

Chapter 3-2: Projectile Motion

Text:Chapter 3

Think and Explain: 1, 2, 6-10

Think and Solve: 1a, 2-6

Vocabulary:

component of velocity, vertical component of velocity, range, satellite

Equations:

$$x = v_x t$$

$$y = v_{yi} t + 1/2 g t^2 \quad \text{Note: These equations are really just } d = vt \text{ and } d = v_i t + 1/2 at^2!$$

$$v_y = g t + v_{yi}$$

Constants: $g = \pm 10 \text{ m/s}^2$

Key Objectives:*Concepts*

- Identify the initial horizontal and vertical components of velocity for a projectile launched horizontally.
- State which velocity component changes over time and which component of velocity remains the same.
- Identify the velocity and acceleration at the highest point for a projectile launched at an angle on a level surface.
- Recognize and be able to sketch the motion graphs for a projectile. (x vs. t, y vs. t, v_x vs. t, v_y vs. t)
- State the launch angle that will yield maximum range.
- State the relationship between launch angles that will yield the same range.
- Given the paths of three projectiles, be able to describe the motion qualitatively and determine which projectile has the greatest time in air, horizontal velocity, initial vertical velocity, etc.
- Relate the motion of a satellite to the motion of a projectile.

Problem Solving

- Set up table and fill in given information for a horizontal projectile problem and solve for missing values.
- Set up table and fill in given information for a projectile launched at an angle problem and solve for missing values.
- For both type of projectile word problems (shot horizontally from an initial height, or shot from the ground) given the appropriate information you should be able to:
 - find the time to the maximum height and/or the total time in the air.
 - find the velocity components and speed initially, at its maximum height and when it lands.
 - find the initial height and the maximum height of a projectile.
 - find how far horizontally a projectile travels.
 - calculate the speed of a projectile from the components of its velocity.
 - calculate the components of a projectile's velocity from its speed and direction.