

Lecture Seven: Projectile Motion

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Projectile Motion

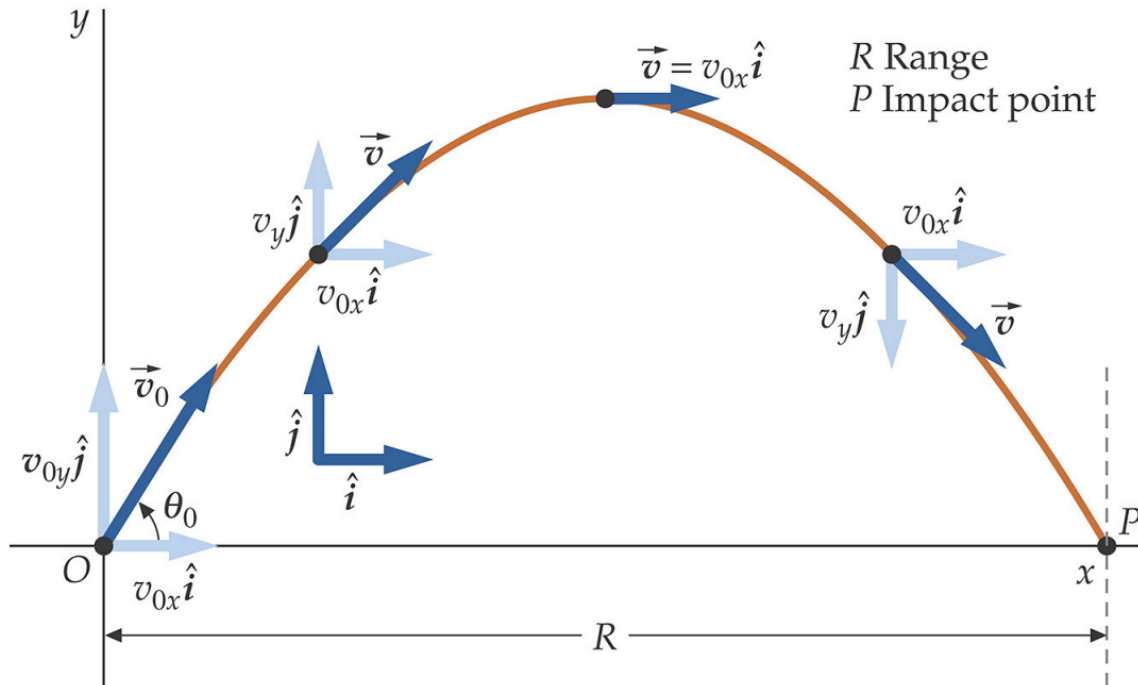
The motion of an object in a vertical plane under the effect of gravitational force is known as “**projectile motion**”.

(ان حركة جسم في مستوى عمودي تحت تأثير قوة الجاذبية يعرف بحركة المقذوفات)

The approach to 2-D projectile problems is to resolve the velocity vector into **horizontal** and **vertical components**.

(تعتبر حركة المقذوفات من الامثلة للحركة في بعدين ، سوف نقوم بايجاد معادلات الحركة للمقذوفات لتحديد الازاحة الافقية والراسية والسرعة والتعجيل)

- The vertical component is affected by gravity.
- The horizontal component is unchanged

2-D Projectile Motion Y vs X

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Projectile Motion: Horizontal Motion الحركة الأفقية

- $a_x = 0$ (لان القذيفة تتحرك متأثرة بالتعجيل الارضي والذي يتجه شاقوليا نحو الاسفل)
- The velocity in horizontal direction remains constant.

$$v_x = v_o \cos \theta$$

- The position in x direction can be determined by

$$x - x_o = v_{ox} t$$

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Projectile Motion: Vertical Motion (الحركة العمودية السقوط الحر)

- $a_y = -g$ The velocity along the y-axis
- The velocity in Vertical direction remains constant.

$$v_y = v_o \sin \theta - gt$$

- The position in x direction can be determined by

$$y - y_o = v_{oy} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$y - y_o = v_o \sin \theta t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

Horizontal range and maximum height of a projectile

It is very important to work out the range (R) and the maximum height (H) of the projectile motion.

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Horizontal Range: The distance OA is defined as the horizontal range R

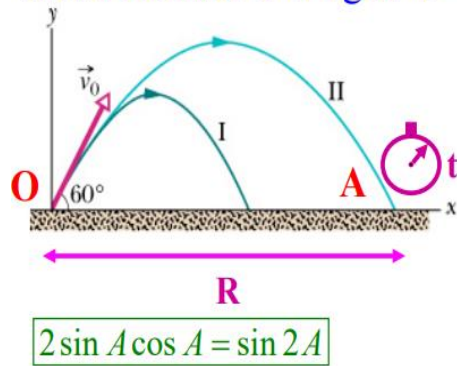
At point A we have: $y = 0$ From equation 4 we have:

$$(v_0 \sin \theta_0)t - \frac{gt^2}{2} = 0 \rightarrow t \left(v_0 \sin \theta_0 - \frac{gt}{2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{This equation has two solutions}$$

Solution 1. $t = 0$ This solution correspond to point O and is of no interest

Solution 2. $v_0 \sin \theta_0 - \frac{gt}{2} = 0$ This solution correspond to point A

From solution 2 we get: $t = \frac{2v_0 \sin \theta_0}{g}$ If we substitute t in eqs.2 we get:



$$R = \frac{2v_o^2}{g} \sin \theta_o \cos \theta_o = \frac{v_o^2}{g} \sin 2\theta_o$$

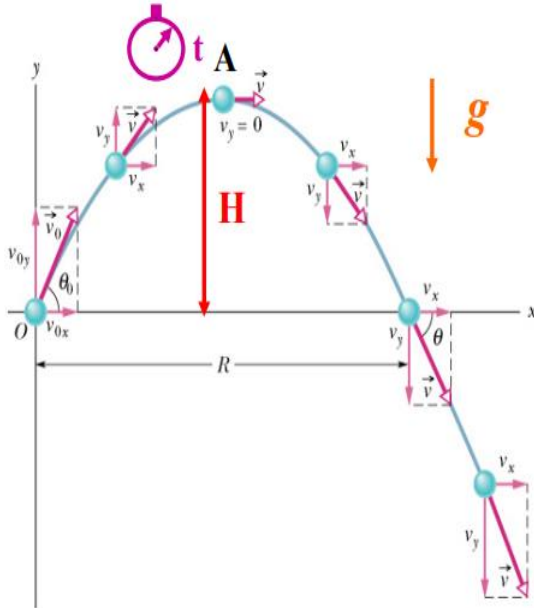
R has its maximum value when $\theta_o = 45^\circ$

$$R_{\max} = \frac{v_o^2}{g}$$

$$R = \frac{2v_0^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

Where $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

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Maximum height H

$$H = \frac{v_o^2 \sin^2 \theta_o}{2g}$$

The y-component of the projectile velocity is: $v_y = v_0 \sin \theta_0 - gt$

At point A: $v_y = 0 \rightarrow v_0 \sin \theta_0 - gt \rightarrow t = \frac{v_0 \sin \theta_0}{g}$

$$H = y(t) = (v_0 \sin \theta_0)t - \frac{gt^2}{2} = (v_0 \sin \theta_0) \frac{v_0 \sin \theta_0}{g} - \frac{g}{2} \left(\frac{v_0 \sin \theta_0}{g} \right)^2 \rightarrow$$

$$H = \frac{v_o^2 \sin^2 \theta_o}{2g}$$