



Angled Projectiles

Directions: Read textbook pages 102 -104. Solve the following problems using the GUESS method. Show ALL work neatly using proper units and significant figures.

1. A golf ball is hit at an angle of 45° above the horizontal. What is the acceleration of the golf ball at its highest point in its trajectory? [Neglect friction]
 - A) 0.0 m/s^2
 - B) 6.9 m/s^2 horizontally
 - C) 9.8 m/s^2 upward
 - D) **9.8 m/s^2 downward**

2. The path of a projectile fired at a 30° angle to the horizontal is best described as
 - A) circular
 - B) **parabolic**
 - C) linear
 - D) hyperbolic

3. For a projectile launched at an angle, if it takes 4 seconds to reach the highest point, the total flight time is **8 seconds**.

4. Rhoda Bote throws a rock into the air with an initial speed of 49.0 m/s at an angle of 58.0° with the horizontal. It returns to Earth at the same level from which it was launched.
 - a. Calculate the initial vertical speed of the rock.

$$v_{iy} = v_i \sin \theta = (49.0 \frac{m}{s})(\sin 58.0^\circ) = 41.6 \frac{m}{s}$$

- b. Calculate the initial horizontal speed of the rock.

$$v_{ix} = v_i \cos \theta = (49.0 \frac{m}{s})(\cos 58.0^\circ) = 26.0 \frac{m}{s}$$

- c. Calculate how long it was in the air.

Use that $v_f = 0$ at the top

$$t_{\text{top}} = \frac{\Delta v}{a} = \frac{0 \frac{m}{s} - 41.6 \frac{m}{s}}{-9.81 \frac{m}{s^2}} = 4.24s$$

$$t_{\text{total}} = 2 \times t_{\text{top}} = 2(4.24s) = 8.48s$$

- d. Calculate how far away it landed.

$$d_x = v_{ix} t = 26.0 \frac{m}{s} (8.48s) = 220.m$$

	x	y
d		0 m
t		
a	0 m/s ²	-9.81 m/s ²
v _i		
v _f		0 m/s