

**Projectile:** If any object thrown up with some velocity, and during its subsequent motion it is subjected to only the acceleration due to gravity is called as projectile. The path traced out by the projectile is called as trajectory.

**Velocity of projection ( $u$ ):** The velocity with which the particle is projected is called as velocity of projection ( $u$ ).

**Angle of projection ( $\alpha$ ):** The angle between the direction of projection and horizontal direction is called as angle of projection.

**Range ( $R$ ):** the horizontal distance covered by the projectile during its motion is called range.

**Time of flight ( $t_f$ ):** the time interval during which the projectile is in motion is called the time of flight. It is the sum of time of ascent and descent.

$$t_f = t_a + t_d$$

**Show that path of a projectile is a parabola**

Consider a body is projected with a velocity  $u$  m/sec and at an angle of  $\alpha$  (with horizontal)

**In vertical direction**

Initial velocity =  $u \sin \alpha$

$a = -g$

**In horizontal direction**

Initial velocity =  $u \cos \alpha$

let  $P(x,y)$  be the point of projectile after  $t$  seconds.

**For vertical motion**

From,  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$

$$y = (u \sin \alpha) t - \frac{1}{2} gt^2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

**For horizontal motion**

From,  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} gt^2$

$$x = (u \cos \alpha) t + 0$$

$$x = u \cos \alpha \times t$$

$$t = x / (u \cos \alpha) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Substituting (2) in (1)

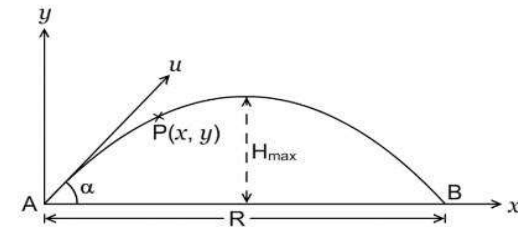
$$y = (u \sin \alpha) (x / u \cos \alpha) - \frac{1}{2} g (x / u \cos \alpha)^2$$

$$y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{g}{2u^2 \cos^2 \alpha} x^2$$

$$y = A x \pm B x^2$$

Where,  $A = \tan \alpha$  and  $B = g / (2u^2 \cos^2 \alpha)$

The above equation is in the form of parabola. Hence the path of a projectile is a parabola.



Derive an expression for the maximum time and range for a body projected horizontally?

Consider a particle is projected horizontally with a velocity  $u$  m/sec from a height ' $h$ '.

$$\text{From, } s = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

In vertical motion,  $u = 0$ ;  $a = +g$

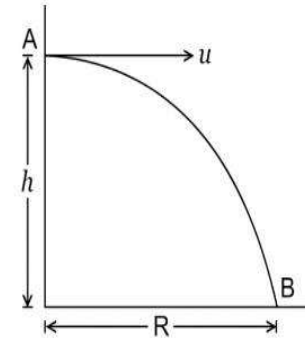
$$h = 0 + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$t = \sqrt{2h/g}$$

Horizontal range ( $R$ ) = velocity  $\times$  time of flight

$$R = u \times t$$

$$R = u \times \sqrt{2h/g}$$



Derive the expression for maximum height, time required to reach maximum height, time of flight, horizontal range, maximum range, angle of projection for the range of a projectile projected with an inclination of  $\alpha$  with horizontal and with a velocity of  $u$  m/sec.

### Maximum height

In vertical direction, initial velocity =  $u \sin \alpha$

Final velocity = 0

$a = -g$

from,  $v^2 - u^2 = 2as$

$$0^2 - (u \sin \alpha)^2 = 2(-g)H$$

$$H = (u^2 \sin^2 \alpha) / 2g$$

### Time required reaching the maximum height ( $t_a$ )

Initial velocity =  $u \sin \alpha$

Final velocity = 0;  $a = -g$

From,  $v = u + at$

$$0 = u \sin \alpha - gt$$

$$t = (u \sin \alpha) / g$$

Time required to reach the maximum height = time required to reach the ground =  $(u \sin \alpha) / g$

