

Problem 1.

For a projectile motion the speed v is described by

$$v^2 = v_0^2 - 2gy$$

In this equation $y_0 = 0$.

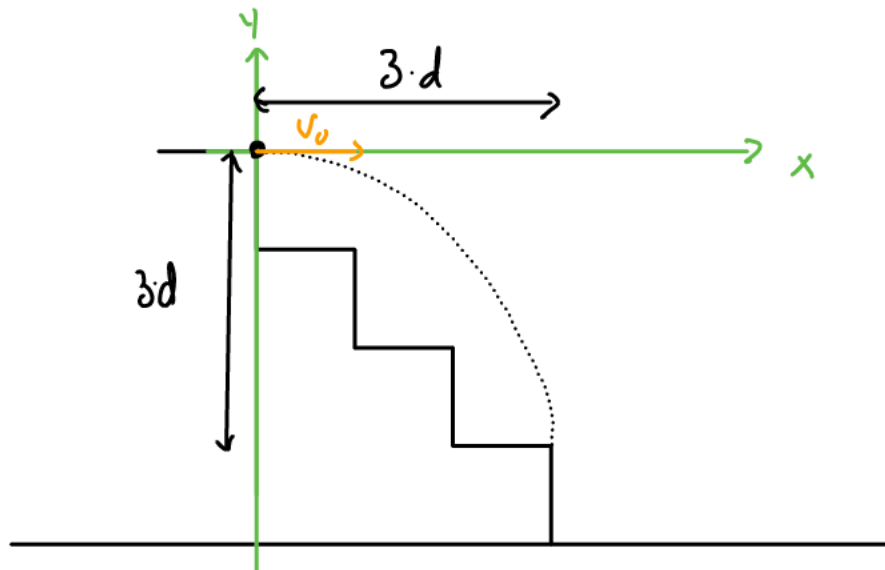
As y increases the speed v decreases. Therefore, the relationship must be

$$v_2 < v_3 < v_1$$

The answer is option E.

Problem 2.

A sketch of the physical situation and coordinate system can be seen below.



We write up the equations of motion in both the x- and y-directions

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= v_0 t \\ y(t) &= -\frac{1}{2}gt^2\end{aligned}$$

We introduce the time variable T , where the ball passes the top of the lowest step. At this point in time the positions are $x(T) = 3d$ og $y(T) = -3d$:

$$v_0 T = 3d \quad (1)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}gT^2 = -3d \quad (2)$$

Isolating T in equation (2)

$$3d = \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \Leftrightarrow T^2 = \frac{6d}{g} \Leftrightarrow T = \sqrt{\frac{6d}{g}}$$

By inserting the expression for T in equation (1) and solving for v_0

$$v_0 = \frac{3d}{T} = \frac{3d}{\sqrt{\frac{6d}{g}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}dg}$$

The answer is option E.

Problem 3.

a) The radial acceleration of a person moving in circular motion can be calculated by noting that the speed is constant

$$a = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

The speed is given by

$$v = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{period}} = \frac{2\pi R}{T}$$

Where R is the radius of the Earth. The revolution period is introduced into the formula

$$a = \frac{\left(\frac{2\pi R}{T}\right)^2}{R} = \frac{4\pi^2 R}{T^2} \quad (1)$$

Inserting $R = 6370 \cdot 10^3 \text{ m}$ and $T = 24 \text{ h} = 86400 \text{ s}$:

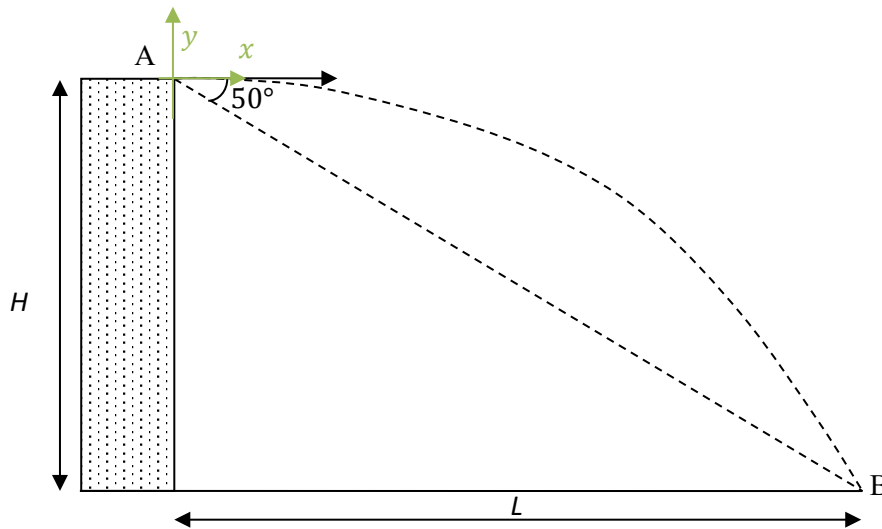
$$a = 0.0337 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

