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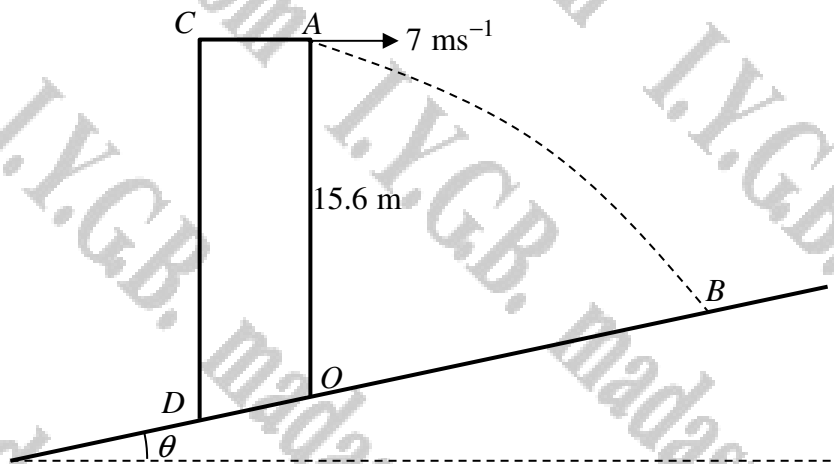
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## Question 1 (\*\*\*)



The figure above shows the cross section of a vertical tower  $OACD$  standing on a plane inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \theta = 0.1$ .

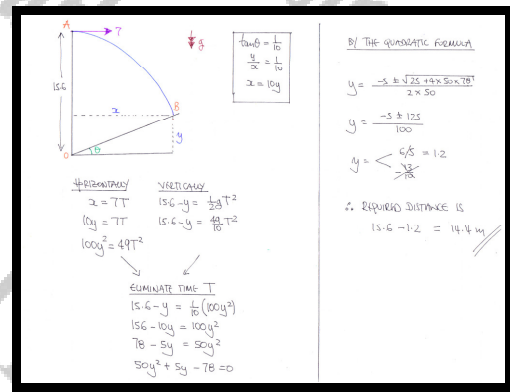
A particle is projected horizontally from  $A$  hitting the incline plane at the point  $B$ .

The journey of the particle is in a vertical plane containing  $O$ ,  $A$  and  $B$ .

Given that  $|OA| = 15.6$  m determine the vertical distance through which the particle falls as it travels from  $A$  to  $B$ .

You may assume that the only force acting on the particle is its weight.

14.4 m



### Question 2 (\*\*\*)

A particle is projected from a point  $A$  on level horizontal ground with speed of  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\theta$ .

The particle moves through still air without any resistance, reaching a maximum height  $H$  above ground, before it first hits the ground at a point which is  $R$  m away from  $A$ .

- a)** Show clearly, in any order, that ...

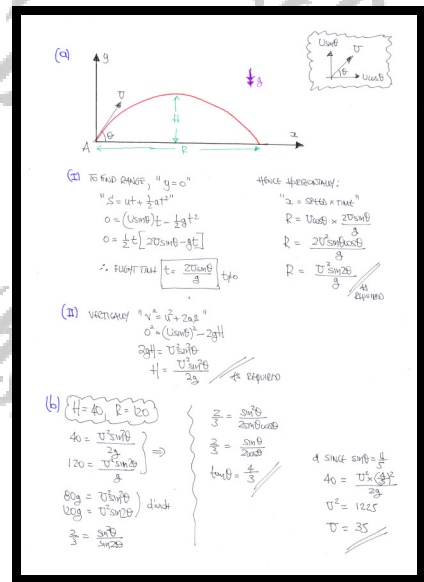
i. ...  $R = \frac{U^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$ .

ii. ...  $H = \frac{U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$ .

It is now given that the particle reaches a greatest height above the ground of 40 m, after travelling a horizontal distance of 60 m from A.

- b)** Determine in any order the value of  $U$  and the value of  $\tan \theta$ .

$$\boxed{U = 35}, \quad \boxed{\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}}$$





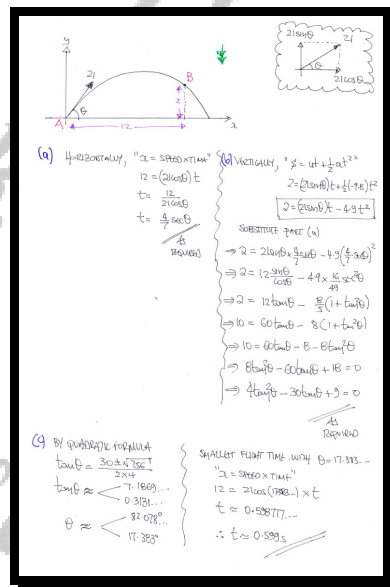
A particle  $P$  is projected from the point  $A$  on level horizontal ground with a speed of  $21 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. In the subsequent motion  $P$  is moving under gravity, without any air resistance.

**a)** By considering the horizontal component of the motion of  $P$  show

**b)** By considering the vertical component of the motion of  $P$  show

c) Determine, to three significant figures, the smallest possible flight time of  $P$  from  $A$  to  $B$ .

$$t \approx 0.599$$



**Question 4 (\*\*\*)**

In a golf driving range, a golf ball is struck with a speed of  $49 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\alpha$  from a point  $A$ , which lies  $4.9 \text{ m}$  above level horizontal ground.

The ball first strikes the ground at the point  $B$  which lies at a horizontal distance of  $98 \text{ m}$  from  $A$ .

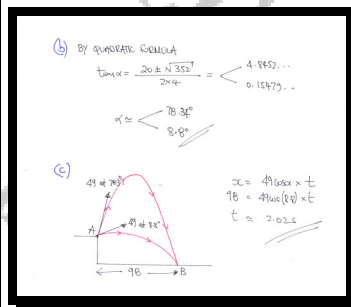
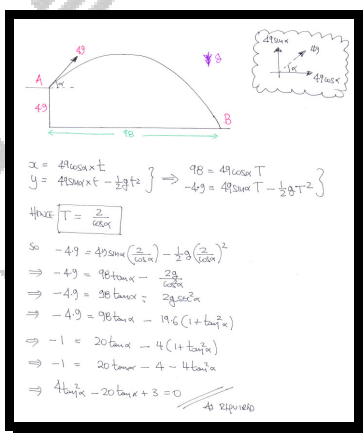
The ball is modelled as a particle moving under gravity, without any air resistance.

- a) Show clearly that

$$4 \tan^2 \alpha - 20 \tan \alpha + 3 = 0.$$

- b) Hence find, to three significant figures, the two possible values of  $\alpha$ .
- c) Determine, to three significant figures, the smallest possible flight time of the ball from  $A$  to  $B$ .

$$\alpha \approx 8.80^\circ, 78.34^\circ, \quad t \approx 2.02 \text{ s}$$



## Question 5 (\*\*\*)

A particle is projected with speed  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\theta$  **below** the horizontal, from a point  $O$  **above** level horizontal ground. The particle's horizontal and vertical distances from  $O$  at time  $t$  s after projection, are  $x$  m and  $y$  m, respectively. The particle is moving under gravity, without any air resistance.

a) Show clearly that

$$y = x \tan \theta + \frac{gx^2}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta}.$$

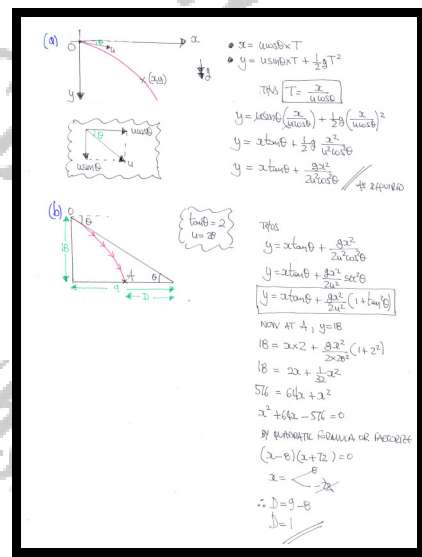
A child is throwing a tennis ball from tower block aiming at a target on the ground.

The ball is thrown from a height of 18 m, with a speed of  $28 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , aiming **directly** at the target which is at a horizontal distance of 9 m, from the foot of the block.

The tennis ball lands  $D$  m short of the target because of the effect of gravity.

b) Determine the value of  $D$ .

$$D = 1$$



**Question 6** (\*\*\*)

A fixed origin  $O$  is located on level horizontal ground and the vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are unit vectors pointing horizontally and vertically, respectively.

A mortar shell is fired from  $O$  with velocity  $(U\mathbf{i} + V\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , where  $U$  and  $V$  are positive constants. The shell lands on the enemy target which is located on the same level horizontal ground as  $O$ . The highest point on the path of the shell has position vector  $(300\mathbf{i} + 122.5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ .

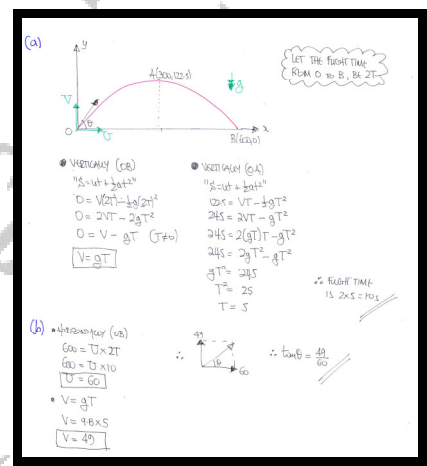
The shell is modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity.

- a) Show that the time it takes the shell to hit the target is 10 s.

The shell was projected at an angle of elevation  $\theta$ .

- b) Determine the value of  $\tan \theta$ .

$$\tan \theta = \frac{49}{60}$$



## Question 7 (\*\*\*)

A cannon fire a shell with a speed of  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\theta$  from a point  $O$  on level horizontal ground. The shell has horizontal and vertical displacements of  $x \text{ m}$  and  $y \text{ m}$  from  $O$  at time  $t \text{ s}$ . The shell is modelled as a particle moving under gravity, without any air resistance.

a) Show clearly that

$$y = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta).$$

The cannon is aimed at the gate of a fortress which is on a hill at a height of  $150 \text{ m}$  above the level of the cannon, and a horizontal distance  $d \text{ m}$  from the cannon.

A shell is fired at  $70 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\arctan 2$ , which hits the gate of the fortress on its way **down**, with a speed  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ,  $T \text{ s}$  after it was fired.

b) Determine in any order the value of  $d$ , the value of  $T$  and the value of  $U$ .

$$d = 300, \quad T = \frac{30}{7}\sqrt{5} \approx 9.58, \quad U = 14\sqrt{10} \approx 44.27$$

**(a)**  $y = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta)$

**(b)**  $u = 70, y = 150$

$150 = 2x - \frac{9.8x^2}{2 \times 70^2} (1 + 2^2)$

$150 = 2x - \frac{9.8x^2}{2 \times 4900} (5)$

$150 = 2x - \frac{49x^2}{4900}$

$150 = 2x - \frac{x^2}{100}$

$15000 = 200x - x^2$

$x^2 - 200x + 15000 = 0$

By quadratic formula

$x = \frac{200 \pm \sqrt{200^2 - 4 \times 15000}}{2}$

$x = \frac{200 \pm \sqrt{40000 - 60000}}{2}$

$x = \frac{200 \pm \sqrt{-20000}}{2}$

$x = \frac{200 \pm 141.42}{2}$

$x = 170.71 \text{ m}$  (on way down)

$d = 300$

$T = \frac{30}{7}\sqrt{5} \approx 9.58$

$U = 14\sqrt{10} \approx 44.27$

**Question 8 (\*\*\*)**

A footballer sees the goalkeeper off his line and kicks the ball from level horizontal ground with speed  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at an angle of elevation  $\theta$ , where  $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{12}$ .

