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Projectiles Shot at an Angle

Review of Horizontal Projectiles:

v_x remains _____ because we: _____

v_y _____ as an object falls due to _____ which is $a_y =$ _____

An object moves in the shape of a half parabola because it has velocity in the x-direction and gravity pulls it down in the y-direction.

Joey pushes Mike horizontally off a cliff at 5 m/s. What is Mike's:

$v_x =$ _____

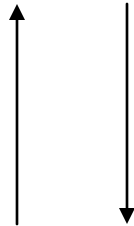
$v_{iy} =$ _____

$a_y =$ _____

Projectiles shot at an ANGLE:

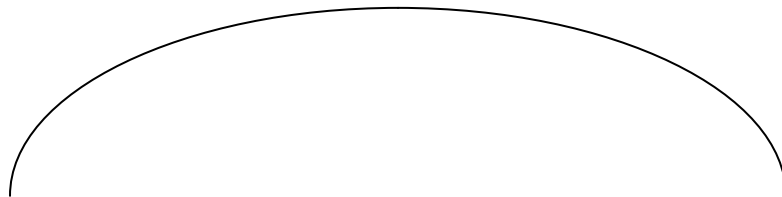
1. The horizontal velocity (v_x) still remains _____
2. The vertical velocity (v_y) _____

Think of the v_y if it only went up and down. What happens to the v_y ?

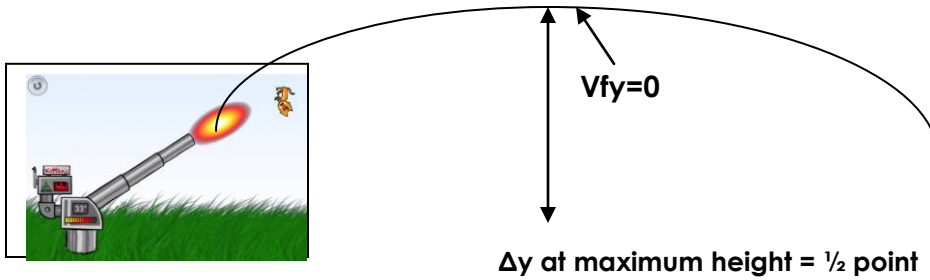


TIP: The y velocity at the top = _____

Now apply a horizontal component to it. **The v_x DOES NOT CHANGE the v_y !**

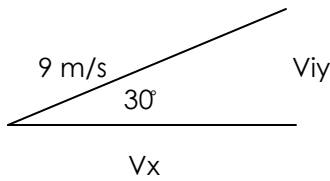


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Example: A cat tries to launch itself out of a cannon at 30° N of E. He leaves the cannon with a velocity of 9 m/s (**This is a combination of his vertical and horizontal velocity!**). What will be his maximum height (Δy), AND will he make it across a 10 m wide road? (Solve Δx)

The components of velocity:



V_x:
V_{iy}:

To use either equation, we need to find the **time** (Δt) the cat was in the air.

$a = \frac{V_f - V_i}{\Delta t}$ becomes:

You can solve for the time at the top of the parabola because the y-velocity = _____
 So... $V_{iy} =$ _____ at the top (which is $\frac{1}{2}$ way through the flight).

$\Delta t =$ _____ This is the time _____, so the

TOTAL time of the flight = _____

Now that we have Δt ...back to our other equations

Maximum Height: (Δy)

Total Distance (Δx)