b) By inserting $a = g$ into equation (1) and isolating T

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 R}{T^2} \Leftrightarrow T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 R}{g} \Leftrightarrow T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R}{g}} = 5060 \text{ s} = 1.41 \text{ h}$$

Problem 4.

A sketch of the problem can be seen below with a coordinate system and variables H and L .



The rock is in the air for $T = 3.5$ s and the angle between point A and B is $\theta = 50^\circ$. The height of the tower is H and the horizontal distance between A and B is denoted L .

The relationship between H and T is given by

$$y(t = T) = -H \Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2}gT^2 = -H \Leftrightarrow$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \quad (1)$$

Particle motion in the x -direction gives the relationship between L and T

$$x(t = T) = L \Leftrightarrow$$

$$v_0 T = L \quad (2)$$

The angle θ can be found by the ratio between the opposite and adjacent sides of the triangle

$$\tan \theta = \frac{H}{L} \quad (3)$$

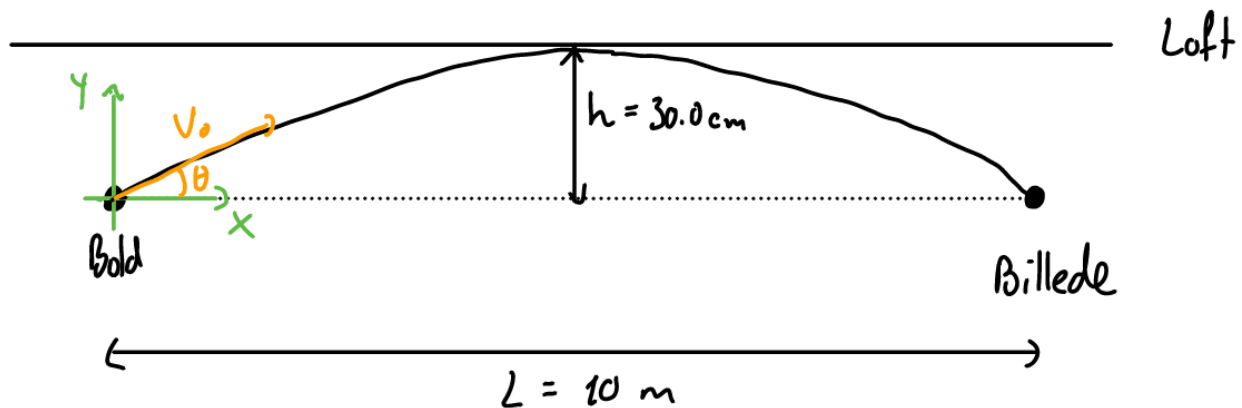
By inserting (1-2) in (3) and solving for v_0 :

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{1}{2}gT^2}{v_0 T} = \frac{gT}{2v_0} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$v_0 = \frac{gT}{2 \tan \theta} = 14.4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Problem 5.

A sketch of the problem can be seen below.