When the ball was kicked, it was at horizontal distance of 52.8 m from the goal line and perpendicular to it. Consequently a goal is scored as the ball passes just under the horizontal cross bar which stands 2.40 m in vertical height.

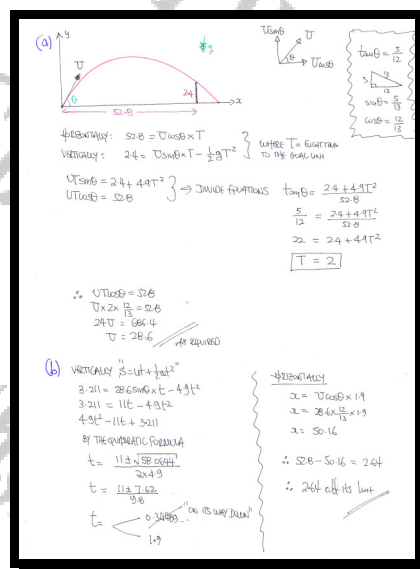
The ball is modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity, whose path lies in a vertical plane perpendicular to the goal line and the cross bar.

- a) By considering the horizontal and vertical displacements of the ball, show clearly that  $U = 28.6$ .

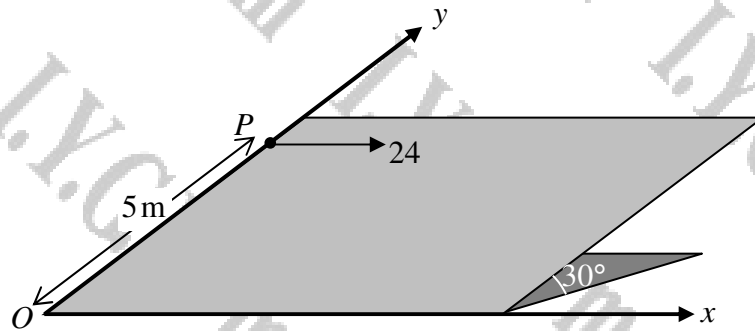
The goalkeeper whose vertical reach is 3.211 m could not prevent the goal.

- b) Given that the keeper jumped to save the goal when the ball was on its way down determine the distance of the goalkeeper from his goal line when he jumped for the ball.

$$h = 2.64 \text{ m}$$



## Question 9 (\*\*\*)



The point  $O$  lies at the bottom end of a fixed smooth plane, inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. A positive  $y$  axis is defined up the line of greatest slope of the plane and a positive  $x$  axis is defined perpendicular to the  $y$  axis through  $O$ , as shown in the figure above.

At particle  $P$  is projected along the plane with speed  $24 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in a direction parallel to the  $x$  axis, from the point with coordinates  $(0,5)$ , relative to  $O$ .

$P$  reaches the bottom of the plane at the point  $(X,0)$ , with speed  $V$ , after time  $T$ .

Determine in any order the value of  $X$ ,  $V$  and  $T$ .

,   $\approx 4.464^\circ$  ,   $\approx 33960 \text{ m}$  ,   $\approx 54' - 14''$

EQUATIONS OF MOTION IN  $x$  &  $y$  CAN BE SIMPLIFIED, AS THE ACCELERATION IS ZERO IN  $x$  &  $-g \sin 30^\circ$  IN  $y$

- $\ddot{x} = 0$
- $\ddot{y} = -\frac{1}{2}g$
- $\dot{x} = 24$
- $\dot{y} = -\frac{1}{2}gt$  ( $v = u + at$ )
- $x = 24t$
- $y = 5 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$  ( $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ )

"TOUCHDOWN TIME" OCCURS WHEN  $y=0$

$\Rightarrow 5 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 20 = gt^2$

$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{20}{g}}$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{10}{7} \text{ s} \text{ or } T = \frac{10}{7} = 1.428 \text{ s}$

THE VALUE OF  $X$  IS SIMPLE

$x = 24T$

$x = 24 \times \frac{10}{7}$

$x = \frac{240}{7}$

$x = 34.2857$

FINALLY THE SPEED

$\dot{x} = 24$  (constant)

$\dot{y} = -\frac{1}{2}gt$

$\dot{y} = -\frac{1}{2}g \times \frac{10}{7}$

$\dot{y} = 7$  (downwards)

$\Rightarrow \text{SPEED} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}$

$= \sqrt{24^2 + 7^2}$

$= 25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$



**Question 10** (\*\*\*)

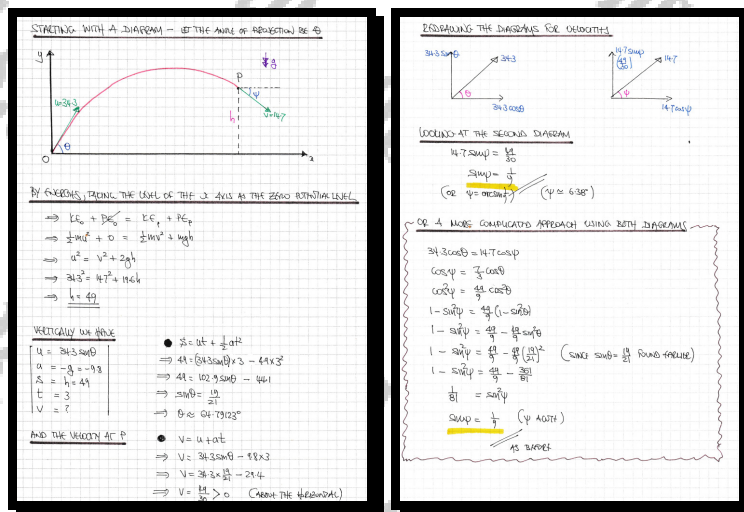
A particle is projected from a point  $O$  on level horizontal ground with a speed of  $34.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at some angle of elevation.

The particle is moving freely under gravity, reaching a greatest height above the ground before it passes through the point  $P$ , 3 s after it was projected.

When the particle passes through  $P$  it has a speed of  $14.7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at an angle  $\psi$  to the horizontal.

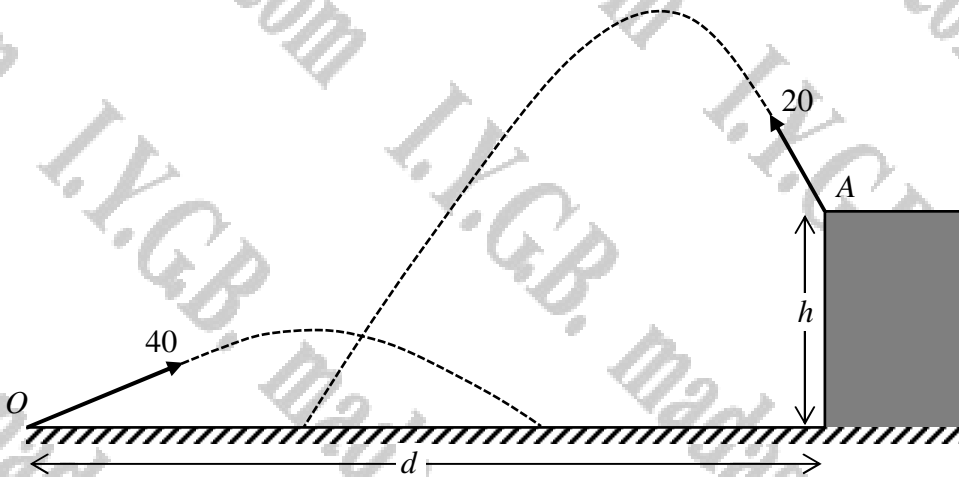
Show that  $\psi = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)$ , stating further whether this angle is above the horizontal or below the horizontal.

□, proof





## Question 11 (\*\*\*)



The point  $O$  lies on level horizontal ground and the point  $A$  is at a horizontal distance  $d$  m away from  $O$  and at a height  $d$  m above the ground.

A particle is projected from  $O$  with speed  $40 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\arctan\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$ .

At the same time another particle is projected from  $A$  with speed  $20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\arctan\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$ , as shown in the figure above.

The motion of the two particles takes place in the same vertical plane.

Assuming that there is no air resistance present, show that, if the two particles collide during their flights, then

$$d : h = 11 : 2.$$

, proof

LOOKING AT THE DIAGRAM ABOVE

TAKING O AS THE ORIGIN

$x_1 = (40 \cos \alpha)T = 40 \times \frac{4}{5}T = 32T$   
 $y_1 = 40 \sin \alpha T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 = 48T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2$

THE COLLISION  $x_1 = x_2$   
 $32T = d - 12T$   
 $d = 44T$

SIMILARLY IN THE VERTICAL DIRECTION

$y_1 = 48T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 = 40 \times \frac{3}{5}T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2$   
 $y_2 = h + (20 \cos \beta)T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 = h + 20 \times \frac{3}{5}T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2$

$y_1 = y_2$   
 $48T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 = h + 12T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2$   
 $\Rightarrow h = 36T$

DIVIDING THE EQUATIONS  
 $\frac{d}{h} = \frac{44T}{36T} = \frac{11}{9}$   
 $\Rightarrow d : h = 11 : 9$

11 REQUIRED

**Question 12** (\*\*\*)

In this question take  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

Two particles,  $A$  and  $B$ , are projected from the same fixed point  $O$ , with the same speed  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at angles of elevation  $\theta$  and  $2\theta$  respectively.

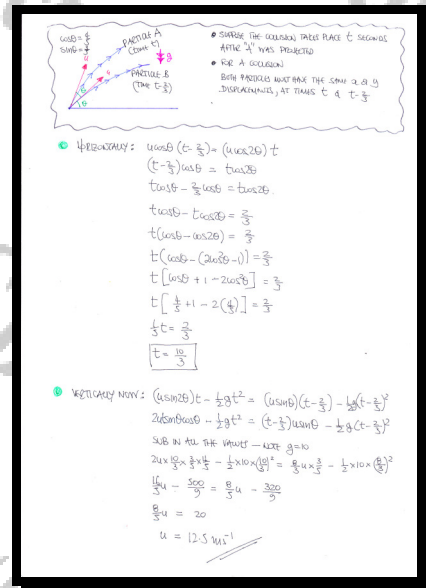
It is further given that ...

