

# Bottle Rocket Project

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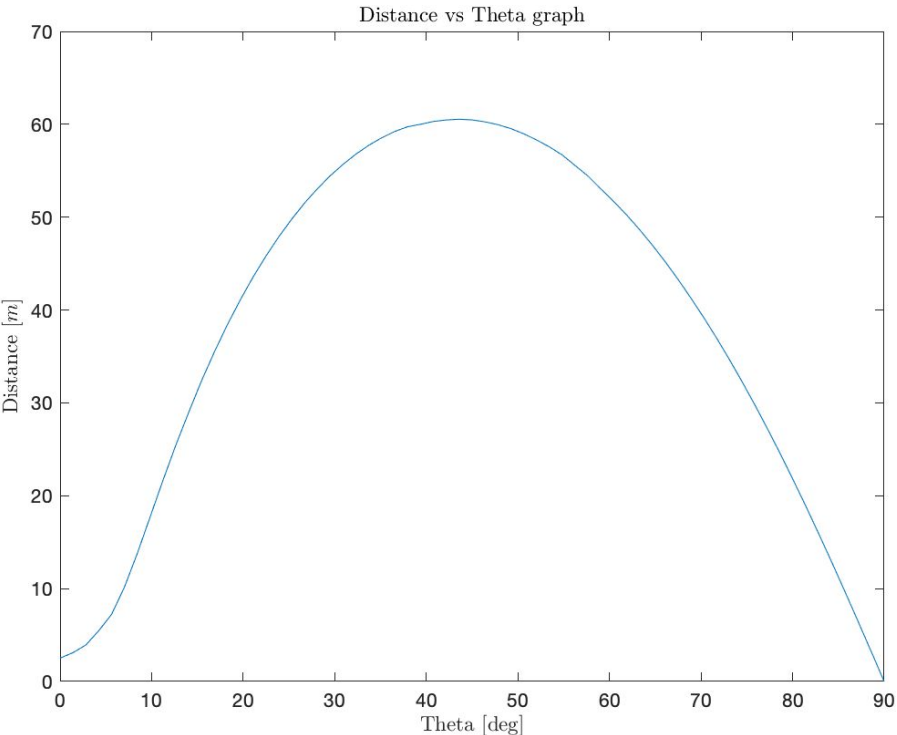
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# METHODS

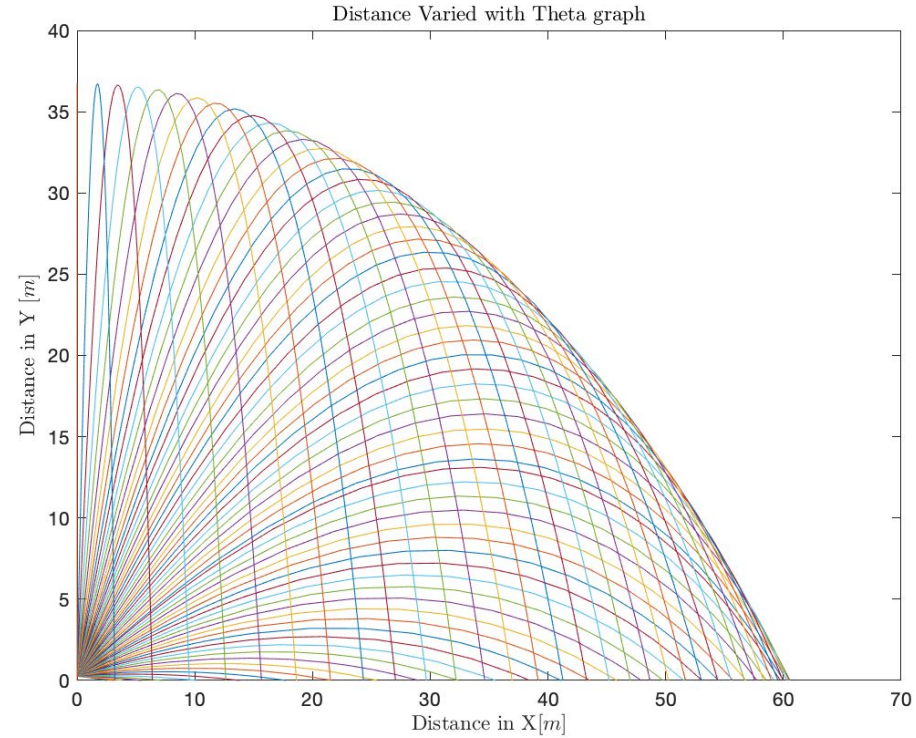
- Started by using ODE to plot a rocket trajectory hitting a target 60.5m away
- Varied 4 parameters (CD, Pressure, Volume of Water, launch angle)
  - Individually
  - All at once
- Narrowed each case down to the ones which hit 85 m  $\pm$  .5m
- Chose the parameters that got the closest to the original 85m target

