

Name Solutions At an Angle Projectile Problems

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1) A football is kicked to start a game. It reaches a maximum height of 30 m. The horizontal component of its velocity is 20 m/s. What is the hang time?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{Y} \rightarrow d &= 30\text{m} \\
 a &= 9.8\text{m/s}^2 \text{ (ON THE WAY DOWN)} \\
 v_i &= 0\text{m/s} \\
 t &=? \\
 d &= v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \Rightarrow 30 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (9.8) t^2 \\
 30 &= 4.9 t^2 \\
 \frac{30}{4.9} &= t^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{30}{4.9}} = t = 2.5\text{s} + 2.5\text{s} = \boxed{5.0\text{s}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity at the end of the flight?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{X} \\
 v &= \boxed{20\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \\
 \text{CONSTANT} \\
 \underline{Y} \\
 v_f &= v_i + a t \text{ (DOWN FROM HIGH POINT)} \\
 v_f &= 0 + (9.8)(2.5) = \boxed{24.5\text{m/s}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity at the beginning of the flight?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{X} \\
 v &= 20\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\
 \text{CONSTANT} \\
 \underline{Y} \\
 v_f &= v_i + a t \text{ (UP FROM BEGINNING TO HIGH POINT)} \\
 0 &= v_i + (-9.8)(2.5) \Rightarrow 0 = v_i - 24.5 \\
 \boxed{24.5\text{m/s} = v_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

What is the range of the football?

$$\underline{X} \\
 d = v t = (20)(5) = \boxed{100\text{m}}$$

2) A _____ (fill in a noun) was launched from the ground at an angle. Its hang time was 24 s.

Its range was 125 m. What was its maximum height?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{Y} \rightarrow t &= 12\text{s} \text{ (ON THE WAY DOWN)} \\
 v_i &= 0\text{m/s} \\
 a &= 9.8\text{m/s}^2 \\
 d &=? \\
 d &= v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \\
 d &= 0 + \frac{1}{2} (9.8)(12)^2 \\
 d &= 4.9(12)^2 = \boxed{706\text{m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What was the vertical component of the final velocity?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{Y} \rightarrow v_f &= v_i + a t \text{ (ON THE WAY DOWN)} \\
 v_f &= 0 + (9.8)(12) \\
 v_f &= \boxed{118\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What was the horizontal component of the velocity?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{X} \rightarrow d &= 125\text{m} \\
 t &= 24\text{s} \\
 d &= v t \Rightarrow 125 = v(24) \\
 \frac{125}{24} &= v = \boxed{5.2\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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3) A pumpkin is launched with a catapult. It reaches a maximum height of 40 m. The horizontal component of its velocity is 30 m/s. What is the hang time?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Y} \Rightarrow d &= 40 \text{ m (ON THE WAY DOWN)} \\
 v_i &= 0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\
 a &= 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \\
 t &=? \\
 d &= v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \Rightarrow 40 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (9.8) t^2 \\
 40 &= 4.9 t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{40}{4.9} = t^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{40}{4.9}} = t = 2.95 + 2.95 = \boxed{5.8 \text{ s}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity at the end of the flight?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{X} \\
 v &= \boxed{30 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \\
 &\text{CONSTANT} \\
 \text{Y} \\
 t &= 2.95 \text{ (ON THE WAY DOWN)} \\
 a &= 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \\
 v_i &= 0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\
 v_f &= v_i + a t \\
 v_f &= 0 + (9.8)(2.9) = \boxed{28.4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity at the beginning of the flight?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{X} \\
 v &= \boxed{30 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \\
 &\text{CONSTANT} \\
 \text{Y} \\
 t &= 2.95 \text{ (ON THE WAY UP TO THE HIGH POINT)} \\
 a &= -9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \\
 v_f &= 0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\
 v_i &=? \\
 v_f &= v_i + a t \\
 0 &= v_i + (-9.8)(2.9) \Rightarrow v_i = \boxed{28.4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What is the range of the pumpkin? Or, in other words, how far away does it get smashed to pieces?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{X} \\
 \Rightarrow d &= v t \\
 d &= (30)(5.8) = \boxed{174 \text{ m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

4) A snowboarder left the snowy ground at an angle. Their hang time was 8.0 s. Their range was 120 m.

What was its maximum height?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Y} \Rightarrow t &= 4.0 \text{ s (ON THE WAY DOWN)} \\
 a &= 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \\
 v_i &= 0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\
 d &=? \\
 d &= v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \\
 d &= 0 + \frac{1}{2} (9.8) (4)^2 \\
 d &= 4.9 (4)^2 = \boxed{78.4 \text{ m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What was the vertical component of the final velocity?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Y} \Rightarrow v_i &= 0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \text{ (ON THE WAY DOWN FROM HIGH POINT)} \\
 a &= 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \\
 t &= 4.0 \text{ s} \\
 v_f &=? \\
 v_f &= v_i + a t \\
 v_f &= 0 + (9.8)(4) \\
 v_f &= \boxed{39.2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What was the horizontal component of the velocity?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{X} \Rightarrow d &= 120 \text{ m} \\
 t &= 8 \text{ s} \\
 d &= v t \\
 120 &= v (8) \\
 \frac{120}{8} &= v = \boxed{15 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

1) $2.5 \times 2 = 5 \text{ s} \leftrightarrow$ horizontal 20 m/s vertical 24.5 m/s \leftrightarrow horizontal 20 m/s vertical 24.5 m/s \leftrightarrow 100 m 2) 706 m \leftrightarrow 118 m/s \leftrightarrow 5.2 m/s

3) $2.9 \times 2 = 5.8 \text{ s} \leftrightarrow$ horizontal 30 m/s vertical 28.4 m/s \leftrightarrow horizontal 30 m/s vertical 28.4 m/s \leftrightarrow 174 m 4) 78.4 m \leftrightarrow 39.2 m/s \leftrightarrow 15 m/s