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Quiz #2 – Spring 2010 Phys 2110 – Sec 3

1. A rock is thrown out the window of a building with speed $15.0\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$; it is launched at an angle of 35.0° above the horizontal. It lands on the ground after 3.00 s in flight.

a) From what height was the rock launched?

Put the origin at the launch point with \boldsymbol{y} axis going up. We have

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta = (15.0 \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}) \cos 35^\circ = 12.29 \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}$$
 $v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta = (15.0 \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}) \sin 35^\circ = 8.604 \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}$

At t = 3.00 s the value of y is

$$y = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = (8.604\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(3.00 \text{ s}) - \frac{1}{2}(9.8\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(3.00 \text{ s})^2 = -18.3 \text{ m}$$

so the rock was launched from a height of 18.3 m.

b) How far did the rock land from the base of the building?

The value of x at $t=3.00~{\rm s}$ is

$$x = v_{0x}t = (12.29\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(3.0 \text{ s}) = 36.9 \text{ m}$$

so the rock lands 36.9 m from the base of the building.

c) What was the speed of the rock when it landed? When the rock landed, the velocity compo-

nents were

$$v_x = v_{0x} + (0)t = 12.29\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$
 $v_y = v_{0y} + a_y t = 8.604\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} - (9.8\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(3.0 \text{ s}) = -20.8\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

The speed is the magnitude of the velocity vector at this time, so

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{(12.29\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}})^2 + (-20.8\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}})^2} = 24.2\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}$$



15.0 m/s

2. Two forces act on a mass as shown. (A force of magnitude 4.00 N acts in the -x direction and a force of magnitude 5.00 N acts at 55.0° from the +x axis.

What is the magnitude and direction of the net force on the mass?

 \boldsymbol{x} component of net force is

$$F_{\text{net},x} = -4.00 \text{ N} + 5.00 \text{ N} \cos 55^{\circ} = -1.132 \text{ N}$$

y component of net force is

$$F_{\text{net. }y} = 5.00 \text{ N} \sin 55^{\circ} = 4.096 \text{ N}$$

Magnitude and direction of the net force are

$$F_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2} = 4.25 \text{ N} \qquad \tan \theta = \frac{(4.096)}{(-1.132)} = -3.62 \implies \theta = 105^{\circ}$$

3. A 2.00 kg mass hangs from a string; if the acceleration of the mass is $2.00\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ downward, what is the tension in string?

With "up" as the positive direction, $a = -2.00 \frac{m}{s^2}$. Forces on the mass are tension T upward, gravity mg downward. Newton's 2nd law gives

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

2.0 kg $a = 2.00 \text{ m/s}^2$

Plug in:

$$T = (2.00 \text{ kg})(9.8\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} - 2.00\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}) = 15.6 \text{ N}$$

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

$$v = v_0 + at \qquad x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \qquad v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0) \qquad x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$$
$$g = 9.80\frac{m}{s^2} \qquad 1 \text{ kg} = 10^3 \text{ g} \qquad \text{Neglect air resistance!}$$
$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a} \qquad W = mg \qquad a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} \qquad F_{\text{spr}} = -kx$$

