# Projectile Motion Simulator

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## Description:

This Python script simulates projectile motion using NumPy, accepts commandline inputs for velocity (--velocity), angle (--angle), and time increments (--timeplots), plots the trajectory with Matplotlib, and logs steps to projectile\_motion.log

### **Kinematic Equations:**

This simulation uses the following equations:

$$x(t) = v_0 \cos(\theta)t \tag{1}$$

$$y(t) = v_0 \sin(\theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \tag{2}$$

where  $v_0$  is initial velocity (m/s),  $\theta$  is launch angle (degrees),  $g = 9.81 \,\text{m/s}^2$  is gravity, and t is time (s).

#### Usage:

Run with defaults: python(3) projectile.py --velocity 15 --angle 30 --timeplots 100.