The ball starts and ends in the same distance from the ceiling at $y = 0$. This is a special case of the general projectile motion, where the simplified equations for the height h and length L can be used.

$$h = \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$$

$$L = \frac{v_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g}$$

By dividing the expression for h by the expression for L and utilizing the trigonometric relation $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$

$$\frac{h}{L} = \frac{\frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}}{\frac{v_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g}} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{4 \sin \theta \cos \theta} = \frac{1 \sin \theta}{4 \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{4} \tan \theta \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{4h}{L} \right) = 6.84^\circ$$

The initial velocity can now be determined from the expression for L

$$L = \frac{v_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g} \Leftrightarrow$$

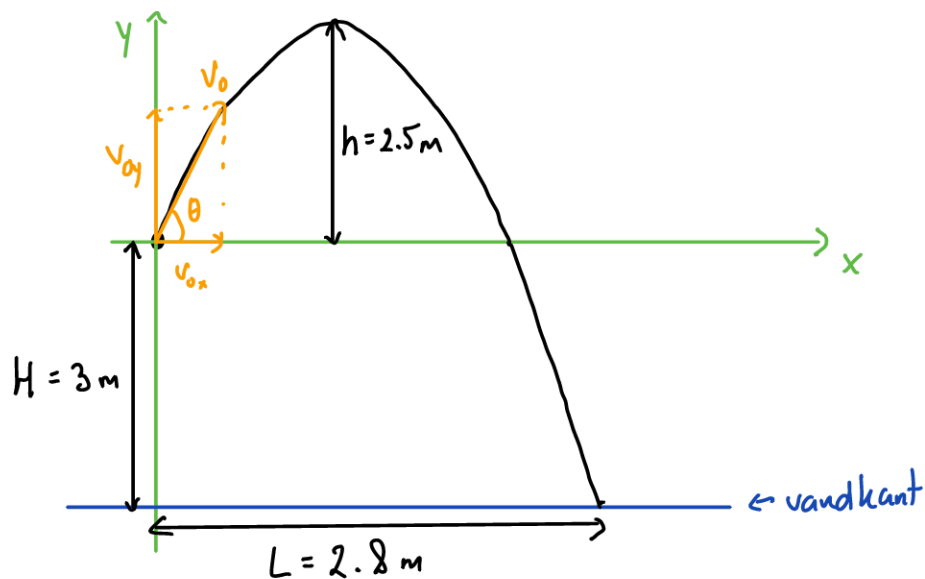
$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{Lg}{\sin(2\theta)}} = 20.4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

The duration of flight T can now be calculated

$$T = \frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g} = 0.495 \text{ s}$$

Problem 6.

The figure is a sketch of the jump



We must determine v_{0x} , v_{0y} , θ as well as the duration of the flight T . The equations of motion in the x - and y -directions are

$$x(t) = v_{0x}t$$

$$y(t) = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta$$

$$v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta$$

The diver hits the water at $x(T) = L$ og $y(T) = -H$

$$L = v_{0x}T \quad (1)$$

$$-H = v_{0y}T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \quad (2)$$

At time t^* when the diver is at the top of his jump the vertical velocity is $v_y = 0$

$$v_y = v_{0y} - gt \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 = v_{0y} - gt^* \quad (3)$$

At this point the vertical distance is $y(t^*) = h$:

$$h = v_{0y}t^* - \frac{1}{2}gt^{*2} \quad (4)$$

In addition, we also have the relation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{v_{0y}}{v_{0x}} &= \frac{v_0 \sin \theta}{v_0 \cos \theta} \Leftrightarrow \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{v_{0y}}{v_{0x}}\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

Now we have 5 equations with 5 unknowns, and these equations (1-5) are solved in Maple with respect to v_{0x} , v_{0y} , θ , T and t^* :

$$\begin{aligned}t^* &= 0.71 \text{ s} \\ v_{0x} &= 1.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\ v_{0y} &= 7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\ T &= 1.8 \text{ s} \\ \theta &= 77^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Problem 7.

The projectile is shot vertically with speed v , but as the shopping cart is moving horizontally with speed v , the projectile will have both horizontal and vertical velocity components

$$v_{0x} = v$$

$$v_{0y} = v$$

The equations of motion in x - and y -directions are

$$x(t) = vt$$

$$y(t) = vt - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

The projectile lands in the toy cannon at time T . At this time $x(T) = L$ and $y(T) = 0$

$$x(T) = L \Leftrightarrow L = vt \Leftrightarrow T = \frac{L}{v} \quad (1)$$

$$y(T) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 = vt - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \quad (2)$$

By inserting the expression for T from equation (1) into equation (2), v can be isolated

$$0 = v \left(\frac{L}{v} \right) - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{L}{v} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow L = \frac{\frac{1}{2}gL^2}{v^2}$$
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{gL}{2}}$$

The answer is option D.