...  $B$  is projected  $\frac{2}{3}$  s after  $A$

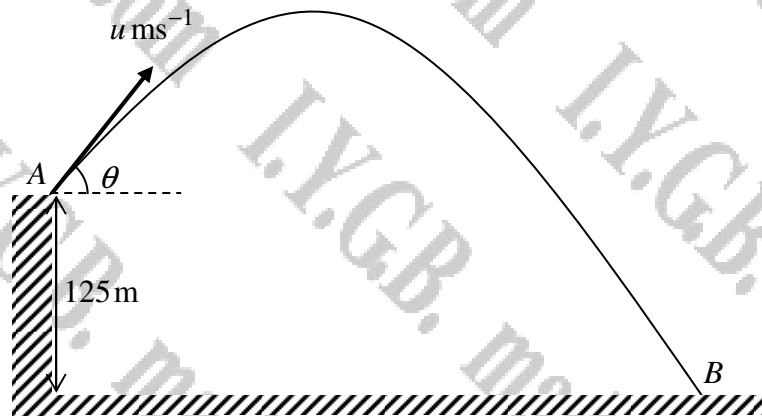
...  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  collide in the subsequent motion determine the value of  $u$ .

$$u = 12.5$$



## Question 13 (\*\*\*\*)



A particle  $P$  is projected with a speed of  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\theta$ , from a point  $A$  which is  $125 \text{ m}$  above level horizontal ground. The particle is moving freely under gravity and first strikes the ground at a point  $B$ , as shown in the figure above.

It took  $T \text{ s}$  for  $P$  to travel from  $A$  to  $B$ , and the speed of the particle at  $B$  is  $3u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

a) Find the value of  $u$ .

b) Show clearly that ...

i. ...  $\sin \theta = \frac{49T^2 - 1250}{175T}$ .

ii. ...  $\frac{25}{7}\sqrt{2} < T < \frac{50}{7}$ .

$$u = 17.5$$

(a)  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$   
 $-125 = 17.5 \cos \theta T + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)T^2$   
 $-125 = 17.5 T \cos \theta - 4.9T^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 17.5 T \cos \theta = 4.9T^2 - 125$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{4.9T^2 - 125}{17.5T}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{49T^2 - 1250}{175T}$

(b) (i)  $\sin \theta > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{49T^2 - 1250}{175T} > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 49T^2 - 1250 > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 49T^2 > 1250$   
 $\Rightarrow T^2 > \frac{1250}{49}$   
 $\Rightarrow T > \frac{25}{7}\sqrt{2}$

(b) (ii)  $\sin \theta < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{49T^2 - 1250}{175T} < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow 49T^2 - 1250 < 175T$   
 $\Rightarrow 49T^2 - 175T - 1250 < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (7T - 50)(7T + 25) < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 < T < \frac{50}{7}$

Relative to a fixed origin  $O$  the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are oriented horizontally and vertically upwards, respectively. The origin lies on level horizontal ground.

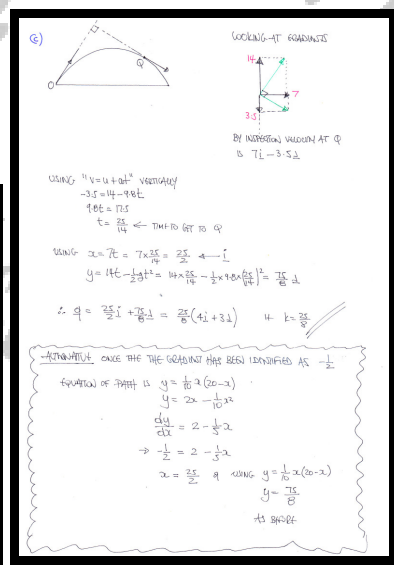
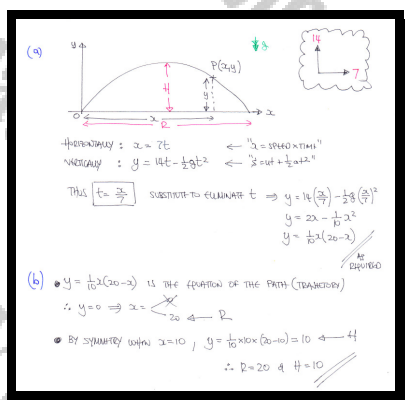
**a)** Show clearly that

$$y = \frac{1}{10}x(20 - x).$$

**b)** Find the values of  $R$  and  $H$ .

c) Show that the position vector of  $Q$  is  $k(4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$  m, where  $k$  is an exact constant to be found.

$$\boxed{R = 20, H = 10}, \quad \boxed{k = \frac{25}{8}}$$



**Question 15 (\*\*\*\*)**

In this question take  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

A projectile is fired from a fixed point  $O$  with speed  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\alpha$  so that it passes through a point  $P$ .

Relative to a Cartesian coordinate system with origin at  $O$  the point  $P$  has coordinates  $(10\sqrt{5}, 5\sqrt{5})$ .

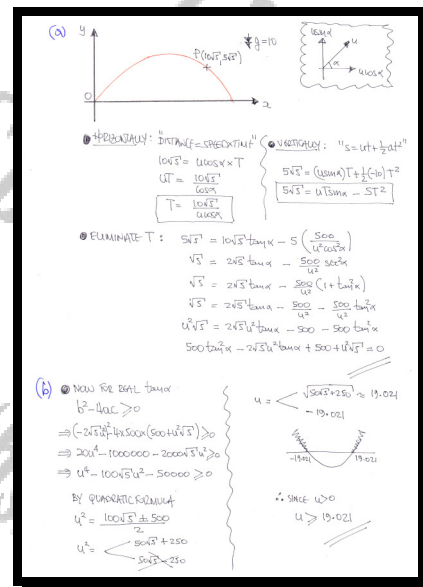
It is assumed that  $O$  and  $P$  lie in the same vertical plane, and the projectile can be modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity.

a) Show clearly that

$$500 \tan^2 \alpha - 2\sqrt{5}u^2 \tan \alpha + 500 + \sqrt{5}u^2 = 0.$$

b) Hence determine the minimum value of  $u$ .

$$u \geq 19.021...$$



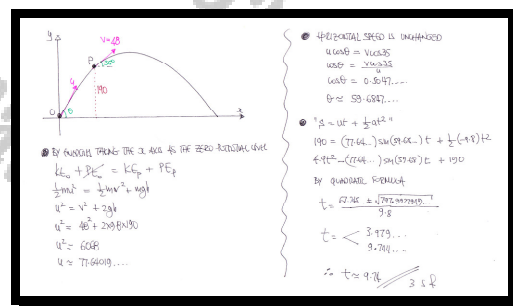
## Question 16 (\*\*\*\*)

At time  $t = 0$ , a particle is projected from a point  $O$  on level horizontal ground in a non vertical direction.

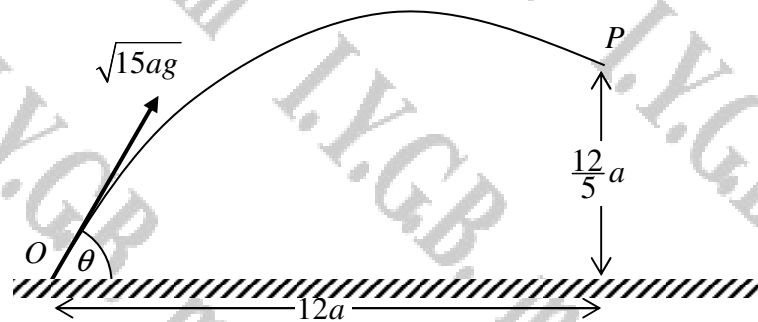
At some time later the particle is passing through a point  $P$  with speed  $48 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at an angle of  $35^\circ$  above the horizontal.

Given that  $P$  is at a height of 190 m above the ground, determine the time when the particle is **again** at a height of 190 m above the ground

$$t \approx 9.744... \text{ s}$$



**Question 17 (\*\*\*\*)**



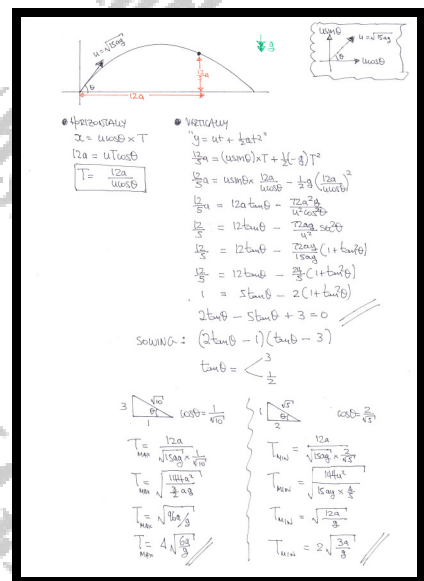
A projectile is fired from a fixed point  $O$  with speed  $\sqrt{15ag}$  at an angle of elevation  $\theta$  so that it passes through a point  $P$ . Relative to a Cartesian coordinate system with origin at  $O$  the point  $P$  has coordinates  $(12a, \frac{12}{5}a)$ .

It is assumed that  $O$  and  $P$  lie in the same vertical plane, and the projectile can be modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity.

Show clearly, that the respective minimum and maximum flight times of the projectile from  $O$  to  $P$  are

$$4\sqrt{\frac{6a}{g}} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\sqrt{\frac{3a}{g}}.$$

proof



**Question 18 (\*\*\*\*)**

A particle  $P$  is projected from a point  $O$  on level horizontal ground with speed  $26 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal.

At the same time, another particle  $Q$  is projected horizontally with speed  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , from a point  $A$ , which lies  $78.4 \text{ m}$  vertically above  $O$ .

The motion of both particles takes place at the same vertical plane with both particles moving through still air without any resistance.

The particles hit the ground at the same time at two points which are  $d \text{ m}$  apart.

- Calculate the value of  $d$ .
- Given instead that the particles collide before they reach the ground, determine by detailed calculations whether  $P$  is rising or falling immediately before the collision.

$d \approx 28.33 \dots$

**(a)**

Diagram: Particle P is projected from O at speed 26 at angle  $\theta$ . Particle Q is projected horizontally from A (78.4 m above O) at speed 10. They hit the ground at points B and C, which are  $d$  m apart.

**Looking at P vertically**

$$u = 0$$

$$a = 9.8$$

$$s = 78.4$$

$$t = ?$$

$$v = ?$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$78.4 = \frac{1}{2}(9.8)t^2$$

$$t^2 = 16$$

$$t = 4$$

**Looking at P horizontally**

"Distance = speed  $\times$  time"

$$|OB| = 10 \times 4$$

$$|OB| = 40$$

**Looking at Q vertically**

$$u = 26 \sin \theta$$

$$a = -9.8$$

$$s = 0$$

$$t = 4$$

$$v = ?$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$0 = (26 \sin \theta) \times 4 + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8) \times 4^2$$

$$0 = 104 \sin \theta - 78.4$$

$$78.4 = 104 \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{49}{52}$$

$$\theta = 49.92^\circ$$

**Looking at P horizontally**

"Distance = speed  $\times$  time"

$$|OC| = 26 \cos(\theta) \times 4$$

$$|OC| = 88.33 \dots$$

$\therefore d = 28.33 \text{ m}$

**(b)** For a collision horizontal speeds must be identical

• THX  $26 \cos \theta = 10$   
 $\cos \theta = \frac{5}{13}$   $\sin \theta = \frac{12}{13}$

• NEXT LOOKING AT VERTICAL DISPLACEMENTS RELATIVE TO O, USING  
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$y_p = (26 \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$y_q = 78.4 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$y_p = y_q$$

$$(26 \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = 78.4 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 26 \times \frac{12}{13} t = 78.4$$

$$\Rightarrow 24t = 78.4$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{49}{15} \approx 3.26 \dots$$

• FINALLY VERTICALLY FOR P

$$v = u + at$$

$$v = 26 \cos \theta - 9.8t$$

$$v = 26 \times \frac{5}{13} - 9.8 \times \frac{49}{15}$$

$$v = 10 - \frac{480.2}{15}$$

$$v = -\frac{601}{75} \approx -8.01 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

MINUS MEANS THAT IT IS FALLING



**Question 19 (\*\*\*\*)**

Relative to a fixed origin  $O$  the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are oriented horizontally and vertically upwards, respectively.

