

Motion in a Plane Oblique Projection

1. A body which has uniform velocity in the horizontal direction and uniform acceleration in the vertical direction is called a projectile.

2. The path of a projectile is called trajectory and it is a parabola.

3. For a projectile, the horizontal component of velocity ($u_x = u \cos \theta$) remains constant throughout its motion.

4. The vertical component ($u_y = u \sin \theta$) is subjected to acceleration due to gravity.

5. Equations of a projectile

a) Maximum height reached = $\frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$

b) Time of flight = $\frac{2u \sin \theta}{g}$

Time of ascent = time of descent = $\frac{u \sin \theta}{g}$

c) Range = $\frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$

d) $\tan \phi = \frac{4H_{\max}}{R}$ and $\tan \phi = \frac{gT^2}{2R}$

6. At the highest point of the projectile

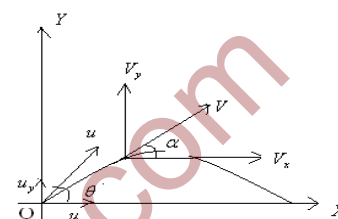
a) Velocity is $u \cos \theta$ (minimum).

b) Vertical component of velocity is zero.

c) KE of the body is $\frac{1}{2} mu^2 \cos^2 \theta$.

d) PE of the body is $\frac{1}{2} mu^2 \sin^2 \theta$.

e) Angle between the velocity and acceleration is 90° .



f) The direction of motion of the body is horizontal.

7. Velocity after time "t"

a) Vertical component of velocity $V_y = u \sin\theta - gt$

b) Velocity of a projectile after t seconds $v = \sqrt{(u \cos\theta)^2 + (u \sin\theta - gt)^2}$.

c) The angle made by a projectile after t seconds, then $\tan\alpha = \frac{u \sin\theta - gt}{u \cos\theta}$.

8. If projected from level ground

a) Velocity of the projectile when it moves perpendicular to its initial velocity is $U \cot\theta$.

b) Time taken for the velocity to become perpendicular to the initial velocity is $\frac{u}{g \sin\theta}$

9. Position of the projectile after time 't'

a) If x and y represent the horizontal and vertical displacements with respect the point of projection 't' seconds after projection

$$x = (u \cos\theta) t$$

$$y = (u \sin\theta) t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

b) Equation of trajectory is

$$Y = (\tan\theta)x - \left(\frac{g}{2u^2 \cos^2\theta}\right)x^2$$

10. If $y = Ax - Bx^2$, then

a) The angle of projection $\theta = \tan^{-1}A$

b) Maximum height $H = \frac{A^2}{4B}$

c) Range $R = \frac{A}{B}$

d) Time of flight $T = \sqrt{\frac{2}{Bg}}$

e) Velocity of projection $u = \sqrt{\frac{g(A^2 + 1)}{2B}}$

11. At the half of the maximum height

a) Vertical component of velocity is $\frac{u \sin \theta}{\sqrt{2}}$

b) Horizontal component of velocity is $u \cos \theta$

c) Velocity of the body is $u \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \right)^{1/2}$

12. If the angle of projection is θ and $(90 - \theta)$ (Complementary angles)

a) Range is same

b) Sum of maximum heights is $\frac{u^2}{2g}$

c) Ratio of max heights is $\tan^2 \theta : 1$

d) Ratio of times of flight is $\tan \theta : 1$

e) If h_1 and h_2 are the maximum heights, then $R = 4\sqrt{h_1 h_2}$

f) Range = $\frac{1}{2} g T_1 T_2$ where T_1 and T_2 are the times of flights.

13. If a man throws a body to a maximum distance R then he can project the body to vertical height $R/2$.

14. If a body is projected down at an angle θ with the horizontal from the top of a tower

then

$$h = - (u \sin \theta) t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$