

- 6 A particle P is projected with speed u at an angle α above the horizontal from a point O on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. The horizontal and vertical displacements of P from O at a subsequent time t are denoted by x and y respectively.

(a) Derive the equation of the trajectory of P in the form

$$y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2} \sec^2 \alpha. \quad [3]$$

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During its flight, P must clear an obstacle of height h m that is at a horizontal distance of 32 m from the point of projection. When $u = 40\sqrt{2} \text{ m s}^{-1}$, P just clears the obstacle. When $u = 40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, P only achieves 80% of the height required to clear the obstacle.

(b) Find the two possible values of h . [6]

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