

$$\Delta PE = PE_H - PE_{h_0}$$

$$PE_H = mgH$$

$$PE_{h_0} = mgh_0$$

$$\Delta PE = mg(H - h_0)$$

$$\Delta PE = KE$$

$$mg(H - h_0) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$g(H - h_0) = \frac{1}{2}v^2$$

$$\sqrt{2g(H - h_0)} = v$$

$$\begin{cases} x(t_f) = x_f = v_0 \cos \theta t_f = \sqrt{2g(H - h_0)} \cos \theta t_f \\ y(t_f) = 0 = v_0 \sin \theta t_f - \frac{1}{2}gt_f^2 + h_0 = \sqrt{2g(H - h_0)} \sin \theta t_f - \frac{1}{2}gt_f^2 + h_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} = t_f$$

We can then plug this in and apply implicit differentiation to get  $\frac{dx_f}{d\theta}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} \right)^2 + v_0 \sin \theta \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} + h_0 \\ \frac{d}{d\theta} 0 &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( -\frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{d}{d\theta} v_0 \sin \theta \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} + \frac{d}{d\theta} h_0 \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( -\frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{d}{d\theta} \tan \theta x_f + 0 \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right) + \frac{d}{d\theta} \tan \theta x_f + 0 \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( -\frac{1}{2v_0^2} g x_f^2 \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) + \frac{d}{d\theta} \tan \theta x_f \\ 0 &= -\frac{g}{2v_0^2} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( x_f^2 \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) + \frac{d}{d\theta} \tan \theta x_f \\ 0 &= -\frac{g}{2v_0^2} \left( 2x_f \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + x_f^2 2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta \right) \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \sec^2 \theta x_f + \tan \theta \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= -\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{g}{2v_0^2} x_f^2 2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta x_f + \tan \theta \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \\
\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta x_f &= -\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + v_0 \tan \theta \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \\
\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta x_f &= \frac{dx_f}{d\theta} \left( v_0 \sec^2 \theta x_f - \frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) \\
\frac{\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta x_f}{v_0 \sec^2 \theta x_f - \frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}} &= \frac{dx_f}{d\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

We can now optimize this monstrosity:

$$\frac{\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta x_f}{v_0 \sec^2 \theta x_f - \frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}} = 0$$

$$\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta x_f = 0$$

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$$\frac{g}{2v_0^2} 2x_f^2 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta x_f$$

$$\frac{g}{v_0^2} x_f \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{x_f} \frac{v_0^2}{g}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_0^2}{gx_f}$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} \right)^2 + v_0 \sin \theta \frac{x_f}{v_0 \cos \theta} + h_0$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + x_f \tan \theta + h_0$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta) + x_f \tan \theta + h_0$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} \left( 1 + \frac{v_0^4}{g^2 x_f^2} \right) + x_f \frac{v_0^2}{g x_f} + h_0$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} - \frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} \frac{v_0^4}{g^2 x_f^2} + \frac{v_0^2}{g} + h_0$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2}{g} + \frac{v_0^2}{g} + h_0$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} - \frac{v_0^2}{2g} + \frac{v_0^2}{g} + h_0$$

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$$v_0 = \sqrt{2g(H - h_0)}$$

$$v_0^2 = 2g(H - h_0)$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x_f^2}{v_0^2} - \frac{v_0^2}{2g} + \frac{v_0^2}{g} + h_0$$