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1 %Aidan Carey
2 %12/08/23
3 % project 2 phase 4
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5 % description - in this phase, we will be doing the same as phase 3,
6 % calculating the time of flight, max height, and range of the ball in
7 % MATLAB versus excel.
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10 % Constants
11 g = 32.2; % acceleration due to gravity in ft/s^2
12 launch_angle = deg2rad(28); % launch angle in radians
13 exit_velocity = 116 * 5280 / 3600; % exit velocity in ft/s
14 % (converted from mph)
15 analytic_time_of_flight = 5.3; % time of flight in seconds
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17 % Additional constants
18 mass_of_baseball = 0.145; % mass of a baseball in kg
19 rho_air = 0.00238; % air density in slugs/ft^3
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21 % User input for drag coefficient
22 C = 0.38;
23
24 % Cross-sectional area of a baseball (approximated as a sphere)
25 radius_of_baseball = 0.06035; % in feet
26 A = pi * radius_of_baseball^2; % cross-sectional area
27
28 % Initial conditions
29 x0 = 0; y0 = 0; % initial position
30 vx0 = exit_velocity * cos(launch_angle); % initial x-component of velocity
31 vy0 = exit_velocity * sin(launch_angle); % initial y-component of velocity
32
33 % Time settings
34 dt = 0.01; % time step
35 t_max = analytic_time_of_flight; % maximum time
36 t_values = 0:dt:t_max;
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38 % Initialize arrays to store results
39 x_values_with_drag = zeros(size(t_values));
40 y_values_with_drag = zeros(size(t_values));
41
42 % Initial conditions
43 x_values_with_drag(1) = x0;
44 y_values_with_drag(1) = y0;
45 vx_with_drag = vx0;
46 vy_with_drag = vy0;
47
48 % Initialize variables to store information
49 time_of_flight = 0;
50 max_height = 0;
51 range_ft = 0;
52 final_speed = 0;
53
54 % Numerical computation using Euler's method with drag
55 for i = 2:length(t_values)
56     % With drag
57     v_with_drag = sqrt(vx_with_drag^2 + vy_with_drag^2);
58     ax_with_drag = -0.5 * C * rho_air * A * v_with_drag * vx_with_drag ...
59         / mass_of_baseball;

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60     ay_with_drag = -g - 0.5 * C * rho_air * A * v_with_drag * ...
61         vy_with_drag / mass_of_baseball;
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63     % Update velocities and positions using Euler's method
64     vx_with_drag = vx_with_drag + ax_with_drag * dt;
65     vy_with_drag = vy_with_drag + ay_with_drag * dt;
66     x_values_with_drag(i) = x_values_with_drag(i - 1) + vx_with_drag * dt;
67     y_values_with_drag(i) = y_values_with_drag(i - 1) + vy_with_drag * dt;
68
69     % Check for the end of the trajectory
70     if y_values_with_drag(i) < 0
71         % Grab information when the ball hits the ground
72         time_of_flight = t_values(i);
73         max_height = max(y_values_with_drag);
74         range_ft = x_values_with_drag(i);
75         final_speed = sqrt(vx_with_drag^2 + vy_with_drag^2);
76         break;
77     end
78 end
79
80
81 % Display results
82 disp(['Time of Flight: ', num2str(time_of_flight), ' seconds']);
83 disp(['Maximum Height: ', num2str(max_height), ' feet']);
84 disp(['Range: ', num2str(range_ft), ' feet']);
85 disp(['Final Speed: ', num2str(final_speed), ' ft/s']);
86
87 % Energy calculations
88 initial_kinetic_energy = 0.5 * mass_of_baseball * (exit_velocity)^2;
89 final_kinetic_energy = 0.5 * mass_of_baseball * final_speed^2;
90 energy_lost_J = initial_kinetic_energy - final_kinetic_energy;
91
92 disp(['Energy Lost due to Air Resistance: ', num2str(energy_lost_J), ...
93     ' joules']);
94
95 % Plot trajectory with drag
96 figure;
97 plot(x_values_with_drag, y_values_with_drag, '-', 'LineWidth', 1.5, ...
98     'DisplayName', 'With Drag');
99 title(['Aidan Carey | ECE202 Phase 4 | 12/08/23 | Baseball Trajectory ' ...
100     'with Air Resistance (Drag)']);
101 xlabel('Distance (feet)');
102 ylabel('Height (feet)');
103 legend('Location', 'Best');
104 grid on;
105 grid minor; % Add minor grid lines
106 ax = gca;
107 ax.GridAlpha = 0.4; % Adjust grid alpha for visibility
108 ax.MinorGridAlpha = 0.5; % Adjust minor grid alpha for visibility

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>> project2phase4  
Time of Flight: 4.93 seconds  
Maximum Height: 97.7248 feet  
Range: 730.5084 feet  
Final Speed: 166.1077 ft/s  
Energy Lost due to Air Resistance: 98.1356 joules  
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