

# PROJECTILE MOTION (LAUNCHED AT ANGLES)

## - SOLUTIONS

1. a)  $v_i = 120 \frac{m}{s}$

$$v_{y_i} = 120 \sin 30.0^\circ = 60 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$v_x = 120 \cos 30.0^\circ = 103.9230 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$\rightarrow 1.0 \times 10^2 \frac{m}{s}$$

b) VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 60 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$d = 0$$

$$t = ?$$

$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$0 = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$= t(v_i + \frac{1}{2} a t)$$

$$t = 0$$

$$v_i + \frac{1}{2} a t = 0$$

$$t = -\frac{2v_i}{a}$$

$$= -\frac{2(60)}{-9.8}$$

$$= 12.2449 \text{ s}$$

$$12 \text{ s}$$

c) HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$v = 103.9230 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t = 12.2449 \text{ s}$$

$$d = ?$$

$$d = vt$$

$$= (103.9230)(12.2449)$$

$$= 1272.53 \text{ m}$$

$$\rightarrow 1300 \text{ m}$$

## 2. a) HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$t = 4.3 \text{ s}$$

$$d = 55 \text{ m}$$

$$V_x = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{d}{t} \\ &= \frac{55}{4.3} \\ &= 12.7907 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \end{aligned}$$

## VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$t = 4.3 \text{ s}$$

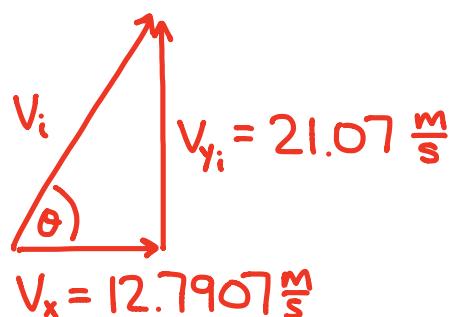
$$a = -9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$d = 0$$

$$V_i = ?$$



$$\begin{aligned} d &= v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \\ 0 &= v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \\ v_i &= -\frac{1}{2} a t \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (-9.8)(4.3) \\ &= 21.07 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} V_i^2 &= (12.7907)^2 + (21.07)^2 \\ V_i &= \sqrt{(12.7907)^2 + (21.07)^2} \\ &= 24.65 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \rightarrow 25 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{21.07}{12.7907}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{21.07}{12.7907} \right) \\ &= 59^\circ \end{aligned}$$

**25  $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$  59° ABOVE THE HORIZONTAL**

b) VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$t = 4.3 \text{ s}$$

$$\alpha = -9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$d = 0$$

$$v_i = 21.07 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_f = ?$$



$$\begin{aligned} v_f &= v_i + at \\ &= 21.07 + (-9.8)(4.3) \\ &= -21.07 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} v_x = 12.7907 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\ \quad \swarrow \\ v_f \quad \downarrow \\ \quad \searrow \\ v_{y_f} = 21.07 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_i^2 &= (12.7907)^2 + (21.07)^2 \\ v_i &= \sqrt{(12.7907)^2 + (21.07)^2} \\ &= 24.65 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \rightarrow 25 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \frac{21.07}{12.7907} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{21.07}{12.7907} \right) \\ &= 59^\circ \end{aligned}$$

**$25 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$   $59^\circ$  BELOW THE HORIZONTAL**

CAN ALSO BE SOLVED BY SYMMETRY.

