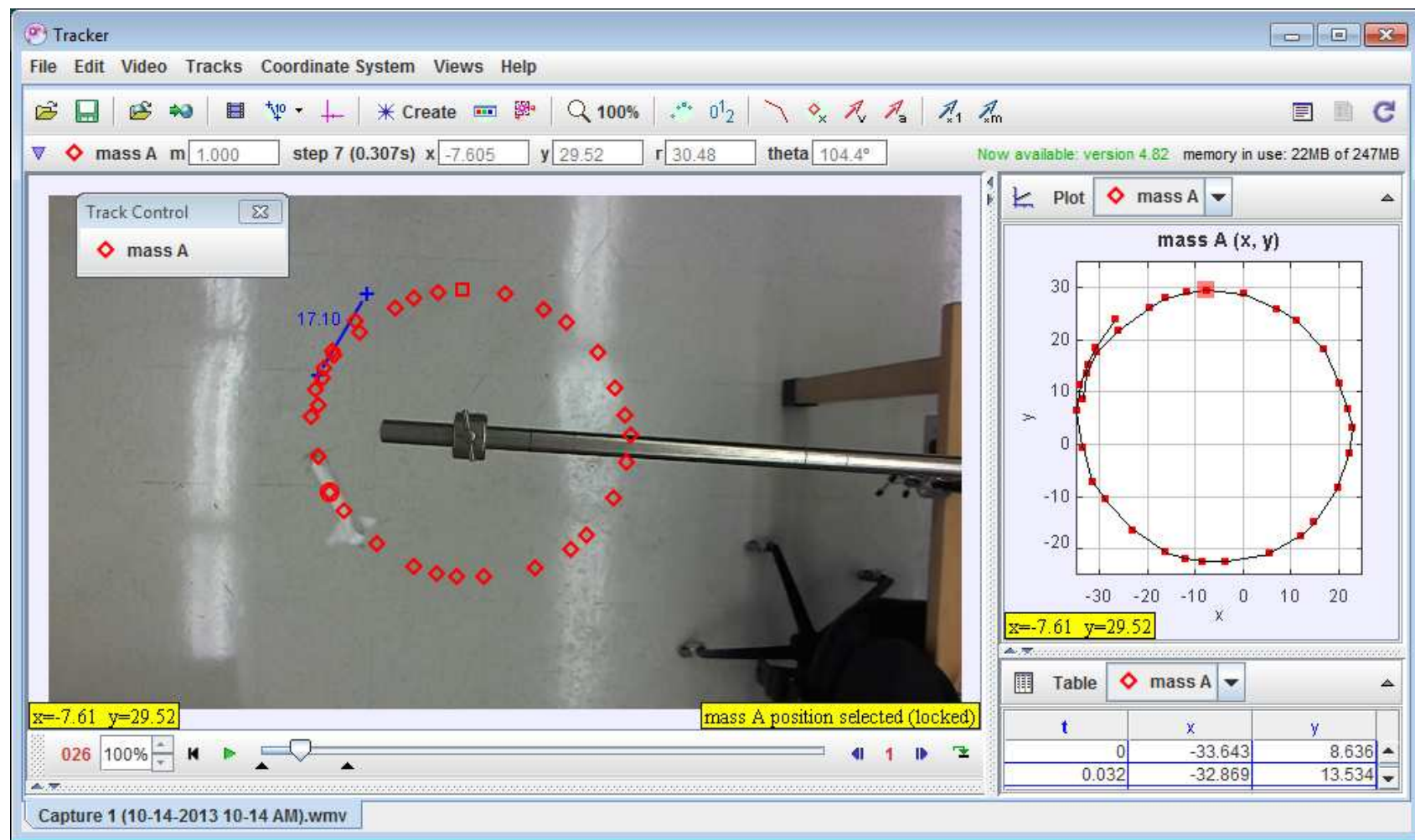


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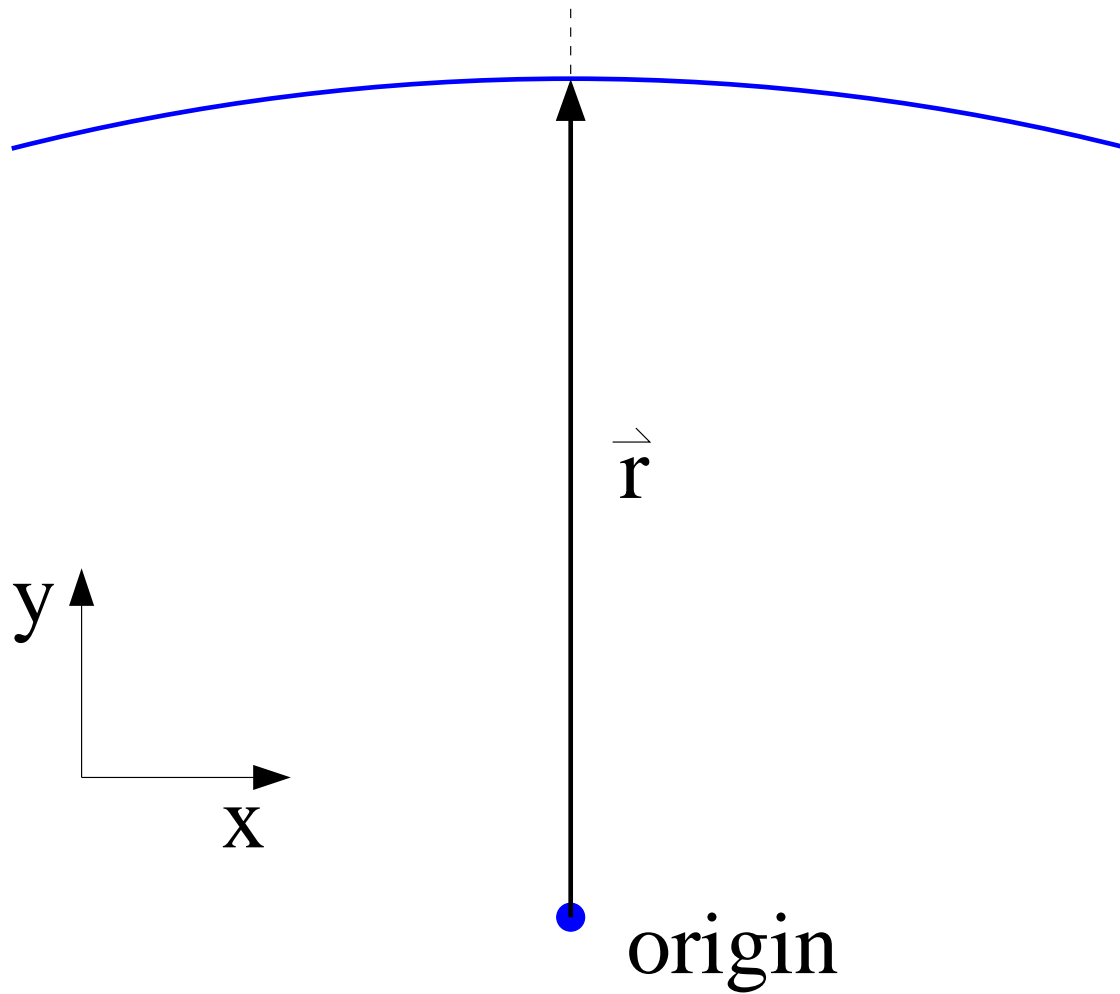
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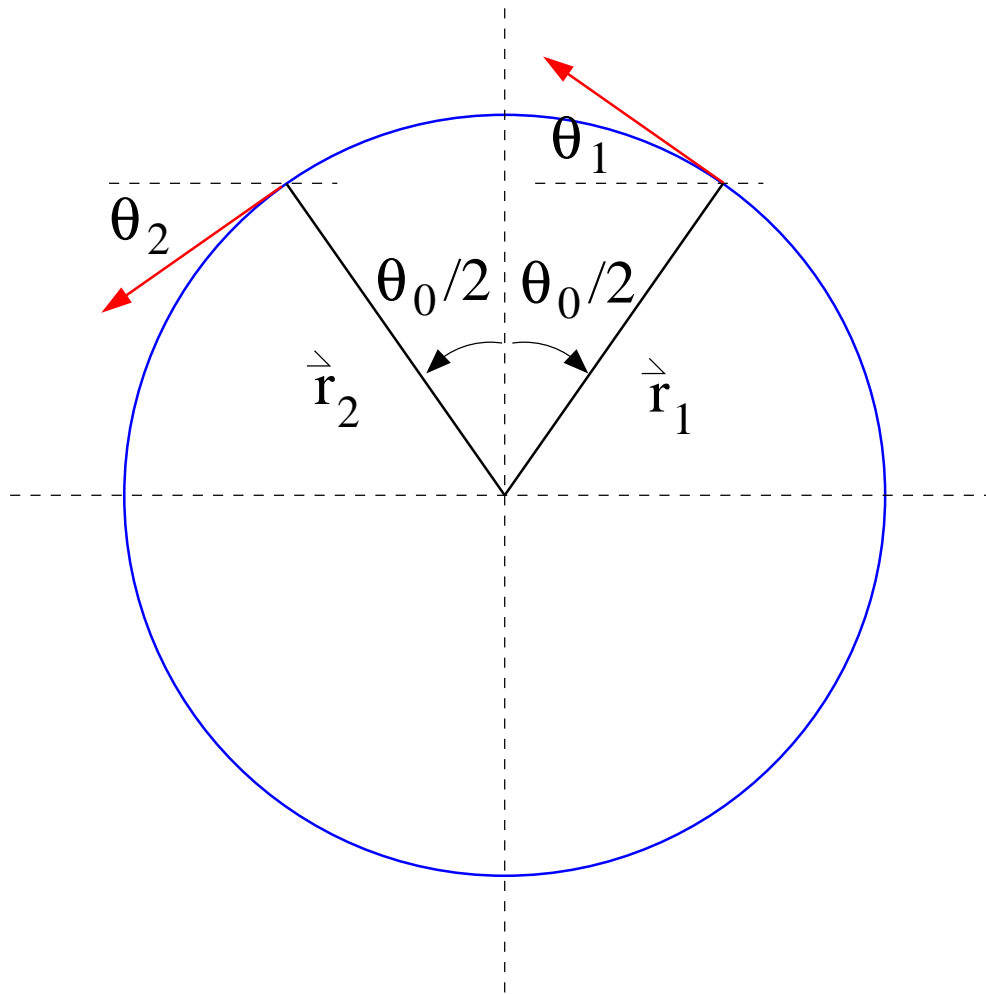
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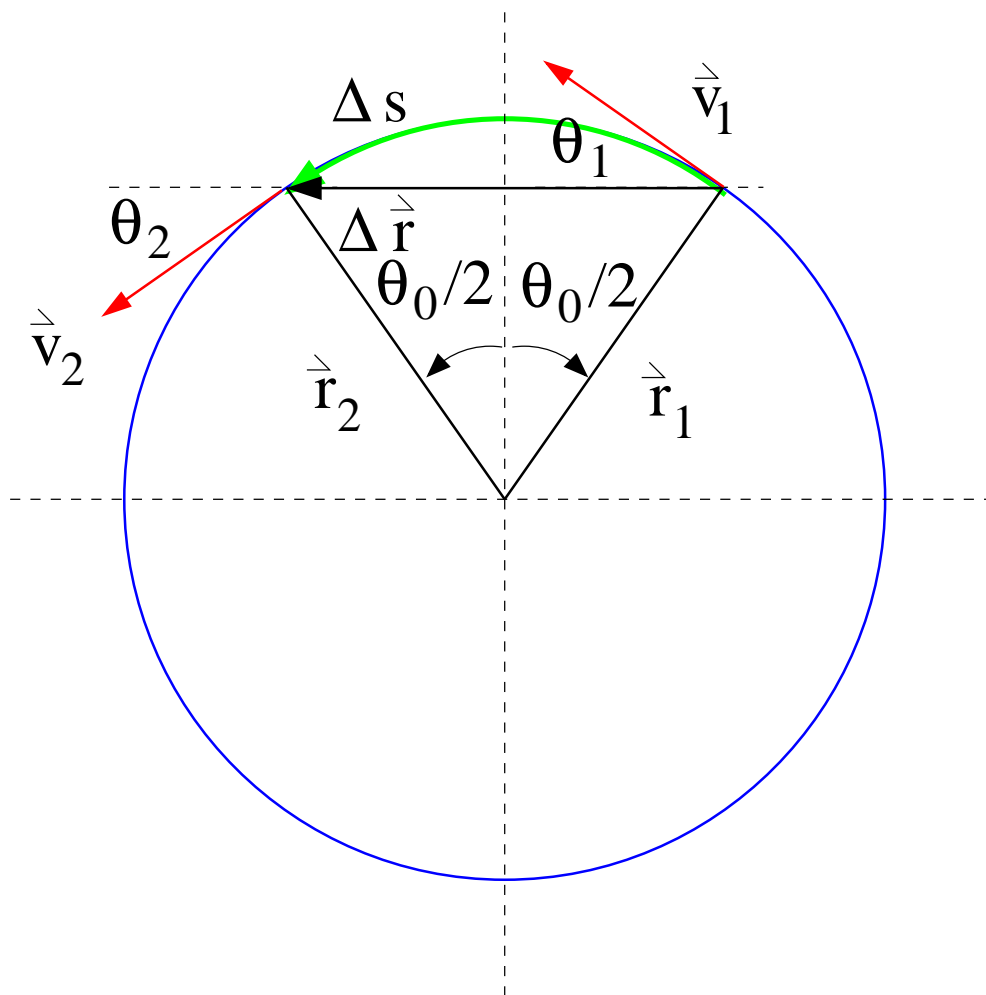
