

■ Problem 1

A) Compute the **range R** of the particle

- With aerodynamic drag

The required background | derivation of the equations of motion:

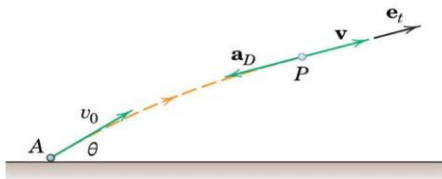


Figure Prob. 1

$$\text{-y Direction} \quad a_{py} = -g; \quad a_{py} = (-Kv^2) \left(\frac{v_y}{\sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{py} = -Kv^2 \left(\frac{v_y}{r} \right) = -Kv v_y$$

$$\text{Motion Equation: } a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt} \Rightarrow -Kv v_y - g = \frac{dv_y}{dt}$$

$$\text{-x Direction} \quad a_{px} = -Kv^2 \left(\frac{v_x}{\sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{px} = -Kv v_x$$

$$\text{Motion Equation: } a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = -Kv v_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{without Drag} \quad & a_y = -g = \frac{dv_y}{dt} \Rightarrow -gt = v_y - v_{y0} \Rightarrow v_y = v_{y0} - gt \\ & a_x = 0 \Rightarrow v_{x0} = v_x \\ & \Rightarrow 2v_{x0} \left(\frac{v_{y0}}{g} \right) = x - x_0 \\ & \Rightarrow \text{Range} = \frac{2v_{x0} v_{y0}}{g} \end{aligned}$$

Since both motion equations are dependent on each other, the mathematical solution is fairly complicated (if one exists:)), we solve the problem in both y and x direction by using **numerical methods (ode45 algorithm)**. Note that there's a downward (negative) gravitational acceleration which must be included in the calculations.

%Defining initial conditions matrix required for solving the differential equation via ode45

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[t,m] = ode45(@f,[0 11], [0 vx_in 0 vy_in]);
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%finding where y = 0, y[0] is the initial height which is zero, y[1]'s corresponding x is the range_Note that ode45 provides **estimated values** we spot the zero values by the error of 2, the last one is the desired value

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h_index = find(abs(m(:,3) - 0)<2);
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h_index(end);
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Range_with_drag = m(h_index(end),1)
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function dydt = f(t,m)
    v = sqrt(m(2)^2 + m(4)^2);
    g = -9.81;
    k = 4.0 * 10^(-3);
    dydt = [m(2); -1*m(2)*v*k; m(4); -1*m(4)*v*k + g];
end
```

Output:

Range_with_drag = 217.8889

- Without aerodynamic drag

Required Background:

Since the acceleration in y direction is equal to $-g$, by determining the instant at which y is zero (hits the ground) we can obtain the range by substituting the value in x-motion equation : $x_2 - x_1 = V_0 x(t)$.

trajectory without air drag: solving the differential equation via ode function

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%solving the differential equation ay = g = dy2/dt
syms y(t) t y_nodrag(t)
Dy = diff(y,t);
ode = diff(y,t,2) == G;
cond1 = y(0) == 0;
cond2 = Dy(0) == vy_in;
conds = [cond1 cond2];
y_nodrag(t) = simplify(dsolve(ode, conds))
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Determining when $y = 0$ (hits the ground), note that y_{initial} is zero and is not the desired value

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eqn = y_nodrag(t) == 0;
t2 = eval(solve(eqn, t));
t2 = t2(2);
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defining the x-motion equation and substituting the t value obtained above in the relation

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% motion equation for x direction
syms x_nodrag(t) t
x_nodrag(t) = vx_in * t;
Range_noDrag = eval(x_nodrag(t2))
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Output

Range_noDrag = 469.3674

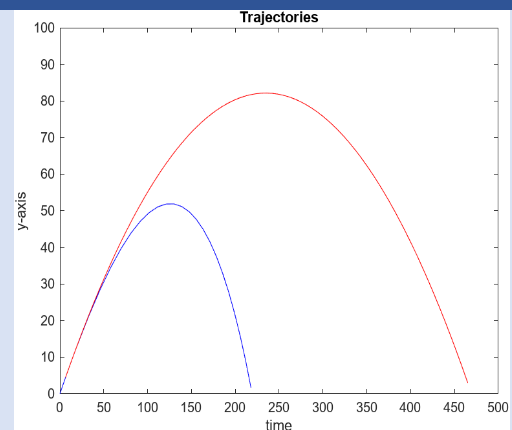
B) Plot the trajectories

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%y and x ( with air drag):  
y = m(:,3);  
x = m(:,1);  
  
%y and x (without air drag)  
time = linspace(0,11,100);  
x_nd = x_nodrag(time);  
y_nd = y_nodrag(time);  
  
%plotting  
plot(x(y>0), y(y>0), 'b', x_nd(y_nd>0), y_nd(y_nd>0), 'r');  
axis([0 500 0 100]);  
title ("Trajectory(with air drag)");  
xlabel("time");  
ylabel("y-axis");
```