Problem 8.

The ball is thrown and caught at the same height. The motion is a special case of projectile motion, where we can use the simplified equations to calculate the distance the ball has travelled L .

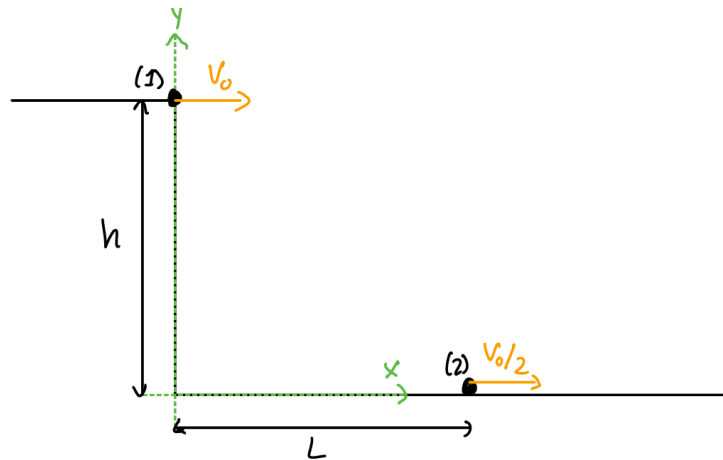
$$L = \frac{v_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g} \Leftrightarrow$$
$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{Lg}{\sin(2\theta)}}$$

The initial speed is equal to the final speed when the ball is caught. Here it can be seen that the lowest initial speed occurs if $\sin(2\theta)$ attains its largest value

$$\sin(2\theta) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$
$$v_0 = \sqrt{gL}$$

Problem 9.

A sketch of the problem can be seen with the chosen coordinate system



a) The equations of motion along the x -axis for both particles are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x_1(t) &= v_0 t \\x_2(t) &= L + \frac{v_0}{2} t\end{aligned}$$

We would like to determine the time T , where the particles collide. At this point the particles will have the same x position

$$\begin{aligned}x_1(t = T) &= x_2(t = T) \Leftrightarrow \\v_0 T &= L + \frac{v_0}{2} T \Leftrightarrow v_0 T - \frac{v_0}{2} T = L \Leftrightarrow \frac{v_0}{2} T = L \Leftrightarrow \\T &= \frac{2L}{v_0}\end{aligned}$$

b) The movement of the first particle in the y -direction is given by

$$y_1(t) = h - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

And hits the ground at T , where $y_1(T) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(t = T) &= 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 = h - \frac{1}{2} g T^2 \Leftrightarrow \\h &= \frac{1}{2} g T^2\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

Inserting the expression for T from question a), we express h as a function of L and v_0

$$h = \frac{1}{2} g \left(\frac{2L}{v_0} \right)^2 = \frac{2gL^2}{v_0^2}$$

c) The value of h is now known. The velocity in the x - and y - directions of the first particle is

$$\begin{aligned}v_x^{(1)} &= v_0 \\v_y^{(2)} &= -gt\end{aligned}$$

The collision occurs at time T , which can be calculated from equation (1) in question b):

$$h = \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \Leftrightarrow T = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

The velocity of particle 1 before the collision is

$$\begin{aligned}v_x^{(1)} &= v_0 \\v_y^{(1)} &= -gT = -\sqrt{2gh}\end{aligned}$$

The velocity vector \vec{v}_1 is therefore

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ -\sqrt{2gh} \end{pmatrix}$$

The second particle has only a velocity in the x -direction. The velocity vector \vec{v}_2 is then

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_0/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The relative velocity between the two particles can now be calculated

