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Scripting reference

Targeting

VelocityByA

Computes the launch velocity by the given start point, end point, and coefficient *a* of the quadratic function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ which determines the trajectory of the projectile motion.

```
public static Vector3 VelocityByA(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, float a)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`a`: The *a* coefficient of the quadratic function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. It determines the shape and speed of the trajectory, for example, -0.2f makes the trajectory curvier and slower while -0.01f makes it straighter and faster. Should always be negative.

VelocityByAngle

Computes the launch velocity by the given start point, end point, and launch angle in degrees.

```
public static Vector3 VelocityByAngle(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, float elevationAngle)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`elevationAngle`: The launch angle in degrees. 0 means launch horizontally. Should be from -90f (exclusive) to 90f (exclusive) and greater than the elevation angle formed by `start` to `end`.

VelocityByTime

Computes the launch velocity by the given start point, end point, and time in seconds the projectile flies from `start` to `end`. The projectile object will be exactly at the end point `time` seconds after launch.

```
public static Vector3 VelocityByTime(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, float time)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`time`: The time in seconds you want the projectile to fly from `start` to `end`.

VelocityByHeight

Computes the launch velocity by the given start point, end point, and max height of the projectile motion.

```
public static Vector3 VelocityByHeight(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, float heightFromEnd)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`heightFromEnd`: The height measured from the `end` point (for example, 1f means the max height of the trajectory is 1 meter above the end point). The algorithm automatically clamps the value if it is lower than the `y` value of `start` or `end`.

AnglesBySpeed

Computes the two angle results by the given start point, end point, and launch speed. Returns `false` if out of reach.

```
public static bool AnglesBySpeed(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, float speed, out float
lowAngle, out float highAngle)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`speed`: The launch speed of the projectile object.

`lowAngle`: The lower angle that satisfies the conditions, or 0 if the method returns false.

`highAngle`: The higher angle that satisfies the conditions, or 0 if the method returns false.

> **Note**
>
> If `AnglesBySpeed` or `VelocitiesBySpeed` returns `true`, then there are always two effective and different `out` results, this is mathematically correct. One extreme case is that when the `start` and the `end` form exactly the maximum range that the `speed` can reach, the two `out` results will be the same. No matter whether the return value is true or false, any value originally supplied in `out ...` will be overwritten.

VelocitiesBySpeed

Computes the two velocity results by the given start point, end point, and launch speed. Returns `false` if out of reach. This is an extended version of `AnglesBySpeed`. It is more convenient than `AnglesBySpeed` when the rotation is not separated into y axis and x axis.

(For example, cannon's rotation is separated, base => y, barrel => local x, while an archer using a bow the rotation can be `Slerp(...)` directly between two directions.)

```
public static bool VelocitiesBySpeed(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, float speed, out Vector3
lowAngleV, out Vector3 highAngleV)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`speed`: The launch speed of the projectile object.

`lowAngleV`: The lower-angle velocity that satisfies the conditions, or (0, 0, 0) if the method returns false.

`highAngleV` The higher-angle velocity that satisfies the conditions, or (0, 0, 0) if the method returns false.

ElevationalReach

Overload 1

Computes how far a projectile that uses the given `speed` at `start` can reach at the given elevation `endElevation`. Returns -1f if can't reach the elevation.

```
public static float ElevationalReach(Vector3 start, float endElevation, float speed)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`endElevation`: The elevation (y) of the target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`speed`: The launch speed of the projectile object.

Overload 2

Computes how far a projectile that uses the given `speed` at `start` can reach at the given elevation `endElevation`, and outputs the corresponding launch angle. Returns -1f if can't reach the elevation.

```
public static float ElevationalReach(Vector3 start, float endElevation, float speed, out float angle)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`endElevation`: The elevation (y) of the target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`speed`: The launch speed of the projectile object.

`angle`: The angle that satisfies the conditions.