The gravitational acceleration constant  $g$  is taken to be  $-10\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-2}$  in this question.

A particle is projected with velocity  $(u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-1}$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are positive constants, from a point  $P$  with position vector  $105\mathbf{j} \text{ m}$ .

The particle moves freely under gravity passing through the point  $Q$  with position vector  $210\mathbf{i} \text{ m}$ .

a) Show clearly that

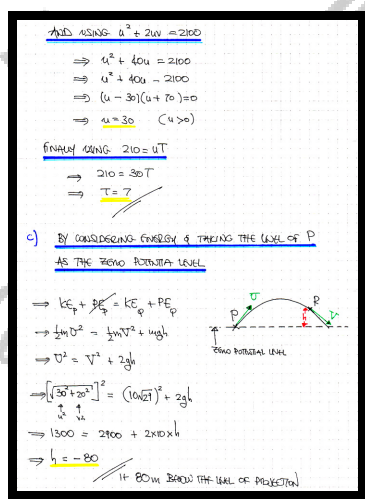
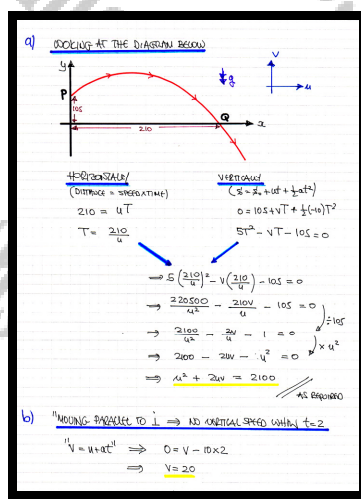
$$u^2 + 2uv = 2100.$$

b) Given that when  $t = 2$  the particle is moving parallel to  $\mathbf{i}$ , determine the time it takes the particle to travel from  $P$  to  $Q$ .

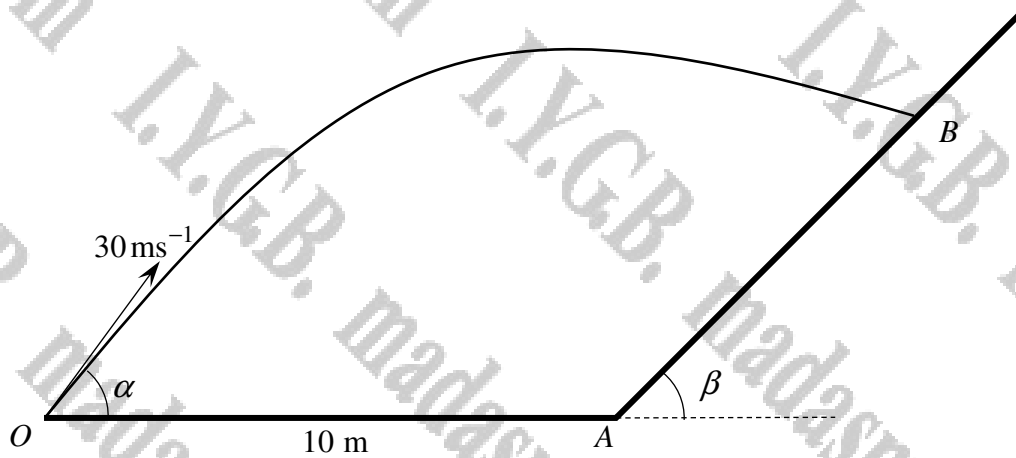
The particle passes through the point  $R$  with a speed of  $10\sqrt{29} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

c) Show  $R$  is 80 m below the level of  $P$ .

 ,  $u = 30, v = 20$ , flight time = 7 s



## Question 20 (\*\*\*\*+)



A particle is projected from a point  $O$  on level horizontal ground with speed  $30 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\alpha$ . The particle is freely moving under gravity, heading towards a plane, inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizontal.

The foot,  $A$ , of this incline plane is located at a horizontal distance of  $10 \text{ m}$  from  $O$ , as shown in the figure above.

The particle strikes the incline plane at the point  $B$ , so that  $AB$  is a line of greatest slope in the same vertical plane which contains  $O$ .

Determine the distance  $AB$ , given further that  $\alpha = \arctan \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\beta = \arctan \frac{4}{3}$

$$\boxed{13.48}, \quad |AB| = \frac{-1550 + 400\sqrt{21}}{21} \approx 13.48 \text{ m}$$

**SPREADING WITH A DISTANCE**

Diagram showing a particle projected from point O on level horizontal ground with speed  $30 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\alpha$ . The particle follows a parabolic path and strikes an inclined plane at point B. The foot of the incline is point A, located at a horizontal distance of  $10 \text{ m}$  from O. The incline plane is inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizontal. A dashed line connects O to A, and another dashed line connects A to B.

**FINDING TWO QUANTITIES THE HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT**

"DISTANCE = SPEED  $\times$  TIME"

$\Rightarrow 10 + \frac{3}{4}d = 24 \times T$

$\Rightarrow 10 + \frac{3}{4}d = 24T$

$\Rightarrow 50 + 3d = 120T$

$\Rightarrow 200 + 12d = 480T$

**EASIER TO FIND THE FURTHER LINE FIRST**

$\Rightarrow 200 + (20T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2) = 480T$

$\Rightarrow 200 + 20T - \frac{1}{2}(9.8)T^2 = 480T$

$\Rightarrow 400 + 40T - 4.9T^2 = 960T$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 4.9T^2 + 920T - 400$

**QUADRATIC FORMULA BY WORKING THE NEGATIVE SQUARED**

$T = \frac{-920 \pm \sqrt{411600}}{9.8} = \frac{-920 \pm 641.5}{9.8}$

$\therefore T = \frac{-30 + 641.5}{9.8}$

**FURTHER TO FIND d**

$\Rightarrow 200 + 12d = 480T$

$\Rightarrow 200 + 12d = 480 \left( \frac{-30 + 641.5}{9.8} \right)$

$\Rightarrow 200 + 12d = -1480 + 480 \left( \frac{641.5}{9.8} \right)$

$\Rightarrow 50 + 3d = -1480 + 480 \left( \frac{641.5}{9.8} \right)$

$\Rightarrow 3d = -1550 + 400 \left( \frac{641.5}{9.8} \right)$

$\Rightarrow d = \frac{-1550 + 400 \left( \frac{641.5}{9.8} \right)}{3} \approx 13.48 \text{ m}$

**Question 21 (\*\*\*\*)**

Two particles are projected from the same fixed point, with the same speed  $u$ , at angles of elevation  $\theta$  and  $2\theta$ .

If the particles collide in the subsequent motion show that

$$u = \frac{gT(2\cos\theta - 1)(\cos\theta + 1)}{2\sin\theta},$$

where  $T$  is the time delay between the projection of the two particles.

proof

Particle A  
( $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ )

Particle B  
( $\sin \phi$ ,  $\cos \phi$ )

SUPPOSE THE COLLISION TAKES PLACE AT TIME  $t$  AFTER 'A' HAS PROJECTED.

FOR COLLISION BOTH PARTICLES MUST HAVE THE SAME  $x$  &  $y$  DISPLACEMENT AT TIME  $t$  A  $t$  -  $T$

● HORIZONTAL:  $(u \cos \theta)(t-T) = (u \cos \phi)t$

$u \cos \theta (t-T) = (u \cos \phi)t$

$t \cos \theta - T \cos \theta = t \cos \phi$

$t(\cos \theta - \cos \phi) = T \cos \theta$

$t = \frac{T \cos \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi}$

● VERTICAL:  $(u \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = (u \sin \phi)(t-T) - \frac{1}{2}g(t-T)^2$

$\Rightarrow u t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = u t \sin \phi - u T \sin \phi - \frac{1}{2}g(T^2 - 2Tt + t^2)$

$\Rightarrow u t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = u t \sin \phi - u T \sin \phi - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 + gTt - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$\Rightarrow u t \sin \theta - u t \sin \phi + u T \sin \phi = gTt - \frac{1}{2}gT^2$

$\Rightarrow u [t \sin \theta - t \sin \phi + T \sin \phi] = \frac{1}{2}gT[2t - T]$

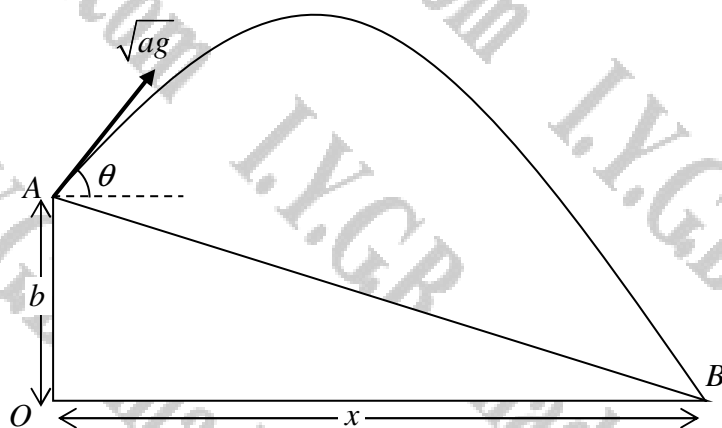
$\Rightarrow u \left[ t [\sin \theta - \sin \phi] + T \sin \phi \right] = \frac{1}{2}gT[2t - T]$

$\Rightarrow u \left[ t \frac{T \cos \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi} (\sin \theta - \sin \phi) + T \sin \phi \right] = \frac{1}{2}gT \left[ \frac{2T \cos \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi} - T \right]$

$\Rightarrow u T \left[ \frac{(\cos \theta \sin \theta - \sin \theta \cos \phi)}{(\cos \theta - \cos \phi)} + \sin \phi \right] = \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \left[ \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi} - 1 \right]$

$\Rightarrow u \left[ \frac{(\cos \theta (\sin \theta - \sin \phi))}{(\cos \theta - \cos \phi)} + \sin \phi \right] = \frac{1}{2}gT \left[ \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi} - 1 \right]$

## Question 22 (\*\*\*\*+)



A particle is projected from a point  $B$  down an incline plane with a speed of  $\sqrt{ag}$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant, at an angle of elevation  $\theta$ .

