

Unit 3: Kinematics in 2D

3 - Projectile Motion Types 1 and 2

Remember that the x and y-components are perpendicular and therefore totally independent

X-components

There is no net force working on the projectile in the X and the acceleration is always zero. Therefore the only equation we can ever use is:

$$V_x = \frac{dx}{t}$$

Y-components

In this case there is always a constant acceleration of -9.8 m/s² (downwards). Because of this we need to use the Big Three!

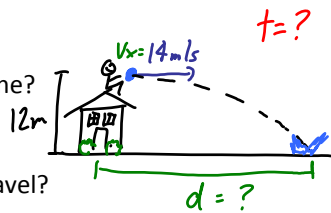
The only value that can ever be used on both sides is time because it is a scalar.

Problem Type 1:

A student sits on the roof of their house which is 12 m high. She can launch water-balloons from a slingshot at 14.0 m/s. If she fires a water-balloon directly horizontally:

a. How long will it be airborne?

This depends on: dy



b. How far forward will it travel?

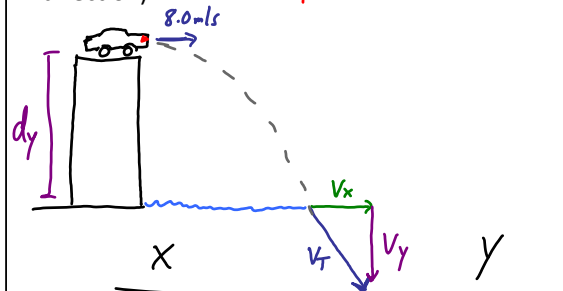
This depends on: V_x, t

$V_x = 14 \text{ m/s}$ $dx =$ $t = 1.565 \text{ s}$ $V_x = \frac{dx}{t}$ $dx = V_x \cdot t$ $= (14 \text{ m/s})(1.565 \text{ s})$ $= \boxed{22 \text{ m}}$	$V_y =$ $V_{y0} = 0$ $a_y = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ $dy = -12 \text{ m}$ $t = ?$ $d = V_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$ $2 \cdot d = \left(\frac{1}{2} a t^2\right) \cdot 2$ $\frac{2d}{a} = t^2$ $t = \sqrt{\frac{2d}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(-12)}{-9.8}}$ $= 1.565 \text{ s}$ $= \boxed{1.6 \text{ s}}$
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Example: A Cutlass Supreme drives straight out of a parking garage at 8.0 m/s and hits the water 3.4 s later.

a. How far did the car fall? downwards

b. What was his **total** impact velocity? (magnitude and direction)



$$V_x = 8.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$dx =$$

$$t = 3.4 \text{ s}$$

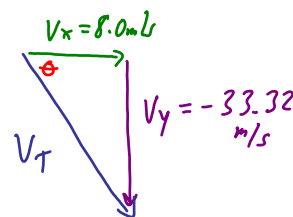
$$V_y =$$

$$V_{y0} = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

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

$$dy = ? = -56.64 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t = 3.4 \text{ s}$$



$$V_y = V_{y0} + at$$

$$= (-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(3.4 \text{ s})$$

$$= -33.32 \text{ m/s}$$

$$d = V_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$d = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(3.4 \text{ s})^2$$

$$= -56.64 \text{ m}$$

$$= \boxed{-57 \text{ m}}$$

$$V_T^2 = V_x^2 + V_y^2$$

$$V_T = \sqrt{(8.0)^2 + (-33.32)^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{33.32}{8.0}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{33.32}{8.0}\right)$$

$$= 34.27 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 76.49^\circ$$

34 m/s 77° below horizontal