Output:

Red: With aerodynamic drag

Blue: Without aerodynamic drag



C) The Game: Determine the best range provided that the ball avoids all the obstacles and hits the goal

By plotting trajectories for different angles, it is perceived that **beta = 20** satisfies the game's condition. Since ode45 provides estimated values, the exact result cannot be processed. However it can be **visually justified**. The program is designed such that it predicts the outcome by plotting the trajectory by red (successful) or green (unsuccessful), although as mentioned before, it is **not accurate**. **Beta = 23** seems to provide the **best range**.

beta < 20 will never reach the height 20 and beta >= 24 won't be realistic since the ball is thrown after the first obstacle.

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%b is the angle : beta
b=24;

%determining the initial velocity in x and y direction
vxandy = V0(b, v_in);
vx0 =vxandy(1);
vy0 =vxandy(2);

%calling the below function
plot_trajectory(vx0, vy0);

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below comes the code of the two functions: plot_trajectory and game_rules. Notice how the plot_trajectory calls the game_rules function which returns **1 if the conditions are satisfied and returns 0 otherwise**. Then based on the on the provided output, plot_trajectory() determines the color of the figure. **(Emphasis on how the process is fairly inaccurate)**

```

function dydt = f(t,m)
    v = sqrt(m(2)^2 + m(4)^2);
    g = -9.81;
    k = 4.0 * 10^(-3);
    dydt = [m(2); -1*m(2)*v*k; m(4); -1*m(4)*v*k + g];
end

function v = V0(b, vin)
    vx0 = vin * cos(b * pi / 180);
    vy0 = vin * sin(b * pi / 180);
    v = [vx0;vy0];
end

function hit = game_rules(y_60, y_40, y_20)
    %goal at x = 80      obstacle 3 at gx - 20   obstacle 2 at gx - 40   obstacle 1 at
    gx - 60
    obs3 = 15;
    obs2 = 10;
    obs1 = 3;

    hit = 1;
    if (abs(y_60 - obs3) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    elseif (abs(y_40 - obs2) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    elseif (abs(y_20 - obs1) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    end
end

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end

```
function plot_trajectory(vx0, vy0)
    [t,m] = ode45(@f,[0 11], [0 vx0 0 vy0]);

    %obs1
    h_goal = find(abs(m(:,3) - 20) < 2);
    if (size(h_goal) > 0)
        goalx = m(h_goal(1),1);
    else
        goalx = 60;
    end

    if(goalx > 61)
        h_obs3 = find(abs(20 - goalx + m(:,1)) < 10);
        h_obs2 = find(abs(40 - goalx + m(:,1)) < 10);
        h_obs1 = find(abs(60 - goalx + m(:,1)) < 10);

        obs1x = m(h_obs1(1),1);
        obs2x = m(h_obs2(1),1);
        obs3x = m(h_obs3(1),1);
        if (game_rules( m(h_obs3(1),3), m(h_obs2(1),3), m(h_obs1(1),3)) )
            color = 'g';
        else
            color = 'r';
        end
    else
        color = 'r';
        obs1x = goalx - 60;
        obs2x = goalx - 40;
        obs3x = goalx - 20;
    end