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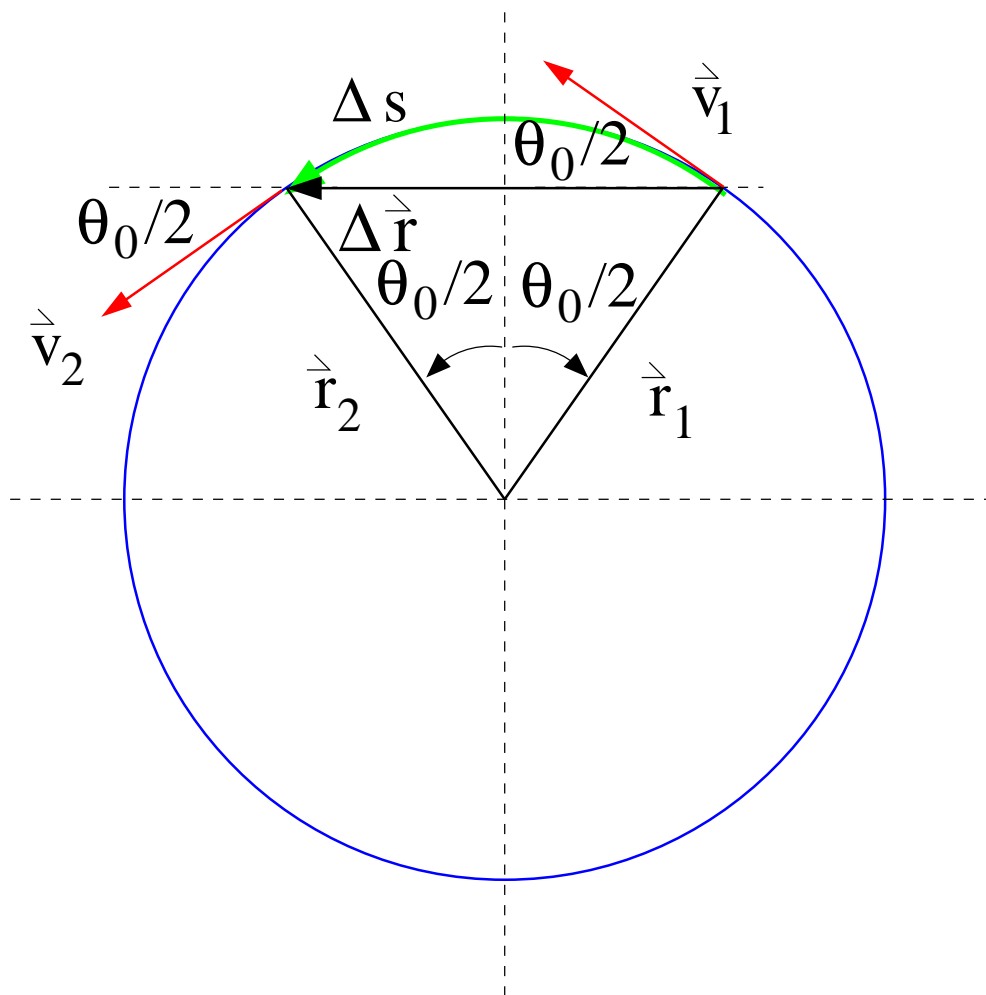
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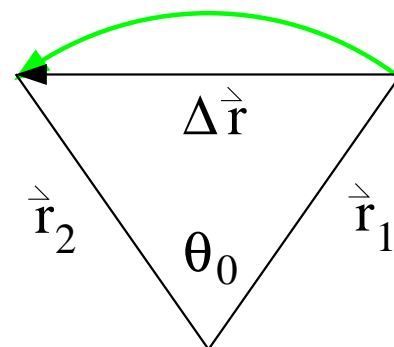
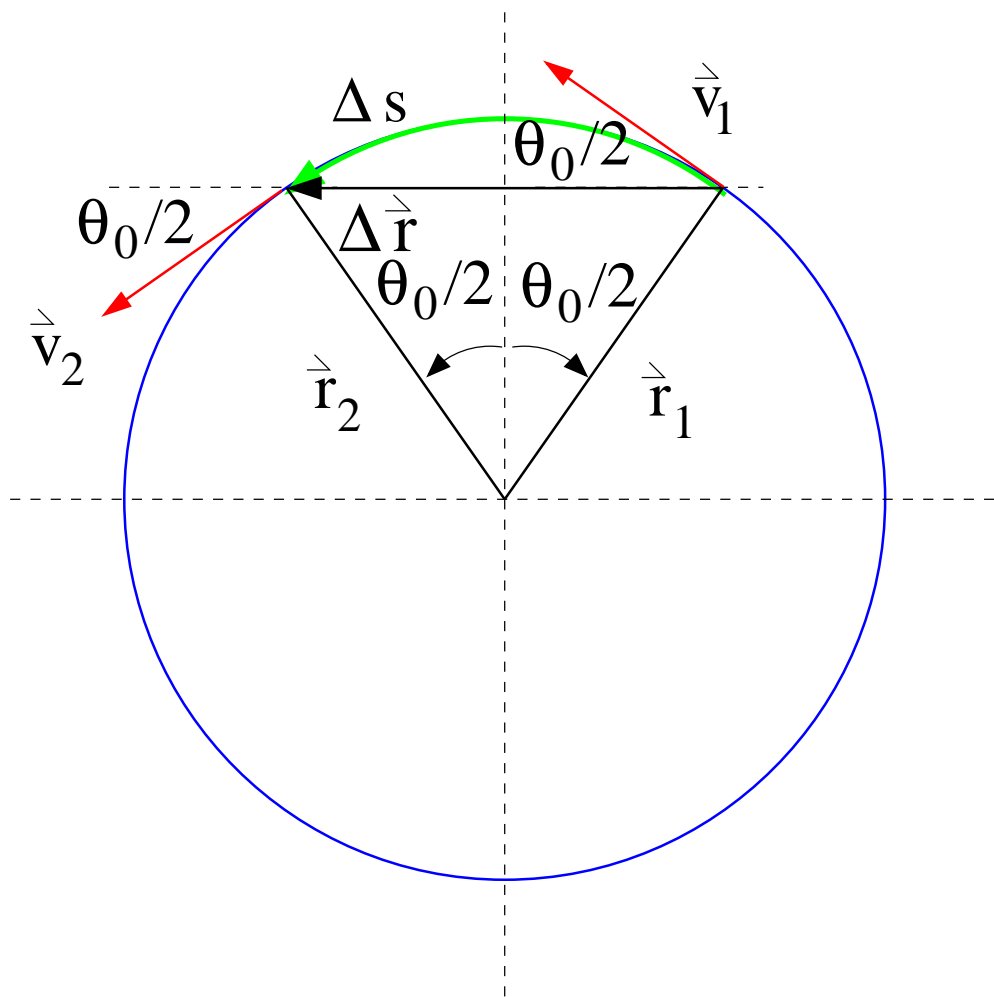
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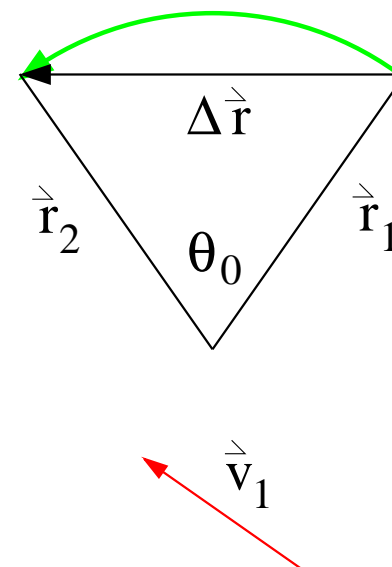
