

angle of maximum distance for projectile motion

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Abstract

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Eq. 1 is an initial equation.

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0t \sin(\theta) + y_0 \quad (1)$$

Change variable y to y_f and t to t_f in Eq. 1; yields Eq. 2.

$$y_f = -\frac{1}{2}gt_f^2 + v_0t_f \sin(\theta) + y_0 \quad (2)$$

Boundary condition: Eq. 3 when Eq. ?? . $y(t_f) = y_f = 0$

$$y_f = 0 \quad (3)$$

LHS of Eq. 2 is equal to LHS of Eq. 3; yields Eq. 4.

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt_f^2 + v_0t_f \sin(\theta) + y_0 \quad (4)$$

Eq. 5 is an assumption.

$$y_0 = 0 \quad (5)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 4 into Eq. 5; yields Eq. 6.

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt_f^2 + v_0t_f \sin(\theta) \quad (6)$$

Divide both sides of Eq. 6 by t_f ; yields Eq. 7.

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt_f + v_0 \sin(\theta) \quad (7)$$

Add $\frac{1}{2}gt_f$ to both sides of Eq. 7; yields Eq. 8.

$$\frac{1}{2}gt_f = v_0 \sin(\theta) \quad (8)$$

Multiply both sides of Eq. 8 by $2/g$; yields Eq. 9.

$$t_f = \frac{2v_0 \sin(\theta)}{g} \quad (9)$$

Eq. 10 is an initial equation.

$$x = v_0 t \cos(\theta) + x_0 \quad (10)$$

Change variable x to x_f and t to t_f in Eq. 10; yields Eq. 11.

$$x_f = v_0 t_f \cos(\theta) + x_0 \quad (11)$$

Boundary condition: Eq. 12 when Eq. ??.

$$x_f = x_0 + d \quad (12)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 12 into Eq. 11; yields Eq. 13.

$$x_0 + d = v_0 t_f \cos(\theta) + x_0 \quad (13)$$

Subtract x_0 from both sides of Eq. 13; yields Eq. 14.

$$d = v_0 t_f \cos(\theta) \quad (14)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 9 into Eq. 14; yields Eq. 15.

$$d = v_0 \frac{2v_0 \sin(\theta)}{g} \cos(\theta) \quad (15)$$

Eq. 16 is an initial equation.

$$\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x) \quad (16)$$

Change variable θ to x in Eq. 16; yields Eq. 17.

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \quad (17)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 17 into Eq. 15; yields Eq. 18.

$$d = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin(2\theta) \quad (18)$$

The maximum of Eq. 18 with respect to θ is Eq. 19

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (19)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 19 into Eq. 18; yields Eq. 20.

$$d = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin\left(2\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad (20)$$

Simplify Eq. 20; yields Eq. 21.

$$d = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \quad (21)$$

Eq. 21 is one of the final equations. Eq. 19 is one of the final equations.

References