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Projectile Motion
Objects Launched Horizontally

1. A stone is thrown horizontally at a speed of +5.0 m/s from the top of a cliff 78.4 m high.

a. How long does it take the stone to reach the bottom of the cliff?

$$d_y = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2d_y}{g}}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2(-78.4\text{m})}{-9.80\text{m/s}^2}} = \boxed{4.0\text{ s}}$$

b. How far from the base of the cliff does the stone strike the ground?

$$d_x = v_{ox} t$$

$$= (5\text{m/s})(4.0\text{s}) = \boxed{20\text{ m}}$$

c. What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity of the stone just before it hits the ground?

i. Horizontal + 5.0 m/s

ii. Vertical

$$v_y = gt = (-9.80\text{m/s}^2)(4.0\text{s}) = \boxed{-39\text{m/s}}$$

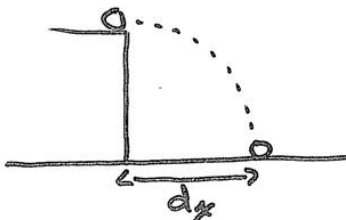
d. What is the magnitude and direction of the velocity of the projectile upon impact with the ground? (Draw a diagram)

$$v = \sqrt{v_{ox}^2 + v_{oy}^2} = \sqrt{(5.0\text{m/s})^2 + (-39\text{m/s})^2}$$

$$v = 39.3\text{ m/s} = \boxed{39\text{ m/s}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_{ox}}{v_{oy}} \rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5\text{m/s}}{39.3\text{m/s}}\right) = \boxed{7.3^\circ \text{ from vertical}}$$

2. A steel ball rolls with constant velocity across a tabletop 0.950 m high. It rolls off and hits the ground +0.352 m horizontally from the edge of the table. How fast was the ball rolling?



$$d_y = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2d_y}{g}}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2(-0.95\text{m})}{-9.80\text{m/s}^2}} = \boxed{0.44\text{ s}}$$

$$v_{ox} = \frac{d_x}{t} = \frac{0.352\text{ m}}{0.44\text{ s}} = \boxed{0.800\text{ m/s}}$$

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3. An auto, moving too fast on a horizontal stretch of mountain road, slides off the road, falling into deep snow 43.9 m below the road and 87.7 m beyond the edge of the road.

a. How long did the auto take to fall?

$$d_y = \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2d_y}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(-43.9\text{ m})}{-9.80\text{ m/s}^2}} =$$

$$t = 2.99\text{ s}$$

b. How fast was it going when it left the road? (in m/s and km/h)

$$d_x = v_{0x} t \rightarrow v_{0x} = \frac{d_x}{t}$$

$$v_{0x} = \frac{87.7\text{ m}}{2.99\text{ s}} = 29.3\text{ m/s}$$

$$29.3\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \left(\frac{1\text{ km}}{1000\text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{3600\text{ s}}{1\text{ h}} \right) = 106\text{ km/h}$$

c. What was its acceleration 10 m below the edge of the road?

$$g = -9.80\text{ m/s}^2$$