## PROJECTILES



## PROJECTILE AND MOTION IN 2-D

NJ-OER TOPIC-3

- Observe that motion in vertical direction on Earth
- Understand the independence of horizontal and vertical components in two-dimensional motion
- Understand the rules of vector addition and subtraction
- Apply graphical and analytical methods of vector addition
- Understand different vector representations and their relationship such as magnitude/angle; component form, graphical representation, vector representation
- Identify, explain and determine range, maximum height, time for fall, velocity and trajectory of a projectile.
- Apply the principle of independence of motion to solve general 2-D motion problems.
- Apply principles of vector addition to determine relative velocity and explain the significance of the observer.
- $\Delta x=$ displacement in $x$
- $\Delta \mathrm{y}=$ displacement in y
- vo= initial velocity
- vox $=$ initial velocity in $x$
- voy $=$ initial velocity in $y$
-vfx $=$ final velocity in $x$
-vfy $=$ final velocity in $x$
-t = time or duration
-g= gravitational acceleration
-ax = acceleration in $x$
-ay $=$ acceleration in $y$
- $V A B=$ Velocity of object $A$ with respect to observer $B$
- $\theta=$ angle measured from the $+x$-axis


## Units

Position, displacement, distance are in meters "m" Velocity and speed are in meters per second " $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ " Acceleration is in meters per second square " $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ " Angle in degrees or radian

## Formulas

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\begin{aligned}
& \Delta x=v o x t+1 / 2 a x t^{2} \\
& v f x=v o x+a x t \\
& v f x^{2}-v o x^{2}=2 a x \Delta x a \\
& v o x=v o \cos (\theta) \\
& v o y=v o \sin (\theta) \\
& a x=a \cos (\theta) \\
& a y=a \sin (\theta) \\
& v^{2}=v x^{2}+v y^{2} \\
& a^{2}=a x^{2}+a y^{2} \\
& \tan \theta=v y / v x
\end{aligned}
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$\Delta y=$ voyt $+1 / 2$ ayt $^{2}$
$v f y=v o y+a y t$
vfy $^{2}-$ voy $^{2}=2 a y \Delta y$

Free fall or projectile
vfx=vox
$a x=0$
ay=-g
$\mathrm{g}=9.8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$

Relative velocity
Vab = Vao + Vob

## KEY STRATEGIES

Draw the motion diagram, identify given quantities and the unknown For 2-D problems use trigonometry to identify components Substitute the known quantities and solve for the unknown using algebra

Maximum height happens at the time when vfy= 0 . Set vfy to zero, solve for $t$ Time for the fall is calculated using $\mathrm{y}=0$ or (yf-yi)=-(initial height)
Range is calculated in the $x$-axis at the time when $y=0$
Impact speed can be calculated using the timeless equation of kinematics

Released means vo=0

## MODEL PROBLEM

Q) An object is projected upward from the ground with $15.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed.
A) When will it reach the maximum height
B) What is the maximum height
C) If the object continues its motion after reaching the $y$-max, what is the impact velocity and what is the time for fall.

## ACTIVITY PROJECTILE

Q) An object is projected upward from the ground with $15.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed. A) When will it reach the maximum height? B) What is the maximum height?

This problem can be simulated using an online activity. Run the app, obtain the results from the app and compare it with your calculations.


- Open Phet Projectile simulation https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/projectile-motion
- Choose intro or lab. Set the initial height to zero and initial speed to $15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$.
- Hit the red button and launch the projectile
- Using the probe on the top right, next to the initial values, measure the maximum height and the time for the projectile to reach the maximum height. Compare it with your calculations


## ACTIVITY PROJECTILE

Q) An object is projected upward with 10.0 $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed from 5 meters height. A) When will it reach the maximum height? B) What is the maximum height? C) Find the impact velocity using timeless equation of kinematics. Using Vfy equation find the total time for fall. D) Obtain the height at $t=0.2 \mathrm{~s}$ by substituting $t=0.2$ in $\Delta y$ equation


Run the app, obtain the results from the app and compare it with your calculations.

- IMPORTANT NOTES:
- Kinematics equation gives $\Delta Y$. You need to add the initial height in order to find ymax
- For the impact velocity, Vfy is always negative


## ACTIVITY DOWNWARD PROJECTILE

Q) An object is projected DOWNWARD with $10.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed (viy=-10m/s) from 5 meters height. A) What is the maximum height? C)
Find the impact velocity using timeless equation of kinematics. Using Vfy equation find the total time for fall. D) Obtain the height at $t=0.2 \mathrm{~s}$ by substituting $\mathrm{t}=0.2$ in $\Delta \mathrm{y}$ equation

Run the app, obtain the results from the app and compare it with your calculations.


- IMPORTANT NOTES:
- For downward projectile, ymax is the original height
- For all the downward projectile viy is negative. Slider tool gives the speed which is the magnitude.


