

2008 PreAP Projectiles 1

1. Two balls are launched horizontally. One is thrown twice as fast as the other.



- A. If they are launched from the same position above the ground, which one hits the ground first?
- B. If ball A is launched from a higher position, which one hits the ground first?
2. Projectile Motion questions:
- A) At the top of its path, what is a projectile's velocity in the y-direction?
- B) At the top of its path, what is a projectile's acceleration in the x-direction?
- C) If a projectile is launched from the ground and lands on the ground, how does its initial and final velocities compare?
- D) A projectile is launched from the top of a 12 m building, what is Δy ?
- E) You want to know how high a projectile goes. V_{yf} (final y-vel) = _____?
- F) How do you find initial V_x for a projectile?
- G) If you know the total time from ground to ground is 18 seconds, how long did it take to get to its highest point?
- H) What is the y-direction acceleration of any projectile?
- I) How do you find initial V_y for a projectile?
- J) If a projectile is launched from the ground and lands on the ground, what is Δy ?
- K) If a projectile is launched from a 4 m cliff, what is Δy ?
- L) If a projectile has an initial V_x of 25 m/s, what is its final V_x ?
3. A cannonball is fired at 40 m/s at 50° to the horizon.
- A) $a_y =$ _____; $a_x =$ _____.
- B) Draw the vector of the initial velocity and resolve it into its x and y components. (Find V_x and V_y .)

Remember that once you've broken the vector up into x and y, x and y are independent of each other!

- C) The y-direction is now just freefall. So, how long does it take for the ball to come back to the earth? (Find t.)
- D) Find how far the cannonball will travel from where it was shot (x-displacement).
4. A cannon fires a projectile at 30° and 68 m/s. Find how far away the projectile lands (known as its _____).