The particle is moving freely under gravity and first strikes the ground at a point  $B$ . The point  $O$  lies vertically below  $A$  and at the same horizontal level as  $B$ , as shown in the figure above. The plane has constant inclination and the particle moves in a vertical plane which contains the angle of greatest slope of the plane.

a) Show that

$$x^2 \tan^2 \theta - 2ax \tan \theta + x^2 - 2ab = 0,$$

where  $OA = b$  and  $|OB| = x$ .

b) Hence show that the maximum value of  $x$  and the corresponding angle of projection  $\theta$  satisfy

$$x = \sqrt{a(a+2b)} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta = \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+2b}}$$

proof

Handwritten solution for part (a):

$$y = b + (u \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$x = u \cos \theta t \implies t = \frac{x}{u \cos \theta}$$

$$y = b + (u \sin \theta) \left( \frac{x}{u \cos \theta} \right) - \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{x}{u \cos \theta} \right)^2$$

$$y = b + x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$(y-b) = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$-b = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\implies \frac{gx^2}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta} - x \tan \theta + b = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{g}{2u^2} x^2 \sec^2 \theta - x \tan \theta + b = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{g}{2u^2} x^2 (1 + \tan^2 \theta) - x \tan \theta + b = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{g}{2u^2} x^2 + \frac{g}{2u^2} x^2 \tan^2 \theta - x \tan \theta + b = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{g}{2u^2} x^2 \tan^2 \theta - x \tan \theta + x^2 - 2ab = 0$$

Handwritten solution for part (b):

$$\frac{g}{2u^2} x^2 \tan^2 \theta - x \tan \theta + x^2 - 2ab = 0$$

$$x^2 \tan^2 \theta - 2ax \tan \theta + x^2 - 2ab = 0$$

$$x^2 = 2ab + a^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{a(a+2b)}$$

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+2b}}$$

**Question 23 (\*\*\*\*+)**

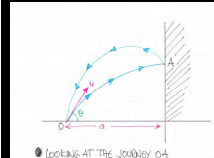
A particle is projected from a point  $O$  on level horizontal ground with speed  $u$  at an angle  $\theta$  above the horizontal, towards a smooth vertical wall which is at a horizontal distance  $a$  from the point of projection.

The particle moves in a vertical plane perpendicular to the wall and hits the wall before it hits the ground. On impact with the wall the particle rebounds and first strikes the ground at  $O$ .

Given that  $e$  is the coefficient of restitution, show that

$$u^2 = \frac{ag(e+1)}{e \sin 2\theta}.$$

proof



• LOOKING AT THE JOURNEY OA  
HORIZONTALLY  
 $a = (u \cos \theta) T_1$   
 $T_1 = \frac{a}{u \cos \theta}$

• LOOKING AT THE JOURNEY AO  
HORIZONTALLY  
REBOUNDING AT  $\perp$  WALL =  $e u \cos \theta$   
 $T_2 = \frac{a}{e u \cos \theta}$

• LOOKING AT THE ENTIRE JOURNEY IN THE VERTICAL, AS MAXIMUM IS REACHED  $\perp$  TO THE WALL  
 $v^2 = u^2 + 2at$   
 $0 = (u \sin \theta) T_3 - \frac{1}{2} g T_3^2$   
 $0 = \frac{1}{2} T_3 [2u \sin \theta - g T_3]$   
 $T_3 = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g} \quad (T_3 \neq 0)$

• HENCE BY LOOKING AT THE TIMES ABOVE  
 $T_1 + T_2 = T_3$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{a}{u \cos \theta} + \frac{a}{e u \cos \theta} = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{a(1+e)}{e u \cos \theta} = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{a(e+1)}{e u \cos \theta} = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g}$   
 $\Rightarrow u^2 = \frac{ag(e+1)}{e \sin 2\theta}$

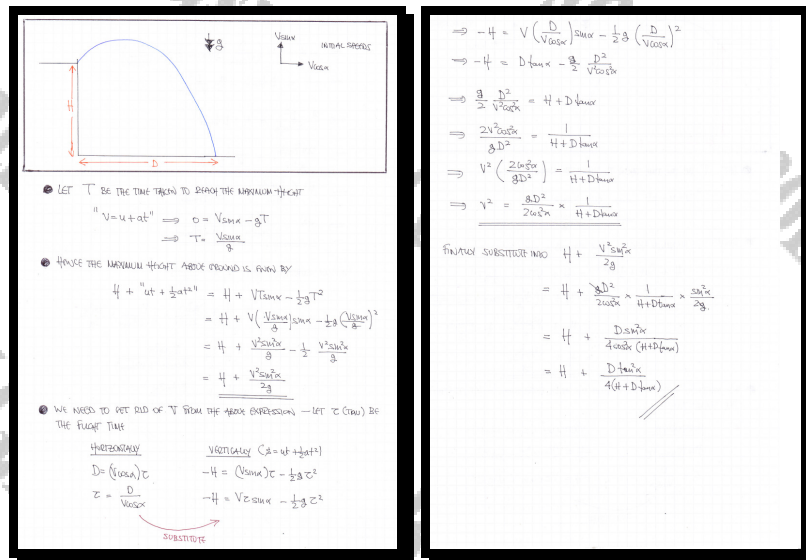
## Question 24 (\*\*\*\*)

A particle is projected at an angle  $\alpha$  above the horizontal, from a vertical cliff face of height  $H$  above level horizontal ground. It first hits the ground at a horizontal distance  $D$ , from the bottom of the cliff edge.

Assuming that air resistance can be ignored, show that the greatest height achieved by the particle from the level horizontal ground is

$$H + \frac{D \tan^2 \alpha}{4(H + D \tan \alpha)}.$$

proof



The image shows a handwritten solution for Question 24. It includes a diagram of a particle's trajectory from a cliff of height  $H$  to a point at horizontal distance  $D$  on the ground. The diagram shows the initial velocity  $V \cos \alpha$  and  $V \sin \alpha$  components, and the final velocity  $V \cos \alpha$  at the point of impact. The solution is divided into three parts:

- Part 1:** Let  $T$  be the time taken to reach the maximum height.
 
$$V = u + at \Rightarrow 0 = V \sin \alpha - gT$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{V \sin \alpha}{g}$$
- Part 2:** Hence the maximum height above ground is found by:
 
$$H + ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = H + V \sin \alpha T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2$$

$$= H + V \left( \frac{V \sin \alpha}{g} \right) \sin \alpha - \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{V \sin \alpha}{g} \right)^2$$

$$= H + \frac{V^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{g} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{g}$$

$$= H + \frac{V^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g}$$
- Part 3:** We need to get rid of  $V$  from the above expression — let  $\tau$  (tau) be the flight time.
 

Horizontally	Vertically ( $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ )
$D = (V \cos \alpha)\tau$	$-H = (V \sin \alpha)\tau - \frac{1}{2}g\tau^2$
$\tau = \frac{D}{V \cos \alpha}$	$-H = V \sin \alpha \tau - \frac{1}{2}g\tau^2$

SUBSTITUTE

The final result is derived by substituting  $\tau = \frac{D}{V \cos \alpha}$  into the vertical equation and simplifying to get the maximum height expression.

A tennis player standing on a level horizontal court serves the ball from a height of 2.25 m above the court. The ball reaches a maximum height of 2.4 m above the court and first hits the court at a horizontal distance of 20 m from the point where the player served the ball. The ball rises for  $T_1$  s and falls for  $T_2$  s.

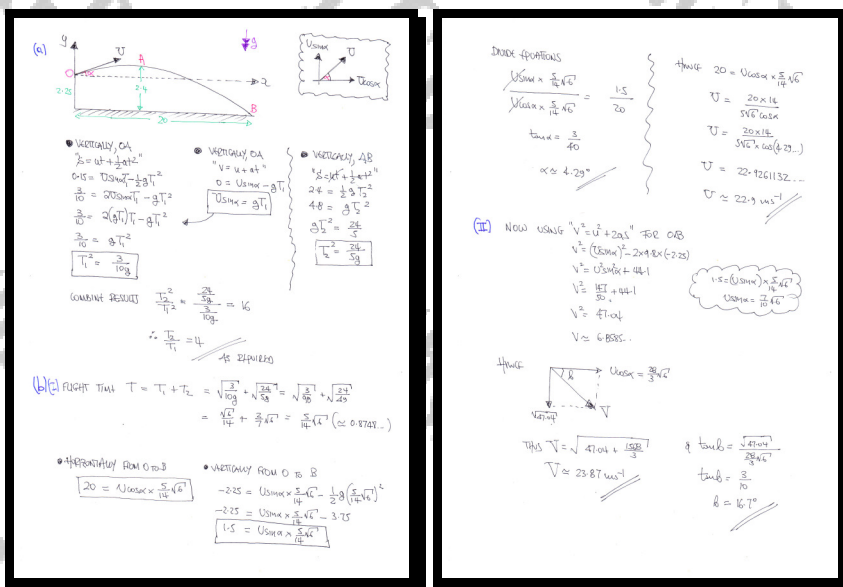
**a)** Show clearly that

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = 4.$$

- b)** Determine the magnitude and direction of the velocity of the ball ...
- i.** ... when it was first served.
  - ii.** ... as it lands on the court.

$$U \approx 22.926... \text{ ms}^{-1}, \tan \alpha = \frac{3}{40}, \alpha \approx 4.289^\circ \dots,$$

$$V \approx 23.8685... \text{ ms}^{-1}, \tan \beta = \frac{3}{10}, \beta \approx 16.699^\circ...$$





**Question 26** (\*\*\*\*)

A particle  $P$  is projected from a fixed point  $O$  with speed  $v$  and at an angle of elevation  $\theta^\circ$ .

It passes through a point  $Q$  which is at a horizontal distance  $a$  from  $O$ , and a vertical distance  $h$  below the level of  $O$ .

$P$  is then projected from  $O$  with speed  $v$  at an angle of depression  $(90-\theta)^\circ$  and passes through  $Q$  again.

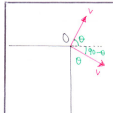
a) Show that

$$v^2 + ag \cot(2\theta) = 0$$

b) Deduce that

$$h + a \tan(2\theta) = 0.$$

proof



BOTH TRAJECTORIES PASS THROUGH THE POINT  $(a, -h)$  RELATIVE TO THE 'ORIGIN'

FOR TRAJECTORY AT ANGLE OF ELEVATION  $\theta$

$$a = (v \cos \theta)t$$

$$-h = (v \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

SIMILARLY FOR ANGLE OF DEPRESSION  $(90-\theta)$

$$a = (v \sin \theta)T$$

$$h = (v \cos \theta)T + \frac{1}{2}gT^2$$

**Q) UNWIND EACH AND SEPARATELY BY ELIMINATING THE TIMES**

$$t = \frac{a}{v \cos \theta} \quad T = \frac{a}{v \sin \theta}$$

$$-h = (v \sin \theta) \left( \frac{a}{v \cos \theta} \right) - \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{a^2}{v^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right) \quad h = (v \cos \theta) \left( \frac{a}{v \sin \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{a^2}{v^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right)$$

$$-h = a \tan \theta - \frac{ga^2}{2v^2 \cos^2 \theta} \quad h = a \cot \theta + \frac{ga^2}{2v^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$-h = a \tan \theta - \frac{ga^2}{2v^2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \quad h = a \cot \theta + \frac{ga^2}{2v^2} (1 + \cot^2 \theta)$$

