

Important Projectile Motion Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 10 Important Projectile Motion Formulas

1) Height of Object given Horizontal Distance Formula

Formula

$$v = R \cdot \tan(\theta_{pr}) - \frac{g \cdot R^2}{2 \cdot (u \cdot \cos(\theta_{pr}))^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$0.8267 \text{ m} = 2 \text{ m} \cdot \tan(0.4 \text{ rad}) - \frac{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 2 \text{ m}^2}{2 \cdot (35 \text{ m/s} \cdot \cos(0.4 \text{ rad}))^2}$$

2) Initial Speed given Maximum Height Formula

Formula

$$u = \frac{\sqrt{H_{\max} \cdot 2 \cdot g}}{\sin(\theta_{pr})}$$

Example with Units

$$35.0038 \text{ m/s} = \frac{\sqrt{9.48 \text{ m} \cdot 2 \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}}{\sin(0.4 \text{ rad})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Initial Speed using Time of Flight Formula

Formula

$$u = \frac{T \cdot g}{2 \cdot \sin(\theta_{pr})}$$

Example with Units

$$35 \text{ m/s} = \frac{2.78156 \text{ s} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}{2 \cdot \sin(0.4 \text{ rad})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Initial Velocity using Range Formula

Formula

$$u = \sqrt{g \cdot \frac{R_{\text{motion}}}{\sin(2 \cdot \theta_{pr})}}$$

Example with Units

$$35 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \frac{89.66951 \text{ m}}{\sin(2 \cdot 0.4 \text{ rad})}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) Maximum Height Attained by Object Formula

Formula

$$v_{\max} = \frac{(u \cdot \sin(\theta_{pr}))^2}{2 \cdot g}$$

Example with Units

$$9.4779 \text{ m} = \frac{(35 \text{ m/s} \cdot \sin(0.4 \text{ rad}))^2}{2 \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6) Maximum Height Attained for Inclined Projectile Formula ↻

Formula

$$H_{\max} = \frac{\left(u \cdot \sin \left(\theta_{\text{inclination}} \right) \right)^2}{2 \cdot g \cdot \cos \left(\alpha_{\text{pl}} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$9.4826 \text{ m} = \frac{\left(35 \text{ m/s} \cdot \sin \left(0.3827 \text{ rad} \right) \right)^2}{2 \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \cos \left(0.405 \text{ rad} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

7) Maximum Range of Flight for Inclined Projectile Formula ↻

Formula

$$R_{\text{motion}} = \frac{u^2 \cdot \left(1 - \sin \left(\alpha_{\text{pl}} \right) \right)}{g \cdot \left(\cos \left(\alpha_{\text{pl}} \right) \right)^2}$$

Example with Units

$$89.6688 \text{ m} = \frac{35 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \left(1 - \sin \left(0.405 \text{ rad} \right) \right)}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \left(\cos \left(0.405 \text{ rad} \right) \right)^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

8) Range of Projectile Motion Formula ↻

Formula

$$R_{\text{motion}} = \frac{u^2 \cdot \sin \left(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{pr}} \right)}{g}$$

Example with Units

$$89.6695 \text{ m} = \frac{35 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \sin \left(2 \cdot 0.4 \text{ rad} \right)}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

9) Time of Flight Formula ↻

Formula

$$T = \frac{2 \cdot u \cdot \sin \left(\theta_{\text{pr}} \right)}{g}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7816 \text{ s} = \frac{2 \cdot 35 \text{ m/s} \cdot \sin \left(0.4 \text{ rad} \right)}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

10) Time of Flight for Inclined Projectile Formula ↻

Formula

$$T = \frac{2 \cdot u \cdot \sin \left(\theta_{\text{inclination}} \right)}{g \cdot \cos \left(\alpha_{\text{pl}} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$2.9021 \text{ s} = \frac{2 \cdot 35 \text{ m/s} \cdot \sin \left(0.3827 \text{ rad} \right)}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \cos \left(0.405 \text{ rad} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



Variables used in list of Projectile Motion Formulas above

- **g** Acceleration due to Gravity (Meter per Square Second)
- **H_{max}** Maximum Height (Meter)
- **R** Horizontal Distance (Meter)
- **R_{motion}** Range of Motion (Meter)
- **T** Time of Flight (Second)
- **u** Initial Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **v** Height of Crack (Meter)
- **v_{max}** Maximum Height of Crack (Meter)
- **α_{pl}** Angle of Plane (Radian)
- **θ_{inclination}** Angle of Inclination (Radian)
- **θ_{pr}** Angle of Projection (Radian)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Projectile Motion Formulas above

- **Functions:** **cos**, cos(Angle)
Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.
- **Functions:** **sin**, sin(Angle)
Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.
- **Functions:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Functions:** **tan**, tan(Angle)
The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Acceleration** in Meter per Square Second (m/s²)
Acceleration Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Radian (rad)
Angle Unit Conversion 



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