# VARIATION WITH THETA

- Theta parabolic arc for distance
- Max at theta of  $45^\circ$
- Reaches a max distance of 60.5m



**Fig. 1. Distance vs launch angle plot**



**Fig. 2. Distance vs height as Launch angle is varied**

# VARIATION OF VOLUME OF WATER

- Parabolic function
- Max distance at initial volume of .6 L
- Reaches a max distance of 68.5m

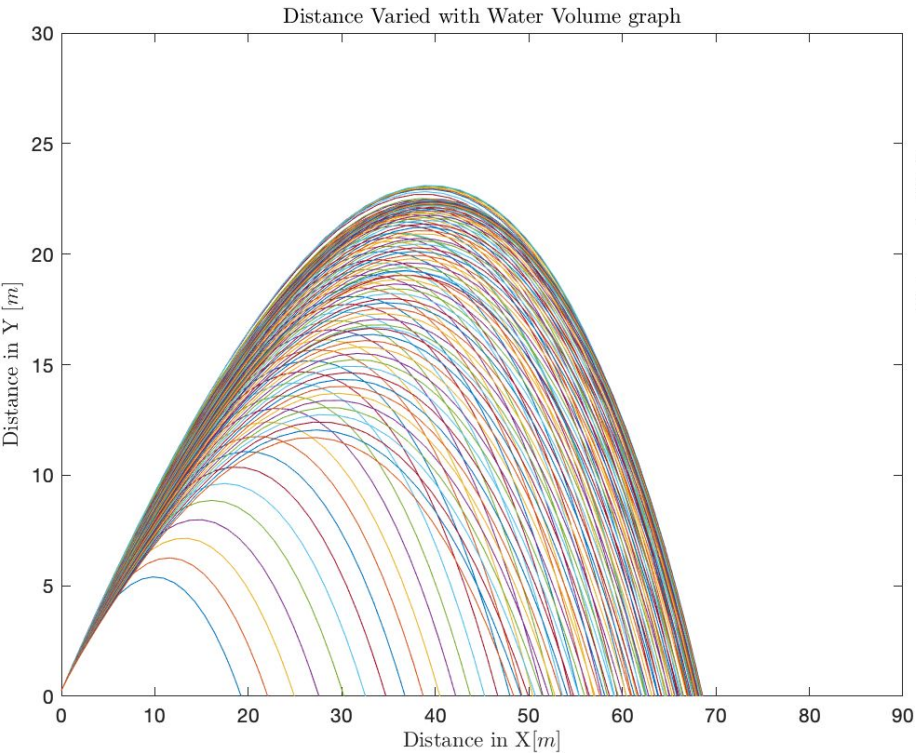


Fig. 3. Distance vs height as Volume of Water is varied

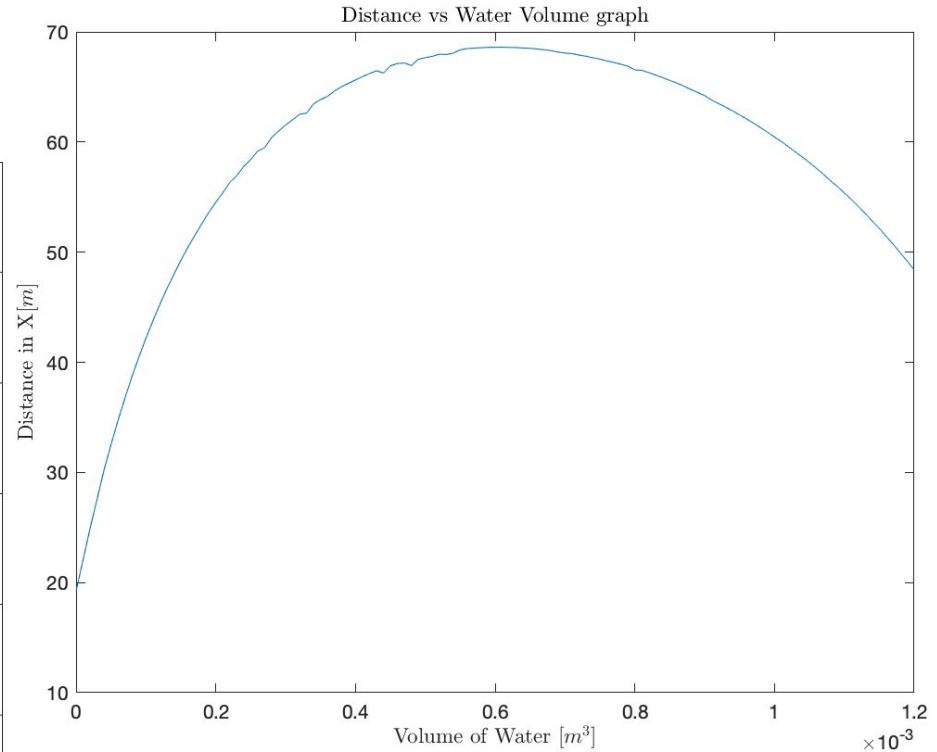
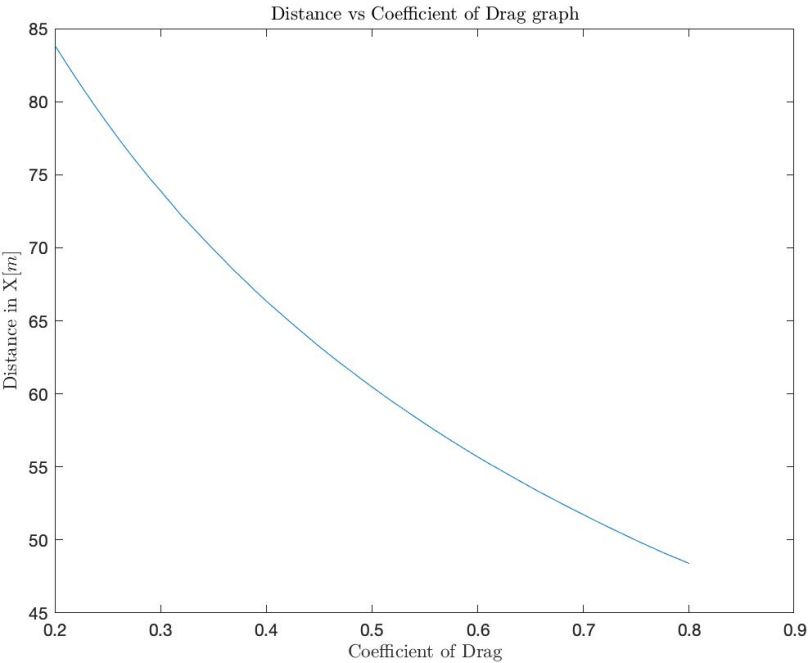


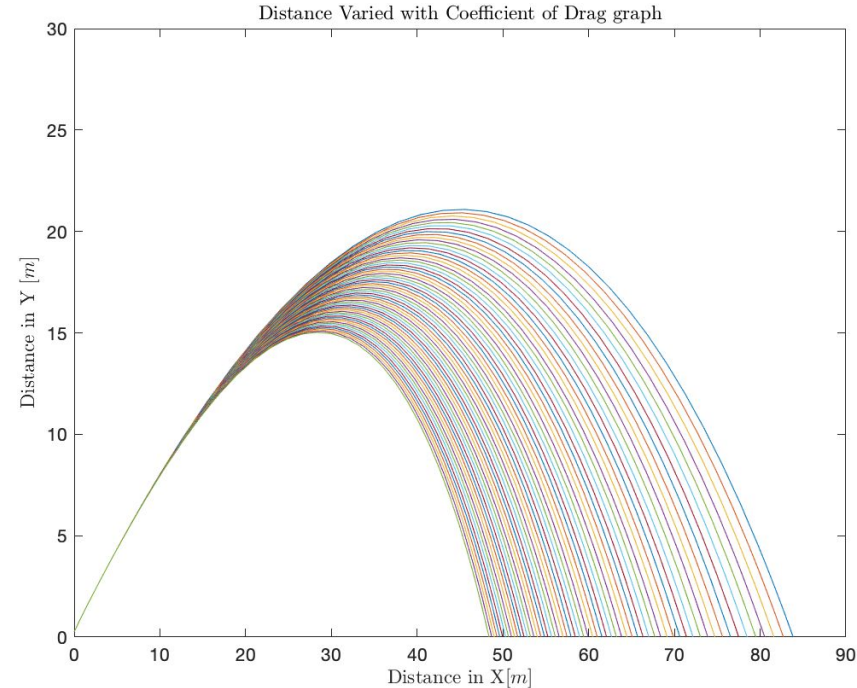
Fig. 4. Distance vs Volume of Water plot

