

Projectile Motion II

1. A projectile was fired ~~horizontally~~ off a lab table. The initial height of the projectile was 1.1 meters and it landed 3.2 meters away horizontally. What was the initial speed of the projectile?



$$\begin{aligned} y &= -1.1 \text{ m} \\ x &= 3.2 \text{ m} \\ a &= -10 \text{ m/s}^2 \\ v_{y_i} &= 0 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{1}{2} a t^2 + v_{y_i} t \\ -1.1 &= \frac{1}{2} (-10) t^2 + (0) t \\ -1.1 &= -5 t^2 \\ t^2 &= .22 \\ t &= \underline{\underline{0.47}} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = v_x t$$

$$3.2 = v_x (0.47)$$

$$\boxed{v_x = 6.82 \text{ m/s}}$$

2. Yet another projectile was launched and landed 7 meters away on a platform that was the same height as the initial height of the projectile in 1.2 seconds. What was the initial speed of the projectile?



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 7 \text{ m} \\ t_{\text{total}} &= 1.2 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = v_x t$$

$$7 = v_x (1.2)$$

$$\underline{\underline{v_x = 5.83 \text{ m/s}}}$$

Need to find v_x & v_{y_i} first!

Since total time is 1.2 seconds, it only took half of that to reach its maximum height.

$$\therefore \text{ @ Max height } v_y = 0 \text{ m/s} \quad \& \quad t = 0.6 \text{ s}$$

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

$$0 = -10 (0.6) + v_{y_i}$$

$$\underline{\underline{v_{y_i} = 6 \text{ m/s}}}$$

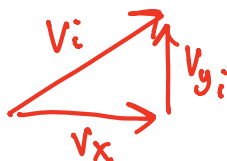
Finally, Vectors!

$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_{y_i}^2$$

$$v^2 = (5.83)^2 + (6)^2$$

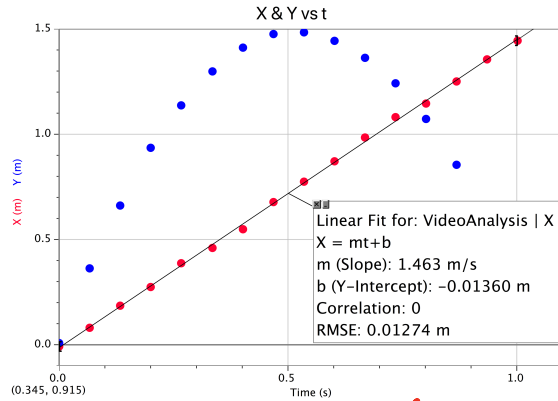
$$v^2 = 70$$

$$\boxed{v = 8.37 \text{ m/s}}$$

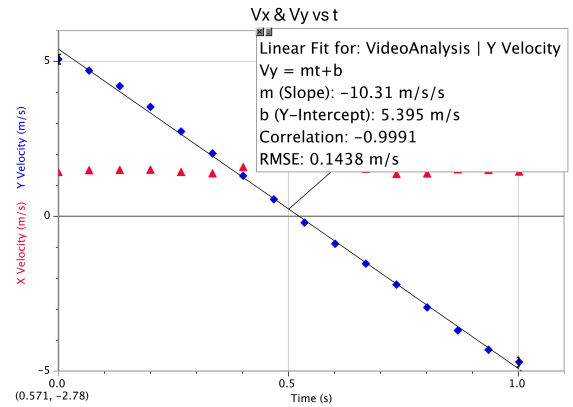


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3. This time a video was made of a projectile being launched, and after analyzing the video, the following graphs were made. What was the initial speed of the projectile?



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 This slope is V_x
 $\therefore V_x = 1.46 \text{ m/s}$



↑
 This Y intercept
 is V_{yi}
 $\therefore V_{yi} = 5.40 \text{ m/s}$

So

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

$$V^2 = (1.46)^2 + (5.4)^2$$

$$V^2 = 31.29$$

$$V = 5.59 \text{ m/s}$$

Answers:

1) 6.8 m/s

2) 8.4 m/s

3) 5.6 m/s