ELIMINATE  $h$

$$\Rightarrow a \cot \theta + \frac{ga^2}{2v^2} (1 + \cot^2 \theta) = \frac{ga^2}{2v^2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta) - a \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2av \cot \theta + ga^2 (1 + \cot^2 \theta) = ga^2 (1 + \tan^2 \theta) - 2av^2 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2av^2 (\cot \theta + \tan \theta) + ga^2 (1 + \cot^2 \theta - 1 - \tan^2 \theta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2v^2 (\cot \theta + \tan \theta) + ag (\cot^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow 2v^2 + ag (\cot \theta - \tan \theta) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2v^2 + ag \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} - \tan \theta \right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2v^2 + ag \left( \frac{1 - \tan^2 \theta}{\tan \theta} \right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2v^2 + \frac{2ag}{\tan \theta} \left( \frac{1 - \tan^2 \theta}{2} \right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow v^2 + ag \left( \frac{1 - \tan^2 \theta}{\tan \theta} \right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow v^2 + ag \cot 2\theta = 0$

**b) NOW**  $-h = a \tan \theta - \frac{ga^2}{2v^2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta)$  from equation

$-h = a \tan \theta - \frac{ga^2}{2(ag \cot 2\theta)} (1 + \tan^2 \theta)$

$0 = h + a \tan \theta + \frac{ga^2 (1 + \tan^2 \theta)}{2ag \cot 2\theta}$

$0 = h + a \left[ \tan \theta + \frac{1}{2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \tan 2\theta \right]$

$0 = h + a \left[ \tan \theta + \frac{1}{2} (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \left( \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \right) \right]$

$0 = h + a \left[ \tan \theta + \frac{(1 + \tan^2 \theta) \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \right]$

$0 = h + a \left[ \frac{\tan \theta (1 - \tan^2 \theta) + (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \right]$

$0 = h + a \left[ \frac{\tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta + \tan \theta + \tan^3 \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \right]$

$0 = h + a \left[ \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \right]$

$0 = h + a \tan 2\theta$



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# PROJECTILES ON INCLINE PLANES

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**Question 1 (\*\*\*)**

The point  $A$  lies on a smooth plane which is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{5}{12}$ .

A particle is projected from  $A$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with a speed of  $24.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\alpha + \theta$ , where  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ .

The particle is moving freely under gravity and first hits the plane at  $B$ .

Given that the coefficient of restitution between the plane and the particle is  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$ , show that the particle first rebounds from  $B$  with a speed of  $14.7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

14.7, proof

**START WITH A DIAGRAM**

**REVIEW THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION IN THE ROTATED SET OF AXES (LOOKING AT DIAGONAL)**

- $\ddot{x} = -g \sin \alpha$
- $\ddot{y} = -g \cos \alpha$
- $\dot{x} = u \sin \alpha + v \cos \alpha$
- $\dot{y} = u \cos \alpha - v \sin \alpha$
- $x = ut \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \sin \alpha$
- $y = ut \cos \alpha - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$

**FIND THE FLIGHT TIME FROM A TO B BY SOLVING  $y=0$**

$0 = ut \cos \alpha - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} t [2u \sin \alpha - g t \cos \alpha]$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g \cos \alpha} \quad (t \neq 0)$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2 \times 24.5 \sin \frac{4}{5}}{9.8 \times \frac{3}{5}}$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{13}{3} = 4.33$

**NEXT WE FIND THE COMPONENTS OF THE VELOCITY PARALLEL AND PERPENDICULAR TO THE PLANE AS THE PARTICLE HITS B**

$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = u \sin \alpha - g t \cos \alpha$

$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = 24.5 \times \frac{4}{5} - 9.8 \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{13}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = 7.35$

AND

$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = u \cos \alpha - g t \sin \alpha$

$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = 24.5 \times \frac{3}{5} - 9.8 \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{13}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = -14.7$

**THE SPEEDS AFTER THE IMPACT WILL BE**

$\dot{x} = 7.35$  (UNCHANGED)

$\dot{y} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \times 14.7 = 7.35\sqrt{3}$

**FINALLY THE REBOUND SPEED WILL BE**

$\Rightarrow \text{REBOUND SPEED} = \sqrt{(7.35)^2 + (7.35\sqrt{3})^2}$

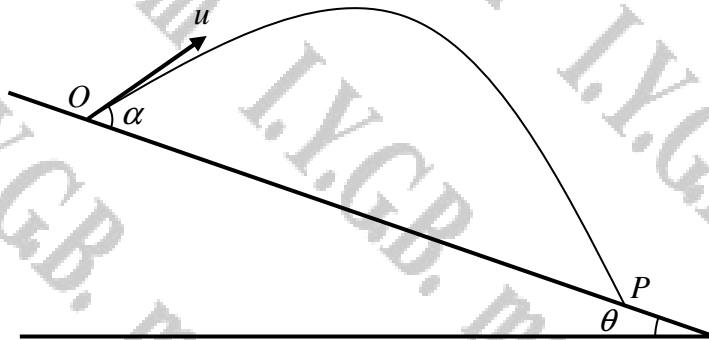
$= 7.35 \sqrt{1^2 + 3}$

$= 7.35 \times 2$

$= 14.7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

*As required*

### Question 2 (\*\*\*)



The figure above shows a particle projected from a point  $O$  on a plane inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. The particle is projected down the plane with speed  $u$ , at an angle  $\alpha$  to a line of greatest slope of the plane.

The particle lands for the first time at the point  $P$ , in time  $T$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

- a)** Determine an expression connecting  $u$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $T$ .
- b)** Hence show that

$$|OP| = \frac{2u^2}{g \cos^2 \theta} [\sin \alpha \cos(\alpha - \theta)]$$

$$2u \sin \alpha = gT \cos \theta$$

**Question 3** (\*\*\*)

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with a speed of  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at an angle  $\psi$  to the plane.

The particle first strikes the plane at **right angles**, at the point  $A$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

a) Determine the value of  $\tan \psi$ .

b) Given further that  $|OA| = 35 \text{ m}$ , determine the value of  $U$ .

$$\boxed{54^\circ}, \quad \tan \psi = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}, \quad U = \frac{49}{2} = 24.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

**a) SPLITTING WITH A ZIGZAG**

**FORMING SCALE QUESTIONS IN COMPONENTS - BUT ALL ARE NEEDED**

$$\ddot{x} = -g \sin 30 = -\frac{1}{2}g$$

$$\ddot{y} = -g \cos 30 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g$$

$$\dot{x} = U \cos \psi - \frac{1}{2}gt$$

$$\dot{y} = U \sin \psi - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}gt$$

$$x = U t \cos \psi - \frac{1}{4}gt^2$$

$$y = U t \sin \psi - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2$$

**NOW "AT RIGHT ANGLES"  $\Rightarrow \dot{x} = 0$  WHEN  $y = 0$**

$$y = 0 \Rightarrow U t \sin \psi - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2 = 0$$

$$U \sin \psi - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt = 0 \quad (t \neq 0)$$

$$t = \frac{4U \sin \psi}{\sqrt{3}g} \quad (\text{FLIGHT TIME})$$

$$\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow U \cos \psi - \frac{1}{2}gt = 0$$

$$0 = U \cos \psi - \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{4U \sin \psi}{\sqrt{3}g} \right)$$

$$0 = U \cos \psi - \frac{2U \sin \psi}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2 \sin \psi = \sqrt{3} \cos \psi$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \psi = 40.9^\circ$$

**b) NOW  $|OA| = 35$  WHEN  $t = \frac{4U \sin \psi}{\sqrt{3}g}$**

$$\Rightarrow x = U t \cos \psi - \frac{1}{4}gt^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 35 = U \left( \frac{4U \sin \psi}{\sqrt{3}g} \right) \cos \psi - \frac{1}{4}g \left( \frac{4U \sin \psi}{\sqrt{3}g} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 35 = \frac{4U^2 \sin \psi \cos \psi}{\sqrt{3}g} - \frac{4U^2 \sin^2 \psi}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 35\sqrt{3}g = 4U^2 (\sin \psi \cos \psi - \sin^2 \psi)$$

$$\Rightarrow 35\sqrt{3}g = 4U^2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} - \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 \times \frac{4}{3} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 35\sqrt{3}g = 4U^2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3} \right]$$

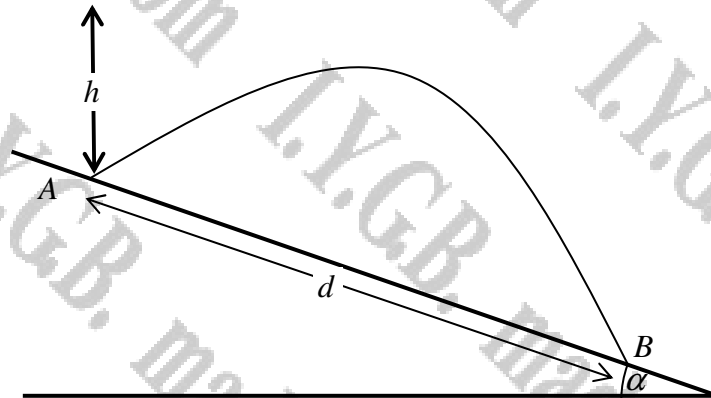
$$\Rightarrow 35\sqrt{3}g = 4U^2 \times \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 35g = \frac{4}{3}U^2$$

$$\Rightarrow U^2 = 600.25$$

$$\Rightarrow U = 24.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

## Question 4 (\*\*\*\*)



The figure above shows the path of a particle, released from rest, from a height  $h$  above a smooth plane, inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal.

The particle strikes the plane at the point  $A$ , and rebounds striking the plane for the second time at the point  $B$ .

The coefficient of restitution between the plane and the particle is  $e$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

Given that  $|AB| = d$ , show that

$$d = 4eh(e+1)\sin\alpha.$$

 , proof

$V^2 = u^2 + 2as$   
 $V^2 = 0 + 2gh$   
 $V^2 = 2gh$   
 $V = \sqrt{2gh}$

**START BY COMPUTING THE COMPONENTS OF THE VELOCITY ON IMPACT**  
 PARALLEL & PERPENDICULAR TO THE PLANE (TOP RIGHT) — NO MOMENTUM IS EXCHANGED PARALLEL TO THE PLANE — HENCE PERPENDICULAR TO THE PLANE THE REBOUNDING VELOCITY COMPONENT IS  $eV \cos \alpha$  (TOP LEFT)

**SOLVE THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION IN THE CO-ORDINATE SYSTEM SHOWN IN THE ABOVE DIAGRAM**

$\ddot{x} = g \sin \alpha$ $\dot{x} = gt \sin \alpha + V \sin \alpha$ $x = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \sin \alpha + Vt \sin \alpha$	$\ddot{y} = -g \cos \alpha$ $\dot{y} = -gt \cos \alpha + eV \cos \alpha$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \alpha + etV \cos \alpha$
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**DETERMINE THE FLIGHT TIME TO THE "SECOND" IMPACT, I.E.  $y=0$**

$\Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \alpha + etV \cos \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{2}t \cos \alpha [2eV - gt]$   
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{2eV}{g} \quad (t \neq 0)$

**SUBSTITUTING INTO THE "x-EQUATION" TO FIND THE HORIZONTAL DISTANCE  $d$**

$d = \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{2eV}{g} \right)^2 \sin \alpha + V \left( \frac{2eV}{g} \right) \sin \alpha$   
 $d = \frac{2e^2 V^2}{g} \sin \alpha + \frac{2eV^2}{g} \sin \alpha$   
 $d = \left( \frac{2eV^2}{g} \sin \alpha \right) (e+1)$   
 $d = \frac{2e}{g} \left( \frac{2gh}{2} \right) (\sin \alpha) (e+1)$   
 $d = 4eh(e+1) \sin \alpha$

$V = \sqrt{2gh}$   
 $V^2 = 2gh$

**Question 5 (\*\*\*\*)**

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $V$  at an angle of elevation  $\alpha$ , along a line of greatest slope of the plane.

