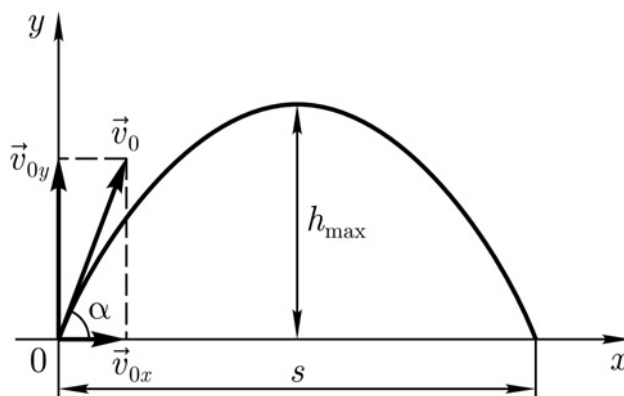


**Question.** A bullet is fired at a  $10^\circ$  angle from a rifle having a muzzle velocity of  $150 \text{ m/sec}$ . How many seconds is the bullet in the air? How far does the bullet travel horizontally before striking the ground? How far does the bullet rise before beginning to fall?

**Given.**  $\alpha = 10^\circ$ ;  $v_0 = 150 \text{ m/s}$ .

**Find.**  $t, S, h_{\max}$ —?

**Solution.**



The initial horizontal velocity is  $v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \alpha$  and the initial vertical velocity is  $v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \alpha$ . So

$$y = v_{0y}t - \frac{gt^2}{2} \text{ and } v_y = v_{0y} - gt = v_0 \sin \alpha - gt$$

If  $y = h_{\max}$  then  $v_y = 0$ . Hence

$$t_1 = \frac{v_{0y}}{g} = \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha}{g}, \quad t_1 = t_2 \rightarrow t = t_1 + t_2 = \frac{2v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} = \frac{2 \cdot 150 \cdot \sin 10}{9.8} = \mathbf{5.3 \text{ s.}}$$

$t_1$  is the time during which the bullet was moving upwards;  $t_2$  is the time during which the bullet was moving down.

$$S = v_{0x}t = v_0 \cos \alpha \frac{2v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g} = \frac{150^2 \cdot \sin 20^\circ}{9.8} = \mathbf{785 \text{ m.}}$$

$$y = h_{\max} = v_{0y}t_1 - \frac{gt_1^2}{2} = v_0 \sin \alpha \cdot \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} - \frac{g}{2} \left( \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha}{g} \right)^2 = \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g} = \frac{150^2 \cdot \sin^2 10^\circ}{2 \cdot 9.8} = \mathbf{34.6 \text{ m.}}$$

**Answer.**  $t = 5.3 \text{ s}$ ;  $S = 785 \text{ m}$ ;  $h_{\max} = 34.6 \text{ m}$ .

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