

Quiz #2 — Fall 2008

Phys 2110 – Sec 3

1. A projectile is fired from a cliff at an initial speed of $30.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$, directed up from the horizontal by 40.0° .

It strikes the ground below 6.73 s later.

a) How high is the cliff?

What is the value of y at $t = 6.37 \text{ s}$? We have

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta = 22.98 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta = 19.28 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

so the y equation gives

$$v = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = (19.28 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(3.67 \text{ s}) - \frac{1}{2}(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(6.37)^2 = -92.2 \text{ m}$$

which tells us that the cliff is 92.2 m high.

b) How far did the projectile travel horizontally in its flight?

What is the value of x at $t = 6.73 \text{ s}$? The x equation gives

$$x = v_{0x}t + 0 = (22.98 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(6.73 \text{ s}) = 155 \text{ m}$$

The projectile has traveled a horizontal distance of 155 m.

c) What was the *speed* of the projectile at impact?

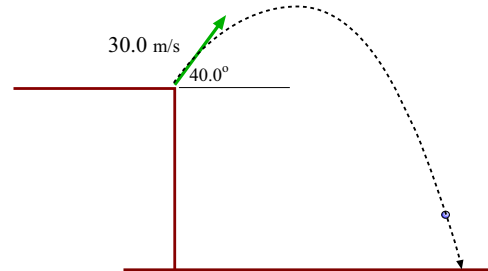
At impact, the x component of the velocity is the same as the initial value: $v_x = 22.98 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$. The y component is

$$v_y = v_{0y} + a_y t = (19.28 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) + (-9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(6.73) = -46.67 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

so the speed is

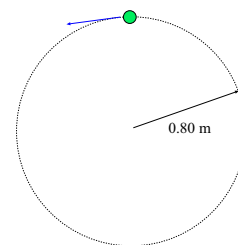
$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{(22.98 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 + (-46.67 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2} = 52.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

The speed at impact is 52.0 $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$.



2. A small mass moves at constant speed on a circle of radius 0.80 m such that it makes one revolution every 0.60 s.

a) Find the speed of the mass.



Mass travels a distance $2\pi r$ in time T , so

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} = \frac{2\pi(0.80 \text{ m})}{(0.60 \text{ s})} = 8.38 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

b) Find the acceleration of the mass; give its *magnitude* and *direction*.

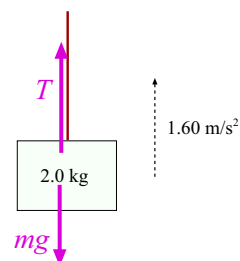
Mass has a centripetal acceleration of magnitude

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{(8.38 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2}{(0.80 \text{ m})} = 87.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

The direction of the acceleration is **inward**, i.e. toward the center of the circle.

3. If we attach a string to a 2.0 kg mass and pull the mass upward so that its acceleration is $1.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ (upward), find the tension in the string.

Forces on the mass are the string tension T upward and gravity mg downward (added to the diagram at the right!). Newton's 2nd law gives



$$T - mg = ma \quad \implies \quad T = mg + ma = m(g + a)$$

Plug in the numbers:

$$T = (2.0 \text{ kg})(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} + 1.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}) = 22.8 \text{ N}$$

Tension in the string is **22.8 N**.

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

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

$$v_x = v_{x0} + a_x t \quad x = x_0 + v_{x0} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2 \quad v_x^2 = v_{x0}^2 + 2a_x(x - x_0) \quad x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_{x0} + v_x)t$$

$$v_y = v_{y0} + a_y t \quad y = y_0 + v_{y0} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2 \quad v_y^2 = v_{y0}^2 + 2a_y(y - y_0) \quad y - y_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_{y0} + v_y)t$$

$$g = 9.80 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \quad \mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a} \quad v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} \quad a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad F_{\text{spr}} = -kx$$