

Answer on Question #46140, Physics, Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

You throw a rock straight upward at 30m/s. approximately how long does it rise? How long until it stops at the top of its flight?

Solution:

Given:

$$v_0 = 30 \text{ m/s,}$$

$$v_f = 0,$$

$$t = ?,$$

$$h = ?$$

The kinematic equation that describes an object's motion is:

$$2gh = v_f^2 - v_0^2$$

where $g = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ is acceleration, h is coordinate, v_0 is initial velocity and v_f is final velocity.

Thus,

$$h = \frac{-v_0^2}{-2g} = \frac{30^2}{2 \cdot 9.81} = 45.9 \text{ m}$$

The other kinematic equation is:

$$g = \frac{v_f - v_0}{t}$$

Thus,

$$t = \frac{v_f - v_0}{g} = \frac{0 - 30}{-9.81} = 3.06 \text{ s} \approx 3.1 \text{ s}$$

Answer: $t = 3.1 \text{ s}$, $h = 45.9 \text{ m}$.