## ACTIVITY

Using the given initial values run the simulation. Obtain the results using the probe. Using equation of kinematics calculate the values and compare

| Yi(m) | Viy(m/s) | Ymax(m) | Time for <br> Ymax (s) | Time for <br> fall (s) | Ymax <br> (calculated) | Time for ymax <br> (calculated) | Time for fall <br> calculated(s) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | -8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | -2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## REVERSE PROBLEMS, FINAL IS GIVEN INITIAL IS ASKED

Q) An object is projected upward from a tower. It reaches ymax=20 meters at $\mathrm{t}=2.0$ seconds.
A) What was the initial velocity viy?
B) What was the initial height.
C) If it continues the motion, what would be the impact velocity, and time for fall

Do the same problem model using different given numbers

1) $y m a x=20 \mathrm{mt} t=1.5 \mathrm{~s}$ Find Viy and the height
2) $y \max =10 \mathrm{mt} t=2.5 \mathrm{~s}$ Find Viy and the height (this is a projectile from a water well
3) $y \max =$ ? $t=3$ seconds $h=12$ meters find viy and $y \max$

## VECTOR REPRESENTATIONS 2-D Motion

Graphical Magnitude/Angle
3 units at 45 degrees

Components
$V x=3 \cos 45=2.1$ units

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V y=3 \sin 45=2.1 \text { units }
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Vector Representation
$\mathrm{V}=2.1 \mathrm{i}+2.1 \mathrm{j}$

QUADRANTS AND DIRECTIONS
First quadrant both components + , second quadrant x component third quadrant both components -, fourth quadrant $y$ component -




## MODEL PROBLEMS

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vx =v cos(0) angle measured with respect to x-axis
vy=v sin}(0)\quad\mathrm{ angle measured with respect to }x\mathrm{ -axis
v=|v|=sqrt(vx 2 + vy 2) Pythagorean Theorem
tan}0=vy/v
0=tan-1(vy/vx) or }0=\operatorname{tan}-1(vy/vx)+\pi\mathrm{ based on quadrant
v= vxi+vy j
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1) $x$-component of velocity is $v x=3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ and y component is $\mathrm{vy}=4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. Write the velocity as vector representation, in magnitude/angle form, and show it graphically
$\mathbf{v}=3 \mathbf{i}+4 \mathrm{j} \quad \mathrm{V}$ has a magnitude of $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ making 53degrees with the x -axis
2) An object has an acceleration of $4.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ making -45 degrees with the $x$-axis. Find $a x, a y$. Show the vector $a x=a \cos (\theta) \quad a y=a \sin (\theta) \quad a x=2.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2 \mathrm{ay}=-2.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$

## ACTIVITY VECTORS

One representation of an acceleration vector a is given. Find the other representations. Choose a suitable scale for the graphical interpretation. For the last problem there are two solutions.

| Magnitude Angle Form | Component Form |  | Vector Form | Graphical |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Magnitude | Angle | ax | ay | axi+ay $\mathbf{j}$ | Choose a scale. Show the <br> arrow in the correct direction |
| 15 | 53.1 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | -5 | -5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Two units to the West <br> ( |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |

## ACTIVITY VECTORS

- Open https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/vector-addition
- Choose explore 2-D. Drag the vector "a" to the cartesian coordinates.
- Explore the sign for the vector components in various quadrants by rotating or resizing the vector.
$\leftarrow \rightarrow \mathrm{C}$. phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/vector-addition/latest/vector-addition_en.html



## ACTIVITY VECTORS USING PHET

Go to https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/vector-addition and choose explore 2-D Drag the vector "a" and verify your answers
Come up with your own problems and explore

| Magnitude Angle <br> Form | Component <br> Form | Vector Form | Graphical |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Magnitude | Angle | ax | ay | axi+ay $\mathbf{j}$ | Choose a scale <br> Show the arrow |
| 15 | 53.1 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | -5 | -5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |

## 2-D PROJECTILE Horizontal $x$-axis Vertical $y$-axis

$\Delta y=$ voy t-1/2g t ${ }^{2} \quad$ Three Cases
vfy=voy -gt
vfy $^{2}-$ voy $^{2}=-2 g \Delta y$
$\Delta x=v o x t$
vfx=vox
A) Horizontal projectile from a height, Voy=0
B) Diagonal projectile from the ground, $\Delta y=0$ at impact
C) Diagonal projectile from a height, general case

## Model Problem Horizontal Projectile

Q) A piece of rock projected horizontally from a cliff. It stays in the air for 6.0 seconds before hitting the ground and travels a range of 288 meters measured from the bottom of the cliff. Neglect the friction.

- What was the height it was projected from?
-What was its initial velocity?
- What is $y$-component of the final velocity at the impact.
- Find the impact speed.


## Model Problem Diagonal Projectile

- Q) A golf ball is hit from the ground with an angle of 30 degrees with the $x$-axis. Golf ball has an initial speed of $10.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$.
- What are the $x$ and $y$ components of initial velocity
- How long will it stay in the air?
- What is the range?
- What is the impact speed?


## ACTIVITY 2-D HORIZONTAL PROJECTILE

Open https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/projectile-motion Drag the cannon up to the initial height
Rotate the cannon to zero degrees, adjust the speed
Q1) An object is projected horizontally from 5 meters height with $6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed

- Calculate its location in $x$ and $y$ after 0.2 seconds

- Using the height, calculate time for fall
- Using the time and the initial speed calculate its range
- Verify your values using the simulation
- Repeat the activity for various heights and speed.


