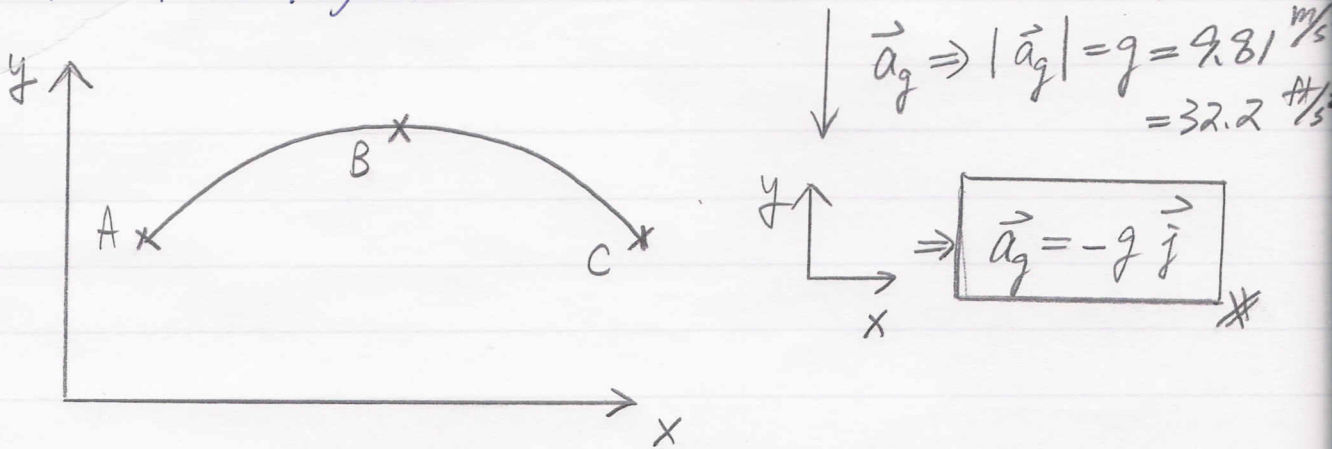


* Motion of a Projectile

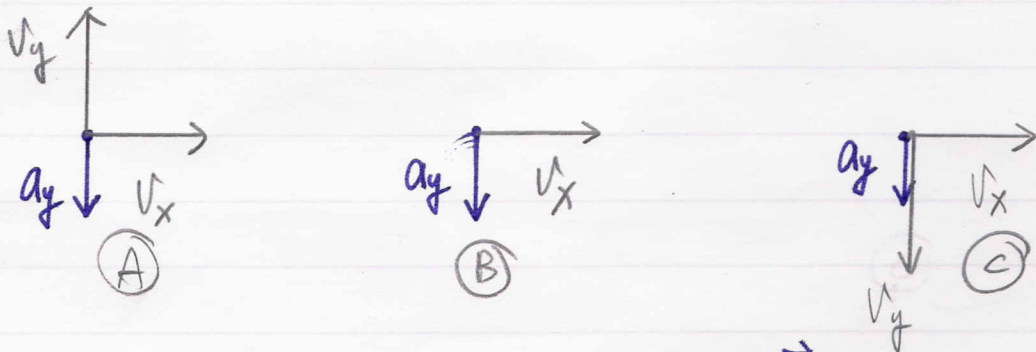


At point A, $\begin{cases} x = x_A > 0 \\ y = y_A \end{cases}, \begin{cases} v_x = (v_x)_A > 0 \\ v_y = (v_y)_A > 0 \end{cases}, \begin{cases} a_x = (a_x)_A = 0 \\ a_y = (a_y)_A = -g \end{cases}$

At point B, $\begin{cases} x = x_B > 0 \\ y = y_B \end{cases}, \begin{cases} v_x = (v_x)_B > 0 \\ v_y = (v_y)_B = 0 \end{cases}, \begin{cases} a_x = (a_x)_B = 0 \\ a_y = (a_y)_B = -g \end{cases}$

At point C, $\begin{cases} x = x_C \\ y = y_C \end{cases}, \begin{cases} v_x = (v_x)_C > 0 \\ v_y = (v_y)_C < 0 \end{cases}, \begin{cases} a_x = (a_x)_C = 0 \\ a_y = (a_y)_C = -g \end{cases}$

The motion from C to A can be analyzed by:



* i) a_y is always g in the $-\hat{j}$ direction; $a_x = 0$.

ii) $v_x = \text{const.}$

iii) y usually experiences $+ \rightarrow -$ motion, limited by B.C.
 x increases monotonically, only limited by the boundary condition (B.C.)

Since $a_x = 0 = \text{const.}$, we have

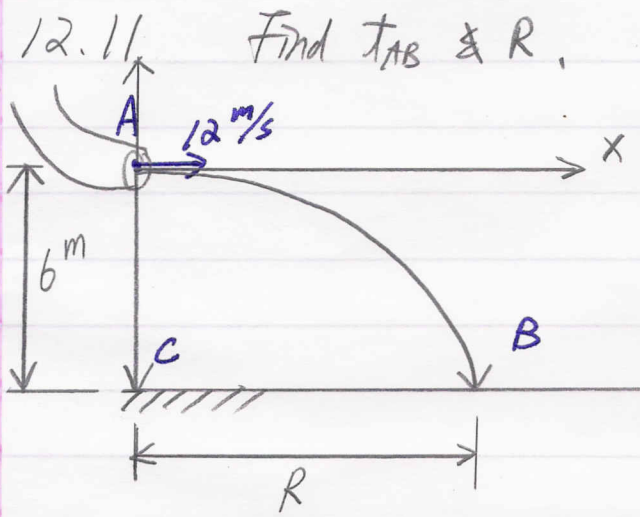
$$\begin{cases} v = v_0 + a_c t = (v_0)_x = v_x \\ x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a_c t^2 = x_0 + (v_0)_x \cdot t = x \\ v^2 = v_0^2 + 2 a_c (x - x_0) = (v_0)_x = v_x \end{cases}$$

In the horizontal direction. Also, we have $a_y = -g = \text{const.}$

$$\begin{cases} v_y = (v_0)_y - g t = v_y \\ y = y_0 + (v_0)_y t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 = y \\ v_y^2 = (v_0)_y^2 - 2 g (y - y_0) \end{cases}$$

in the vertical direction.

Example



① List the initial conditions (I.C.) of \vec{r} , \vec{v} , and \vec{a} .

$$\begin{cases} \vec{r} \Rightarrow x = 0, y = 0 \\ \vec{v} \Rightarrow v_x = 12 \text{ m/s}, v_y = 0 \text{ m/s} \\ \vec{a} \Rightarrow a_x = 0 \text{ m/s}^2, a_y = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{cases}$$

② Determine the B.C.

@ $t = t_{AB}$, $x = R$, $y = -6$ m

③ List the governing eqns.

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + (v_0)_x t_{AB} \\ y = y_0 + (v_0)_y t_{AB} - \frac{1}{2} g t_{AB}^2 \end{cases}$$

With $x_0 = y_0 = 0$, $(v_0)_x = 12$ m/s

$$\begin{cases} R = 12 t_{AB} + 0 \\ -6 = 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} (9.81) t_{AB}^2 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow Find $t_{AB} = \sqrt{\frac{6 \times 2}{9.81}} = 1.11$ s

$\Rightarrow R = 12 \times t_{AB} = 13.3$ m