

Assignment 9

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1 QUESTION No. 2.21

A fighter plane flying horizontally at an altitude of 1.5 km with speed 720 kmh^{-1} passes directly overhead an anti-aircraft gun. At what angle from the vertical should the gun be fired for the shell with muzzle speed 600 ms^{-1} to hit the plane? At what minimum altitude should the pilot fly the plane to avoid being hit? (Take $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$).

2 SOLUTION

Velocity of the plane is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_p = \begin{pmatrix} 200 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\because 720 \text{ kmh}^{-1} = 200 \text{ ms}^{-1}) \quad (2.0.1)$$

Velocity of the bullet is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_b = 600 \begin{pmatrix} \sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

where θ is the angle made by \mathbf{v}_b with the vertical

Let after time t , the bullet hits the plane such that the horizontal distance travelled by the plane and the bullet are equal.

\therefore

$$\mathbf{v}_p(t \ 0) = \mathbf{v}_b(t \ 0) \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 200t = (600\sin\theta)t \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 19.5^\circ \quad (2.0.5)$$

Acceleration of the bullet due to gravity is

$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.6)$$

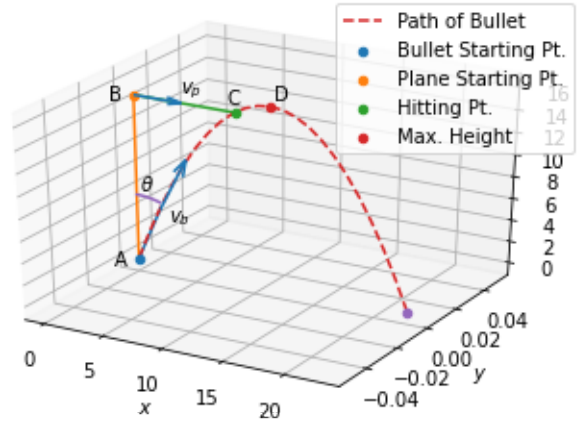


Fig. 2.1: 3D Analysis of Plane and Bullet

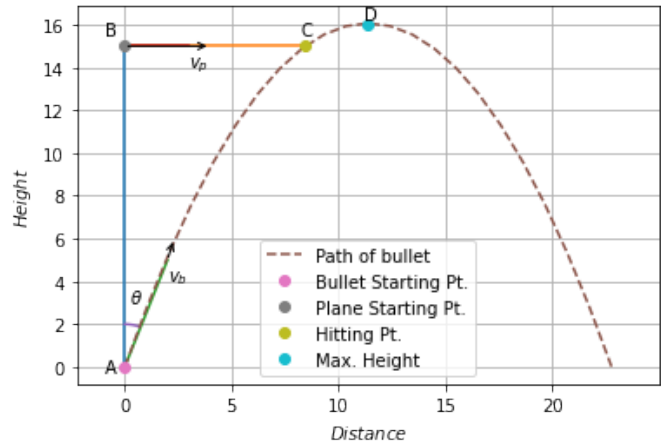


Fig. 2.2: 2D Analysis of Plane and Bullet

Position vector of the bullet's trajectory is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{v}_b t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{g} t^2 \quad (2.0.7)$$

And, velocity vector of the bullet's trajectory is given by

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_b + \mathbf{g} t \quad (2.0.8)$$

At the maximum height, $\theta = 0^\circ$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

∴ Time to reach the maximum height is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 600 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos 19.5^\circ \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} t_m \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\implies 0 = 600 \cos 19.5^\circ - 10 t_m \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\implies t_m = 56.558s \quad (2.0.11)$$

Substituting the value of t_m from eq.(2.0.11) into eq.(2.0.7), position vector at the maximum height is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_m \\ y_m \end{pmatrix} = 600 \begin{pmatrix} \sin 19.5^\circ \\ \cos 19.5^\circ \end{pmatrix} 56.558 + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} (56.558)^2 \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 11.32 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} km \quad (2.0.13)$$

Hence, the gun should be fired at $\theta = 19.5^\circ$ from the vertical to hit the plane and the pilot must fly above the maximum height of the bullet, $y_m = 16km$ to avoid being hit.