

- 1 An experiment to determine the acceleration of free fall g is conducted by projecting a stone with speed u at an angle θ to the horizontal. The horizontal distance R travelled by the stone when it returns to the level of projection is measured. Air resistance is negligible.

(a) In determining the speed of the stone, a student defines speed as “distance travelled per second”.

Explain why this definition is incorrect.

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(b) By expressing the time of flight of the stone T in terms of g , u and θ , show that R is given by the expression

$$R = \frac{2u^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g}$$

[Three m]

(c) The expression in **(b)** can be written as

$$R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

The experiment is conducted to obtain the maximum range R_0 .

State the value of θ to obtain R_0 .

$$\theta = \dots\dots\dots^\circ [1]$$

(d) The values of u and R_0 are 45.36 km h^{-1} and 16.3 m , with percentage uncertainties of 3% and 4% respectively.

Calculate the value of g and present the answer together with its uncertainty.

$$g = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \text{ m s}^{-2} [4]$$

[Total: 10]

