

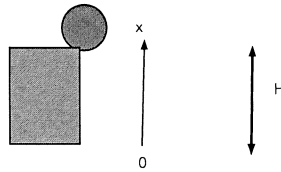
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Exam #1
Chapters 1-4
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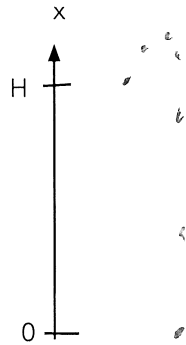
Solutions

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Exam1 E24 Makeup



1. On Planet x, a ball is thrown straight up from the top of a cliff of height, $H = 155 \text{ m}$, with an initial speed of 17.5 m/s . It takes 5.00 s for the ball to hit the ground. We want to find the acceleration due to gravity on Planet X. (Ignore air resistance.)

a. Produce a motion diagram of the ball: 5



b. Fill out the table of known quantities for the ball: 5

Parameter	Known Value
x_0	155 m
x_f	0
v_0	17.5 m/s
v_f	
a	
t	5.00 s

c. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of gravity. 10

$$A: 0 = 155 + 17.5(5.00) + \frac{1}{2} a (5.00)^2$$

$$a_x = -19.7 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad |a| = 19.7 \text{ m/s}^2$$

d. Find the ~~speed~~^{velocity} of the ball just before it hits the ground 10

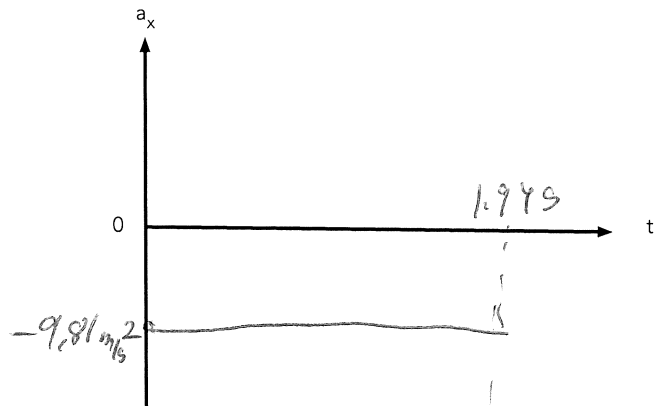
$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$= 17.5 - 19.7(5.00)$$

$$= -79.5 \text{ m/s}$$

2. A ball is thrown straight up from a cliff of height 250 m at $t=0$ with an initial speed of 19.0 m/s. Plot the following from $t=0$ until the ball reaches its highest point, including appropriate values including units on both axes. Take "up" as the positive x-direction with $x=0$ at ground level.

a. Acceleration vs. time. 10

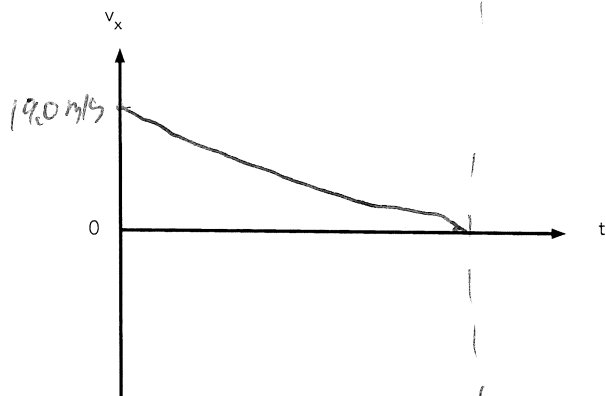


$$v = v_0 + at$$

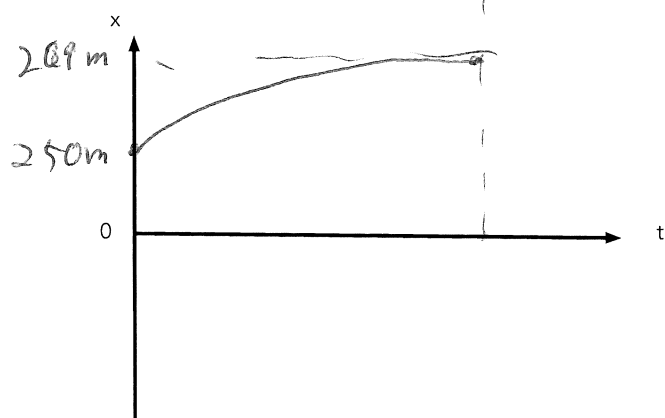
$$0 = 19.0 - gt$$

$$t = 1.94 \text{ s}$$

b. Velocity vs. time. 10



c. Position vs. time. 10

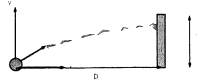


$$x = 250 + 19.0(1.94) - \frac{1}{2}g(1.94)^2$$

$$= 269 \text{ m}$$

or

$$0 = 19^2 - 2g \Delta x$$



3. A cannonball is shot from ground level at a castle wall. The castle wall has a height of 350 m and is a horizontal distance $D = 175$ m from the cannon. The initial horizontal component of velocity of the ball is 85.0 m/s in magnitude. Take $y = 0$ at ground level. Assume the ball hits the wall at a height of 250 m on the way up.

a. On the figure above, plot the trajectory of the cannonball. **5**

b. Fill out the tables of known values. Take the final position as when the cannonball ~~grazes~~ ^{hits} the castle wall. **5**

Parameter	Known Value
x_0	0
x_f	175 m
v_{x0}	85.0 m/s
v_{xf}	85.0 m/s
a_x	0

Parameter	Known Value
y_0	0
y_f	250 m
v_{y0}	
v_{yf}	
a_y	-9.81 m/s ²

c. Find the time it takes the cannonball to hit the wall. **10.5**

$$x: A: 175 = 85.0t, t = 2.06 \text{ s}$$

c. Find the initial velocity of the cannonball and write it in vector notation using the coordinate system above. **15** ~~10~~

$$y: A: 250 = 0 + v_{y0}(2.06) - \frac{1}{2}g(2.06)^2$$

$$v_{y0} = 131 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_0 = (85.0\hat{i} + 131\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

d. If instead the wall was shorter and the cannonball missed the wall, find the velocity, acceleration, and position of the cannonball at its highest point and write them in vector notation. **15** ~~20~~

$$\vec{a} = -9.81\hat{j} \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$y: 0 = 131 - gt, t = 13.7 \text{ s}$$

$$x: x = 0 + 85(13.7) = 1.14 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$$

$$y: 0 = 131^2 - 2g\Delta y, \Delta y = 875 \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{v} = 85.0\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{r} = (1.14 \times 10^3\hat{i} + 875\hat{j}) \text{ m}$$