

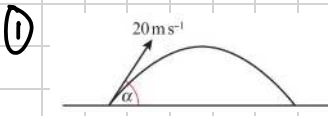
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# 6.4: Projectile motion formulae



	x	y
s	20cosα	h
u	20cosα	20sinα
v	0	0
a	0	-g
t	t	t

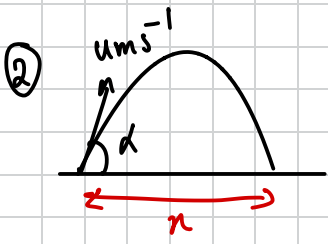
greatest height

$$y: v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 20^2 \sin^2 \alpha - 2gh \quad (v=0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 400 \sin^2 \alpha = 2gh$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{200 \sin^2 \alpha}{g} = h$$



	x	y
s	x	0
u	u cos α	u sin α
v	0	0
a	0	-g
t	t	t

$$y: s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = u \sin \alpha t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.5 g t^2 - u \sin \alpha t = 0$$

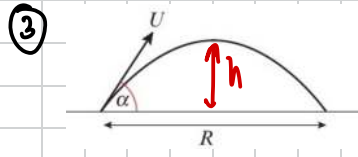
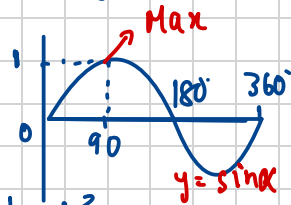
$$\Rightarrow t(0.5 g t - u \sin \alpha) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow x: s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \Rightarrow s = u \cos \alpha \left( \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{2u^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$$

b) Maximum occurs at  $2\alpha = 90^\circ$ ;  $\alpha = 45^\circ$



	x	y
s	R	h
u	u cos α	u sin α
v	0	0
a	0	-g
t	t	t

a)  $x: s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$

$$\Rightarrow R = u \cos \alpha t + \frac{1}{2} (0) t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{R}{u \cos \alpha}; \quad t = \frac{R}{u \cos \alpha}$$

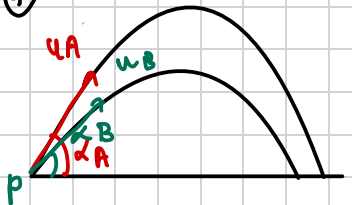
$$y: s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \Rightarrow h = u \sin \alpha \left( \frac{R}{u \cos \alpha} \right) - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{R}{u \cos \alpha} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{R \tan \alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{R^2}{4u^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \right) \Rightarrow h = \frac{R \tan \alpha}{2} - \frac{gR^2}{8u^2 \cos^2 \alpha}$$

b)  $h = \frac{R \tan \alpha}{2} - \frac{gR^2}{8u^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{R \tan \alpha}{2} - \frac{gR^2}{8u^2} \sec^2 \alpha$

$$h = \frac{R \tan \alpha}{2} - \frac{gR^2}{8u^2} (1 + \tan^2 \alpha)$$

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For A:

	x	y
s	$x_A$	0
u	$u_A \cos \alpha_A$	$u_A \sin \alpha_A$
v		
a	0	-g
t	?	?

For B:

	x	y
s	$x_B$	0
u	$u_B \cos \alpha_B$	$u_B \sin \alpha_B$
v		
a	0	-g
t	?	?

$\Rightarrow$  for A: y:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow 0 = u_A \sin \alpha_A t - 4.9t^2 \Rightarrow t(4.9t - u_A \sin \alpha_A) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u_A \sin \alpha_A}{g}$

$\Rightarrow$  For A: x:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow x_A = u_A \cos \alpha_A t$

$\Rightarrow x_A = u_A \cos \alpha_A \left[ \frac{2u_A \sin \alpha_A}{g} \right] = \frac{u_A^2 \sin 2\alpha_A}{g}$

$\Rightarrow$  For B: y:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow 0 = u_B \sin \alpha_B t - 4.9t^2 \Rightarrow t(4.9t - u_B \sin \alpha_B) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u_B \sin \alpha_B}{g}$

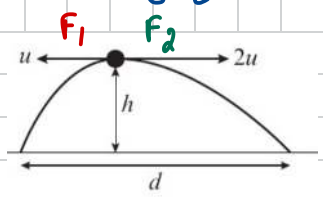
$\Rightarrow$  for B: x:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow x_B = u_B \cos \alpha_B t$

$\Rightarrow x_B = u_B \cos \alpha_B \left[ \frac{2u_B \sin \alpha_B}{g} \right] = \frac{u_B^2 \sin 2\alpha_B}{g}$

