

# Multi-Step Rocket Problem

## Givens/Variables

Launch Angle =  $\theta = 34^\circ$  total  $\Delta x = \Delta x_{\text{final}}$

Engine Burn Time =  $t_1 = 2.9 \text{ s}$

Net Acceleration of rocket =  $a_1 = 6.4 \text{ m/s}^2$

Vertical distance travelled to max height from projectile =  $\Delta y_2$

Vertical distance rocket falls from max height =  $\Delta y_{\text{max}_2} = 82 \text{ m}$

Rocket with parachute (constant vertical speed) =  $v_{y_3} = 6 \text{ m/s}$

Wind and Rocket with parachute horizontal speed =  $v_{x_3} = 14 \text{ m/s}$

diagonal distance travelled in air while accelerating =  $\Delta x_1$

final velocity from acceleration =  $v_1$

horizontal distance travelled by acceleration =  $\Delta x_1$

vertical distance travelled by acceleration =  $\Delta y_1$

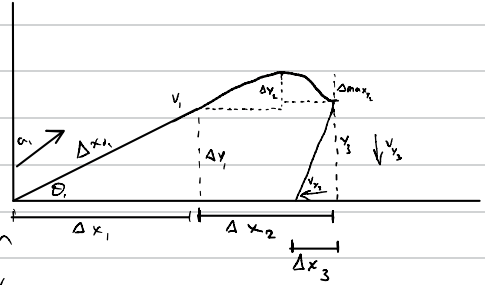
final height before parachute =  $y_3$

horizontal distance travelled by parachute =  $\Delta x_3$

vertical velocity from the projectile =  $v_{y_2}$  horizontal velocity from projectile =  $v_{x_2}$

projectile motion time =  $t_2$

parachute time =  $t_3$



## Steps

1.) find final velocity from acceleration

2.) find diagonal distance travelled from  $v_1$

3.) find  $\Delta x_1$  and  $\Delta y_1$  from  $\Delta x_1$

4.) find  $v_{x_2}$  from  $v_1$

5.) find  $\Delta y_2$  from  $v_{y_2}$

6.) find  $y_3$  from  $\Delta y_{\text{max}_2}$

7.) find  $t_2$

8.) find  $\Delta x_2$

9.) find  $t_3$  using  $v_{y_3}$

10.) find  $\Delta x_3$

11.) find  $\Delta x_{\text{final}}$

Step 1:

$$v_1 = t_1 \cdot a_1$$

$$v_1 = 7.9 \cdot 6.4$$

$$\underline{v_1 = 50.56 \text{ m/s}}$$

Step 2:

$$\Delta x_{d1} = \left(\frac{v_1}{2}\right) \cdot t_1$$

$$\Delta x_{d1} = \frac{50.56}{2} \cdot 7.9$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_{d1} = 199.712 \text{ m}}$$

Step 3:

$$\Delta y_1 = \Delta x_{d1} \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$\Delta y_1 = 199.712 \cdot \sin 34$$

$$\underline{\Delta y_1 = 111.68 \text{ m}}$$

Step 4:

$$v_{y2} = v_1 \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$v_{y2} = 50.56 \cdot \sin 34$$

$$\underline{v_{y2} = 28.27 \text{ m/s}}$$

Step 5:

$$v^2 = v_{y2}^2 + 2(-9.8)\Delta y_2$$

$$0 = 28.27^2 - 19.6\Delta y_2$$

$$\underline{\Delta y_2 = 40.78 \text{ m}}$$

$$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_{d1} \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\Delta x_1 = 199.712 \cdot \cos 34$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_1 = 165.57 \text{ m}}$$

Step 7:

$$y_3 = \Delta y_1 + v_{y2} \cdot t_2 - 4.9 t_2^2$$

$$70.46 = 111.68 + 28.27 t_2 - 4.9 t_2^2$$

$$-4.9 t_2^2 + 28.27 t_2 + 41.22 = 0$$

$$\underline{t_2 = 6.98 \text{ s}}$$

Step 8:

$$\Delta x_2 = v_{x2} \cdot t_2$$

$$\Delta x_2 = 50.56 \cos 34 \cdot 6.98$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_2 = 292.4 \text{ m}}$$

Step 9:

$$t_3 = \frac{y_3}{v_{y3}}$$

$$t_3 = \frac{70.46}{6}$$

$$\underline{t_3 = 11.74 \text{ s}}$$

Step 10:

$$\Delta x_3 = t_3 \cdot v_{x3}$$

$$\Delta x_3 = 11.74 \cdot 14$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_3 = 164.4 \text{ m}}$$

Step 11

$$\Delta x_{\text{final}} = \Delta x_1 + \Delta x_2 - \Delta x_3$$

$$\Delta x_{\text{final}} = 165.57 + 292.4 - 164.4$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_{\text{final}} = 293.6 \text{ m to East}}$$