

Chapter 4

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Motion in two dimensions

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Projectile Motion

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Projectile Motion

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- The motion of an object in both the x and y directions simultaneously, under the influence of gravity alone.
- It is a motion in two dimensions

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Assumptions of Projectile Motion

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The free-fall acceleration is constant over the range of motion.

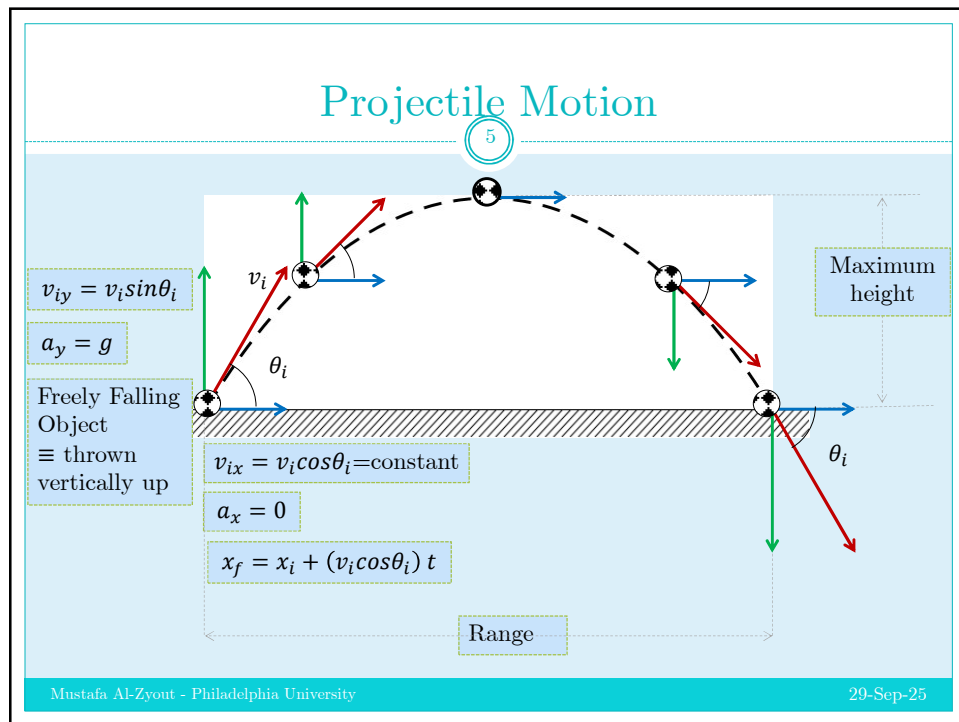
- It is directed downward.
- $\vec{a} = \vec{g} = -9.8\hat{j}m/s^2$

The effect of air friction is negligible.

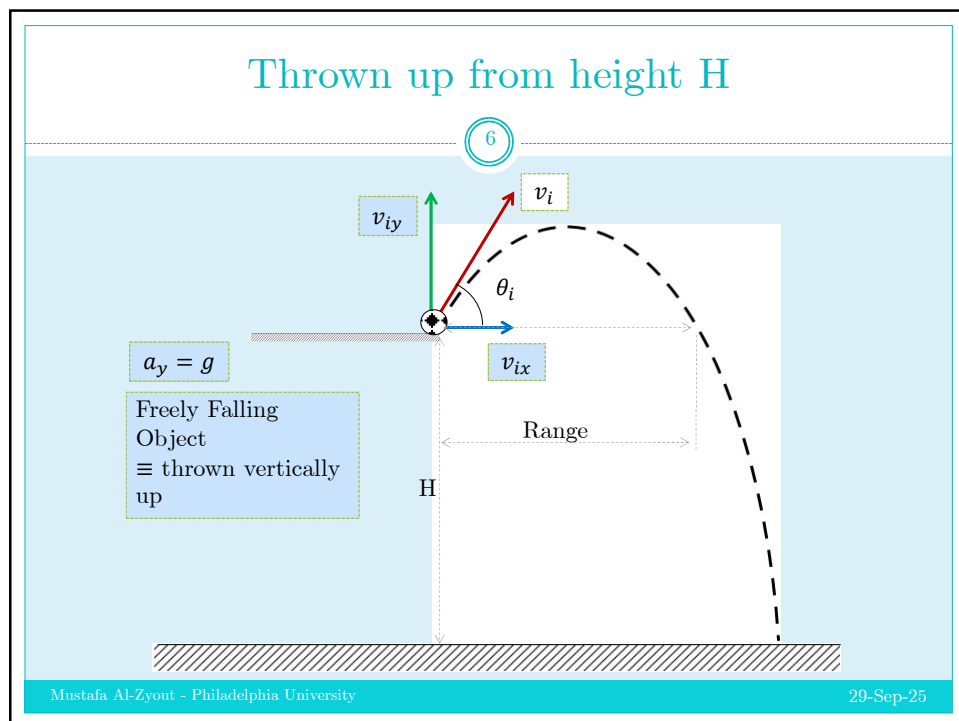
With these assumptions, an object in projectile motion will follow a parabolic path.

