

## Centripetal Acceleration

Any object that changes direction on curved path experiences centripetal acceleration. We are dealing with uniform circular motion in order to use:  $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$ . If the motion is not uniform then you would have to use  $\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$

(+ solve using vector subtraction)

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = 4\pi^2 r f^2$$

$\uparrow$  period
frequency

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

Think of centripetal force as being your net force. There are forces that contribute to the centripetal force.

DRAW a FBD . . . . do not draw  $F_c$  in your FBD  
( $F_c$  is like  $F_{net}$ )

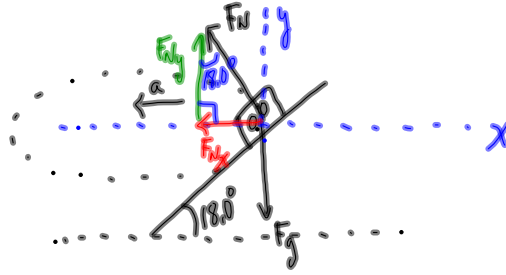
Curve Banking

$r = 382\text{m}$

$\theta = 18.0^\circ$

a)  $v_{\text{max}} = ?$

b) If  $v = 378.11\text{km/h}$ ,  
was friction needed?



Vertically:

$F_{Ny} = F_g$

$F_{Ny} = mg$

Horizontally:

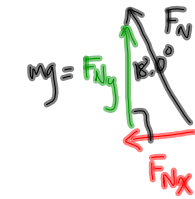
$F_{\text{net}} = ma$

$F_{Nx} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

$F_{Ny} \tan \theta = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

$mg \tan \theta = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

$v^2 = gr \tan \theta$



$\tan \theta = \frac{F_{Nx}}{F_{Ny}}$

$F_{Nx} = F_{Ny} \tan \theta$

maximum speed without relying on friction  $\rightarrow$   
 $v^2 = (9.81\text{m/s}^2)(382\text{m})\tan 18.0^\circ$   
 $v = 34.9\text{ m/s}$

$34.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \left( \frac{3600\text{s}}{1\text{h}} \right) \left( \frac{1\text{km}}{1000\text{m}} \right) = 126 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$

b) Friction played a significant role in reaching speeds of  $378.11\text{ km/h}$ .

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