



What is Projectile Motion?





Instructional Objectives:

- Students will be able to:
 - Define Projectile Motion
 - Distinguish between the different types of projectile motion
 - Apply the concept to a toy car and measure its velocity

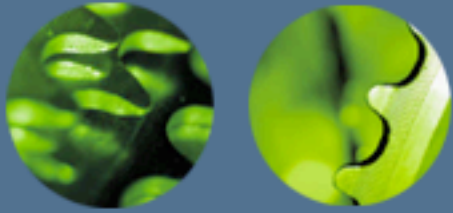


Projectile Motion

- Two-dimensional motion of an object
 - Vertical
 - Horizontal

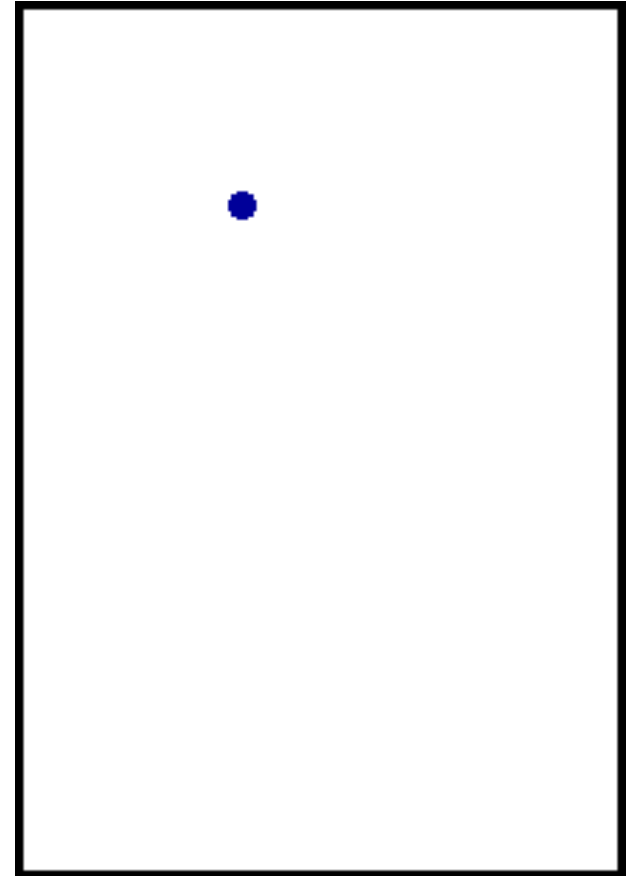
A projectile is an object upon which the only force is gravity.