    %y and x ( with air drag):
    y = m(:,3);
    x = m(:,1);

    %ploting
    plot(x(y>0), y(y>0),color, obs1x, 3 , 'black -x',obs2x, 10 , 'black -x',obs3x, 15 ,
'black -x',goalx, 20 , 'black -o');
    axis([-20 230 0 30]);
    title ("Trajectory(with air drag)");
    xlabel("time");
    ylabel("y-axis");
end
```

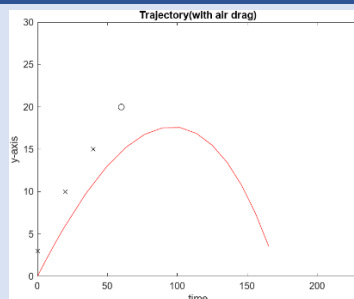
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function hit = game_rules(y_80, y_60, y_40, y_20)
    %goal at x = 80      obstacle 3 at gx - 20  obstacle 2 at gx - 40  obstacle 1 at
    gx - 60
    goal = 20;
    obs3 = 15;
    obs2 = 10;
    obs1 = 3;

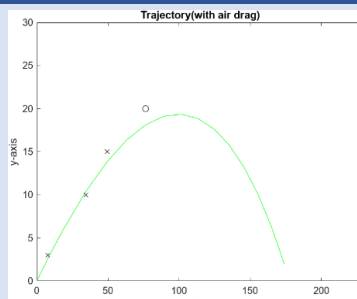
    hit = 1;
    if (abs(y_80 - goal) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    elseif (abs(y_60 - obs3) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    elseif (abs(y_40 - obs2) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    elseif (abs(y_20 - obs1) > 10)
        hit = 0;
    end
end

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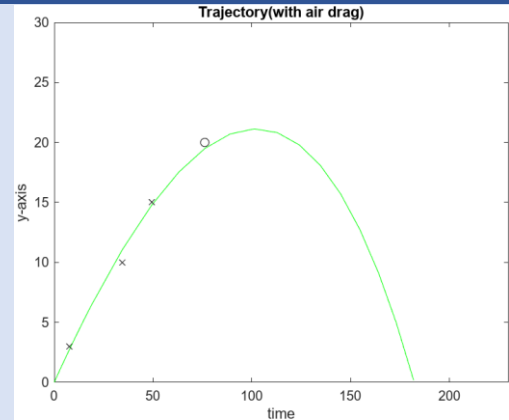
output:



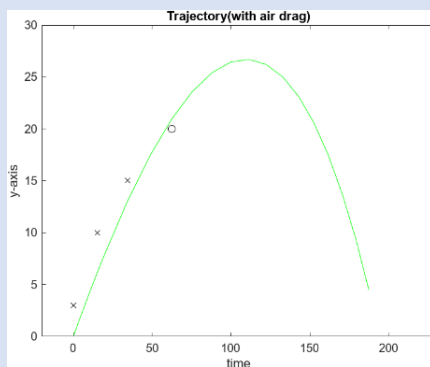
beta = 18 lost x



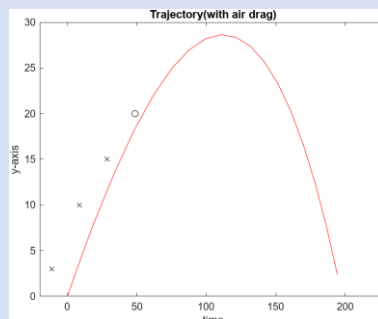
beta = 19 lost x
notice the error



beta = 20 won 😊



beta = 23 best range
not exactly clear though



beta = 24 lost x
theta >= 24 there is no place
for the first obstacle.