

More Cliff Problems

4. A ball is shot horizontally from a window. It has an initial horizontal velocity of 4 m/s and is in the air for 1.35 seconds before hitting the ground.

a. How high is the window?

$$v_x = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{y_i} = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t = 1.35 \text{ s}$$

$$a = -10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_{y_i}t$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{2}(-10)(1.35)^2 + (0)(1.35)$$

$$Y = (-5)(1.35)^2$$

$$Y = -9.1 \text{ m}$$

(So 9.1 m high)

b. How far away (horizontally) from the edge of the building does the ball land?

$$X = v_x t$$

$$X = (4)(1.35)$$

$$X = 5.4 \text{ m}$$

c. What are the horizontal and vertical components of the ball's velocity when it lands?

$$v_x = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_y = at + v_{y_i}$$

$$v_y = (-10)(1.35) + 0$$

$$v_y = -13.5 \text{ m/s}$$

d. How fast is the ball going when it lands?

$$V^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2$$

$$V^2 = (4)^2 + (-13.5)^2$$

$$V^2 = 198.3$$

$$V = 14.1 \text{ m/s}$$

5. The Coyote is chasing the Road Runner when the Road Runner suddenly stops at the edge of a convenient cliff. The Coyote, traveling with a speed of 25 m/s, does not stop and goes flying off the edge of the cliff, which is 200 meters high.

a. How long is the Coyote in the air?

$$v_x = 25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{y_i} = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = -10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$Y = -200 \text{ m}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_{y_i}t$$

$$-200 = \frac{1}{2}(-10)t^2 + (0)t$$

$$-200 = -5t^2$$

$$t^2 = 40$$

$$t = 6.32 \text{ s}$$

b. Where does the Coyote land?

$$X = v_x t$$

$$X = (25)(6.32)$$

$$X = 158.1 \text{ m}$$

c. What are the horizontal and vertical components of the Coyote's velocity when he lands?

$$v_x = 25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_y = at + v_{y_i}$$

$$v_y = (-10)(6.32) + 0$$

$$v_y = -63.2 \text{ m/s}$$

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- d. How fast is the Coyote going when he lands?

$$V^2 = V_x^2 + V_y^2$$

$$V^2 = (25)^2 + (-63.2)^2$$

$$V^2 = 625 + 3994$$

$$V^2 = 4619$$

$$V = 68 \text{ m/s}$$

6. A plane is flying across a level field and is 150 meters off the ground. When the plane is directly over point A, it releases a package, which then falls to the ground, and lands at point B, which is 500 meters away from point A. Calculate the following:

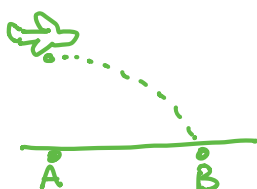
- a. The total time the package was in the air.

$$y = -150 \text{ m}$$

$$x = 500 \text{ m}$$

$$a = -10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v_{yi} = 0 \text{ m/s}$$



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

$$-150 = \frac{1}{2} (-10) t^2 + (0) t$$

$$-150 = -5 t^2$$

$$t^2 = 30$$

$$t = 5.48 \text{ s}$$

- b. The initial velocity of the package. (Give the components.)

$$v_{yi} = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$x = v_x t$$

$$500 = v_x (5.48)$$

$$v_x = 91.3 \text{ m/s}$$

- c. The final velocity of the package just as it hits the ground. (Give the components.)

$$v_x = 91.3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_y = a t + v_{yi}$$

$$v_y = (-10)(5.48) + 0$$

$$v_y = -54.8 \text{ m/s}$$

- d. The final speed of the package just as it hits the ground.

$$V^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2$$

$$V^2 = (91.3)^2 + (-54.8)^2$$

$$V^2 = 8333 + 3003$$

$$V^2 = 11,336$$

$$V = 106.5 \text{ m/s}$$

Answers:

4. a) 9.1 m

b) 5.4 m

c) $v_x = 4 \text{ m/s}$ & $v_y = -13.5 \text{ m/s}$

d) 14.1 m/s

5. a) 6.32 s

b) 158.1 m

c) $v_x = 25 \text{ m/s}$ & $v_y = -63.2 \text{ m/s}$

d) 68 m/s

6. a) 5.48 s

b) $v_x = 91.3 \text{ m/s}$ & $v_y = 0 \text{ m/s}$

c) $v_x = 91.3 \text{ m/s}$ & $v_y = -54.8 \text{ m/s}$

d) 106.5 m/s