# VARIATION OF COEFFICIENT OF DRAG



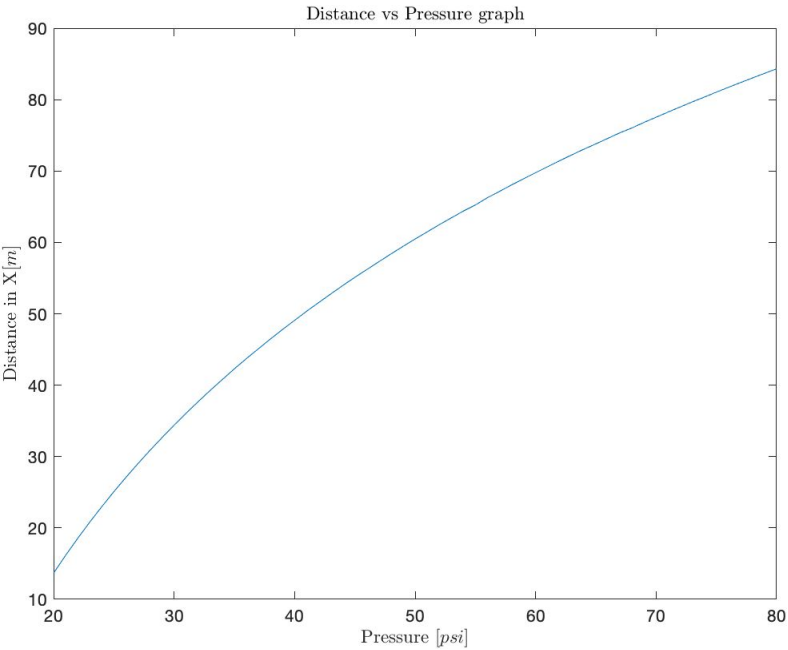
**Fig. 5. Distance vs drag coefficient plot**

- Decreasing Function
- Max at lowest Coefficient of Drag (.2)
- Reaches a max distance of 83.85m



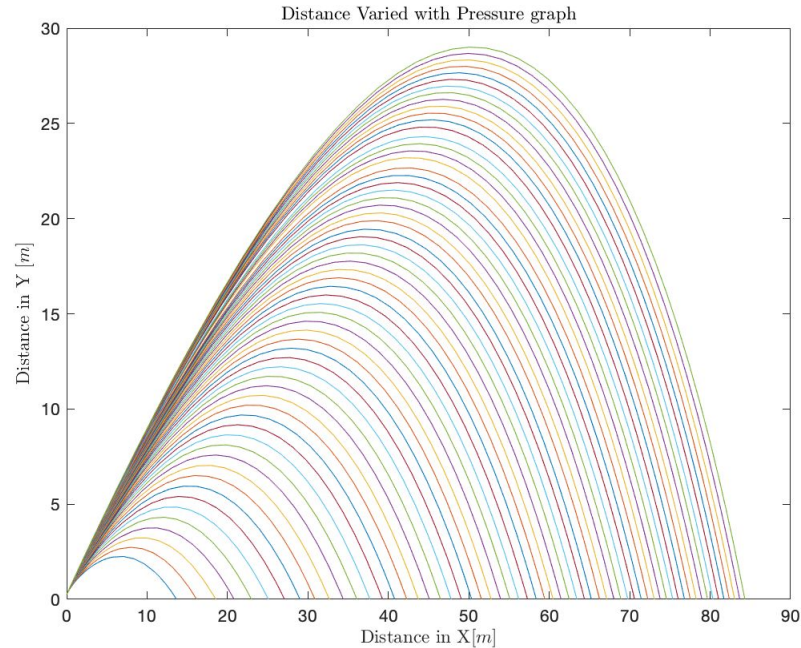
**Fig. 6. Distance vs height as drag coefficient is varied**