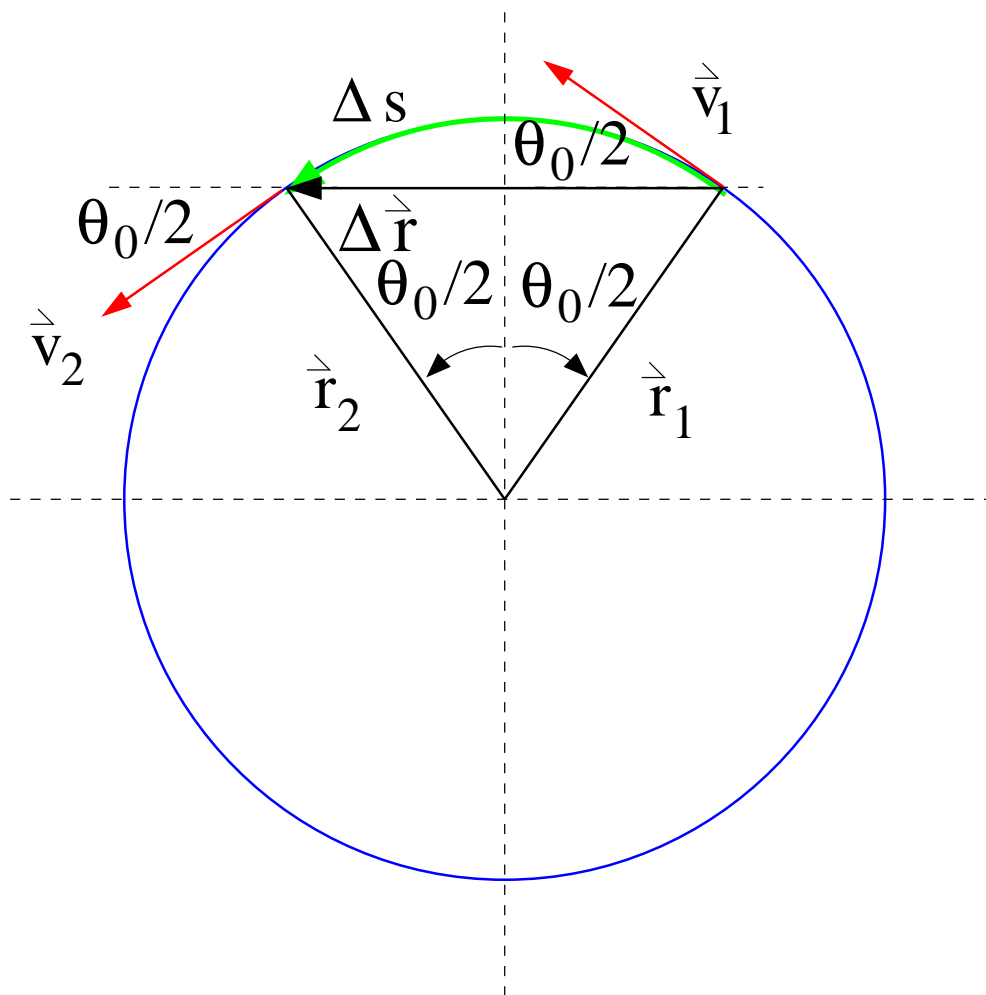
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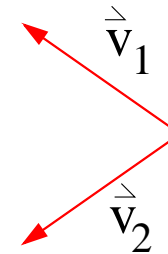
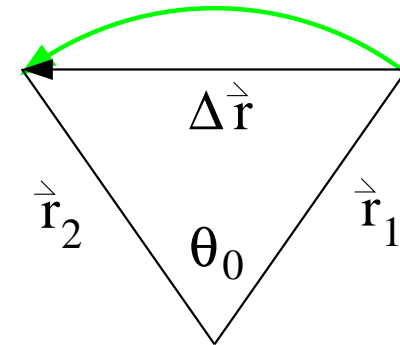
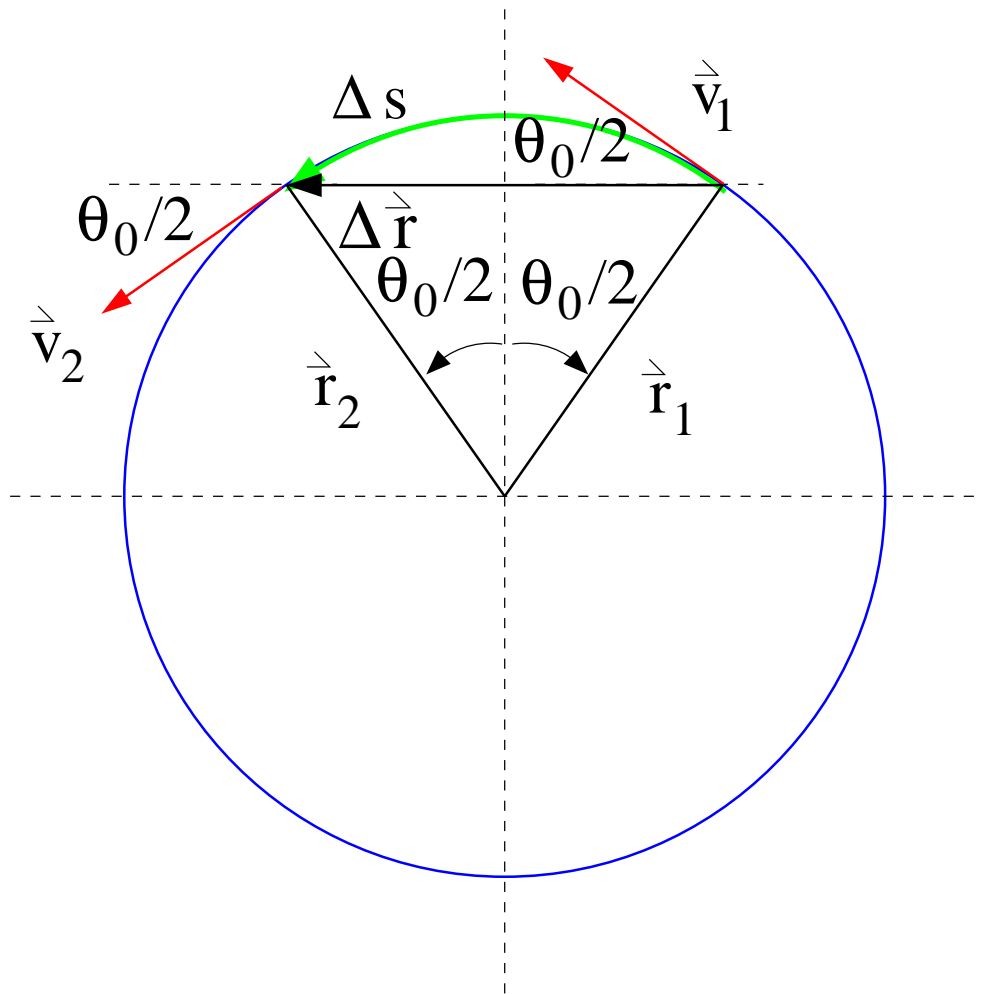
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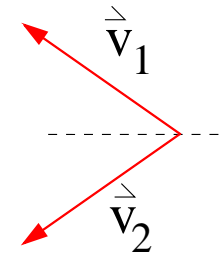
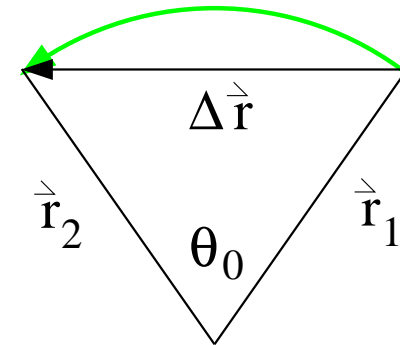
