

10.4 Motion in space



Let $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ be the position of the object

Length of curve $s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{[f'(u)]^2 + [g'(u)]^2 + [h'(u)]^2} du$

Speed of object, $s'(t) = \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2 + [h'(t)]^2}$

$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle$ is the velocity of the object

$\mathbf{r}''(t) = \langle f''(t), g''(t), h''(t) \rangle$ is the acceleration of the object

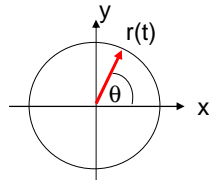
Note: velocity is a vector, speed is a scalar i.e driving at 35 mph is the speed, driving at 35mph going east is the velocity because it has a direction and is therefore a vector.



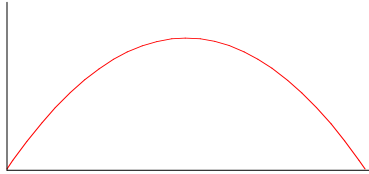
Ex. Find the velocity and position of an object at any time t , given its acceleration $a(t) = \langle 6t, 12t + 2, e^t \rangle$, its initial velocity is $v(0) = \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle$ and its initial position is $r(0) = \langle 0, 3, 5 \rangle$.



Ex. Find the force acting on an object moving along a circular path of radius b with constant angular speed.



One early use of calculus was to study [projectile motion](#).

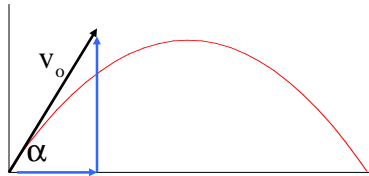


In this section we assume ideal projectile motion:

Constant force of gravity in a downward direction

Flat surface

No air resistance (usually)



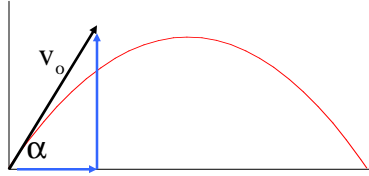
We assume that the projectile is launched from the origin at time $t=0$ with initial velocity \mathbf{v}_0 .

Let $v_0 = |\mathbf{v}_0|$

then $\mathbf{v}_0 = (v_0 \cos \alpha)\mathbf{i} + (v_0 \sin \alpha)\mathbf{j}$

The initial position is: $\mathbf{r}_0 = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{0}$

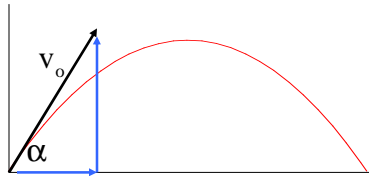




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of motion:

$$f = ma$$

$$f = m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2}} \right\} \text{Vertical acceleration}$$



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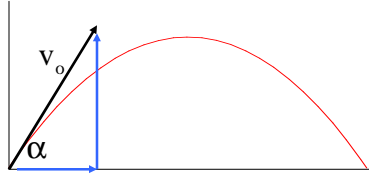
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Force is in the downward direction





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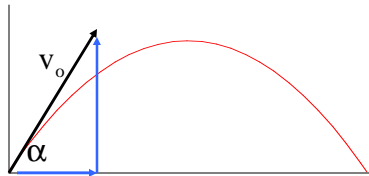
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$$g = 32 \text{ ft/s}^2 \quad (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$\cancel{m} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = -\cancel{m} g \mathbf{j}$$



$$\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = -g \mathbf{j}$$

Initial conditions: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0$ $\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_0$ when $t = 0$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = -gt \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{v}_0$$

$$\mathbf{r} = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{v}_0 t + \mathbf{r}_0$$

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$$\mathbf{r} = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \mathbf{j} + (v_0 \cos \alpha)t \mathbf{i} + (v_0 \sin \alpha)t \mathbf{j} + 0$$

Vector equation for ideal projectile motion:

$$\mathbf{r} = (v_0 \cos \alpha)t \mathbf{i} + \left((v_0 \sin \alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \right) \mathbf{j}$$

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Parametric equations for ideal projectile motion:

$$x = (v_0 \cos \alpha)t \quad y = (v_0 \sin \alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$



Example 1:

A projectile is fired at 60° and 500 m/sec.
Where will it be 10 seconds later?



The **maximum height** of a projectile occurs when the vertical velocity equals zero.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v_0 \sin \alpha - gt = 0$$

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We can substitute this expression into the formula for height to get the maximum height.