# VARIATION OF PRESSURE



**Fig. 7. Distance vs Pressure plot**

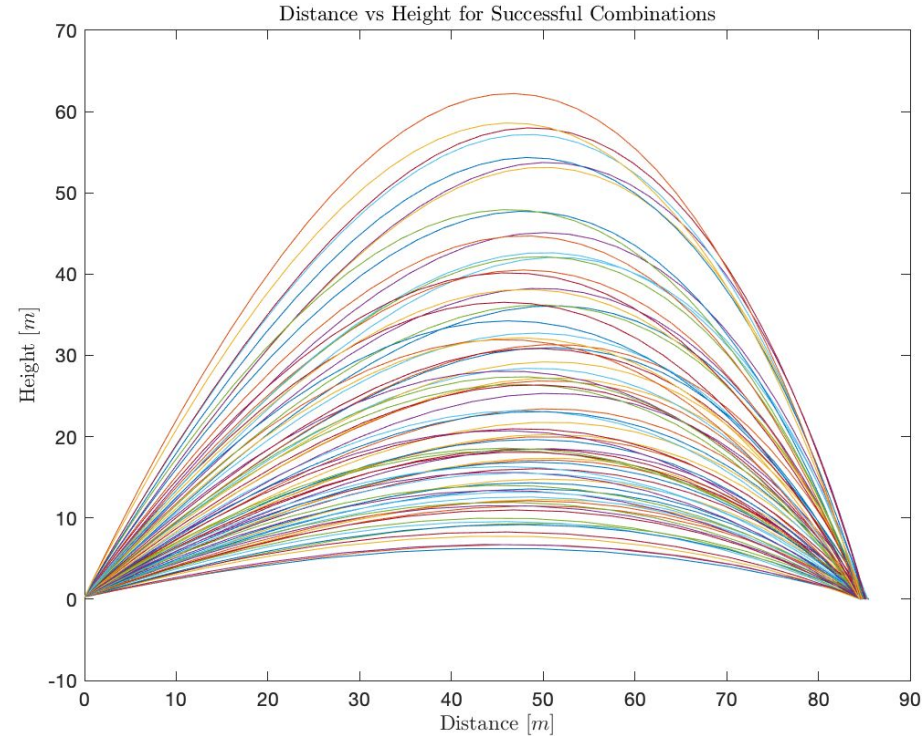
- Increasing Function
- Max at highest pressure (80 psi)
- Reaches a max distance of 84.3m