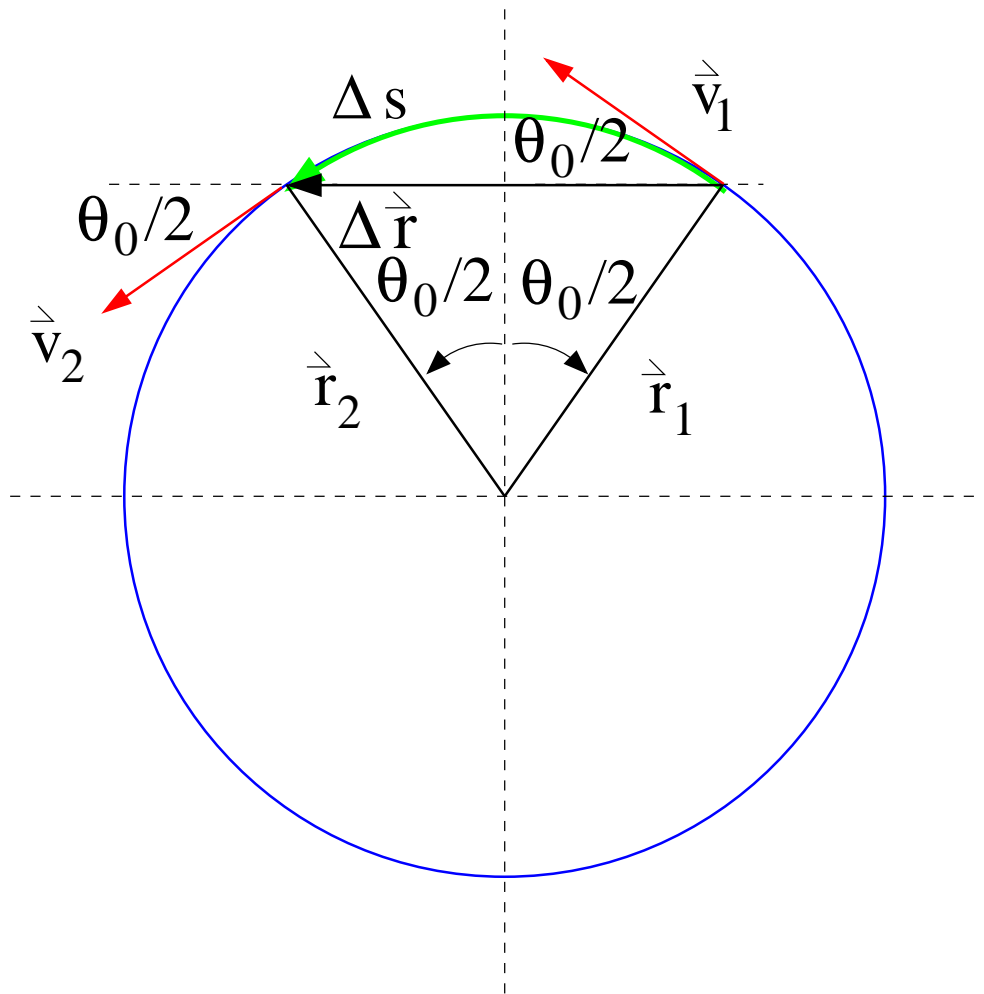
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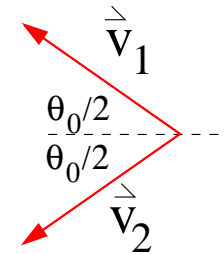
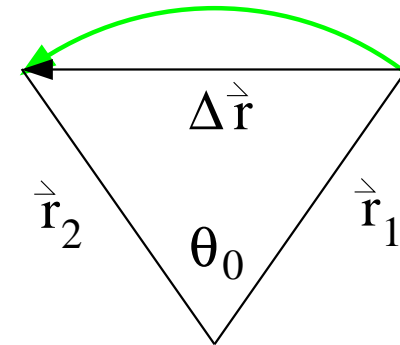
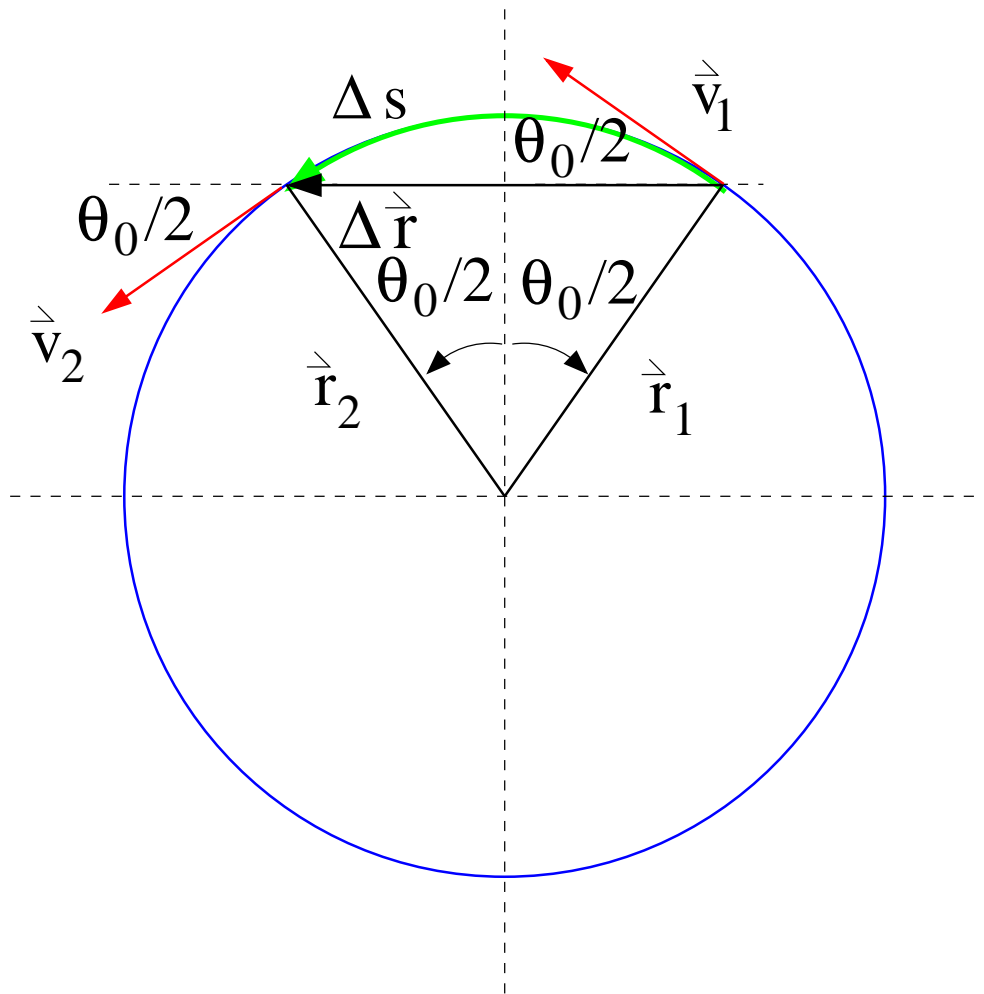
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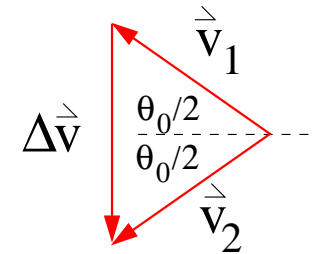
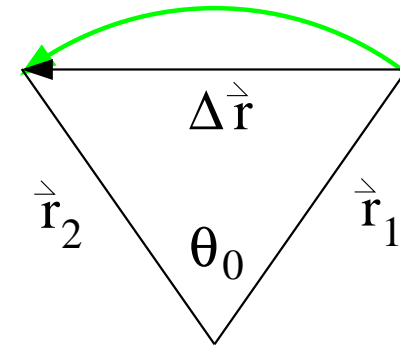