- This path is called the trajectory.

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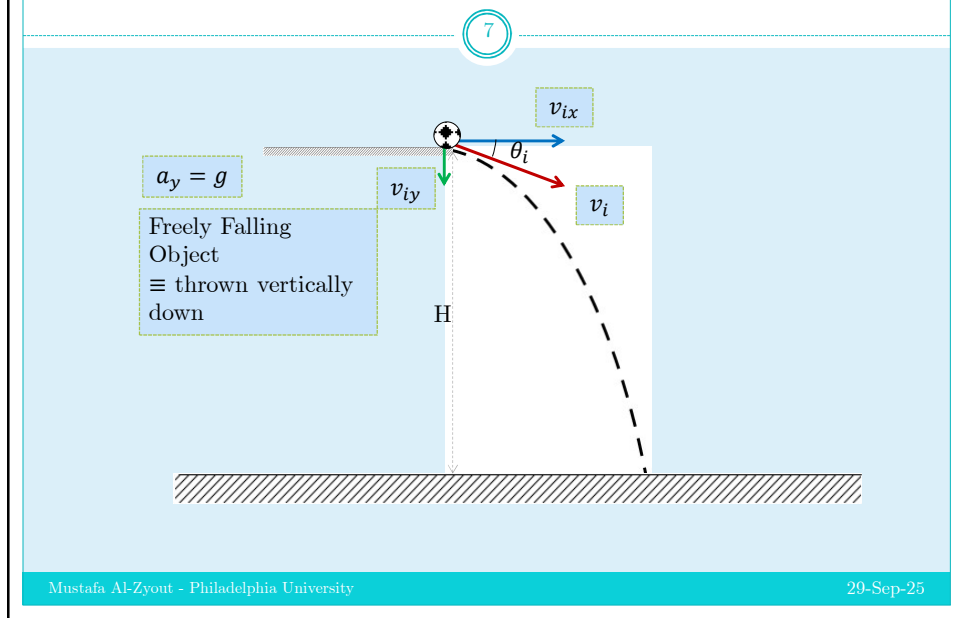


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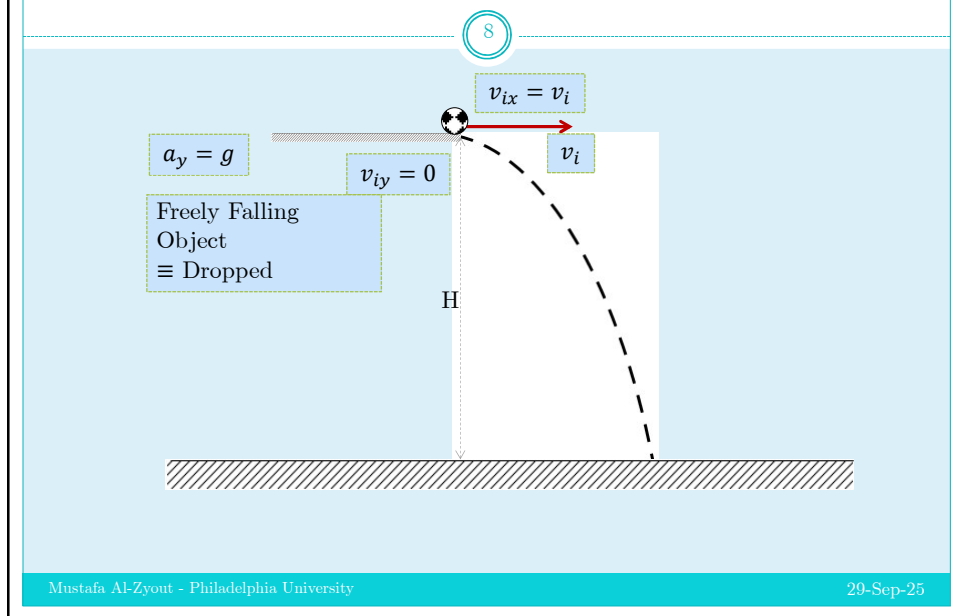
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Thrown down from height H



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Thrown horizontally from height H



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Kinematic Equations

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$$\vec{a} = \vec{g} = -9.8\hat{j}(m/s^2)$$

Equations	Missing
$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + \vec{a}t$	$\Delta\vec{r}$: displacement (m)
$\Delta\vec{r} = \vec{v}_i t + \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}t^2$	$\vec{v}_f$: final velocity (m/s)
$\Delta\vec{r} = \vec{v}_f t - \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}t^2$	$\vec{v}_i$: initial velocity (m/s)