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

The particle lands at a point  $P$  on the plane, at time  $T$  after projection.

- a) Find an expression for  $T$  in terms of  $V$ ,  $g$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\alpha$ , and hence show that

$$|OP| = \frac{2V^2 \sin(\alpha - \theta) \cos \alpha}{g \cos^2 \theta}.$$

The value of  $\alpha$  can vary so that  $|OP|$  is greatest.

- b) Express  $\alpha$  in terms of  $\theta$  when  $|OP|$  is greatest.

- c) Show further that greatest value of  $|OP|$  is

$$\frac{V^2}{g(1 + \sin \theta)}.$$

$$T = \frac{2V \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta}, \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{4}(2\theta + \pi)$$

**a)** For flight time,  $y=0$   
 $V \sin(\alpha - \theta) - \frac{1}{2} g \cos \theta t^2 = 0$   
 $\frac{1}{2} t (2V \sin(\alpha - \theta) - g \cos \theta t) = 0$   
 $t = \frac{2V \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta}$

**b)** For max  $|OP|$ , differentiate  $|OP|$  with respect to  $\alpha$   
 $\frac{d}{d\alpha} \left( \frac{2V^2 \sin(\alpha - \theta) \cos \alpha}{g \cos^2 \theta} \right) = 0$   
 $\frac{2V^2}{g \cos^2 \theta} [\cos(\alpha - \theta) \cos \alpha - \sin(\alpha - \theta) \sin \alpha] = 0$   
 $\cos(\alpha - \theta) \cos \alpha = \sin(\alpha - \theta) \sin \alpha$   
 $\cos(\alpha - \theta) = \tan \alpha \sin(\alpha - \theta)$   
 $\cot(\alpha - \theta) = \tan \alpha$   
 $\alpha - \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$   
 $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}(2\theta + \pi)$

**c)** For max  $|OP|$ , substitute  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}(2\theta + \pi)$  into the expression for  $|OP|$   
 $|OP|_{\max} = \frac{2V^2 \sin(\frac{1}{4}(2\theta + \pi) - \theta) \cos(\frac{1}{4}(2\theta + \pi))}{g \cos^2 \theta}$   
 $|OP|_{\max} = \frac{2V^2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) \cos(\frac{\pi}{4})}{g \cos^2 \theta}$   
 $|OP|_{\max} = \frac{2V^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{g \cos^2 \theta}$   
 $|OP|_{\max} = \frac{V^2}{g \cos^2 \theta}$

**Question 6 (\*\*\*)**

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up the line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $V$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the line of greatest slope of the plane.

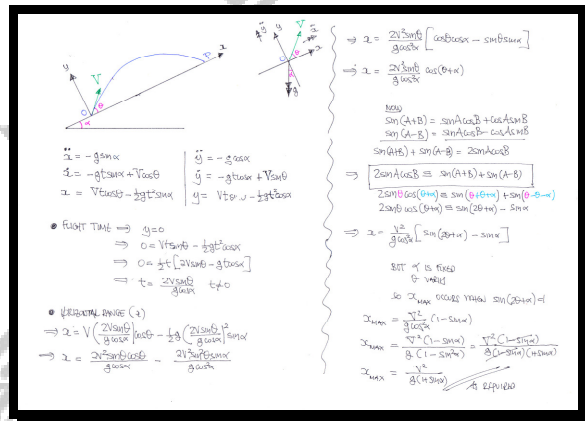
Show that the maximum range of the particle up the plane is

$$\frac{V^2}{g(1 + \sin \alpha)},$$

where  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration, assumed constant.

Air resistance is ignored in this question.

proof



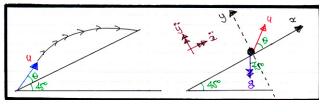
**Question 7** (\*\*\*)

The point  $O$  lies on the foot of a fixed plane which is inclined at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal. A particle is projected from  $O$ , up the line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $u$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

Given that the particle achieves the greatest range up the plane, determine the angle of projection.

,  22.5° to the plane or 67.5° to the horizontal



DETERMINE EQUATIONS FOR DISPLACEMENTS & VELOCITIES IN X & Y BY SUCCESSIVE INTEGRATIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} &= -g \sin 45^\circ \\ \ddot{x} &= -g \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \dot{x} &= -gt \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + u \cos 45^\circ \\ x &= -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + u t \cos 45^\circ \\ [t=0, x=0, \dot{x}=u \cos 45^\circ] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{y} &= -g \cos 45^\circ \\ \ddot{y} &= -g \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \dot{y} &= -gt \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + u \sin 45^\circ \\ y &= -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + u t \sin 45^\circ \\ [t=0, y=0, \dot{y}=u \sin 45^\circ] \end{aligned}$$

NEXT FIND THE FLIGHT TIME BY SOLVING  $y=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u \sin 45^\circ - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} t [4u \sin 45^\circ - \sqrt{2} g t] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow t &= \frac{4u \sin 45^\circ}{\sqrt{2} g} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} u \sin 45^\circ}{g} \end{aligned}$$

NEXT WE FIND THE RANGE UP THE PLANE (s), USING THE FLIGHT TIME

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s &= u \left( \frac{2\sqrt{2} u \sin 45^\circ}{g} \right) \cos 45^\circ - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{2\sqrt{2} u \sin 45^\circ}{g} \right)^2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{2\sqrt{2} u^2 \sin 45^\circ \cos 45^\circ}{g} - \frac{2\sqrt{2} u^2 \sin^2 45^\circ}{g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s &= \frac{2\sqrt{2} u^2}{g} [\sin 45^\circ \cos 45^\circ - \sin^2 45^\circ] \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{2\sqrt{2} u^2}{g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta - \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{2\sqrt{2} u^2}{g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{2} \right] \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{\sqrt{2} u^2}{g} [\sin 2\theta + \cos 2\theta - 1] \end{aligned}$$

MINIMISE THE TRIGONOMETRIC EXPRESSION DIRECTLY OR BY THE "E-TERM-REARRANGING" METHOD

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s &= \frac{\sqrt{2} u^2}{g} \times \sqrt{2} \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{2 u^2}{g} \left[ \cos 45^\circ \sin 2\theta + \sin 45^\circ \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{2 u^2}{g} \left[ \sin(2\theta + 45^\circ) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

TO MAXIMIZE  $s$ , WE REPOSE

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sin(2\theta + 45^\circ) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2\theta + 45^\circ &= 90^\circ \\ \Rightarrow 2\theta &= 45^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= 22.5^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  PROJECTION ANGLE IS  $22.5^\circ$  TO THE PLANE OR  $67.5^\circ$  TO THE HORIZONTAL



**Question 8 (\*\*\*\*)**

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal.

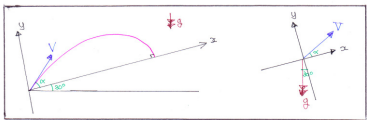
A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $(30 + \alpha)^\circ$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

The particle first hits the plane at right angles at a point  $P$ , 16 s after projection.

Determine the exact value of  $\tan \alpha$  and the distance  $OP$ .

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}, \quad |OP| = 64g = 627.2$$



• WORKING IN AN ORIGIN COORDINATE SYSTEM, WITH  $x$ -AXIS PARALLEL TO THE PLANE. DOUBLE KINEMATIC EQUATIONS IN COMPONENT FORM

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} &= -g \sin 30^\circ & \Rightarrow \ddot{y} &= -g \cos 30^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= -\frac{1}{2}g & \Rightarrow \dot{y} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g \\ \Rightarrow x &= -\frac{1}{4}gt^2 + V_{0x}t & \Rightarrow y &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2 + V_{0y}t \\ \Rightarrow x &= V_{0x}t - \frac{1}{4}gt^2 & \Rightarrow y &= V_{0y}t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2 \end{aligned}$$

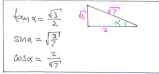
• NEXT WE AVOID THE FLIGHT TIME BY SETTING  $y=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= t(V_{0y} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}g) \\ \Rightarrow t &= \frac{4V_{0y} \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}g} \quad (t \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

• KNOW AT THAT INSTANT  $\dot{x}=0$ , SO PARTICLE "DROPS" AT RIGHT ANGLES

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= -\frac{1}{2}gt + V_{0x} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= -\frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{4V_{0y} \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}g} \right) + V_{0x} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= \frac{2V_{0y} \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}} + V_{0x} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= 2V_{0y} \sin \alpha + \sqrt{3}V_{0x} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= 2V_{0y} \sin \alpha + \sqrt{3}V_{0y} \cos \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

• NEXT LOOKING AT

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}gt^2 + V_{0x}t \quad g \quad t = \frac{4V_{0y} \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}g}$$


• FINALLY

$$\begin{aligned} 16 &= \frac{4V_{0y}^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{\sqrt{3}g} \\ 16\sqrt{3}g &= \frac{4V_{0y}^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 4V_{0y} &= 16\sqrt{3} \\ V_{0y} &= 4\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

• FINALLY

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -\frac{1}{4}g(16)^2 + (4\sqrt{3})^2 \times 16 \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ x &= -64g + 128g \\ x &= 64g \\ x &= 627.2 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 9 (\*\*\*\*)**

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle of  $\frac{1}{6}\pi$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\theta + \frac{1}{6}\pi$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

The particle first hits the plane when it is moving horizontally.

Determine the exact value of  $\tan \theta$ .

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{3}$$

**Left Page:**

- Resolving along  $y$  perpendicular to the plane:
 
$$\ddot{x} = -g \sin \frac{1}{6}\pi = -\frac{1}{2}g$$

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{2}gt + U \cos \theta$$

$$x = U \cos \theta t - \frac{1}{4}gt^2$$
- Resolving along  $x$  parallel to the plane:
 
$$\ddot{y} = -g \cos \frac{1}{6}\pi = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g$$

$$\dot{y} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}gt + U \sin \theta$$

$$y = U \sin \theta t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2$$
- Next find the flight time, i.e.  $y = 0$ :
 
$$0 = U \sin \theta t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{4}t [4U \sin \theta - \sqrt{3}gt]$$

$$t = \frac{4U \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}g} \quad t \neq 0$$
- Moving perpendicular on impact:
 
$$\frac{|\dot{y}|}{\dot{x}} = \tan \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\frac{|\dot{y}|}{\dot{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

**Right Page:**

- Before  $t = \frac{4U \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}g}$ :
 
$$\dot{x} = U \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2}g \left( \frac{4U \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}g} \right) = U \cos \theta - \frac{2U \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\dot{y} = U \sin \theta - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g \left( \frac{4U \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}g} \right) = U \sin \theta - 2U \sin \theta = -U \sin \theta$$
- Finally:
 
$$\frac{|\dot{y}|}{\dot{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{U \sin \theta}{U \cos \theta - \frac{2U \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta}{1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan \theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} \tan \theta = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \tan \theta = \sqrt{3} - 2 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{3}$$

**Question 10 (\*\*\*\*)**

A particle is projected with speed  $U$ , from a point  $O$  on a plane which is inclined at an angle  $\frac{1}{6}\pi$  to the horizontal.