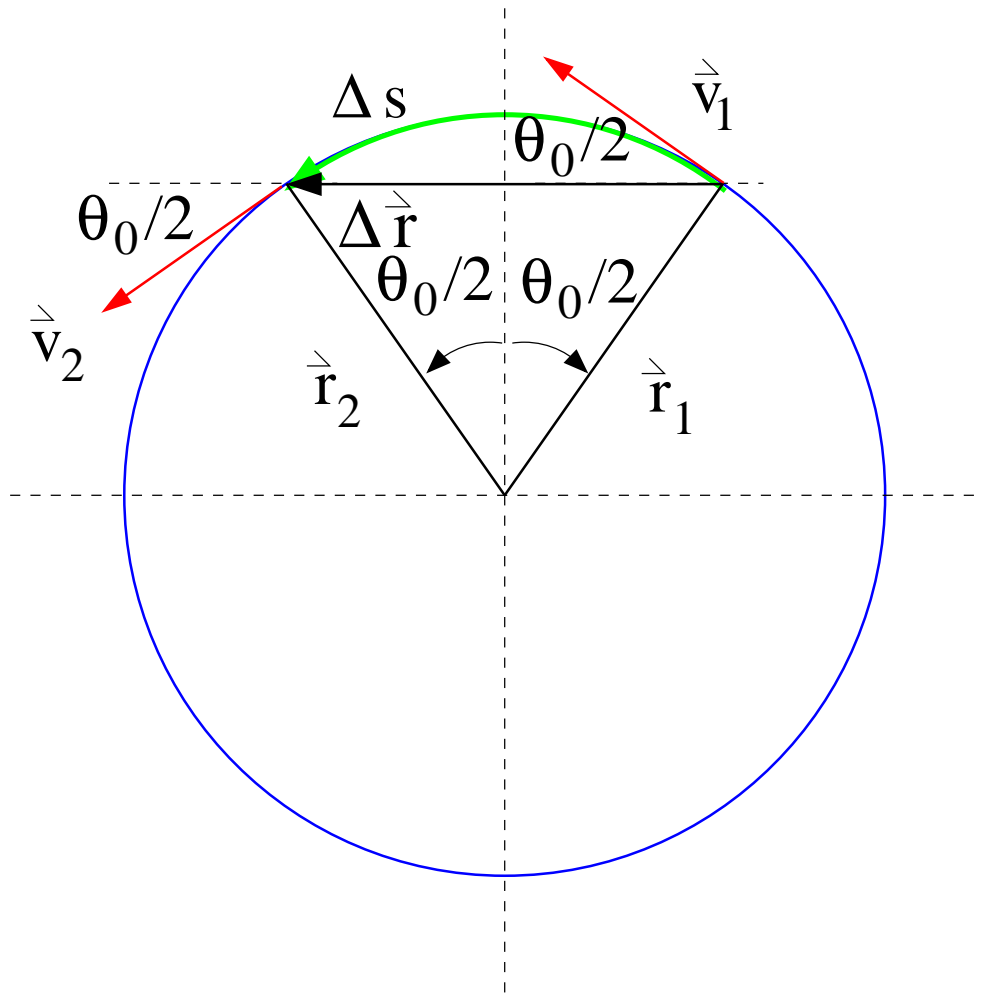
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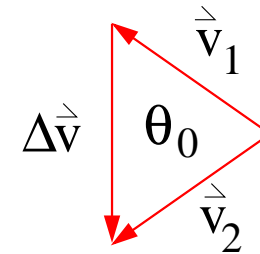
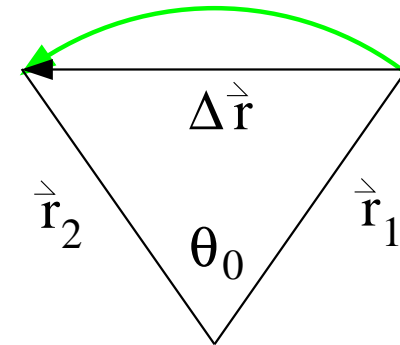
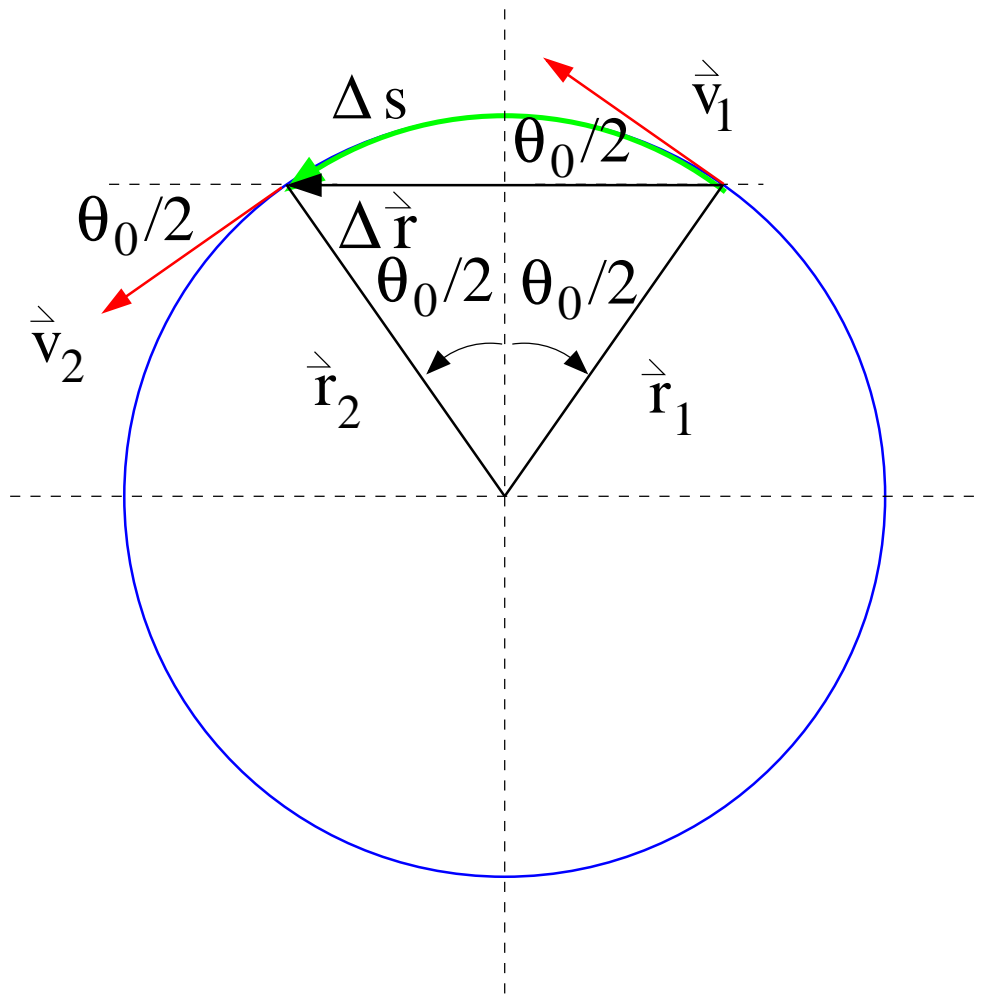
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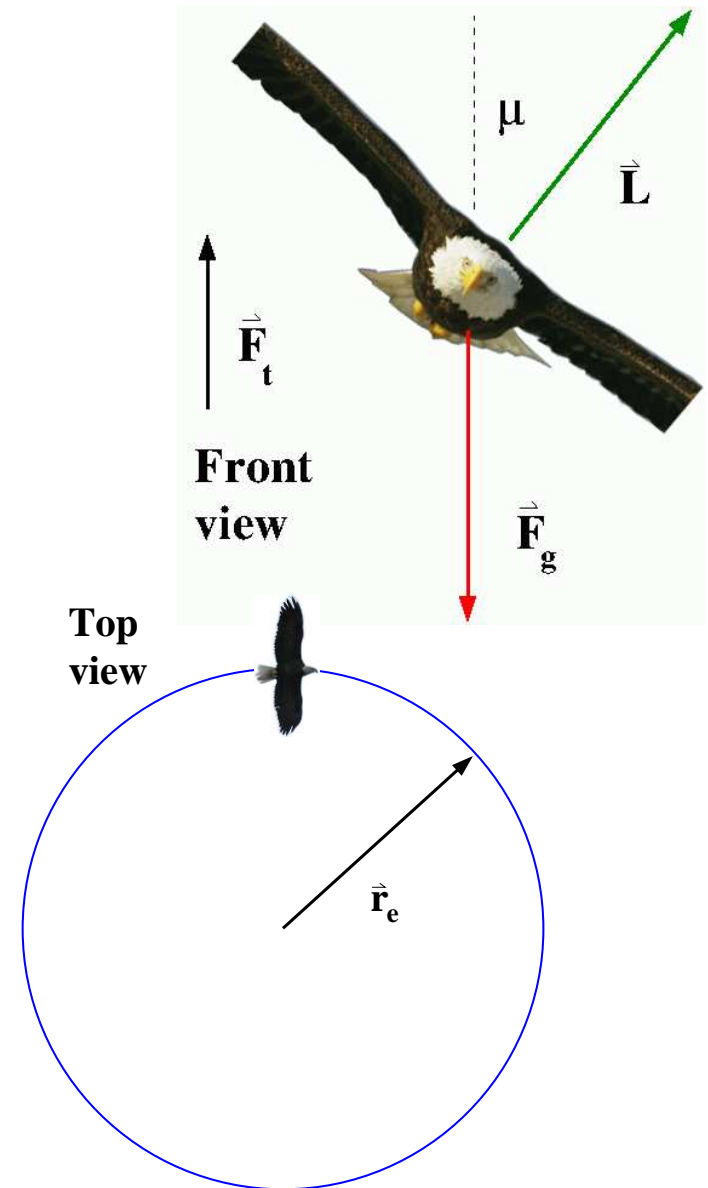