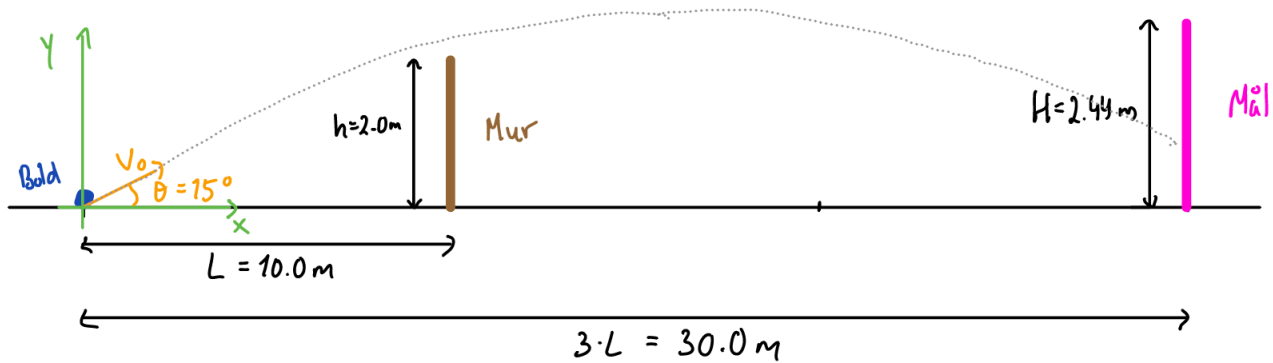
$$\vec{v}_{\text{rel}} = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ -\sqrt{2gh} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} v_0/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_0/2 \\ -\sqrt{2gh} \end{pmatrix}$$

The magnitude of the relative velocity vector is

$$|\vec{v}_{\text{rel}}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_0}{2}\right)^2 + (-\sqrt{2gh})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{v_0^2}{4} + 2gh}$$

Problem 10.

a) We draw a sketch of the problem



b) The parabola $y(x)$ for the projectile motion is

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

Now isolating v_0

$$\begin{aligned} y - \tan(\theta) x &= -\frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2(\theta)} x^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ 2v_0^2 \cos^2(\theta) (\tan(\theta) x - y) &= gx^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ v_0 &= \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \sqrt{\frac{gx^2}{2(\tan(\theta) x - y)}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

A path of motion that travels above the defenders and into the goal is found by inserting $x = L = 10.0$ m and $y = h = 2.0$ m into equation (1):

$$v_1 = 27.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

c) We calculate the initial velocity for the two extreme cases where the ball lands on the goal line $(x, y) = (3L, 0)$, and where it hits the goal post $(x, y) = (3L, H)$.

When the ball hits the goal line $(x, y) = (3L, 0)$

$$v_0 = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \sqrt{\frac{3gL}{2 \tan \theta}} = 24.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Notice that the ball will collide with the wall of defenders, see question b).

When the ball hits the goal post $(x, y) = (3L, H)$, we have

$$v_0 = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \sqrt{\frac{9gL^2}{2(\tan(\theta) 3L - H)}} = 29.1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

This means that the velocity of the ball should be in the interval

$$27.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} < v_0 < 29.1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

This is a small interval, so we can conclude that it is not an easy goal to make.

Problem 11.

a) The tangential acceleration is

$$a_{\text{tan}} = \frac{dv}{dt} = a_0$$

We integrate with respect to time

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{v_0} dv &= \int_0^t a_0 dt \Leftrightarrow \\ v(t) &= a_0 t \end{aligned}$$

The radial acceleration is given by the centripetal acceleration.

$$a_{\text{rad}} = \frac{v^2(t)}{R} = \frac{a_0^2 t^2}{R}$$

b) The tangential acceleration is constant during the circular motion, but the radial acceleration is increasing with t . We must determine the time T it takes to perform one revolution.

The motion is along the line which is a 1-dimensional movement with length $2\pi R$ and constant acceleration a_0 .

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 t^2$$

Note that here x is the tangential length!

After one revolution $x(T) = 2\pi R$:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi R &= \frac{1}{2} a_0 T^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ T &= 2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi R}{a_0}} \end{aligned}$$

The radial acceleration after one revolution (after time T has passed) can be determined

$$a_{\text{rad}}(t = T) = \frac{a_0^2 T^2}{R} = \frac{a_0^2}{R} \frac{4\pi R}{a_0} = 4\pi a_0$$

We now have the two components of the acceleration to find the magnitude.

$$a = \sqrt{a_{\text{tan}}^2 + a_{\text{rad}}^2} = \sqrt{a_0^2 + 16\pi^2 a_0^2} = a_0 \sqrt{1 + 16\pi^2}.$$