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Kinematic Equations: Vertical components

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$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Equations	Missing
$v_{fy} = (v_i \sin \theta_i) - gt$	Δy : displacement (m)
$v_{fy}^2 = (v_i \sin \theta_i)^2 - 2g\Delta y$	t : time (s)
$\Delta y = (v_i \sin \theta_i)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$	v_f : final velocity (m/s)
$\Delta y = v_{fy}t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$	v_i : initial velocity (m/s)

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Kinematic Equations:

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Horizontal components: it is a motion with constant velocity:

$$\bullet x_f = x_i + (v_i \cos \theta_i) t$$

Range: is the maximum horizontal distance:

$$\bullet R = \frac{v_i^2 \sin 2\theta_i}{g}$$

Maximum height: is the maximum vertical distance:

$$\bullet h = \frac{v_i^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}{2g}$$

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The horizontal and vertical components of a projectile's motion are completely independent of each other.

Time is the common variable for both components:

$$\bullet t_x = t_y = t$$

The velocity at the maximum height equals the horizontal component:

$$\bullet v_{max.h} = v_{ix} = v_i \cos \theta$$

The acceleration anywhere along the trajectory is:

$$\bullet \vec{a} = \vec{g} = -9.8\hat{j}(m/s^2)$$

The path of a projectile is a parabola.

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Notes, ...

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The maximum range occurs at:

- $\theta_i = 45^\circ$.

Complementary angles will produce the same range.

- The maximum height will be different for the two angles.
- The times of the flight will be different for the two angles.

Height and Range

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A long jumper leaves the ground at an angle of (20°) above the horizontal and at a speed of (11 m/s).

(A) How far does he jump in the horizontal direction?

(B) What is the maximum height reached?

SOLUTION

to find the range of the jumper:

$$R = \frac{v_i^2 \sin 2\theta_i}{g} = \frac{(11.0 \text{ m/s})^2 \sin 2(20.0^\circ)}{9.80 \text{ m/s}^2} = 7.94 \text{ m}$$

SOLUTION

the maximum height reached

$$h = \frac{v_i^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}{2g} = \frac{(11.0 \text{ m/s})^2 (\sin 20.0^\circ)^2}{2(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 0.722 \text{ m}$$

That's Quite an Arm!

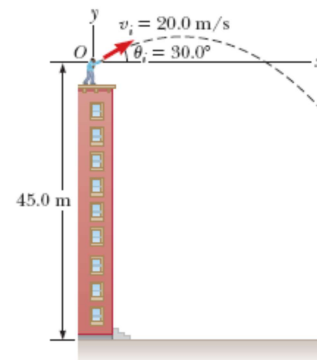
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A stone is thrown from the top of a building upward at an angle of 30° to the horizontal with an initial speed of 20 m/s as shown. The height from which the stone is thrown is 45 m above the ground.

- (A) How long does it take the stone to reach the ground?
- (B) What is the speed of the stone just before it strikes the ground?



SOLUTION

We have the information $x_i = y_i = 0$, $y_f = -45.0 \text{ m}$, $a_y = -g$, and $v_i = 20.0 \text{ m/s}$ (the numerical value of y_f is negative because we have chosen the point of the throw as the origin).

Find the initial x and y components of the stone's velocity:

$$v_{xi} = v_i \cos \theta_i = (20.0 \text{ m/s}) \cos 30.0^\circ = 17.3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{yi} = v_i \sin \theta_i = (20.0 \text{ m/s}) \sin 30.0^\circ = 10.0 \text{ m/s}$$

Express the vertical position of the stone from the vertical component

$$y_f = y_i + v_{yi}t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$$

Substitute numerical values:

$$-45.0 \text{ m} = 0 + (10.0 \text{ m/s})t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)t^2$$

Solve the quadratic equation for t:

$$t = 4.22 \text{ s}$$

SOLUTION

To obtain the y component of the velocity of the stone just before it strikes the ground: $v_{yf} = v_{yi} + a_y t$

Substitute numerical values, using $t = 4.22 \text{ s}$:

$$v_{yf} = 10.0 \text{ m/s} + (-9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(4.22 \text{ s}) = -31.3 \text{ m/s}$$

Use this component with the horizontal component $v_{xf} = v_{xi} = 17.3 \text{ m/s}$ to find the speed of the stone at $t = 4.22 \text{ s}$:

$$v_f = \sqrt{v_{xf}^2 + v_{yf}^2} = \sqrt{(17.3m/s)^2 + (-31.3m/s)^2} = 35.8m/s$$

Is it reasonable that the y component of the final velocity is negative?