c) VERTICAL

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$v_f = 0$$

$$v_i = 21.07 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t = 2.15 s$$

$$d = ?$$



$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

$$0 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

$$d = -\frac{v_i^2}{2a}$$

$$= -\frac{21.07^2}{2(-9.8)}$$

$$= 23 m$$

3. a)

$$v_i = 18.3 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$v_{y_i} = 18.3 \sin 40.0^\circ$$

$$= 11.7630 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$v_x = 18.3 \cos 40.0^\circ$$

$$= 14.0186 \frac{m}{s}$$

VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 11.7630 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$d = 0$$

$$t = ?$$



$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$0 = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$= t(v_i + \frac{1}{2} a t)$$

$$t = 0$$

$$v_i + \frac{1}{2} a t = 0$$

$$t = -\frac{2v_i}{a}$$

$$= -\frac{2(11.7630)}{-9.8}$$

$$= 2.4006 s$$

$$\rightarrow 2.4 s$$

## b) HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$v = 14.0186 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t = 2.4006 s$$

$$d = ?$$

$$d = vt$$

$$= (14.0186)(2.4006)$$

$$= 33.6532 m$$

$$\rightarrow 34 m$$

## c) VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 11.7630 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$d = 0$$

$$t = 2.4006 s$$

$$v_f = ?$$



$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

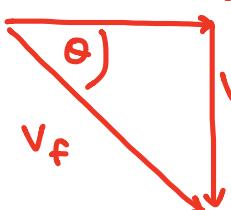
$$v_f^2 = v_i^2$$

$$v_f = \pm v_i$$

$$= \pm 11.7630 \frac{m}{s}$$

MOVING DOWNWARDS  
WHEN IT HITS THE  
GROUND.

$$v_x = 14.0186 \frac{m}{s}$$



$$v_{y_f} = 11.7630 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$v_f^2 = (14.0186)^2 + (11.7630)^2$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{(14.0186)^2 + (11.7630)^2}$$

$$= 18.3 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{11.7630}{14.0186}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{11.7630}{14.0186} \right)$$

$$= 40.0^\circ$$

**18.3  $\frac{m}{s}$  40.0° BELOW THE HORIZONTAL**

CAN ALSO BE SOLVED BY SYMMETRY.

4. a)

$$v_i = 21.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_{yi} = 21.0 \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= 14.8492 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_x = 21.0 \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= 14.8492 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 14.8492 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$d = 0$$

$$t = ?$$

$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$0 = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$= t(v_i + \frac{1}{2} a t)$$

$$t = 0$$

$$v_i + \frac{1}{2} a t = 0$$

$$t = -\frac{2v_i}{a}$$

$$= -\frac{2(14.8492)}{-9.8}$$

$$= 3.0304 \text{ s}$$

HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$v = 14.8492 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$t = 3.0304 \text{ s}$$

$$d = ?$$

$$d = vt$$

$$= (14.8492)(3.0304)$$

$$= 45 \text{ m}$$

### b) VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 14.8492 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$d = 9.0 \text{ m}$$

$$t = ?$$



$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} a t^2 + v_i t - d$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (-9.8) t^2 + 14.8492 t - 9.0$$

$$= -4.9 t^2 + 14.8492 t - 9.0$$

$$t = \frac{-14.8492 \pm \sqrt{14.8492^2 - 4(-4.9)(-9.0)}}{2(-4.9)}$$

$$= 0.8376 \text{ s AND } 2.1928 \text{ s}$$

ON THE WAY UP                    ON THE WAY DOWN

### c) HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$v = 14.8492 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t = 2.1928 \text{ s}$$

$$d = ?$$

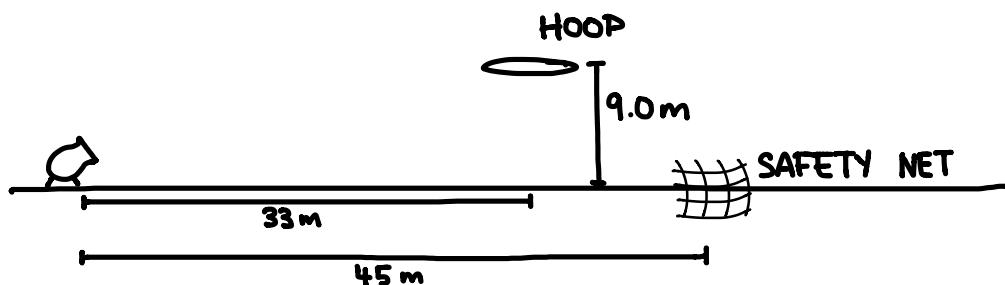
$$d = vt$$

$$= (14.8492)(2.1928)$$

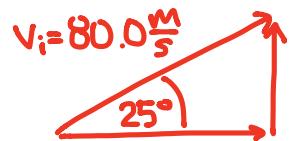
$$= 32.56 \text{ m}$$

$$\rightarrow 33 \text{ m}$$

d)



