

Quiz #1 — Spring 2007

Phys 2110 – Sec 2

1. A projectile is fired straight up from ground level. Your friend is observing from a point 30.0 m above ground level. Some time after the launch, your friend observes the projectile at his level going downward with a speed of $15.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

a) What was the initial speed of the projectile?

With the origin at the firing point, we have

$$y_i = 0 \quad y = 30.0 \text{ m} \quad v_y = -15.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad a_y = -9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

Use $v_y^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$ and solve for v_{iy} :

$$v_{iy}^2 = v_y^2 - 2a_y \Delta y = (-15.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 - 2(-9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(30.0 \text{ m}) = 841 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

Then:

$$v_{iy} = 29.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

b) How long after the launch did your friend make his observation?

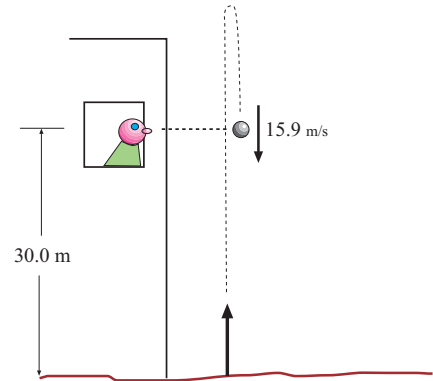
We now have a so we can use $v_y = v_{iy} + a_y t$ to find t :

$$t = \frac{v_y - v_{iy}}{a} = \frac{(-15.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} - 29.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})}{(-9.80 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})} = 4.58 \text{ s}$$

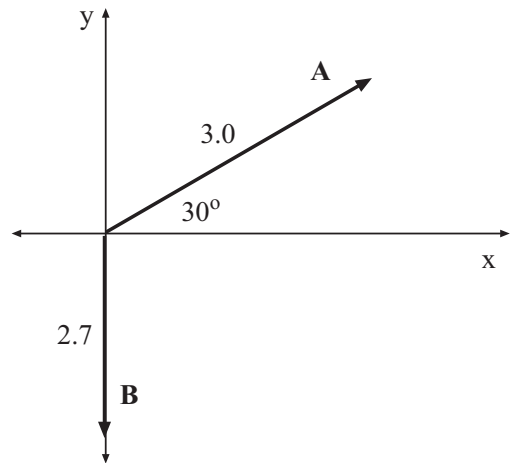
c) What was the maximum height attained by the projectile?

At maximum height we have $v_y = 0$ but y is unknown. We can again use $v_y^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$ since we've got v_{iy} now.

$$\Delta y = \frac{v_y^2 - v_{iy}^2}{2a_y} = \frac{0^2 - (29.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2}{2(-9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})} = 42.9 \text{ m}$$



2. Vector **A** has magnitude 3.0 and is directed at 30.0° from the $+x$ axis. Vector **B** has magnitude 2.7 and is directed in the $-y$ direction. Find the magnitude of **A + B**.



Find the components:

$$A_x = 2.60 \quad A_y = 1.50 \quad B_x = 0 \quad B_y = -2.7$$

If **C = A + B** then

$$C_x = A_x + B_x = -1.2 \quad C_y = A_y + B_y = 2.60$$

and

$$C = \sqrt{C_x^2 + C_y^2} = 2.9$$

3. Convert $2.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$ to units of cm^3 .

$$(2.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3) = (2.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3) \left(\frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^3 = 2.9 \times 10^2 \text{ cm}^3$$

You must show all your work and include the right units with your answers!

$$A_x = A \cos \theta \quad A_y = A \sin \theta \quad A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} \quad \tan \theta = A_y/A_x$$

$$v_x = v_{ix} + a_x t \quad x = x_i + v_{ix} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_x (\Delta t)^2 \quad v_x^2 = v_{ix}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x \quad x - x_i = \frac{1}{2} (v_{ix} + v_x) \Delta t$$

$$g = 9.80 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \quad a = g \sin \theta \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} = m \mathbf{a}$$