

Projectile Motion

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Goal: Make a program that simulates projectile motion

Projectile motion is the physics of flying/thrown/launched objects. It is governed by a series of equations.

Guide to symbols:
 θ : initial angle
 u : initial/ v : current velocity
 t : current/ T : total time
 R : range

Equations I used:

$$u_x = u \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$u_y = u \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$v_y = u \cdot \sin \theta - g \cdot t$$

If you want the code itself go to [my GitHub page](#).

How it works: A timer repeatedly increases t , which is then calculated with the values entered by the user to find a position, where a dot is drawn, that eventually forms a parabola.

Other projectile motion equations that I didn't use:

Range and Final Time: I can just use the spot where y hits zero in my program.

Displacement and Max Height: Not necessary and would clutter/ slow down my program.

Parabolic trajectory: My method works better for C#, which can't draw parabolas. Also, my method allows to see the actual motion.

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Problems that happened: The preview drew from the wrong corner (fixed), the timer didn't stop at the right time (not fixed).