## Circular Motion

An object traveling in a circle is an interesting circumstance.

· An object traveling in a circular path is constantly accelerating.

• It is constantly accelerating because it is has to keep turning to maintain that circular path.

• If you are driving a car, you notice that you have to keep turning the steering

wheel to keep in a circle.

• The speed of an object traveling in a circle would be the distance traveled

divided by the time taken.

- If an object made multiple revolutions around the circle, the distance would be determined by taking the number of revolutions times the circumference of the circle.
- Remember that displacement is the starting position minus the ending position.

• If an object made one revolution around a circle and its final position was the same as the initial position, its displacement is "0."

• Even if an object is traveling at a constant speed (uniform motion) around the circle, it is still accelerating because it is constantly changing its direction.