**Fig. 8. Distance vs height as Pressure is varied**

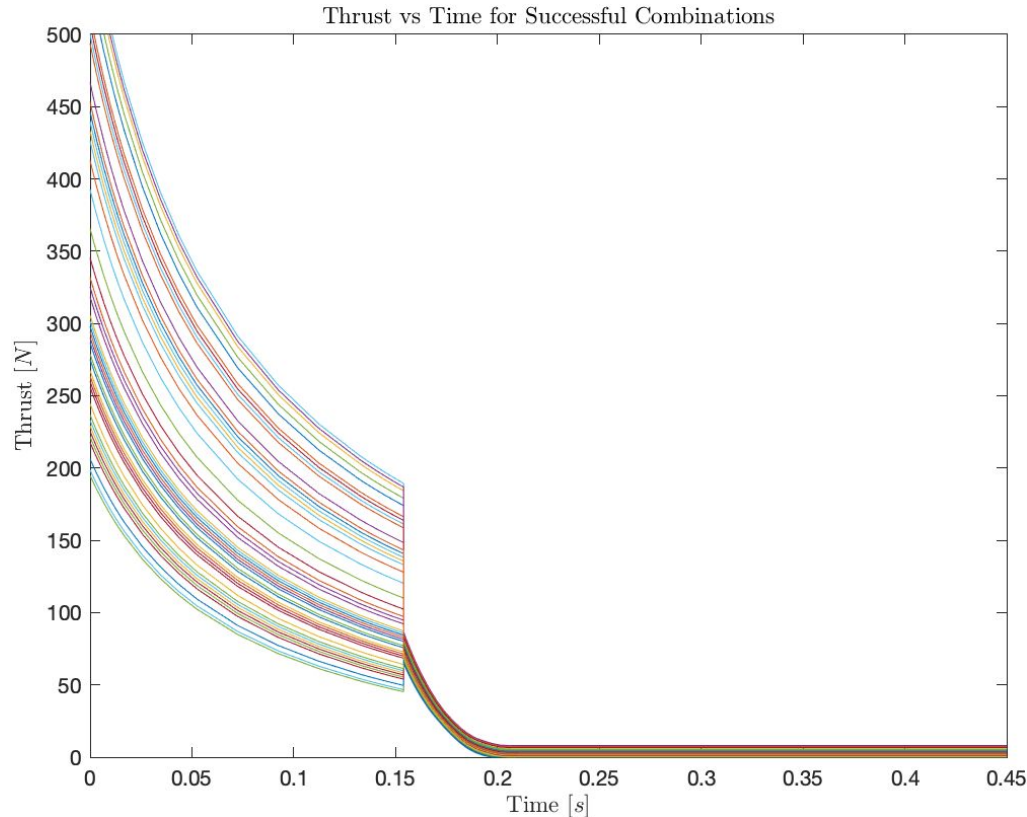
# SUCCESSFUL COMBINATIONS

- Each parameter varied to find combinations that land between 84.5 and 85.5m
- Many different successful combinations
- Certain qualities depend on initial conditions



**Fig. 9. Distance vs height plot for successful combinations**

# SUCCESSFUL COMBINATIONS (cont)



- All combinations have close to same initial water volume
- Thrust profiles look very similar
- Depends on initial pressure

**Fig. 10. Thrust vs time for successful combinations**



# CHOSEN PARAMETERS

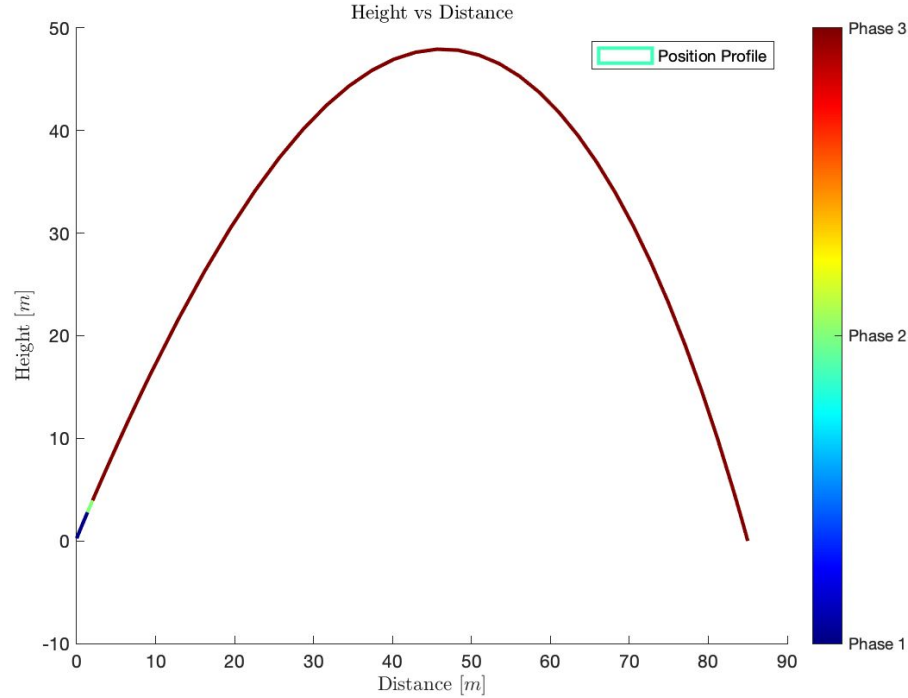


Fig. 11. Distance vs height plot for chosen parameters

- Launch Angle:  $\theta = 63.75^\circ$
- Drag Coefficient:  $C_d = 0.2$
- Initial Gage Pressure:  $P_{\text{gage}} = 427490 \text{ Pa}$
- Initial Water Volume:  $V_{\text{water}} = .001 \text{ m}^3$

