



Two Dimensional Motion









 Independence of Motion
 The horizontal and vertical components of two-dimensional motion are independent of each other. Any motion in the horizontal direction does not affect motion in the













- When an object travels through the air, the vertical motion can be separated from the horizontal motion.
- Gravity affects the vertical motion of the object causing it to accelerate in the vertical direction.

	Horizontal	Vertical
Acceleration	0	g (9.8 m/s²) down
Velocity	Constant	Changing







Example 1

• A cannon ball is launched with a horizontal velocity of 50 m/s from the top of a 10 m high cliff. Calculate the distance from the bottom of the cliff where the cannon ball lands.

Separate the horizontal and vertical velocities.

- Horizontal
- Vertical
- $v_{xi} = 50 \text{ m/s}$
- $v_{yi} = 0$
- $a_x = 0$
- $a_v = g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
- *x* = ? • *t* = ?
- y = -10 m• *t* = ?
- Solve for time, *t*, vertically.

• Vertical

$$d_{y} = v_{yi}t + \frac{1}{2}a_{y}t^{2}$$

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$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2d_{y}}{g}}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2(-10)}{-9.8}} = 1.43 \text{ s}$$

- The time it takes for the object to fall and hit the ground is the same as the horizontal time.
 - The object stops moving horizontally once the object has hit the ground.
- That means that we can now solve for the horizontal distance.

Horizontal

$$d_x = v_{xi}t + \frac{1}{2}a_xt^2$$
$$d_x = v_{xi}t$$
$$d_x = (50)(1.43) = 71.5 \text{ m}$$

Example 2

• A cannon ball is launched with a velocity of 50 m/s at an angle of 30° from the horizontal from the top of a 10 m high cliff. Calculate the distance from the bottom of the cliff where the cannon ball lands.



• vertical

$$d_{y} = v_{yi}t + \frac{1}{2}a_{y}t^{2}$$

$$-10 = (50\sin 30)t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)t^{2}$$

$$4.9t^{2} - 25t - 10 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2} - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$t = \frac{-(-25) \pm \sqrt{(-25)^{2} - 4(4.9)(-10)}}{2(4.9)}$$

$$t = \begin{cases} -0.37 \text{ s} \\ 5.47 \text{ s} \end{cases}$$

• Horizontal

$$d_x = v_{xi}t + \frac{1}{2}a_xt^2$$

$$d_x = v_{xi}t$$

$$d_x = (50\cos 30)(5.47) = 237 \text{ m}$$





A hunter with a gun goes out in the woods to hunt for monkeys and sees one hanging in a tree. The monkey releases its grip the instant it hears the gun. Where should the hunter aim to hit the monkey?

And Shink









- If a person rows a boat across a rapidly flowing river and tries to head directly for the other shore, the boat instead moves diagonally relative to the shore, because the river carries the boat downstream.
- The boat has a velocity relative to a river and the river has a velocity relative to an observer on solid ground.
- The velocity of the boat relative to the observer is the sum of these velocity vectors.

Example

A boat with a velocity of 5.0 m/s is crossing a 50.0 m wide river with a current of 2.0 m/s towards the east.

- a) What is the velocity of the boat relative to the shore?
- b) What is the distance from A to B?