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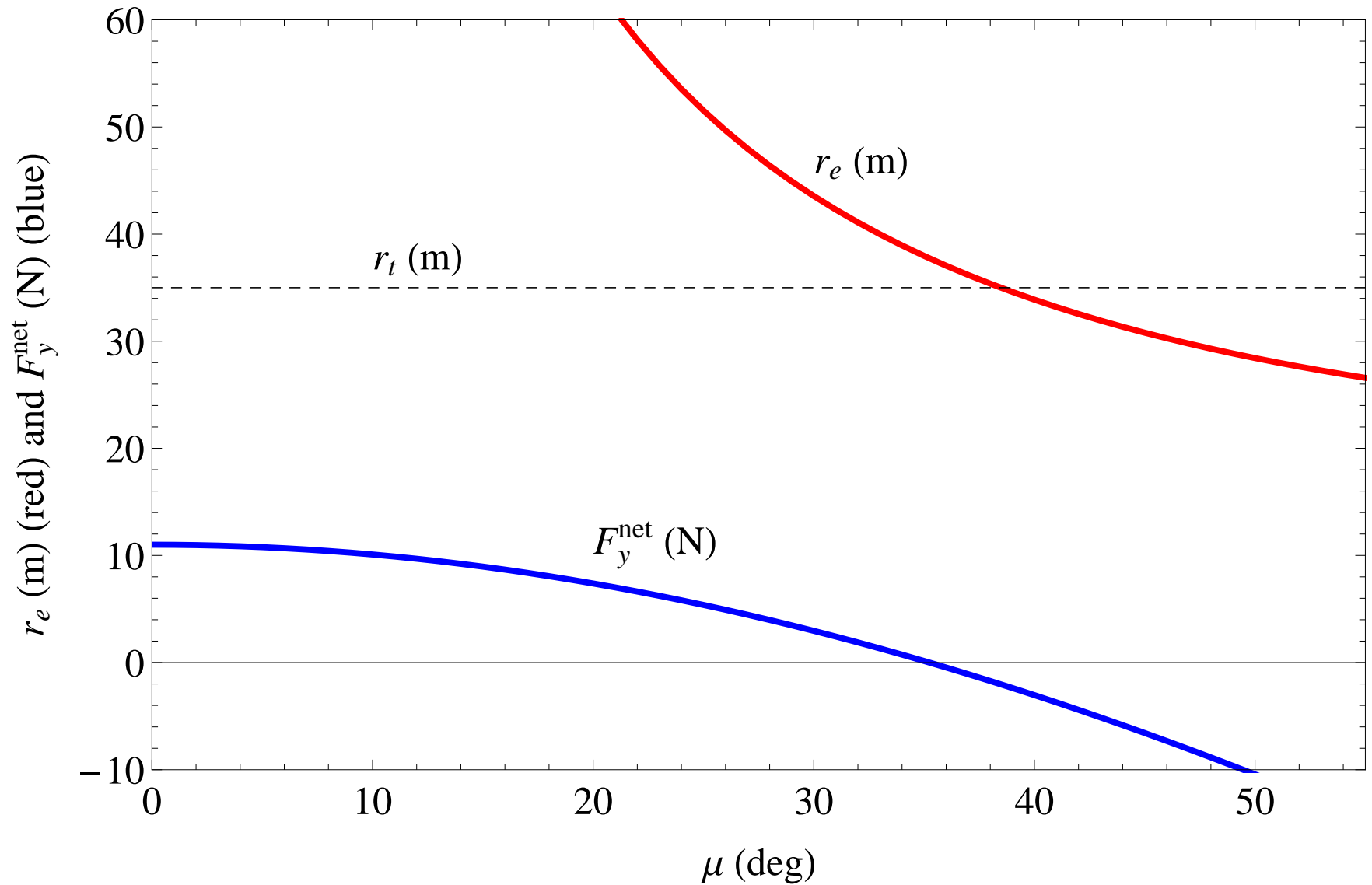


