

PHYS 107 - Week 3 - Monday

* Ballistic motion or projectile motion

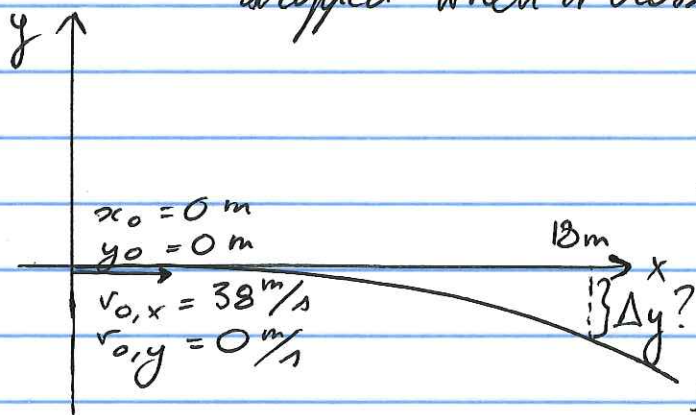
↳ only gravity works on objects
→ ignore air resistance

$$\underline{a_x = 0, a_y = -g}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + v_{0,x} t \\ y = y_0 + v_{0,y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} v_x = v_{0,x} = \text{constant} \\ v_y = v_{0,y} - g t \end{cases}$$

X and Y motion can be treated independently

Example: Tribe pitcher throws baseball horizontally at 38 m/s ($\approx 85 \text{ mph}$). The ball crosses home plate 18 m away. How far has it dropped when it crosses home plate?

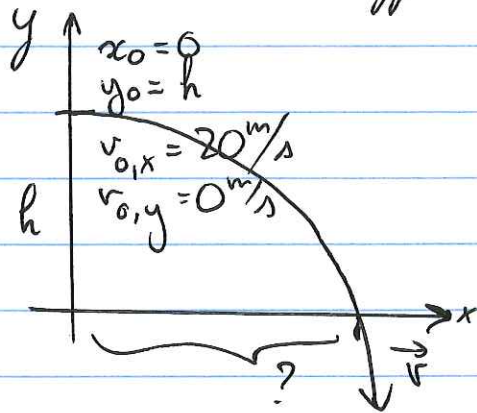


- 1) choose origin at $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0$
- 2) get time from x equation:
 $x = v_{0,x} t \rightarrow t = \frac{18 \text{ m}}{38 \text{ m/s}}$
 $\rightarrow t = 0.47 \text{ s}$

3) get vertical distance using t

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 = -\frac{1}{2} (9.80 \text{ m/s}^2) (0.47 \text{ s})^2$$
$$= \underline{\underline{-1.1 \text{ m}}}$$

Example: A car drives off a cliff at 20 m/s (horizontally). The cliff is 15 m high. Where does the car land?



1) get time from y equation:

$$y = 0 = h - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$\rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(15\text{ m})}{20\text{ m/s}^2}}$$

$$\underline{t = 1.75\text{ s}}$$

2) get horizontal distance using t

$$x = v_{0,x}t = (20\text{ m/s})(1.75\text{ s})$$

$$\underline{x = 35\text{ m}}$$

Follow-up question: what is the velocity upon impact?

$$v_x = v_{0,x} = 20\text{ m/s} = \text{constant}$$

$$v_y = v_{0,y} - gt = -gt = -(9.80\text{ m/s}^2)(1.75\text{ s})$$

$$= -17.2\text{ m/s}$$

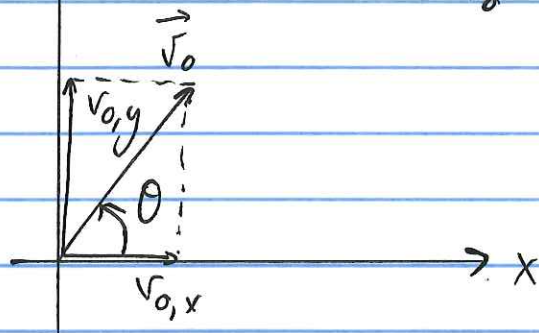
$$\hookrightarrow |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{(20\text{ m/s})^2 + (-17.2\text{ m/s})^2}$$

$$= \underline{26.4\text{ m/s}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \left(\frac{-17.2\text{ m/s}}{20\text{ m/s}} \right) \rightarrow \underline{\theta = -40.7^\circ}$$

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* General case of projectile motion: \vec{v}_0 not horizontal



$$\vec{v}_0 = (\underbrace{v_0 \cos \theta}_{v_{0,x}}, \underbrace{v_0 \sin \theta}_{v_{0,y}})$$

~~$$x = v_0 \cos \theta$$~~

$$x = x_0 + v_{0,x} t = x_0 + (v_0 \cos \theta) t$$

$$y = y_0 + v_{0,y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$= y_0 + \cancel{x_0} (v_0 \sin \theta) t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

Starting from $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x = v_0 \cos \theta t \\ y = v_0 \sin \theta t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \end{cases}$$

1) when does the object hit the ground?

$$y = 0 \text{ when } 0 = v_0 \sin \theta t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$\rightarrow t = 0 \text{ or } t = \frac{2 v_0^2 \sin \theta}{g}$$

2) where does the object hit the ground?

$$x = v_0 \cos \theta t = \frac{2 v_0^2}{g} \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$x = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} \text{ using } 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta = \sin 2\theta$$

$$\hookrightarrow R = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} = \text{range}$$

Q Maximal range

Maximum range when $\sin 2\theta$ is largest
 $\rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$

3) what is the maximum height?

\hookrightarrow when is $v_y = 0$? what is the height then?

$$v_y = v_{0,y} - gt = v_0 \sin \theta - gt = 0$$

$$\rightarrow t = \frac{v_0 \sin \theta}{g} \quad (\text{half of total flight time})$$

$$y_{\max} = v_0 \sin \theta \, t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$= \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g}$$

Largest height when $\sin \theta$ is largest

$$\rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ$$

Q Maximal height