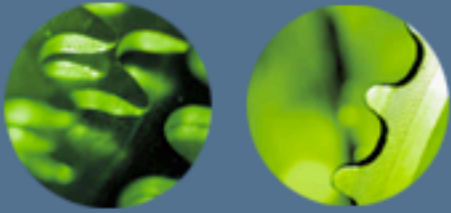




Types of Projectile Motion

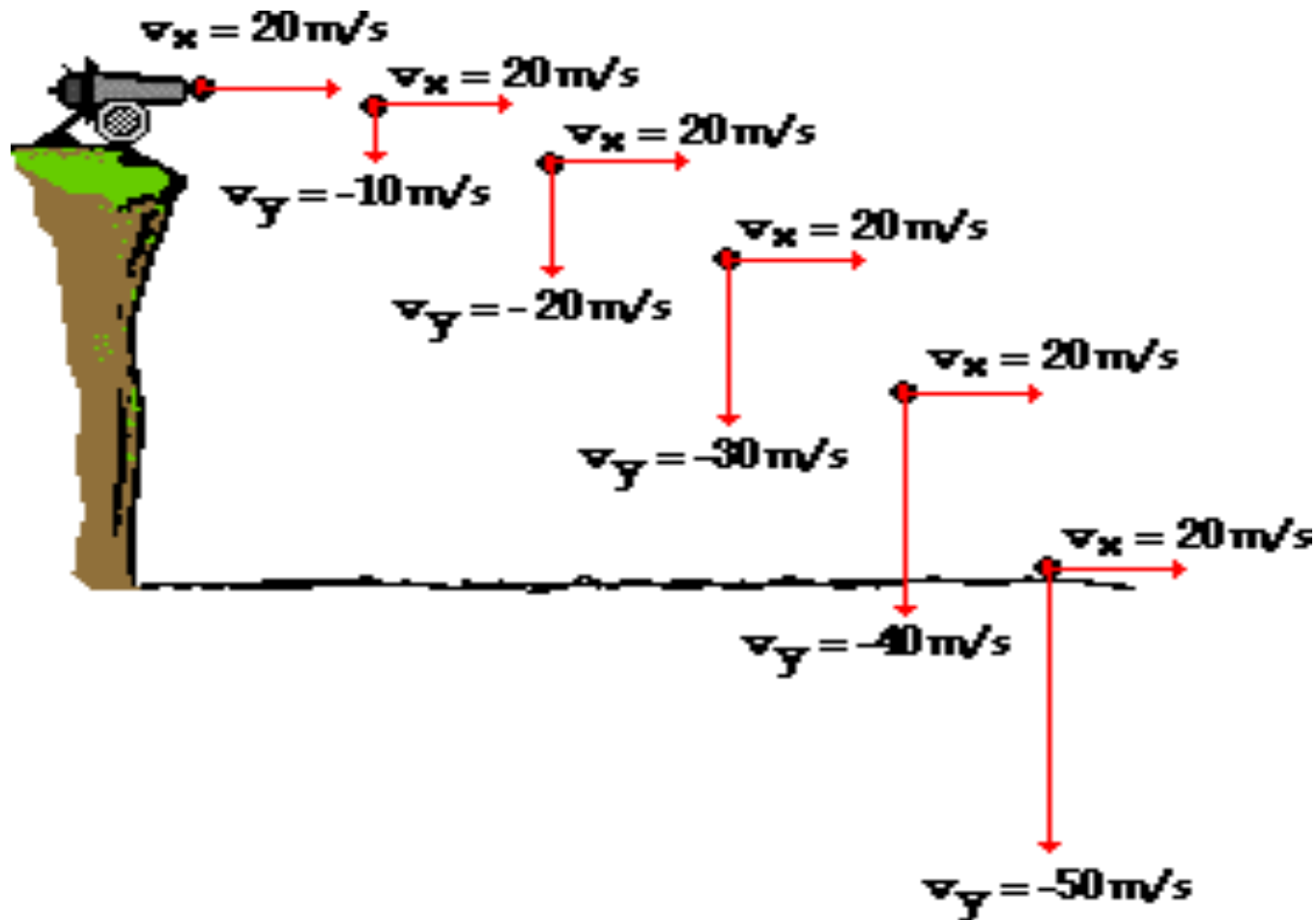
- Horizontal
 - Motion of a ball rolling freely along a level surface
 - Horizontal velocity is ALWAYS constant
- Vertical
 - Motion of a freely falling object
 - Force due to gravity
 - Vertical component of velocity changes with time
- Parabolic
 - Path traced by an object accelerating only in the vertical direction while moving at constant horizontal velocity