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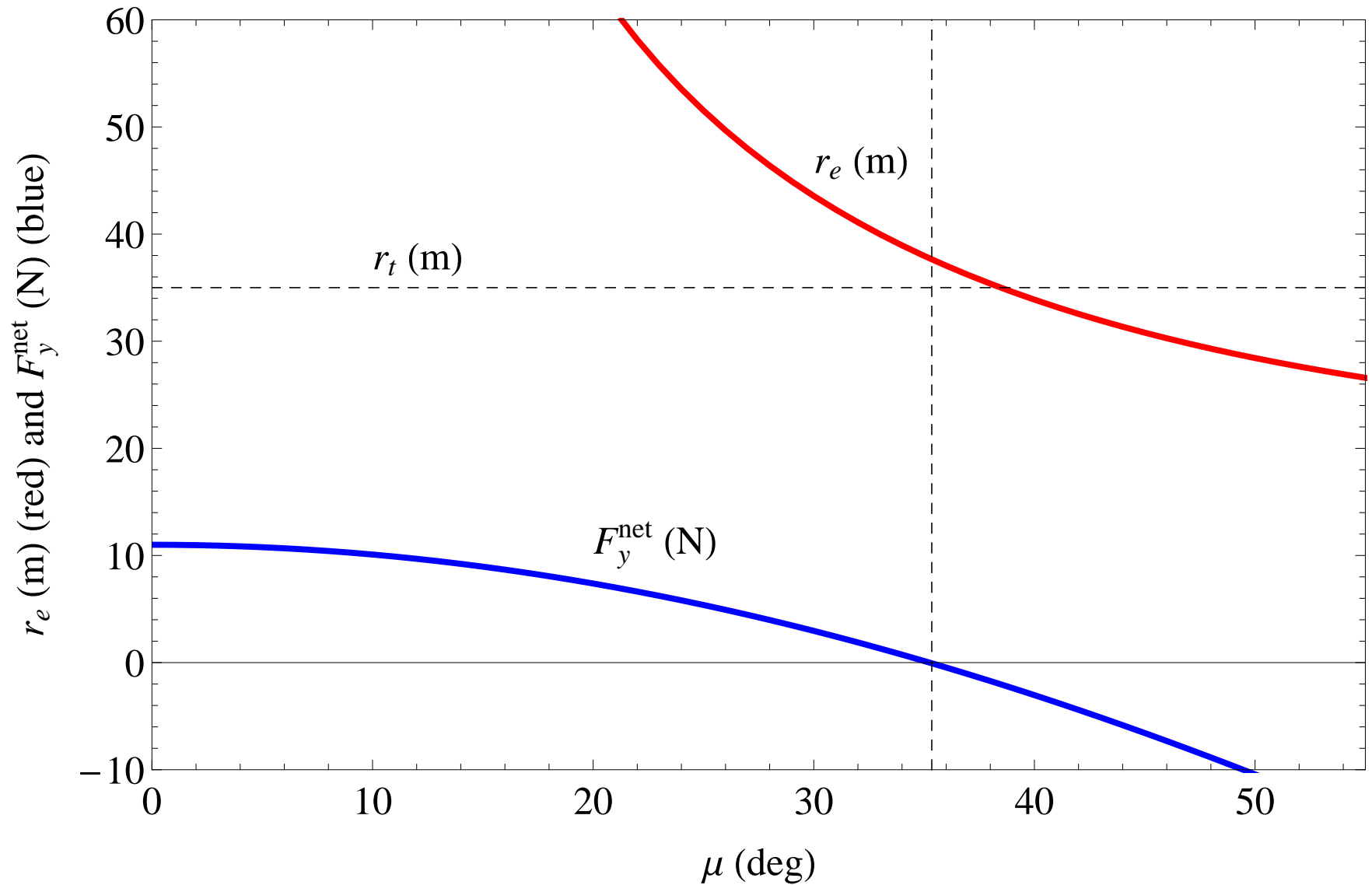
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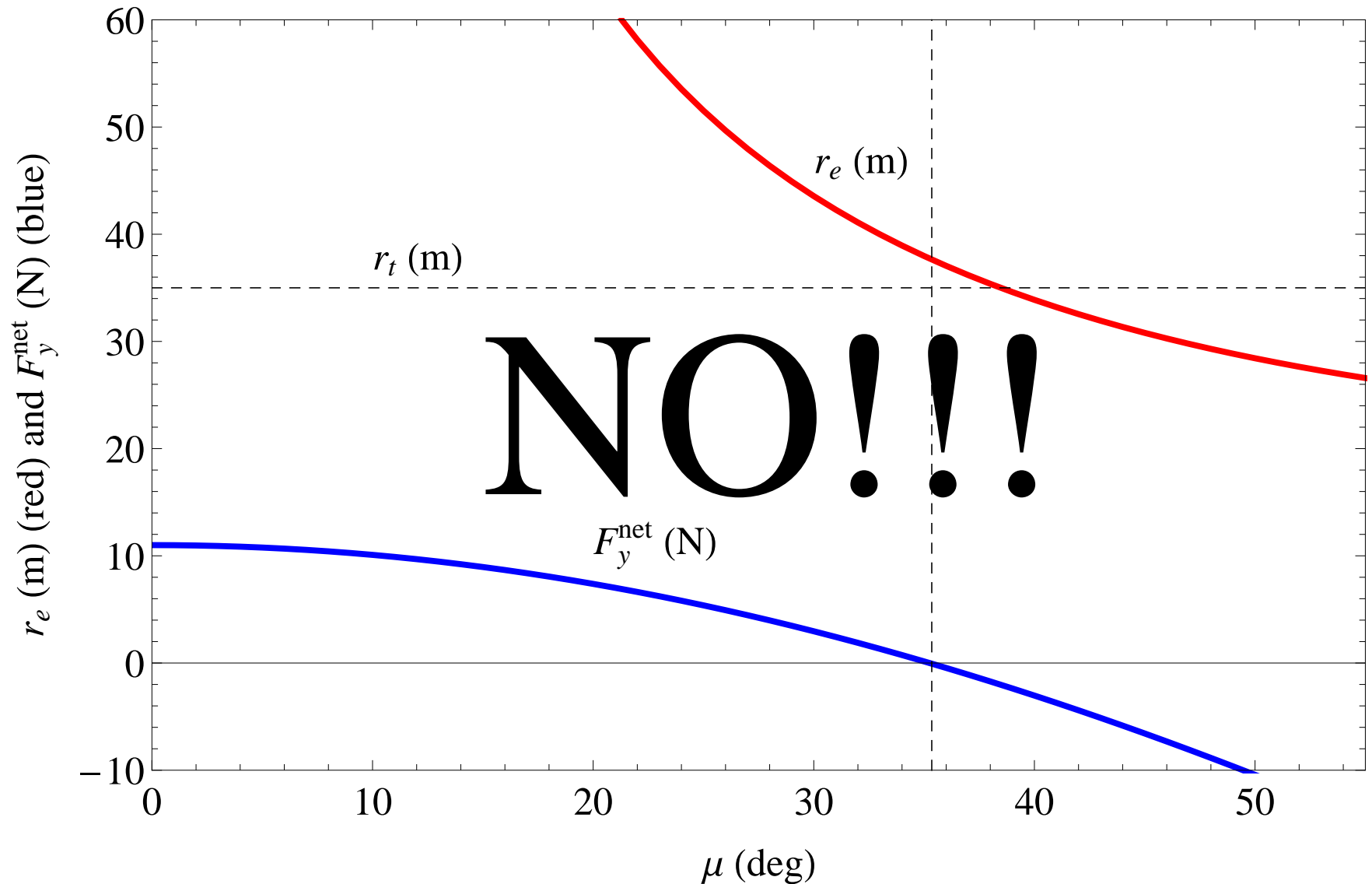
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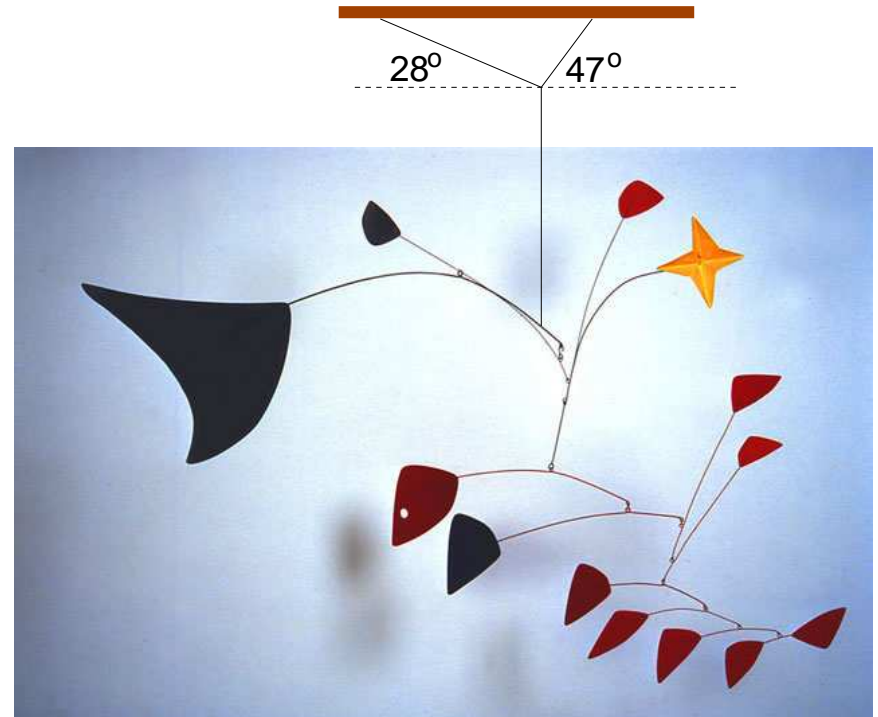


