

An arrow is thrown in air its time of flight is 5s; the range is 200m. Determine the vertical component of the velocity of projection, horizontal component, max height and angle made with the horizontal.

Solution:

Let:

$$t = 5s$$

$$S = 200m$$

v_x - ? horizontal component of velocity

v_y - ? vertical component of velocity

H - ? max. height

α - ? angle with the horizontal

The time to rise and the time to slope are equal: $\frac{1}{2}t$

$$H = \frac{1}{2}g\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}9.8\left(\frac{1}{2} * 5\right)^2 = 30.625m$$

$$S = v_x * t \Rightarrow v_x = S/t$$

$$v_x = \frac{200}{5} = 40 \text{ m/s}$$

$$H = v_y * \frac{1}{2}t \Rightarrow v_y = \frac{2H}{t}$$

$$v_y = \frac{2 * 30.625}{5} = 12.25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\alpha = \arctg\left(\frac{v_y}{v_x}\right) = \arctg\left(\frac{12.25}{40}\right) = 17^\circ$$

Answer: $H = 30.625 \text{ m}, v_x = 40 \text{ m/s}, v_y = 12.25 \text{ m/s}, \alpha = 17^\circ$