

Parabolic/Projectile Motion:


Two dimension motion of objects in free fall.


Downward acceleration is 9.8 m/s^2 .

Horizontal acceleration is 0!

All vectors (displacement, velocity, acceleration) can be broken into x- and y-components (true for ANY two-dimensional motion).

Variables in the x- and y-dimensions can be considered completely independently (i.e., the Big 4 can be used for each)





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Galileo Galilei concluded from a series of experiments that all objects, irrespective of their masses,

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Steps for solving 2-D Kinematics Problems:

Same as for 1-D problems except:

Before variable inventory, break all vectors into x- and y-components

Make TWO variable inventories - one for each dimension

If necessary, after using the Big 4, resolve component vectors into resultants

An athlete executing a long jump leaves the ground at a 30° angle and travels 8.90 m horizontally. What was the takeoff speed?

Handwritten solution:

Diagram: A parabolic path starting at $(0,0)$ and ending at $(8.9, 0)$. The launch angle is 30° . The horizontal distance is 8.9 m. The acceleration is $a = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$.

Initial conditions:

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0$$

$$x = 8.9, y = 0$$

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos 30, v_{0y} = v_0 \sin 30$$

$$v_x = v_0 \cos 30, v_y = v_0 \sin 30$$

$$a_x = 0, a_y = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Time of flight:

$$t = \frac{8.9}{v_0 \cos 30}$$

$$t = \frac{v_0 \sin 30}{4.9}$$

Equations of motion:

$$x = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$$

$$8.9 = (v_0 \cos 30)t$$

$$t = \frac{8.9}{v_0 \cos 30}$$

$$\frac{8.9}{v_0 \cos 30} = \frac{v_0 \sin 30}{4.9}$$

$$v_0^2 (.5)(.87) = 8.9(4.9)$$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{(8.9)(4.9)}{(.5)(.87)}}$$

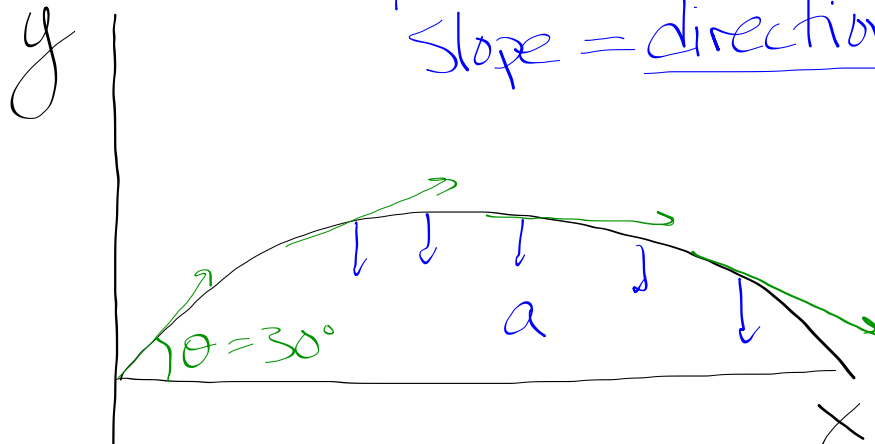
$$v_0 = 10.01 \text{ m/s}$$

Velocity components at landing:

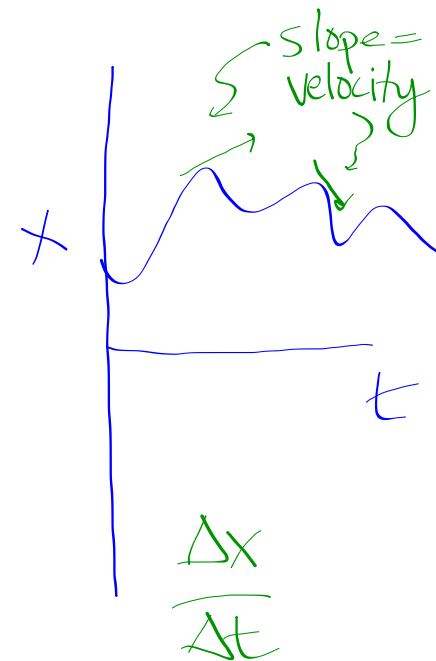
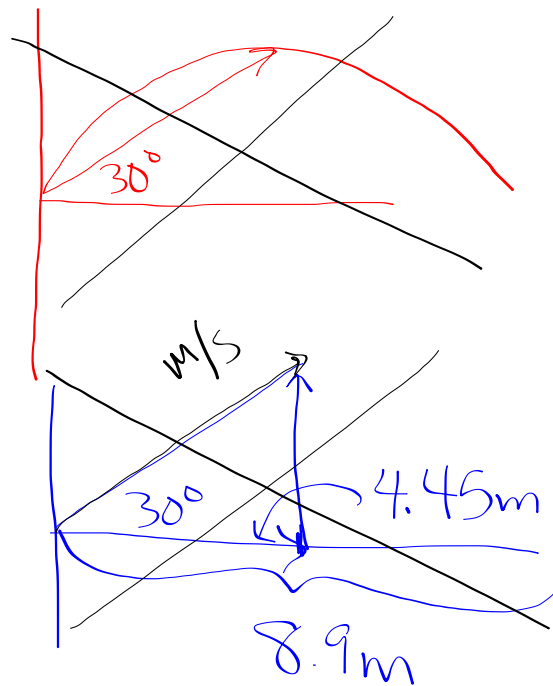
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X/Y POSITION GRAPH:
Slope = direction



$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \quad \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}$$



$$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

A ball is kicked from the ground at an angle of 62° . It lands, back on the ground, 5.1 seconds later. Find:

- The ball's initial velocity
- How far the ball traveled horizontally
- The ball's final velocity
- The ball's maximum height
- The ball's x- and y- coordinates after 4 seconds
- The time(s) at which the ball is 14 m above the ground