Examples of Projectile Motion

- Launching a Cannon ball





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

$$v_x = \text{--} \text{ m/s} \quad v_y = \text{--} \text{ m/s}$$



Equations

- X- Component

$$x_f = x_i + v_{xi}t$$

- Y- Component

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

$$v_{yf}^2 = v_{yi}^2 - 2g\Delta y$$

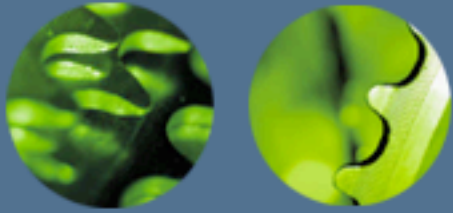
$$v_{yf} = v_{yi} - gt$$

Note: $g = 9.8$
 m/s^2

- Vectors

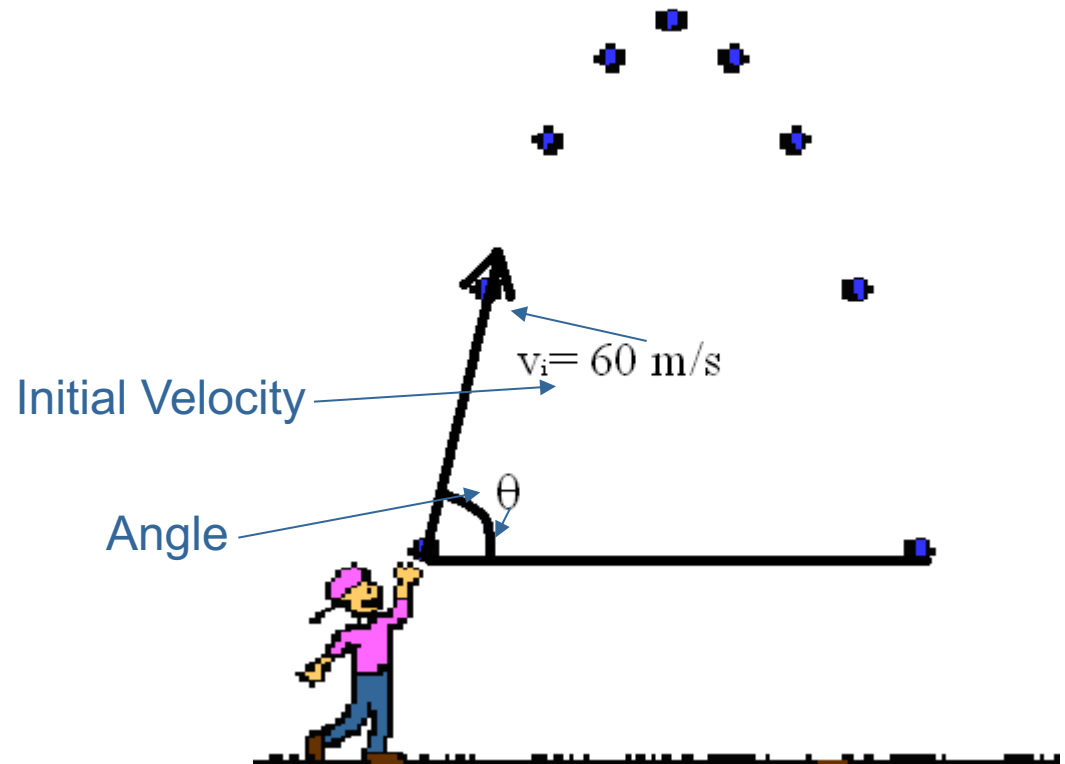
$$v_{xi} = v_i \cos(\theta)$$

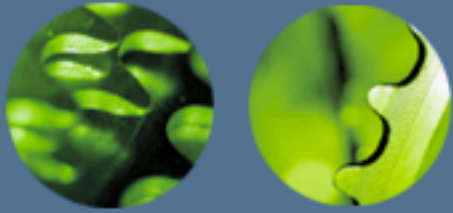
$$v_{yi} = v_i \sin(\theta)$$



Factors Affecting Projectile Motion

- What two factors would affect projectile motion?
 - Angle
 - Initial velocity





Class Exercise

An object is fired from the ground at 100 meters per second at an angle of 30 degrees with the horizontal

- ✓ Calculate the horizontal and vertical components of the initial velocity
- ✓ After 2.0 seconds, how far has the object traveled in the horizontal direction?
- ✓ How high is the object at this point?



Solution

- Part a

$$v_{ix} = v_i \cos \theta = (100 \text{ m/s}) (\cos 30^\circ) = 87 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{iy} = v_i \sin \theta = (100 \text{ m/s}) (\sin 30^\circ) = 50 \text{ m/s}$$

- Part b

$$v_{ix} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta x = v_x t = (87 \text{ m/s}) (2.0 \text{ s}) = 174 \text{ m}$$

- Part c

$$\Delta y = v_{iy} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} g (\Delta t^2) = (50 \text{ m/s}) (2.0 \text{ s}) + \frac{1}{2} (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) (2.0 \text{ s})^2$$



Applications

Any Ideas?



LAB TIME!!!