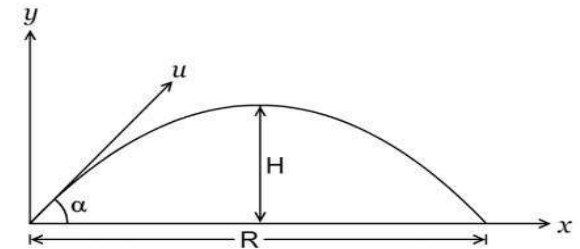
### Time of flight

Time of flight = time of ascent + time of descent

$$t_f = t_a + t_d$$

$$t_f = (u \sin \alpha / g) + (u \sin \alpha / g)$$

$$t_f = (2u \sin \alpha) / g$$



### Horizontal range

$R = \text{velocity} \times \text{time of flight}$

$$R = u \cos \alpha \times (2u \sin \alpha) / g$$

$$R = (u^2 / g) \sin 2\alpha$$

### Maximum range

We have range  $R = (u^2 / g) \sin 2\alpha$

For maximum range  $\sin 2\alpha = 1$

$$\sin 2\alpha = \sin 90^\circ$$

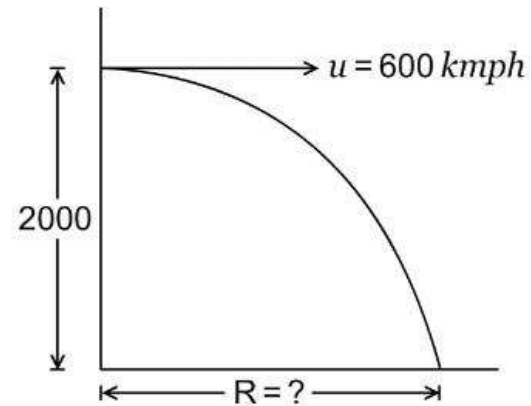
$$2\alpha = 90^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 45^\circ$$

$$R_{\max} = (u^2 / g) \sin 2\alpha = (u^2 / g) \sin 2(45^\circ)$$

$$R_{\max} = (u^2 / g)$$

Find the  
horizontal  
range?



$$u = 600 \text{ kmph} = (600 \times 1000) / (60 \times 60) = 166.67 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\text{from, } h = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

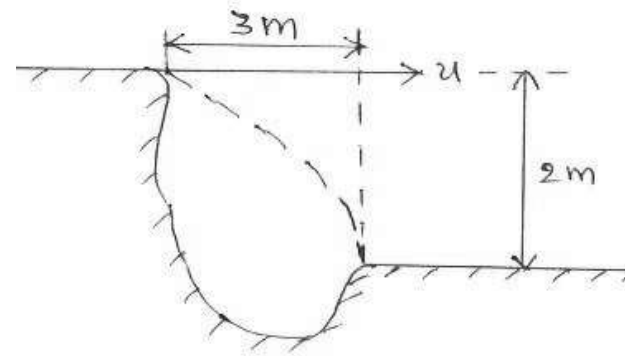
$$2000 = 0 \times t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$t^2 = (2000 \times 2) / 9.81$$

$$t = 20.19 \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{Horizontal range} = R = u \times t = 166.67 \times 20.19 = 3365.46 \text{ m}$$

Find the velocity with which a man has to jump to cross a ditch?



Given,  $h = 2\text{m}$ ,  $R = 3\text{m}$

$$H = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$2 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times t^2$$

$$t = 0.6386 \text{ sec}$$

$$R = 3 = u \times t$$

$$3 = u \times 0.6386$$

$$u = 4.698 \text{ m/sec}$$

Body A is thrown with a velocity of 10 m/sec at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. If another body B is thrown at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal. Find its velocity if it has the same (a) horizontal range (b) maximum height (c) time of flight as the body A.

$$u_A = 10 \text{ m/sec}, \theta_A = 60^\circ$$

$$\theta_B = 45^\circ, u_B = ?$$

i.  $R_A = R_B$   
 $(u^2 \sin 2\alpha / g)_A = (u^2 \sin 2\alpha / g)_B$   
 $10^2 \sin 2(60^\circ) / g = u_B^2 \sin 2(45^\circ) / g$   
 $(100 \sin 120^\circ) / \sin 90^\circ = u_B^2$   
 $u_B = 9.3 \text{ m/sec}$

ii.  $H_A = H_B$   
 $(u^2 \sin^2 \alpha / 2g)_A = (u^2 \sin^2 \alpha / 2g)_B$   
 $10^2 \sin^2 60^\circ = u_B^2 \sin^2 45^\circ$   
 $10^2 \times (0.866)^2 = u_B^2 \times (0.707)^2$   
 $u_B = 12.25 \text{ m/sec}$

iii.  $t_A = t_B$   
 $(2u \sin \alpha / g)_A = (2u \sin \alpha / g)_B$   
 $10 \times \sin 60^\circ = u_B \times \sin 45^\circ$   
 $u_B = 12.25 \text{ m/sec}$



The horizontal component of the velocity of a projectile is twice its initial vertical component. Find range on the horizontal plane, if the projectile passes through a point 18m horizontally and 3m vertically above the point of projection?

