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No calculators, cell phones, computers, notes, etc.

Circle your answer. Make your work correct, complete and coherent.

Please take a picture of your quiz (for your records) just before you turn the quiz in. I will e-mail your grade and my comments to you. I will keep your quiz.

The quiz is worth 5 points. The solutions will be posted on my website later today.

Quiz 4, September 29, 2022

A projectile is fired at a speed of 840 m/sec at an angle of 60 degrees above the ground. The only force acting on the projectile is gravity (9.8 m/sec^2 toward the ground). How long will it take until the projectile is 21,000 m down range?

Answer: Let $\vec{r}(t)$ be the position vector of the projectile at time t . We call the point where the projectile is fired the origin. We are told that

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}''(t) &= -9.8 \\ \vec{r}'(0) &= 840 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \vec{i} + 840 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \vec{j} \\ &= 840 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \vec{i} + 840 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \vec{j} \\ &= 420 \vec{i} + 420\sqrt{3} \vec{j} \\ \vec{r}(0) &= 0 \vec{i} + 0 \vec{j}.\end{aligned}$$

We integrate $\vec{r}''(t)$ to see that

$$\vec{r}'(t) = -9.8t \vec{j} + \vec{c}_1$$

for some constant vector \vec{c}_1 . Plug in $t = 0$ to learn

$$420 \vec{i} + 420\sqrt{3} \vec{j} = \vec{r}'(0) = -9.8(0) + \vec{c}_1.$$

Thus $420 \vec{i} + 420\sqrt{3} \vec{j} = \vec{c}_1$ and

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 420 \vec{i} + (420\sqrt{3} - 9.8t) \vec{j}.$$

Integrate again to learn

$$\vec{r}(t) = 420t \vec{i} + (420\sqrt{3}t - 4.9t^2) \vec{j} + \vec{c}_2,$$

for some constant vector \vec{c}_2 . Plug in $t = 0$ to learn

$$0 \vec{i} + 0 \vec{j} = \vec{r}(0) = \vec{c}_2.$$

Thus, $\vec{c}_2 = 0$ and

$$\vec{r}(t) = 420t \vec{i} + (420\sqrt{3}t - 4.9t^2) \vec{j}.$$

The projectile is 21,000 m down range when the \vec{i} component of $\vec{r}(t)$ is equal to 21,000. That is, when

$$420t = 21,000$$

or

$$t = \frac{21000}{420} = \frac{21 \cdot 100}{21 \cdot 2} = \frac{100}{2} = 50.$$

It takes 50 seconds for the projectile to get 21,000 m down range.