# AP/Honors HW: Intuitive Kinematics

### Full Name - Period:

## due 1/21

You must **show all work** for all problems in order to receive full credit.

## 1 Learning to read

#### 1.1 Reference frames and time translation symmetry

- 1. If some dude's position is  $\vec{r} = -10 \text{ m}\hat{x}$  and the dude is moving away from the origin, but is slowing down, which of these are true about the dude's velocity and acceleration?
  - A. Both are positive
  - B. Velocity is positive, but acceleration is negative
  - C. Velocity is negative, but acceleration is positive
  - D. Both are negative.
- 2. Morty and Rick travel to the same location. Morty starts 15 seconds before Rick. Morty has a constant velocity of  $\frac{5}{2} \frac{m}{s} \hat{x}$  and Rick has an unknown constant acceleration. Rick arrives 25 s before Morty. Rick's total travel time is 40 s.
  - (a) How far away was the destination?
  - (b) What was Rick's acceleration?
- 3. A man is standing on the top of a very tall building. At t = 0 he drops a bowling ball off the building, at  $t = t_1$  he drops a golf ball. Neglect air resistance. Gravity acts in the  $\hat{z}$  direction.
  - (a) While the objects are in free-fall, which of the following will be constant and non-zero?
    - A. The difference in their positions
    - B. The difference in their velocities
    - C. The difference in their accelerations
    - D. None of these.
  - (b) Write an equation for the position of the golf ball in the bowling ball's reference frame valid while both balls are in the air. Use g for the acceleration due to gravity.
  - (c) Rewrite your equation for the case where, instead of being dropped, the bowling ball was thrown with  $\vec{v}_b = v_{xb}\hat{x}$  and the golf ball was thrown with  $\vec{v}_q = v_{xq}\hat{x}$

# 2 Pacing around the oval office

- 1. A president is walking along a circle with radius 1 m in the x-y plane. Mr. President's initial position was  $-1 \text{ m}\hat{y}$  and travels clockwise. He completes one journey around the circle every 10 seconds. You may want to draw a diagram.
  - (a) When the president's position is  $-1 \text{ m}\hat{x}$ , what is his displacement vector?
  - (b) When the president's position is  $+1 \text{ m}\hat{y}$ , what is his distance traveled?
  - (c) When the president's position is  $+1 \text{ m}\hat{x}$ , what is his velocity vector?
  - (d) When the president's position is  $-1 \text{ m}\hat{y}$ , in what direction does his acceleration vector point?

# 3 Another Problem

(AP only)You apply a force F to the edge of a disk with radius R. You have another disk with the same density and thickness, but half the radius. If you apply the same force F to the edge of that disk, what will be the ratio of the angular speeds of the disks at time t? What will be the ratio of their angular displacements?