

Answer on Question #59139 – Math – Algebra

Question

Solve the simultaneous equation

$$\begin{cases} \log_2 x - \log_2 y = 2, \\ \log_2(x - 2y) = 3. \end{cases}$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} \log_2 x - \log_2 y = 2 \\ \log_2(x - 2y) = 3 \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \log_2 \frac{x}{y} = 2 = \log_2 4 \\ \log_2(x - 2y) = 3 = \log_2 8 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y} = 4 \\ x - 2y = 8 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 4y \\ x - 2y = 8 \end{cases} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 4y \\ 4y - 2y = 8 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 4y \\ 2y = 8 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 4y \\ y = 4 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 16 \\ y = 4 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $x = 16$; $y = 4$.

Question

A projectile is launched with a velocity of 30ms^{-1} . If it just clear a barrier 40 m high at a distance 30 m away from the point of projection, calculate, correct to one decimal place:

- Angle of projection
- Horizontal range
- Maximum height attained (Take $g = 10\text{ms}^{-2}$)

Solution

Equation of projectile flight:

$$y = -\frac{q}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \alpha} x^2 + x \operatorname{tg} \alpha$$

Because $\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{\operatorname{tg}^2 \alpha + 1}$, then $y = -\frac{q(\operatorname{tg}^2 \alpha + 1)}{2v_0^2} x^2 + x \operatorname{tg} \alpha$.

According to the condition, point $(x, y) = (30; 40)$, $v_0 = 30$, $q = 10$. Then:

$$40 = -\frac{10(\operatorname{tg}^2 \alpha + 1)}{2 \cdot 30^2} \cdot 30^2 + 30 \operatorname{tg} \alpha$$

$$40 = -5(\operatorname{tg}^2 \alpha + 1) + 30 \operatorname{tg} \alpha$$

$$5(\operatorname{tg}^2 \alpha - 6 \operatorname{tg} \alpha + 9) = 0$$

$$5(\operatorname{tg} \alpha - 3)^2 = 0$$

$$\operatorname{tg} \alpha = 3$$

Angle of projection $\alpha = \arctan 3 = \tan^{-1}(3) = 1.25\text{rad} = 71^\circ 34'$

So, equation of path is

$$40 = -\frac{10(3^2 + 1)}{2 \cdot 30^2} \cdot x^2 + 3x$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{18}x^2 + 3x$$

Horizontal range ($y = 0$) is defined by the following equation:

$$-\frac{1}{18}x^2 + 3x = 0$$

$$x\left(-\frac{1}{18}x + 3\right) = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0 \qquad -\frac{1}{18}x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = 3 \div \frac{1}{18}$$

$$x_2 = 54$$

Thus, horizontal range is $s = 54\text{m}$.

The function $y = -\frac{1}{18}x^2 + 3x$ attains its maximum at the point, where

$$x_h = \frac{-3}{2 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{18}\right)} = \frac{54}{2} = 27;$$

$$y(x_h) = y(27) = -\frac{1}{18} \cdot 27^2 + 3 \cdot 27 = \frac{81}{2} = 40.5.$$

Maximum height attained is $h_{max} = 40.5\text{m}$.

Answer:

angle of projection is $\alpha = \arctan 3 \approx 1.2\text{rad} \approx 71^\circ 34'$;

horizontal range is 54 m;

maximum height attained is $h = 40.5\text{ m}$.

Question

Express $(5 - 2\sqrt{10})/(3\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})$ in the form $m\sqrt{2} + n\sqrt{5}$.

Solution

$$\frac{5 - 2\sqrt{10}}{3\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}} = m\sqrt{2} + n\sqrt{5}$$

$$(m\sqrt{2} + n\sqrt{5}) \cdot (3\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}) = 5 - 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$3m\sqrt{10} + 2m + 15n + n\sqrt{10} = 5 - 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$(3m + n)\sqrt{10} + (2m + 15n) = 5 - 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2m + 15n = 5 \\ 3m + n = -2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2m + 15(-3m - 2) = 5 \\ n = -3m - 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -43m = 35 \\ n = -3m - 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = -\frac{35}{43} \\ n = -3 \cdot \left(-\frac{35}{43}\right) - 2 \end{cases}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = -\frac{35}{43} \\ n = \frac{19}{43} \end{cases}$$

Answer: $-\frac{35}{43}\sqrt{2} + \frac{19}{43}\sqrt{5}$, so $m = -\frac{35}{43}$, $n = \frac{19}{43}$.

Question

$3x^2 + 2y^2 + xy + x - 7 = 0$. Find dy/dx at the point $(-2, 1)$

Solution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F'_x}{F'_y}$$

$$F'_x = 6x + y + 1, \quad F'_y = 4y + x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{6x + y + 1}{4y + x}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-2, y=1} = -\frac{6 \cdot (-2) + 1 + 1}{4 \cdot 1 + (-2)} = -\frac{-10}{2} = 5$$

Answer: 5.