Additional Slides

Liberal Arts!!

You are an engineer who has to hang a kinetic sculpture (a mobile) by the famed artist Alexander Calder from the crossbeams of the hall of an art gallery. Consider the two cables used to hold up the mobile of mass $m = 80 \text{ kg}$ from a ceiling as shown below. They are attached at two separate points on the ceiling as shown. What is the tension in each cable?

ALEXANDER CALDER
(American, 1898-1976)
The Star, 1960
Polychrome sheet metal and steel wire
35-3/4 x 53-3/4 x 17-5/8"



The Rotor

The Rotor is an amusement park ride in which a room shaped like a cylinder is spun rapidly forcing the occupants to lean against the wall. When a minimum rotational frequency is reached the floor of the room is suddenly dropped. Of course, the riders remain safely pinned to the walls of the spinning room. What is the minimum rotational frequency for this ride to work properly? The radius of the room is $r = 2.1 \text{ m}$ and the coefficient of friction between the walls and the backs of the riders is $\mu = 0.4$.



Coefficients of Friction

Materials	μ_s	μ_k
Steel on steel	0.74	0.57
Aluminum on steel	0.61	0.47
Copper on steel	0.53	0.36
Rubber on concrete	1.0	0.8
Wood on wood	0.25-0.5	0.2
Glass on glass	0.94	0.4
Waxed wood on wet snow	0.14	0.1
Waxed wood on dry snow	-	0.04
Ice on ice	0.1	0.03
Teflon on Teflon	0.04	0.04
Human synovial joints	0.01	0.003

The Rotor

The Anaconda is a popular roller coaster at the King's Dominion amusement park north of Richmond. It contains a loop in its track like the one shown below. If the radius of the loop is $R = 6.3 \text{ m}$, then what is the minimum speed at the top of the loop that is necessary to prevent someone from falling out?



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editorial in the *New York Times*
January 13, 1920

Airplanes on a String

Consider the model airplane hanging from a string and flying in a circle as shown in the figure. The velocity of the plane is $v = 1.2 \text{ m/s}$. What is the tension in the string?

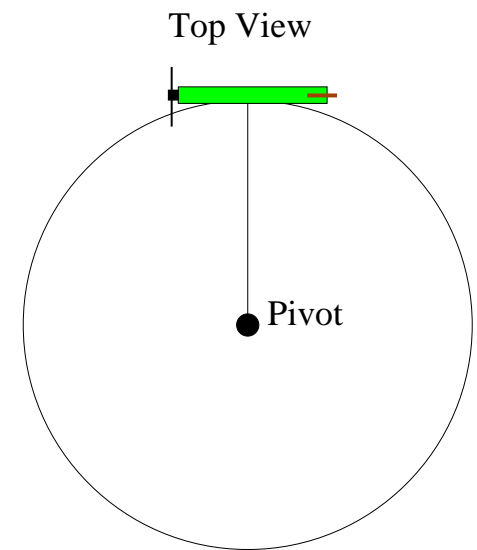
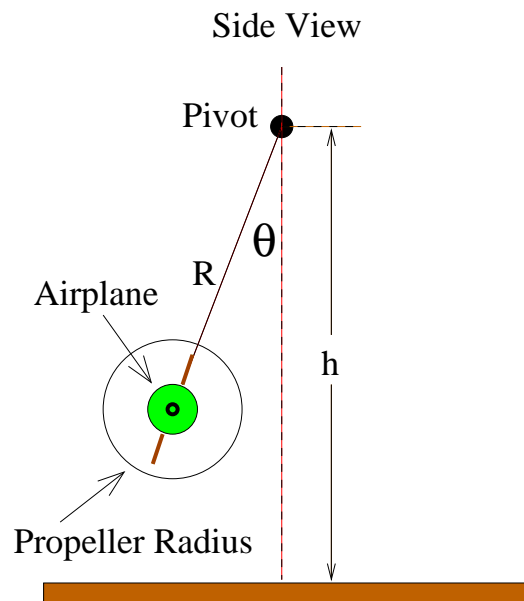
Some useful information

Mass (m) 0.2 kg

Vertical Angle(θ) 25°

String length(R) 0.7 m

Pivot height(h) 1.3 m



Hints for the Centripetal Force lab

1. Align the camera, string, and the plane in the center of the camera's field of view.
2. Use the distance from the hole in the post the string passes through, along the string, to the center of the airplane.
3. The distance in Number 2 should not exceed 45 cm.
4. Let the airplane run for about one minute before taking data to let any oscillations die out.
5. Weigh the plane on the scale.
6. Measure the diameter along the horizontal and vertical axes of your Excel plot. If they are significantly different, consult your instructor.