5. a)



$$v_{y,i} = 80.0 \sin 25^\circ \\ = 33.8095 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$v_x = 80.0 \cos 25^\circ \\ = 72.5046 \frac{m}{s}$$

### VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 33.8095 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$d = -60.0 \text{ m}$$

$$t = ?$$



$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} a t^2 + v_i t - d$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)t^2 + 33.8095t + 60.0$$

$$= -4.9t^2 + 33.8095t + 60.0$$

$$t = \frac{-33.8095 \pm \sqrt{33.8095^2 - 4(-4.9)(60.0)}}{2(-4.9)}$$

$$= -1.46 \cancel{+} 0 \text{ s AND } 8.3639 \text{ s}$$

### HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$v = 72.5046 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t = 8.3639 \text{ s}$$

$$d = ?$$

$$d = vt$$

$$= (72.5046)(8.3639)$$

$$= 606.42 \text{ m}$$

$$\rightarrow 610 \text{ m}$$

### b) VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 33.8095 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$d = -60.0 \text{ m}$$

$$t = 8.3639 \text{ s}$$

$$v_f = ?$$



$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

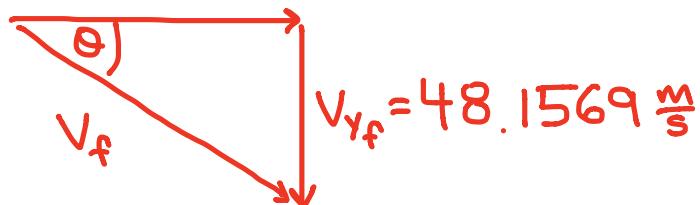
$$v_f = \pm \sqrt{v_i^2 + 2ad}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{33.8095^2 + 2(-9.8)(-60.0)}$$

$$= \pm 48.1569 \frac{m}{s}$$

MOVING DOWNWARDS  
WHEN IT HITS THE  
GROUND.

$$v_x = 72.5046 \frac{m}{s}$$



$$v_f^2 = (72.5046)^2 + (48.1569)^2$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{(72.5046)^2 + (48.1569)^2}$$

$$= 87.0402 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{48.1569}{72.5046}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{48.1569}{72.5046} \right)$$

$$= 33.59^\circ$$

**87  $\frac{m}{s}$  34° BELOW THE HORIZONTAL**

### c) VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 33.8095 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$v_f = 0$$

$$d = ?$$



$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

$$0 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

$$d = -\frac{v_i^2}{2a}$$

$$= -\frac{33.8095^2}{2(-9.8)}$$

$$= 58 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND} = 60.0 + 58$$

$$= 118 \text{ m}$$

### d) HORIZONTAL

GIVEN:

$$v = 72.5046 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$d = 76 \text{ m}$$

$$t = ?$$

$$d = vt$$

$$t = \frac{d}{v}$$

$$= \frac{76}{72.5046}$$

$$= 1.0482 \text{ s}$$

### VERTICAL

GIVEN:

$$v_i = 33.8095 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$a = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$t = 1.0482 \text{ s}$$

$$d = ?$$



$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$= (33.8095)(1.0482)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (-9.8)(1.0482)^2$$

$$= 30. \text{ m}$$

$$\text{HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND} = 60.0 + 30. \text{ m}$$
$$= 90. \text{ m}$$

$$\text{DISTANCE ABOVE TREE} = 90. - 75$$
$$= 15 \text{ m}$$