Let  $u$  be the initial velocity and  $\alpha$  is angle of projection

Horizontal component of velocity =  $u \cos \alpha$

Vertical component of velocity =  $u \sin \alpha$

Given,  $u \cos \alpha = 2 u \sin \alpha$

$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

$\alpha = 26.565^\circ$

given point =  $P(18,3)$

from equation of projectile  $y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2} (gx^2 / u^2 \cos^2 \alpha)$

$$3 = 18 (1/2) - \frac{1}{2} (9.81 \times (18)^2) / (u^2 \cos^2 26.565)$$

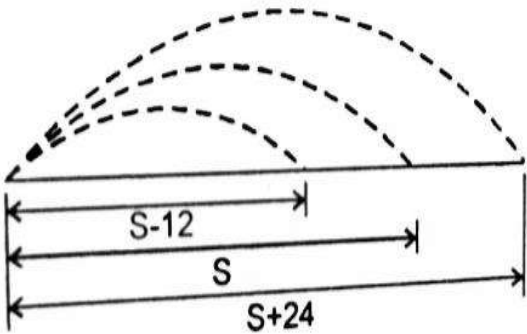
$$6 = \frac{1}{2} (9.81 \times (18)^2) / (u^2 \cos^2 26.565)$$

$$u = 18.196 \text{ m/sec}$$

horizontal range  $R = (u^2 \sin 2\alpha) / g$

$$R = (18.196)^2 \times \sin (2 \times 26.565) / 9.81$$

$$R = 27\text{m}$$



A projectile is aimed at a target on the horizontal plane and falls 12m short when the angle of projection is  $15^\circ$  while it overshoots by 24m when the angle is  $45^\circ$ . Find the angle of projection to hit the target.

Let  $s$  be the target distance and  $u$  be the angle of projection

$$R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$$

$$S - 12 = \left(\frac{u^2}{g}\right) \sin(2 \times 15^\circ) = \left(\frac{u^2}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{u^2}{2g} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$S + 24 = \left(\frac{u^2}{g}\right) \sin(2 \times 45^\circ) = \left(\frac{u^2}{g}\right)(1) = \frac{u^2}{g} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From, (1) and (2)

$$S + 24 = 2(S - 12)$$

$$S + 24 = 2S - 24$$

$$S = 48$$

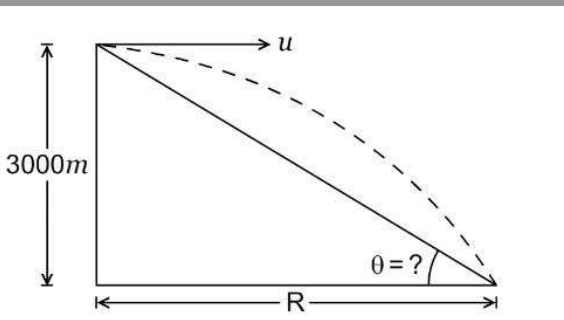
$$48 = \left(\frac{u^2}{g}\right)(\sin 2\alpha)$$

$$\text{From (2) } \frac{u^2}{g} = S + 24 = 48 + 24 = 72$$

$$48 = 72 \sin 2\alpha$$

$$2\alpha = 41.81$$

$$\alpha = 20.905^\circ$$



A rocket is released from a jet fighter flying horizontally at 1200 Km/h at an altitude of 3000m above its target. The rocket thrust gives it a constant horizontal acceleration of  $6\text{ m/sec}^2$ . At what angle below the horizontal should the pilot see the target at the instant of releasing the rocket in order to score a hit?

given,  $H = 3000\text{ m}$

in vertical direction,  $u = 0$ ;  $s = 3000$

from,  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$3000 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times t^2$$

$$t = 24.73 \text{ sec.}$$

In horizontal motion,  $u = 1200 \text{ Km/h}$

$$= (1200 \times 1000) / (60 \times 60) = 333.33 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$a = 6 \text{ m/sec}^2$$

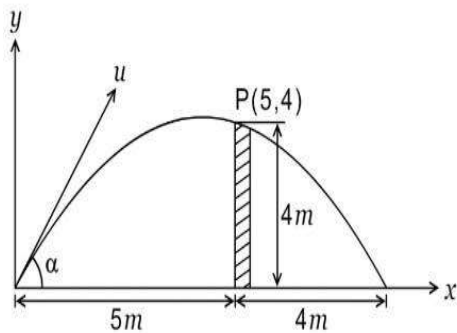
From,  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$R = 333.33 (24.73) + \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times (24.73)^2$$

$$R = 10078.5\text{ m}$$

$$\tan \theta = H / R = 3000 / 10078.5$$

$$\theta = 16.576$$



Find the least velocity with which a projectile is to be projected so that it clears a wall 4m height located at a distance of 5m and strikes the ground at a distance 4m beyond the wall as shown in figure. The point of projection is at the same level as the foot of the wall?

