

An object is thrown horizontally from a height of 20 m with velocity 10ms⁻¹. Find its velocity after 1s
(g=10ms⁻²)

Solution:

Resulting velocity after 1s - is the vector sum of velocities along the X-axis and Y-axis:

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}_x + \vec{V}_y$$

Along the X axis there is no acceleration, hence:

$$V_x = V_0 = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Along the Y axis there is acceleration $g = 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$, so we can write rate equation for Y axis:

$$V_y = 0 + gt$$

$$V_y = gt = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot 1\text{s} = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Now we can find resulting velocity after 1 s (from the right triangle ABC) :

$$V = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2} = \sqrt{\left(10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 + \left(10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2} = 10\sqrt{2} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 14 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Answer: velocity after 1s will be $14 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$.

