

Homework 2:

Somebody Set Up Us the Bomb

Due date: February 7 at the start of lecture.

Overview

In this lab, you will make a simple text-based game about hitting randomly placed targets by shooting bombs from a cannon. The player will repeatedly enter an angle to fire the cannon at and an amount of gunpowder to use; your game will respond with how far away from the target the player's shot landed. You will repeatedly ask for an angle and gunpowder amount until the player's shot lands within 1 meter of the target. If a shot is too long or short, the player is told how far away the shot was and tries again.

Game Rules

1. The game begins by asking the user to enter a positive integer seed value for the game's random number generator. Use this number when creating a `default_random_engine` variable *instead of* `random_device`. The seed value must be positive before continuing. Use the `mt19937` generator instead of `default_random_engin`. Example:

```
int seed;  
// input and validate seed, then:  
mt19937 engine{ seed };
```
2. The target is placed at a random distance from 1 to 1000 meters using the random number generator; the distance can contain decimals. We have only seen how to generate integers in C++, so you will need to look up how to use `uniform_real_distribution<double>` to generate a decimal number in a certain range. Tell the user how far away the target is. **Print all decimal values using 2 decimal places.**
3. If you generate the distance correctly, your output should match mine in the Sample Output below when using the same seed value.
4. Ask the player to choose an angle between 0 and 90 degrees, **which you must validate**. Then input an amount of gunpowder in kilograms, **which must be positive**. Both values can be decimal numbers. Each kg of gunpowder will produce 30 m/s of velocity.
5. The shot's total distance is calculated, and if the shot is within 1.0 m of the target, the shot is scored a hit and the player wins. Otherwise the player is told how far short or long of the target the shot landed, and must try again.
6. The game ends when the player gets a hit.

Physics

Given an initial velocity v and angle of elevation A , the bomb's initial speed can be broken into vertical and horizontal components (v_y and v_x respectively) by the equations $v_y = v \cdot \sin(A)$ and $v_x = v \cdot \cos(A)$. There are two ways to find the bomb's final position:

1. Using a formula for finding the position of a projectile given its initial velocity and angle of elevation, determine the time it takes for the bomb to return to ground level. (Hint: consider the height or y-coordinate of the bomb the instant it touches the ground.)
2. Using the vertical component of the initial velocity (v_y), determine how long it takes for the effect of gravity to reduce that velocity to zero. This is the time it takes for the bomb to reach the apex of its arc. Double that amount for the time it takes to return to the ground.

Once you have the time it takes for the bomb to hit the ground, you can find how far it travels in the horizontal direction using the horizontal component of the initial velocity (v_x).

Functions

I will **strongly recommend** but *not require* that you organize your solution into functions. To best practice this week's lessons, you should have a C++ project that

- uses a header file to declare functions useful in breaking down your game into smaller parts.
- uses a source file with the same name to define/implement those functions.
- uses a “main.cpp” file that `#includes` your header and writes the “driver” of the application by calling the functions you defined in the other source file.

Try breaking the problem description into discrete abstract tasks:

- maybe a function to get and validate the user's chosen attack angle?
- maybe a function to get and validate the user's amount of gunpowder?
- maybe a function to calculate how far a projectile would travel when fired at a given angle and with given velocity?
- maybe a function to determine if a particular distance is a “hit” when compared to a given target distance?

Notes and Hints

1. The `<cmath>` library has methods for calculating sines and cosines, but they operate on radians and not degrees.
2. Use $g = 9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2$ for the vertical acceleration of the bomb, and use $\pi = 3.141592653589793238463$ if you need it.
3. Use `double` for any decimal numbers instead of `float`.
4. Having trouble deciding where to start? Try this approach.
 - (a) Build a program that sets the target's distance to 500 every time. Ask the user how far the shell should go, and tell them whether the shot was short, long, or a hit. (Goal: get the “hit” detection working.)
 - (b) Add prompts for the user to enter the angle of elevation and gunpowder amount, without any error checking. Compute the distance from those inputs. (Goal: get your formulas correct and applied to the game.)
 - (c) Repeat the game until the user gets a hit. (Goal: general game flow.)
 - (d) Add error checking for angle and gunpowder.
 - (e) Add a prompt at the start for the random number generator seed, including error checking. Use this value to select a random starting distance for the target. This should complete your project.

Sample Output

User input is in *italics*.

```
Please enter a positive integer seed value:
0
Please enter a positive integer seed value:
100
```

The target is 671.48m away.

Please enter an angle between 0 and 90 degrees:

91

Please enter an angle between 0 and 90 degrees:

45

Please enter an amount of gunpowder in kilograms:

2

You were 304.51m short.

Please enter an angle between 0 and 90 degrees:

45

Please enter an amount of gunpowder in kilograms:

3

You were 154.20m long.

Please enter an angle between 0 and 90 degrees:

34

Please enter an amount of gunpowder in kilograms:

2.81

It's a hit!

Deliverables

Turn in the following when the assignment is due:

1. A printed copy of your code, **printed from Visual Studio or your IDE when possible**. If you cannot print from your editor, copy your code into Notepad or another program with a fixed-width (monospace) font and print from there.
2. A printout of your program's output using the example input shown above.