

Assignment 1 (Due Friday October 9, 2020 @ 11:59 PM)

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 - Suppose that the Stormtroopers are **485m** away. What is the correct **angle** for the wookiee to throw the thermal detonator so that it reaches the Stormtroopers. (10 Marks)
 - What is the **maximum distance** the thermal detonator could travel? (10 Marks)
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a) Let x represent horizontal distance

Let y represent vertical distance

Let v represent velocity

Let t represent time

Let g represent gravity of -9.8 m/s^2

y direction

$$v_y = 95 \sin \theta$$

$$v_x = ?$$

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

$$\Delta d = 0 \text{ m (completely flat surface)}$$

$$\Delta t = t$$

$$\Delta d = vt + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$0 = 95 \sin \theta t - 4.9 t^2$$

$$0 = 95 \sin \theta \left(\frac{485}{95 \cos \theta} \right) - 4.9 \left(\frac{485}{95 \cos \theta} \right)^2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Replace } t \\ \text{Simplify} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$0 = 485 \tan \theta - \frac{4.9 \cdot 485^2}{95^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$0 = 485 \tan \theta - \frac{127.7121884}{\cos^2 \theta} \quad \leftarrow \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$0 = 485 \tan \theta - 127.7121884 \sec^2 \theta \quad \leftarrow \sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$$

$$0 = 485 \tan \theta - 127.7121884 (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \quad \leftarrow \text{expand equation}$$

$$0 = -127.7121884 \tan^2 \theta + 485 \tan \theta - 127.7121884 \quad \leftarrow \text{quadratic equation}$$

Quadratic Equation

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-485 \pm \sqrt{(-485)^2 - 4(-127.7121884)(-127.7121884)}}{2(-127.7121884)}$$

$$x = \frac{-485 \pm \sqrt{169983.3877}}{-255.4243768}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-485 + 412.2904167}{-255.4243768}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-485 - 412.2904167}{-255.4243768}$$

$$x_1 = 0.28466188$$

$$x_2 = 3.512939634$$

x direction

$$v_x = 95 \cos \theta$$

$$\Delta d_x = 485 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta t = t$$

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

$$95 \cos \theta = \frac{485}{t}$$

$$t = \frac{485}{95 \cos \theta}$$

Finding the Angle

$$\tan \theta = 0.28466188, 3.512939634$$

$$\therefore \theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(0.28466188) = 15.88963283^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}(3.512939634) = 74.11058191^\circ$$

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b) Let R represent range

Let v represent velocity

Let g represent gravity of -9.8 m/s^2

$$R = \frac{v_o^2 \sin 2\theta_o}{g} \quad \leftarrow \text{The maximum range occurs at } \theta_o = 45^\circ$$

$$R = \frac{(95)^2 \sin(2 \cdot 45)}{|-9.8|}$$

$$R = \frac{9025 \sin 90}{9.8} \quad \leftarrow \sin(90) = 1$$

$$R = \frac{9025(1)}{9.8}$$

$$R \approx 920.9 \text{ m}$$

\therefore The maximum distance the thermal detonator could travel is approximately 920.9 m

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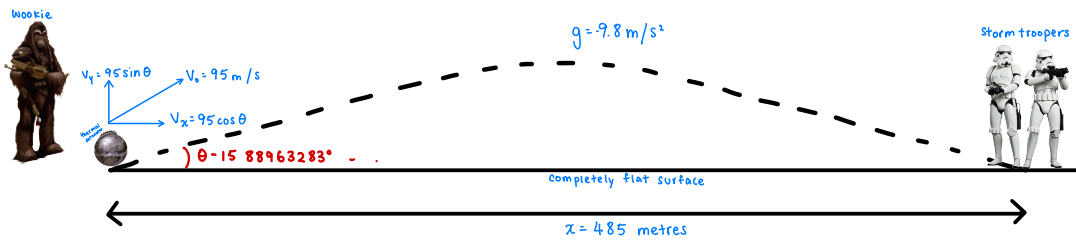
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c) Scenario 1 : $\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(0.28466188) = 15.88963283^\circ$



c) Scenario 2 : $\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}(3.512939634) = 74.11058191^\circ$