## ACTIVITY 2-D DIAGONAL PROJECTILE

Open https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/projectile-motion
Drag the cannon up to the initial height
Rotate the cannon to zero degrees, adjust the speed
Q1) An object is projected with 60 degrees angle diagonally from the ground. Initial speed is $6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$

- When will it reach the maximum height (Vfy=0)
- What is the maximum height

- Verify your values using the simulation
- Repeat the activity for various height, speed and angle.


## General 2-D Motion

- For motion on the surface of the Earth, we can take North as $+y$ axis and East as $+x$ axis. We treat the motion as if it is two separate motion

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\begin{aligned}
& \Delta x=v o x t+1 / 2 a x t^{2} \quad \text { vfx=vox }+ \text { axt } v o x=v o \cos (\theta) a x=a \cos (\theta) \\
& \Delta y=v o y t+1 / 2 \text { ay } t^{2}
\end{aligned} \quad \text { vfy=voy }+ \text { ay } t \text { voy }=v o \sin (\theta) \text { ay }=a \sin (\theta)
$$

Q)A car is initially moving 37 degrees North of East with $20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. It accelerates suddenly towards South with $a=4 m / s^{\wedge} 2$. Find ax.ay,vox and voy. Find the displacement in $x, y$ and the final velocity components vfx and vfy in two seconds.

## Classwork-Complete the Table

- $\Delta x=v o x t+1 / 2 a x t^{2} \quad v f x=v o x+a x t v o x=v o \cos (\theta) a x=a \cos (\theta)$
- $\Delta y=v o y t+1 / 2 a y t^{2} \quad v f y=v o y+a y t v o y=v o \sin (\theta)$ ay $=a \sin (\theta)$

| Vo | a | t(s) | deltaX | deltaY | Vfx | Vfy |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Vox=4m/s Voy=3m/s | $a x=2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ ay=- <br> $1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Speed $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ angle=30 | $\mathrm{a}=4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ West | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| $6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ North | $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ East | s |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{ax}=2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ ay=- <br> $1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{\wedge} 2$ | 6 |  |  | $15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ |
| Vox= $20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ Voy=15m/s |  | 8 | 120 meters | 140 meters |  |  |

Come up with your own questions. Make sure they are consistent and sufficient to solve

## RELATIVE VELOCITY USING VECTOR ADDITION

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\begin{array}{llcr}
\mathbf{A} & = & A x \mathbf{i}+ & A y \mathbf{j} \\
\mathbf{B} & = & B x \mathbf{i}+ & B y \mathbf{j} \\
\mathbf{A + B} & = & (A x+B x) \mathbf{i}+(A y+B y) \mathbf{j}
\end{array}
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\mathbf{A}=3 \mathbf{i}-4 \mathbf{j}
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\mathbf{B}=12 \mathbf{i}+14 \mathbf{j}
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\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}=15 \mathbf{i}+10 \mathbf{j}
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## RELATIVE VELOCITY USING VECTOR ADDITION

$\mathrm{Vab}=$ Velocity of object $a$ with respect to the observer at $b$
$\mathbf{V b c}=$ Velocity of $b$ with respect to the observer $c$
Vac = Velocity of object a with respect to the observer c
$\mathrm{Vab}=-\mathrm{Vba} \quad \mathrm{Vbc}=-\mathrm{Vcb} \quad \mathrm{Vac}=-\mathrm{Vca}$
For some problems we need to use the formulas above to match index

EQUATION: $\mathbf{V a b}+\mathbf{V b c}=\mathbf{V a c}$


## MODEL PROBLEM

1) Alex is swimming North with $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed with respect to Big Sur River.
The river is flowing with $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed East with respect to Cathy who is observing Alex from the bank. What is the velocity of Alex with respect to Cathy. Vab=Velocity of Alex with respect to Big Sur River. Vbc= Velocity of Big Sur River with respect to Cathy. Vac=Velocity of Alex with respect to Cathy.
$\mathbf{V a b}=2 i+0 j$
Vbc= $0 i+3 j$
Vac $=2 i+3 j$

## Classwork

1) Vto $=4 i-5 j \quad$ Vqt $=3 i+6 j$ Vqo $=$ ?
2) Velocity of an airplane with respect to the tower is $400 \mathrm{mph} 45^{\circ}$ Northeast. Velocity of the wind with respect to tower is 30 mph East. What is the velocity of the airplane with respect to the wind.
3) $V c b=4 j \quad V c a=3 i-3 j$ Find Vab
4) A swimmer wants to swim towards North with $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ speed with respect to an observer on the bridge. River runs with $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ towards west with respect to the bridge. What should be velocity of the swimmer with respect to the river
5) $V a b=3 i \quad V a c=5 i+6 j \quad$ Find $V b c$ and $V c b$

## REFERENCES

Slide 1: Adobe id=296932788 Projectiles vector illustration. Labeled physical force trajectory scheme. By VectorMine

Slide 13: Adobe id= 171841729 Cartesian coordinate system on white background vector illustration By attaphong

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