$\Rightarrow$  Distance =  $x_A - x_B = \frac{u_A^2 \sin 2\alpha_A}{g} - \frac{u_B^2 \sin 2\alpha_B}{g}$

$\Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{g} \left[ u_A^2 \sin 2\alpha_A - u_B^2 \sin 2\alpha_B \right]$

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For F1:

	x	y
s	$s_x$	h
u	u	0
v		
a	0	g
t	t	t

For F2:

	x	y
s	$s_x$	h
u	2u	0
v		
a	0	g
t	t	t

$y: s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$\Rightarrow h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} = t$

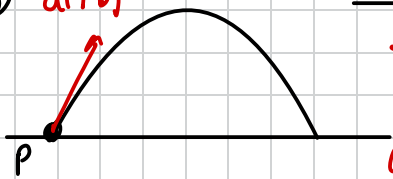
For F1: x:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow s_1 = u \times \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$

For F2: x:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow s_2 = 2u \times \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$

Total distance =  $s_1 + s_2$   
 $\Rightarrow u \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} + 2u \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$

$d = 3u \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$

⑥  $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$



	x	y
s	d	
u	a	b
v	0	0
a	0	-g
t	t	t/2

$$y: s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = b - \frac{gt}{2}$$

$$x: s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$d = at \Rightarrow \frac{d}{a} = t$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = b - \frac{gd}{a} \Rightarrow 2ab = gd \Rightarrow d = \frac{2ab}{g}$$

$$b) 200 = \frac{2ab}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow 980 = ab$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = 12k$$

$$b = 5k$$

$$\Rightarrow 60k^2 = 980$$

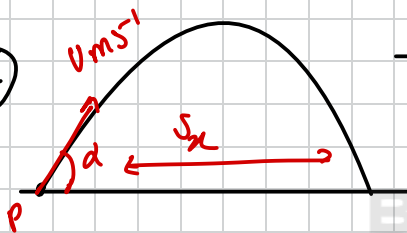
$$k = \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 12 \left[ \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{3} \right] = 28\sqrt{3}$$

$$b = 5 \left[ \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{3} \right] = \frac{35\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\text{Speed: } \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(28\sqrt{3})^2 + \left(\frac{35\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2} = 52.5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad (3\text{sf})$$

⑦



	x	y
s	$s_x$	0
u	$u \cos \alpha$	$u \sin \alpha$
v		
a	0	-g
t	t	t

$$y: s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$0 = u \sin \alpha t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t(4.9t - u \sin \alpha) = 0$$

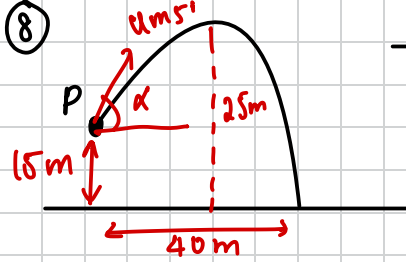
$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow x: s_x = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\Rightarrow s_x = u \cos \alpha \left[ \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} \right] = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha \cos \alpha}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_x = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$$

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	$x$	$y$
$s$	40	10 (25-15)
$u$	$u \cos \alpha$	$u \sin \alpha$
$v$		
$a$	0	-g
$t$	$t$	$t$

$$x: s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 40 = u \cos \alpha t + \frac{1}{2}(0)t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{40}{u \cos \alpha} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y: s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow 10 = u \sin \alpha \left[ \frac{40}{u \cos \alpha} \right] + \frac{1}{2}(-g) \left( \frac{40}{u \cos \alpha} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 = 40 \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{1600}{u^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \right) \Rightarrow 10 = 40 \tan \alpha - \frac{800g}{u^2 \cos^2 \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{800g}{u^2} \times \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} - 40 \tan \alpha - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{800g}{u^2} \sec^2 \alpha - 40 \tan \alpha - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{800g}{u^2} (1 + \tan^2 \alpha) - 40 \tan \alpha + 10 = 0$$

b)  $u = 40 \text{ ms}^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{800g}{40^2} (1 + \tan^2 \alpha) - 40 \tan \alpha + 10 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \cdot 9 (1 + \tan^2 \alpha) - 40 \tan \alpha - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \cdot 9 + 4 \cdot 9 \tan^2 \alpha - 40 \tan \alpha + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \cdot 9 \tan^2 \alpha - 40 \tan \alpha + 10 = 0$$

$$\tan \alpha = 7.772 \dots \quad \tan \alpha = 0.39125 \dots$$

$$\alpha = \arctan(7.772 \dots) \quad \alpha = \arctan(0.39125 \dots)$$

$$\alpha = 82.7^\circ \text{ (3sf)} \quad \alpha = 21.4^\circ \text{ (3sf)}$$