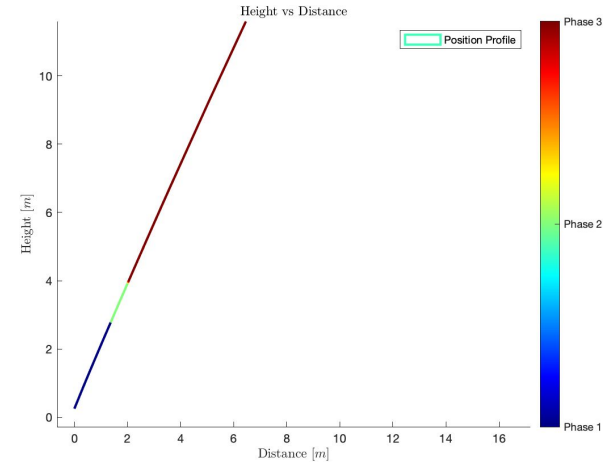
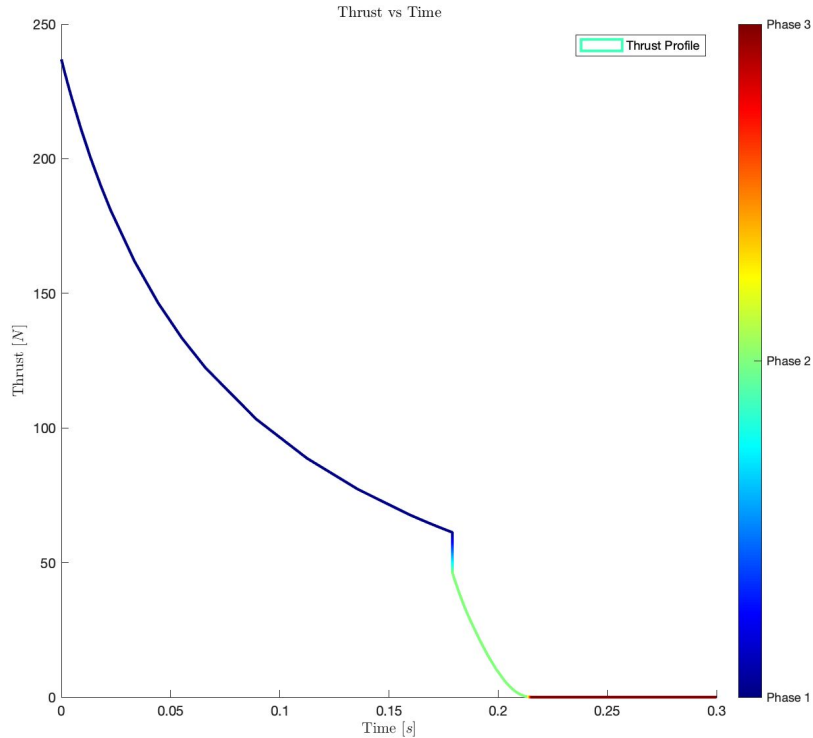


Fig. 12. Distance vs height plot (zoomed in)

# CHOSEN PARAMETERS (cont)



- Color shows actual transition between phases
- When no more water is expelled, thrust transitions to pressurized air
- After air is expelled, thrust converges to zero

**Fig. 13. Thrust vs time for successful combinations**

# CONCLUSION

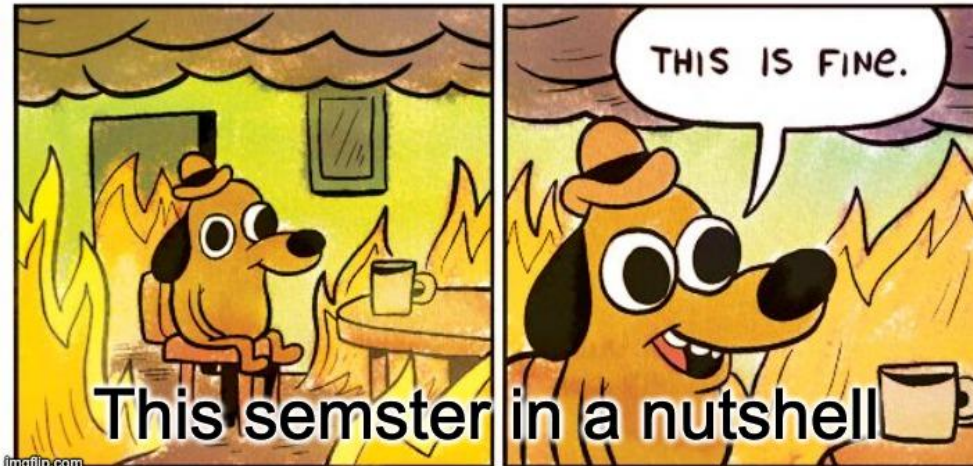
# WRAP UP



Using a if  
statement to  
check when rocket  
hits the ground



Using a  
function we  
found online



## Step 1: Purpose

- Use ODE to map flight path of a bottle rocket to hit 65 m
- Vary constants of this rocket to increase distance to 85 m

## Step 2: Givens

- Supplied with a table of givens shown below:

### **Project 2: Verification constants, inputs and trajectory**

$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$  ... acceleration due to gravity  
 $C_d = 0.8$  ... discharge coefficient  
 $\rho_{\text{air,amb}} = 0.961 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ... ambient air density  
 $\text{Vol}_{\text{bottle}} = 0.002 \text{ m}^3$  ... volume of empty bottle  
 $P_{\text{amb}} = 12.1 \text{ psi}$  ... atmospheric pressure  
 $\gamma = 1.4$  ... ratio of specific heats for air  
 $\rho_{\text{water}} = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ... density of water  
 $D_{\text{throat}} = 2.1 \text{ cm}$  ... diameter of throat  
 $D_{\text{bottle}} = 10.5 \text{ cm}$  ... diameter of bottle  
 $R = 287 \text{ J/kgK}$  ... gas constant of air  
 $M_{\text{bottle}} = 0.15 \text{ kg}$  ... mass of empty 2-liter bottle with cone and fins  
 $C_D = 0.5$  ... drag coefficient  
 $P_{\text{gage}} = 50 \text{ psi}$  ... initial gage pressure of air in bottle  
 $\text{Vol}_{\text{water,initial}} = 0.001 \text{ m}^3$  ... initial volume of water inside bottle  
 $T_{\text{air,initial}} = 300 \text{ K}$  ... initial temperature of air  
 $v_0 = 0.0 \text{ m/s}$  ... initial velocity of rocket  
 $\theta = 45^\circ$  ... initial angle of rocket  
 $x_0 = 0.0 \text{ m}$  ... initial horizontal distance  
 $y_0 = 0.25 \text{ m}$  ... initial vertical height  
 $l_s = 0.5 \text{ m}$  ... length of test stand

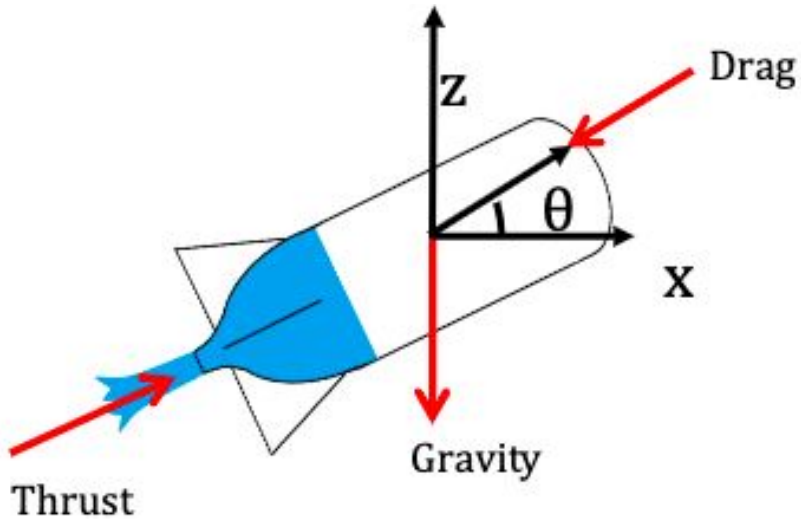
## Step 3: Find

- Parameters where rocket hits 85 m within .5 m
- How Pressure, Coefficient of Drag, Launch angle, and Volume of Water vary the rocket
- Thrust vs time

## Step 4: Assumptions

- Air is behaving as an ideal gas
- Rocket exists in 2-D(no wind)
- Gravity is 9.8
- Water will reach choked flow

## Step 5: Sketch



## Step 6: Fundamental Principles

- Ideal gas law
- First law of Thermodynamics
- Newton's laws of motion

## Step 7: alternative methods

- Build multiple Rockets for each parameter and Test the distance for each
- Use a rocket simulator

## Step 8: Flowchart

- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KPHG\\_nPyKQ0oFiM2x7RSuJR\\_N05slreRjD2k0Zh5tUjA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KPHG_nPyKQ0oFiM2x7RSuJR_N05slreRjD2k0Zh5tUjA/edit?usp=sharing)
- Link to flow charts



## Step 9: Hand calculations

- Converting from L to  $\text{m}^3$
- Converting psi to Pa
- Checking Constants

## Step 10: Reality Check

- Using Physics the max theta should be 45 degrees
- As Coefficient of Drag decreases distance should Increase
- Increase in Pressure should Increase distance and Initial Thrust
- Should not have a max when the bottle is full of water

# Table of Contribution

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