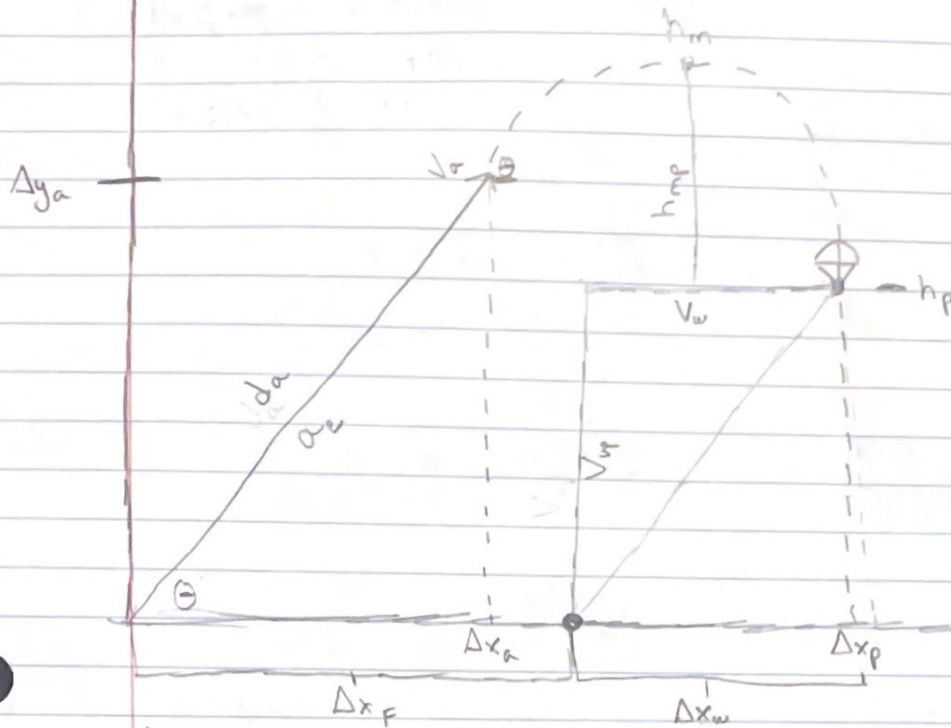


# Multi-Step Rocket



## Variables

$\theta$  = Launch angle =  $47^\circ$      $t_e$  = engine burn time = 8.7 sec     $a_e$  = engine acceleration =  $5.2 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 $h_{mp}$  = Max height to parachute = 76 m     $V_{vp}$  = Vertical parachute velocity = 8 m/s  
 $V_w$  = wind + parachute velocity = 17 m/s     $V_a$  = final velocity after acceleration = 45.24 m/s  
 $d_a$  = distance after acceleration = 196.794 m     $\Delta y_a$  = height after acceleration = 143.926 m  
 $h_m$  = max height = 199.777 m     $\Delta x_a$  = ground distance after acceleration = 134.213 m     $h_p$  = parachute height = 123.777 m  
 $\Delta x_p$  = ground distance after parachute starts = 225.663 m     $t_p$  = time as projectile = 7.314 sec  
 $t_f$  = time as its falling as parachute = 15.472 sec     $\Delta x_w$  = distance it goes from parachute to ground = -265.02 m  
 $\Delta x_f$  = Displacement from start  $\rightarrow$  finish = 96.85 m

## Procedure

- Solving for the final velocity after acceleration ( $V_a$ ). Use the no- $\Delta x$  equation

$$- V_a = V_0 + a_e t_e \rightarrow V_a = 0 + 5.2 \cdot 8.7 = \boxed{45.24 \text{ m/s}}$$
- Solving for distance after acceleration ( $d_a$ ). Use the no-final V equation

$$- X = X_0 + V_0 t_e + \frac{1}{2} a_e t_e^2, \Delta x = d_a, d_a = V_0 t_e + \frac{1}{2} a_e t_e^2$$

$$- d_a = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (5.2)(8.7)^2 = \boxed{196.794}$$
- Solving for height after acceleration ( $\Delta y_a$ ). Use the sin theorem

$$- \sin(\theta) = \frac{\Delta y_a}{d_a} \rightarrow \sin(47) = \frac{\Delta y_a}{196.794} \rightarrow \Delta y_a = \sin(47) \cdot 196.794 = \boxed{143.926 \text{ m}}$$

4 • Solving for displacement on the ground after acceleration ( $\Delta x_a$ ). Use Pythagorean Theorem

$$- \Delta x_a^2 + \Delta y_a^2 = d_a^2$$

$$- \Delta x_a^2 + 143.926^2 = 196.794^2$$

$$- \Delta x_a^2 = 18013.185 \rightarrow \Delta x_a = 134.213 \text{ m}$$

5 • Solving for max height ( $h_m$ ), find  $V_{y0}$  component of projectile path

$$- V_y = V_a \cdot \sin \theta \rightarrow V_y = 45.24 \cdot \sin 47 = 33.086 \text{ m/s}$$

Now, use the no-time kinematics equation to find  $h_m$  (Only use vertical components)

$$- 0 = V_y^2 - 2gh$$

$$- 0 = 33.086^2 - 2(9.8)(h), 19.6h = 1094.683, h = 55.851 \text{ m}$$

$$- h_m = h + \Delta y_a, h_m = 55.851 + 143.926 = 199.777 \text{ m}$$

6 • Find the height when the parachute is deployed ( $h_p$ ). Use simple arithmetic

$$- h_p = h_m - h_{mp}, h_p = 199.777 - 76 = 123.777 \text{ m}$$

7 • Find the displacement of the parachute from when it turns into a projectile ( $\Delta x_p$ ). Use the no-final velocity equation and the  $\Delta x$  equation.

$$- h_p = \Delta y_a + V_a \cdot \sin \theta \cdot t_p - 4.9t_p^2$$

$$- 123.777 = 143.926 + 45.24 \cdot \sin(47) \cdot t_p - 4.9t_p^2$$

$$- -20.149 = 33.086t_p - 4.9t_p^2, t_p = 7.314 \text{ sec}$$

$$- \Delta x_p = V_a \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot t_p, \Delta x_p = 45.24 \cdot \cos(47) \cdot 7.314 = 225.663 \text{ m}$$

8 • Find the displacement of the parachute to the ground ( $\Delta x_w$ ). Use  $\Delta y = Vt$  and  $\Delta x = Vt$

- First, do vertical fall. Find the time

$$- \Delta y = Vt \rightarrow h_p = V_{vp} \cdot t_p \rightarrow 123.777 = 8t_p, t_p = 15.472 \text{ sec}$$

Now, plug  $t_p$  into horizontal fall. Find  $\Delta x_w$

$$- \Delta x = Vt \rightarrow \Delta x_w = V_w \cdot t_p \rightarrow \Delta x_w = 17 \cdot 15.472 = -263.024 \text{ m}$$

9 • Find the displacement of start to finish. Use logical arithmetic. ( $\Delta x_f$ )

$$- \Delta x_f = \Delta x_a + \Delta x_p + \Delta x_w$$

$$- \Delta x_f = 134.213 + 225.663 - 263.024 = 96.852 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta x_f = 96.85 \text{ meters East}$$