

The horizontal range of the projectile motion:

An object is launched from a ground and is returned to its original height. The time for the entire travel of the projectile motion is given by the y direction of the motion.

$$y = y_0 + v_{y0}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad (1)$$

The initial and final height can be the reference position, zero. Namely,

$$0 = 0 + v_{y0}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad (2)$$

The quadratic equation gives two solutions that are $t = 0$ and $t = \frac{2v_{y0}}{g}$. The latter solution expresses the entire time traveled.

The horizontal range is given by

$$x = v_{x0}t \quad (3)$$

Plug in the time obtained the above.

$$x = v_{x0} \frac{2v_{y0}}{g} = \frac{2v_0^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{g} \quad (4)$$

Using a formula of trigonometry, $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin 2\theta$, we have

$$x = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} \quad (5)$$

The height of the projectile motion:

Let the initial position be origin. The x- and y-components of a projectile motion are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= v_{x0}t \\ y &= v_{y0}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The time can be solved as

$$t = \frac{x}{v_{x0}} \quad (7)$$

This is plugged in to the y component of the equation.

$$y = \left(\frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}} \right) x - \left(\frac{g}{2v_{x0}^2} \right) x^2 \quad (8)$$

The form of the equation is known as a parabola. Use $v_{x0} = v_0 \cos \theta$ and $v_{y0} = v_0 \sin \theta$ to modify the above expression.

$$y = \tan \theta \cdot x - \left(\frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right) x^2 \quad (9)$$

To obtain the maximum height, take the derivative of (9).

$$y' = \tan \theta - 2 \cdot \left(\frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right) x \quad (10)$$

The following position gives the maximum value of y .

$$x = \frac{\tan \theta}{2 \cdot \left(\frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right)} \quad (11)$$

Let $g / (2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta)$ be G . Plug (11) into (9).

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \tan \theta \frac{\tan \theta}{2G} - G \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{4G^2} \\ &= \frac{2 \tan^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta}{4G} \\ &= \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{4G} \\ &= \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{\frac{2g}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta \tan^2 \theta}{2g} \\ &= \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

This is the maximum height of a projectile motion.