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Locally sourced
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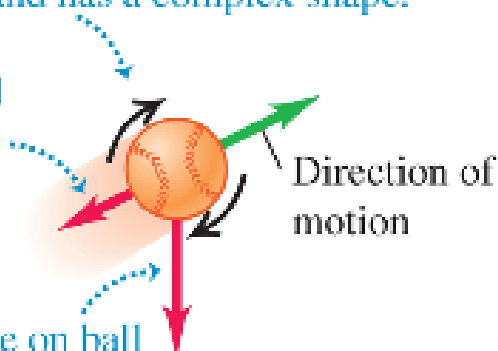
Example

(a) A real baseball in flight

A baseball spins and has a complex shape.

Air resistance and wind exert forces on the ball.

Gravitational force on ball depends on altitude.

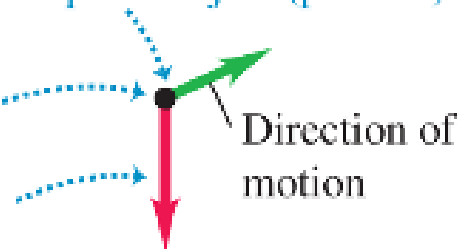


(b) An idealized model of the baseball

Treat the baseball as a point object (particle).

No air resistance.

Gravitational force on ball is constant.



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Units: Need units of measurement that we can all agree on.
We will use SI & British units

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Unit Prefixes examples

nano (n): 10^{-9}

micro (μ): 10^{-6}

milli (m): 10^{-3}

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kilo (k): 10^3

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