Let  $u$  be the initial velocity

$\alpha$  is the angle of projection

given,  $R = 5 + 4 = 9\text{m}$

$$9 = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$$

$$u^2 = \frac{9g}{\sin 2\alpha} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

From equation of trajectory

$$Y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{gx^2}{u^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \right)$$

Let  $P(5,4)$  be a point on the trajectory

$$4 = 5 \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{g(5)^2}{u^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \right)$$

$$4 = 5 \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{g(25)}{(9g/\sin 2\alpha) \cos^2 \alpha} \right)$$

$$4 = 5 \tan \alpha - \left( \frac{25}{2} \right) \left( \frac{g}{(9g \cos^2 \alpha / 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha)} \right)$$

$$4 = 5 \tan \alpha - \left( \frac{50}{18} \right) \tan \alpha$$

$$4 = 2.222 \tan \alpha$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{2.222} = 1.8$$

$$\alpha = 60.95$$

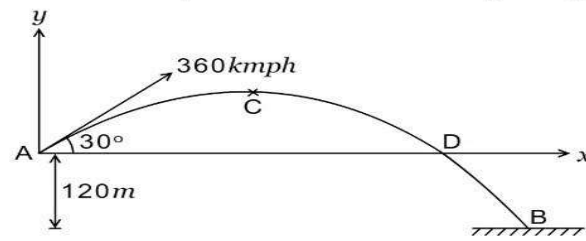
$$\text{From, } u^2 = \frac{9g}{\sin 2\alpha}$$

$$u^2 = \frac{(9 \times 9.81)}{\sin (2 \times 60.95)}$$

$$u = 10.20 \text{ m/sec}$$

A bullet is fired from a height of 120m at a velocity of 360Kmph at an angle of  $30^\circ$  upwards. Neglecting air resistance find

- total time of flight
- horizontal range of the bullet
- maximum height reached by the bullet
- final velocity of the bullet just before touching the ground.



i.  $u = 360 \text{ Kmph} = (360 \times 1000) / (60 \times 60) = 100 \text{ m/sec}$

Total time of flight = time for A to D + time for D to B

**Time for A to D**

$$t_1 = (2u/g) \sin \alpha$$

$$= (2 \times 100 \times \sin 30^\circ) / 9.81$$

**$t_1 = 10.19 \text{ sec}$**

**Time for D to B**

Initial velocity  $u = 100 \sin 30^\circ = 50 \text{ m/sec}$

$g = 9.81 \text{ m/sec}^2$

$s = 120 \text{ m}$

$s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$

$120 = 50 \times t + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times t^2$

$t^2 + 10.1937 t - 24.4648 = 0$

**$t_2 = 2.01 \text{ sec}$**

Total time = A to D + D to B =  $10.19 + 2.01 = 12.20 \text{ sec}$

**ii. maximum height reached by bullet**

$$h = (u^2/2g) \times \sin^2\alpha = (100^2 \times \sin^2 30^\circ) / (2 \times 9.81)$$

$$h = 127.42 \text{ m (above point A)} = 127.42 + 120 = 247.42 \text{ m (above the ground)}$$

**iii. horizontal range**

R = velocity x time of flight

$$R = u \cos\alpha \times t$$

$$R = 100 \cos 30^\circ \times 12.2$$

$$R = 1056.55 \text{ m}$$

**iv. velocity of bullet just before striking the ground**

Horizontal component of velocity =  $v_x = u + at$

$$v_x = u \cos\alpha + 0$$

$$v_x = 100 \cos 30^\circ = 86.603 \text{ m/sec}$$

Vertical component of velocity  $v_y = u + at$

$$v_y = u \sin\alpha - gt = 100 \sin 30^\circ - 9.81 \times 12.2$$

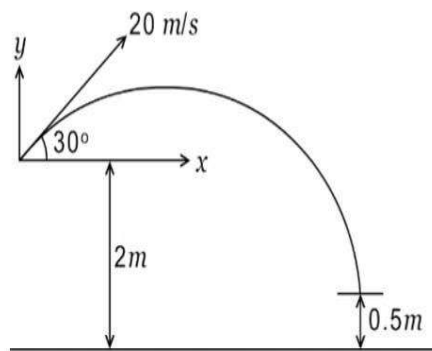
$$v_y = -69.682 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(v_x^2 + v_y^2)} = \sqrt{((69.682)^2 + (86.603)^2)}$$

$$v = 111.16 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\tan\theta = v_y / v_x = 69.682 / 86.603$$

$$\theta = 38.82^\circ$$



A cricket ball is thrown by a fielder from a height of 2m, at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal with an initial velocity of 20 m/sec hits the wickets at a height of 0.5m from the ground. How far was the fielder from the wickets?

Initial velocity  $u = 20$  m/sec;  $\alpha = 30^\circ$

$$y_0 = -(2 - 0.5) = -1.5\text{m}$$

From,  $S = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$-1.5 = 20 \sin 30^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times t^2$$

$$t = 2.179 \text{ sec}$$

Range  $R = \text{velocity} \times \text{time of flight}$

$$R = u \cos \alpha \times t$$

$$R = 20 \cos 30^\circ \times 2.179 = 37.742 \text{ m}$$