VelocityCompensation { get; } (new in v3.0)

[property]

Compensates for the error in physics engine and pushes accuracy to the final bit. It is recommended to always add this value to the launch velocity when applying force. For prediction, however, add it if you are using *PEBTrajectoryPredictor* but do not add it if you are using *TrajectoryPredictor*.

```
public static Vector3 VelocityCompensation { get; }
```

> **Example**
>
> Choose one, not both:
>
> - `v += Projectile.VelocityCompensation;`
> - `myRigid.AddForce(v + Projectile.VelocityCompensation, ...);`

Prediction

PositionAtTime

Computes the position of the projectile at the given time counted from the moment the projectile is at `origin`.

```
public static Vector3 PositionAtTime(Vector3 origin, Vector3 originVelocity, float time,
float gAcceleration)
```

`origin`: The start point, usually the launch point.

`originVelocity`: The velocity of the projectile when it is at point `origin`.

`time`: The time counted from the moment the projectile is at point `origin`.

`gAcceleration`: Gravitational acceleration, equals the magnitude of gravity (normally you just need to pass Physics.gravity.y).

Positions

Computes the trajectory points of the projectile and stores them into the buffer.

```
public static void Positions(Vector3 origin, Vector3 originVelocity, float distance, int
count, float gAcceleration, Vector3[] positions)
```

`origin`: The start point, usually the launch point.

`originVelocity`: The velocity of the projectile when it is at point `origin`.

`distance`: To calculate the positions to how far, from point `origin` and ignoring height.

`count`: How many positions to sample along the ideal parabolic curve, including the origin point and end point.

`gAcceleration`: Gravitational acceleration, equals the magnitude of gravity (normally you just need to pass Physics.gravity.y).

`positions`: The buffer to store the calculated positions.

VerticalFlightTest

Tests if a projectile at `start` can use the vertical velocity (y) of `startVelocity` to hit the elevation (y) of `end`, if true, outputs the time of flight based on the vertical speed. Horizontal speed is ignored.

```
public static bool VerticalFlightTest(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, Vector3 startVelocity,
out Vector2 timesOfFlight)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`startVelocity`: The velocity at the start point, or launch velocity.

`timesOfFlight`: The time results that a projectile fly from `start` to `end` with the launch velocity `startVelocity`.

FlightTest

Tests if a projectile with velocity `startVelocity` at point `start` will hit point `end`, and outputs the time of flight.

```
public static bool FlightTest(Vector3 start, Vector3 end, Vector3 startVelocity,
FlightTestMode testMode, out float timeOfFlight)
```

`start`: The starting point of the projectile motion.

`end`: The target point you want the projectile motion to hit or pass through.

`startVelocity`: The velocity at the start point, or launch velocity.

`testMode`: FlightTestMode (Enum).

`timeOfFlight`: The time that a projectile fly from `start` to `end` with the launch velocity `startVelocity`.

> **Tip**
>
> What's the Difference between `FlightTest` and `VerticalFlightTest`?
>
> `VerticalFlightTest` focuses on the vertical value `y` of the velocity and end point, x and z values are ignored. It is good for when: 1) you don't know the x and z values of the end point, or 2) the start and end points are very close, or equal, on the xz-plane, which will cause computer precision issues using the horizontal-based one (`FlightTestMode.Horizontal`).
>
> `FlightTest` is a superset of `VerticalFlightTest`, when you set the `testMode` to `FlightTestMode.VerticalA` or `FlightTestMode.VerticalB`, it invokes `VerticalFlightTest`.

Newer feature sets 🥳

(The titles in italics mean they are also the primary class names.)

– *TrajectoryPredictor*

This is a component that handles calculation and rendering of trajectories, it wraps `Projectile.Positions(...)` and has trajectory rendering implemented. See *Manual* > *How to use* > *Trajectory prediction* for the concrete usage.

Other features have dedicated documentation pages:

– ***PEBTrajectoryPredictor***

– **Aerodynamic Movement (new in v3.0)**
