



Assumptions:

- No drag force
- Only weight acts on ball
- Motion is confined to x-y plane (Does not move in z-direction)

$$F_y = m a_y = -m g \cos \theta \hat{y}$$

$$F_x = m a_x = -m g \sin \theta \hat{x}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -g \cos \theta \quad \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -g \sin \theta$$

$$v_y = \int -g \cos \theta dt = v_0 \sin \theta - g t \cos \theta$$

$$v_x = \int -g \sin \theta dt = v_0 \cos \theta - g t \sin \theta$$

$$y = \int (v_0 \sin \theta - g t \cos \theta) dt = v_0 t \sin \theta - \frac{g t^2}{2} \cos \theta$$

$$x = \int (v_0 \cos \theta - g t \sin \theta) dt = v_0 t \cos \theta - \frac{g t^2}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$x(t) = v_0 t \cos \theta - \frac{g t^2}{2} \sin \theta \quad y(t) = v_0 t \sin \theta - \frac{g t^2}{2} \cos \theta$$

Position is $r(t) = (x(t), y(t), 0)$

$$= \left(v_0 t \cos \theta - \frac{g t^2}{2} \sin \theta, v_0 t \sin \theta - \frac{g t^2}{2} \cos \theta, 0 \right)$$

5b) Set $y=0$ in $y(t)$ to find the times, where the ball is in contact with the plane.

$$t \left(v_0 \sin \theta - \frac{g t}{2} \cos \theta \right) = 0$$

$t=0$ is the trivial solution when the ball is initially at the ramp

However, $t = \frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g \cos \phi}$ is the time taken for the ball to land on the ramp at the end of its motion. Substitute this t into $x(t)$ denoting the range as R .

$$\begin{aligned} R &= x\left(\frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g \cos \phi}\right) = v_0 \cos \theta \left(\frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g \cos \phi}\right) - \frac{g \sin \phi}{2} \left(\frac{4v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g^2 \cos^2 \phi}\right) \\ &= \frac{2v_0^2}{g} \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \phi} - \frac{\sin \phi \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \phi} \right) \\ &= \frac{2v_0^2 \sin \theta}{g \cos \phi} \left(\cos \theta - \frac{\sin \phi \sin \theta}{\cos \phi} \right) \\ &= \frac{2v_0^2 \sin \theta}{g \cos^2 \phi} (\cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \phi \sin \theta) \end{aligned}$$

By using the identity $\cos(a+b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$

$$R = \frac{2v_0^2 \sin \theta \cos(\theta + \phi)}{g \cos^2 \phi}$$

5c) Find $\frac{dR}{d\theta}$ and set derivative to zero so we can find θ that maximises R

$$\frac{dR}{d\theta} = \frac{2v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \phi} \frac{d}{d\theta} (\sin \theta \cos(\theta + \phi))$$

$$= \frac{2v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \phi} (\cos \theta \cos(\theta + \phi) - \sin \theta \sin(\theta + \phi)) \quad \text{By cosine addition identity}$$

$$= \frac{2v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \phi} \cos(2\theta + \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow 2\theta + \phi = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

where n is an integer

$$\frac{n\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2}$$

Plug θ into R:

$$R = \frac{2v^2}{9\cos^2\phi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}\right)$$

Use product to sum identity
 $\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b))$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2} + \frac{n\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2} - \frac{n\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \right) \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + \sin(-\phi) \right) \end{aligned}$$

But $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 1$ for integers n and
 $\sin(-\phi) = -\sin\phi$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \frac{2v^2}{9\cos^2\phi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sin\phi) = \frac{v^2(1 - \sin\phi)}{9(1 - \sin^2\phi)} \\ &= \frac{v^2(1 - \sin\phi)}{9(1 + \sin\phi)(1 - \sin\phi)} = \frac{v^2}{9(1 + \sin\phi)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, maximum range for given v_0
 and ϕ is $\frac{v_0^2}{9(1 + \sin\phi)}$