

Phys 221 (Section 6)

Quiz #2

1. A projectile is fired from a height of 80 m at an angle of 30° downward from the horizontal. It hits the ground 1.5 s later.

a) What was the initial speed (v_0) of the projectile?

Use the y equation of motion. If the projectile starts at the origin, then $y = (-v_0 \sin 30^\circ)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = -0.5v_0t - \frac{1}{2}(9.8 \frac{m}{s^2})t^2$

We know that $y = -80$ m when $t = 1.5$ s, so

$$-80 \text{ m} = -0.5v_0(1.5\text{s}) - (4.9 \frac{m}{s^2})(1.5\text{s})^2$$

$$\rightarrow (0.5)v_0(1.5\text{s}) = 69.0 \text{ m} \quad \rightarrow \quad v_0 = 92.0 \frac{m}{s}$$

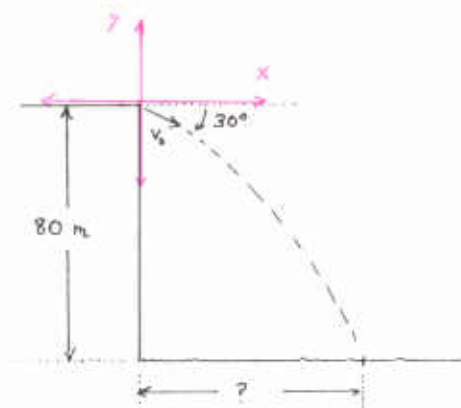
$$v_0 = 92.0 \frac{m}{s}$$

b) What horizontal distance did the projectile travel during its flight?

Use the x equation of motion:

$$x = (v_0 \cos 30^\circ)t = (92.0 \frac{m}{s})(\cos 30^\circ)t = (79.6 \frac{m}{s})t$$

At $t = 1.5$ s (time of impact), $x = (79.6 \frac{m}{s})(1.5\text{s}) = 119 \text{ m}$, the "horizontal distance" traveled.



2. A 3.0 kg block is pulled over a horizontal surface by a 15 N force directed at 30° above the horizontal.

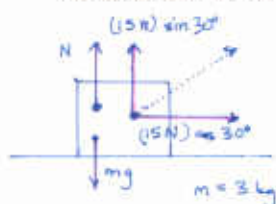
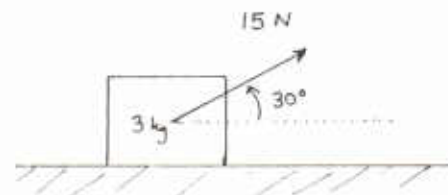
a) If the surface is smooth (i.e. frictionless) what is the acceleration of the block?

Forces on the block are as shown here with the 15 N force resolved into components. There is no net vertical force only a net horizontal force which is

$$F_{x, \text{net}} = (15 \text{ N})(\cos 30^\circ) = 13.0 \text{ N}$$

$$= ma_x$$

So the acceleration is $a_x = \frac{(13.0 \text{ N})}{m} = \frac{(13.0 \text{ N})}{(3 \text{ kg})} = 4.33 \frac{m}{s^2}$



b) If instead it is a rough surface and the acceleration is found to be $a = 2.6 \frac{m}{s^2}$, what is the coefficient of kinetic friction for the block and surface?

Now there is an additional frictional force on the block, of magnitude $f_k = \mu_k N$ which is directed opposite to the motion. Again there is no net vertical force so

$$N + (15 \text{ N})(\sin 30^\circ) - mg = 0$$

So $N = (3 \text{ kg})(9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}) - (15 \text{ N})\sin 30^\circ = 21.9 \text{ N}$, normal force between block & surface.

The net horizontal force is

$$(15 \text{ N})\cos 30^\circ - f_k = (15 \text{ N})\cos 30^\circ - \mu_k N = ma_x = (3 \text{ kg})(2.6 \frac{m}{s^2}) = 7.8 \text{ N}$$

Solve for μ_k : $-\mu_k(21.9 \text{ N}) = 7.8 \text{ N} - (15 \text{ N})\cos 30^\circ = -5.19 \text{ N} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mu_k = 0.237$

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$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$x = x_0 + \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$$

$$g = 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$F = ma$$

$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

Show your work!