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$$y = (v_0 \sin \alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$y_{\max} = (v_0 \sin \alpha) \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} \right)^2$$

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When the height is zero: $0 = (v_0 \sin \alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$$0 = t \left(v_0 \sin \alpha - \frac{1}{2}gt \right)$$

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$$v_0 \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}gt$$

time at impact (flight time) $\left\{ t = \frac{2v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} \right.$



If we take the expression for flight time and substitute it into the equation for x , we can find the range.

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$$x = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \cdot 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$
$$x = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \cdot \sin 2\alpha \quad \left. \vphantom{x = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \cdot \sin 2\alpha} \right\} \text{Range}$$

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The range is maximum when $\sin(2\alpha)$ is maximum.

$$\sin 2\alpha = 1$$

$$2\alpha = 90^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 45^\circ$$

Range is maximum
when the launch
angle is 45° .

$$x = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \cdot \sin 2\alpha \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{v_0^2}{g} \cdot \sin 2\alpha} \right\} \text{Range}$$

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If we start with the parametric equations for projectile motion, we can eliminate t to get y as a function of x .

$$x = v_0 \cos \alpha \, t$$

$$y = (v_0 \sin \alpha) t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$\frac{x}{v_0 \cos \alpha} = t$$



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$$\frac{x}{v_0 \cos \alpha} = t \qquad y = (v_0 \sin \alpha) \frac{x}{v_0 \cos \alpha} - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{x}{v_0 \cos \alpha} \right)^2$$

This simplifies to:

$$y = - \left(\frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \right) x^2 + x \tan \alpha$$

which is the equation of a parabola.

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If we start somewhere besides the origin, the equations become:

$$x = x_0 + (v_0 \cos \alpha)t \qquad y = y_0 + (v_0 \sin \alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

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Example 4:

A baseball is hit from 3 feet above the ground with an initial velocity of 152 ft/sec at an angle of 20° from the horizontal. A gust of wind adds a component of -8.8 ft/sec in the horizontal direction to the initial velocity.



These equations can be graphed on the TI-83 to model the path of the ball:

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Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
\X1T=(152*cos(20
)-8.8)*T
Y1T=3+152*sin(2
0)*T-16T^2
\X2T=
Y2T=
\X3T=
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Note that the calculator is in degrees.



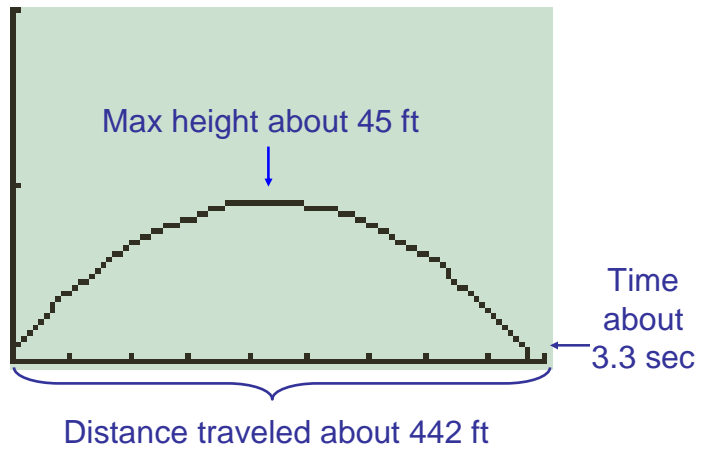


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WINDOW
Tmin=0
Tmax=6
Tstep=.1
Xmin=0
Xmax=450
Xscl=50
↓Ymin=0
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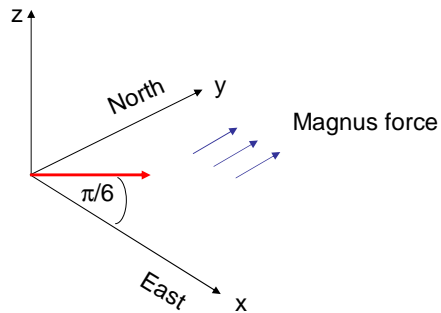


Using
the
trace
function:



A projectile in 3D

A projectile of mass 1kg is launched ground level toward the east at 200m/s at an angle $\pi/6$ to the horizontal. If the spinning of the projectile applies a northerly Magnus force of 2N to the projectile, find the landing location of the projectile and its speed at impact



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