The particle is projected up the plane at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane and moves in a vertical plane which contains a line of greatest slope to the plane. When the particle first strikes the plane at the point  $A$ , it is moving at right angles to the plane.

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

Show that  $|OA| = \frac{4U^2}{7g}$ .

proof

The image shows two pages of handwritten mathematical work on grid paper, solving the problem. The left page includes diagrams of the inclined plane and the particle's trajectory, and derives the velocity components along the plane. The right page continues the derivation to find the flight time and the distance OA.

**Left Page:**

- Diagram: A coordinate system with  $x$  along the plane and  $y$  perpendicular to it. The plane is inclined at  $\frac{1}{6}\pi$  to the horizontal. A particle is projected from  $O$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane, follows a parabolic path, and strikes the plane at  $A$  at right angles.
- Velocity components along the plane:
 
$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} &= -g \sin \frac{1}{6}\pi = -\frac{1}{2}g \\ \ddot{y} &= -\frac{1}{2}g + U \cos \theta \\ \dot{x} &= Ut \cos \theta - \frac{1}{4}gt^2 \\ \dot{y} &= -\frac{1}{2}gt + U \sin \theta \\ y &= Ut \sin \theta - \frac{1}{4}gt^2 \end{aligned}$$
- Find flight time  $t$  when  $y = 0$ :
 
$$0 = Ut \sin \theta - \frac{1}{4}gt^2 \Rightarrow t = \frac{4U \sin \theta}{g}$$
- When the particle strikes the plane at  $A$ , it is moving at right angles to the plane, so  $\dot{y} = 0$  at that time:
 
$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt + U \sin \theta \Rightarrow t = \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g}$$
- Equating the two expressions for  $t$ :
 
$$\frac{4U \sin \theta}{g} = \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi$$

**Right Page:**

- Find the distance  $OA$  when  $t = \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g}$ :
 
$$\begin{aligned} x &= Ut \cos \theta - \frac{1}{4}gt^2 \\ &= U \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g} \right) \cos \theta - \frac{1}{4}g \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} - \frac{1}{4}g \frac{4U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g^2} \\ &= \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} - \frac{U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g} \\ &= \frac{U^2 \sin \theta}{g} (2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta) \end{aligned}$$
- Since  $\theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi$ ,  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ :
 
$$x = \frac{U^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{g} \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{U^2}{g} \left( \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$
- Distance  $OA$  is the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle with sides  $x$  and  $y$  (where  $y=0$  at the point of impact):
 
$$OA = \frac{x}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\frac{U^2}{g} (\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2})}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{2U^2}{g} \left( \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4U^2}{g} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{4U^2}{g} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

**Question 11 (\*\*\*\*)**

A particle is projected from a point  $O$  on a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal.

The particle is projected up the plane with speed  $u$ , at an angle  $\beta$  to the plane, and moves in a vertical plane which contains a line of greatest slope of the plane.

The particle first hits the plane at the point  $A$  and rebounds in a vertical direction.

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

If the coefficient of restitution between the particle and the plane is  $e$ , show that

$$\cot \alpha \cot \beta = e + 2.$$

proof

The handwritten solution is divided into two main sections. The left section contains diagrams and equations for the particle's motion before and after impact. The right section shows the algebraic derivation of the final result.

**Left Section:**

- Diagram 1:** A particle is projected from point  $O$  on an inclined plane at angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal. The particle is launched at an angle  $\beta$  to the plane with initial speed  $u$ . The trajectory is a parabola that hits the plane at point  $A$ .
- Diagram 2:** A vector diagram showing the velocity components. The velocity  $\vec{v}$  is resolved into components parallel to the plane ( $v \cos \beta$ ) and perpendicular to the plane ( $v \sin \beta$ ). After impact, the perpendicular component is reversed and scaled by  $e$ .
- Equations:**
  - Acceleration components:  $\ddot{x} = -g \sin \alpha$ ,  $\ddot{y} = -g \cos \alpha$
  - Initial velocity components:  $\dot{x} = u \cos \beta$ ,  $\dot{y} = u \sin \beta$
  - Velocity components at time  $t$ :  $\dot{x} = u \cos \beta - g t \sin \alpha$ ,  $\dot{y} = u \sin \beta - g t \cos \alpha$
- Step 1:** Find the flight time by setting  $y = 0$ .
  - $0 = u \sin \beta - g t \cos \alpha$
  - $0 = \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha - u t \sin \beta$
  - $t = \frac{2 u \sin \beta}{g \cos \alpha}$  (ignoring  $t = 0$ )
- Step 2:** Find the velocity components just before the bounce.
  - $\dot{x} = u \cos \beta - g t \sin \alpha$
  - $\dot{y} = u \sin \beta - g t \cos \alpha$
- Step 3:** On impact,  $\dot{x}$  is unchanged, but  $\dot{y}$  becomes  $-e \dot{y}$ .
- Diagram 3:** A vector diagram showing the velocity components after impact. The velocity  $\vec{v}$  is resolved into components parallel to the plane ( $v \cos \beta$ ) and perpendicular to the plane ( $v \sin \beta$ ). The perpendicular component is reversed and scaled by  $e$ .
- Equation:**  $e \sin \beta \cos \alpha = \cos \beta \sin \alpha$

**Right Section:**

- $e \sin \beta \cos \alpha = \cos \beta \sin \alpha$
- $(e + 2) \sin \beta \cos \alpha = \cos \beta \sin \alpha$
- $e + 2 = \frac{\cos \beta \sin \alpha}{\sin \beta \cos \alpha}$
- $\cot \alpha \cot \beta = e + 2$

**Question 12** (\*\*\*\*+)

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle of  $15^\circ$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $30 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of  $75^\circ$  to the horizontal.

The particle first strikes the plane at the point  $A$ .

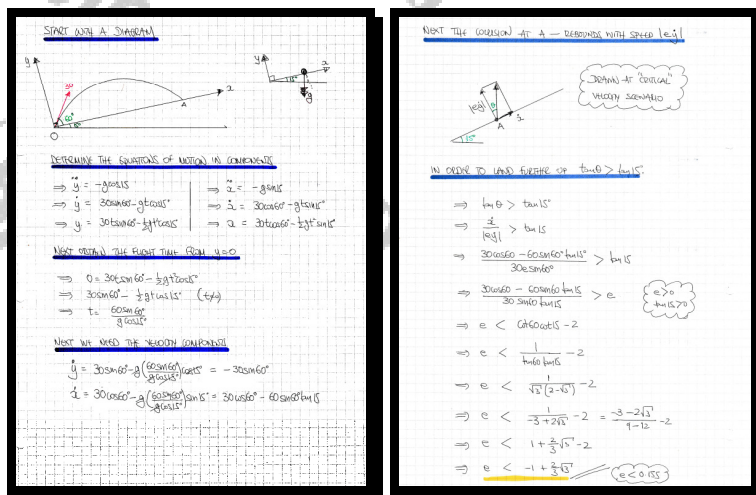
When the particle strikes the plane it rebounds and strikes the plane again at the point  $B$ , where  $B$  is further up the plane than  $A$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

The coefficient of restitution between the particle and the plane is  $e$ .

Given further that  $\tan 15^\circ = 2 - \sqrt{3}$ , show that  $e < -1 + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}$ .

, **proof**



**Question 13** (\*\*\*\*+)

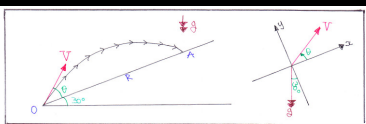
The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane.

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

Show that as  $\theta$  varies the greatest range of the particle up the plane is achieved when the direction of  $V$  bisects the angle between the plane and the upward vertical.

proof



• DEFINE THE EQUATION OF MOTION IN OBlique COORDINATES (x & y)

- $\ddot{x} = -g \sin 30^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}g$
- $\ddot{y} = -g \cos 30^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g$
- $\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{2}gt + V \cos \theta$
- $\dot{y} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}gt + V \sin \theta$
- $x = -\frac{1}{4}gt^2 + Vt \cos \theta$
- $y = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2 + Vt \sin \theta$

• NEXT FIND THE FLIGHT TIME BY SETTING  $y=0$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}gt^2 + Vt \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}t \left[ g\sqrt{3}t - 4V \sin \theta \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{4V \sin \theta}{g\sqrt{3}} \quad t \neq 0$$

• THE RANGE UP THE PLANE IS GIVEN BY

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{4}g \left[ \frac{4V \sin \theta}{g\sqrt{3}} \right]^2 + V \left[ \frac{4V \sin \theta}{g\sqrt{3}} \right] \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{4}g \left[ \frac{16V^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g^2 \times 3} \right] + \frac{4V^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}g}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4V^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}g} - \frac{4V^2 \sin^3 \theta}{3g}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4V^2 \sin \theta}{g} \left[ \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{3} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4V^2 \sin \theta}{g} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4V^2 \sin \theta}{3g} \left[ \sqrt{3} \cos \theta - \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{8V^2 \sin \theta}{3g} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{8V^2 \sin \theta}{3g} \left[ \cos \theta \cos 30^\circ - \sin \theta \sin 30^\circ \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{8V^2 \sin 2\theta}{3g} \cos(\theta + 30^\circ)$$

• NOW MANIPULATE THE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTION

$$\sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = \sin \theta \cos 30^\circ + \cos \theta \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = \sin \theta \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \cos \theta \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) = \sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta$$

• RETURNING TO THE EXPRESSION IN  $x$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{8V^2}{3g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) \right]$$


$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4V^2}{3g} \left[ \sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) \right]$$

• TO MAXIMIZE  $x$ ,  $\sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) = 1$

$$2\theta + 30^\circ = 90^\circ$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ$$

As required



**Question 14** (\*\*\*\*+)

The point  $O$  lies on a plane which is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , up a line of greatest slope of the plane, with speed of  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane. When the particle hits the plane it rebounds with speed  $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . After rebounding the particle first hits the plane at the point  $B$ .

The coefficient of restitution between the particle and the plane is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

Show that  $|OB| = \frac{U^2}{8g}$ .

proof

The handwritten solution is divided into two pages. The left page contains diagrams and calculations for the first part of the problem, while the right page contains calculations for the second part.

**Left Page:**

- Diagram 1:** A particle is projected from point  $O$  on an inclined plane at angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. The particle is launched at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane with speed  $U$ . It follows a parabolic path and hits the plane at point  $A$ .
- Diagram 2:** The particle rebounds from point  $A$  with speed  $V$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane and hits the plane again at point  $B$ .
- Calculations:**
  - Resolving along the plane (x-axis) and perpendicular to the plane (y-axis):
 
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} &= -g \sin \theta & \Rightarrow \ddot{y} &= -g \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= -gt \sin \theta & \Rightarrow \dot{y} &= -gt \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow x &= -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \sin \theta & \Rightarrow y &= -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= -gt \sin \theta & \Rightarrow \dot{y} &= -gt \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow x &= -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \sin \theta & \Rightarrow y &= -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$
  - Find the flight time from A to B, by setting  $y=0$ :**

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow t = \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \theta} \quad (t \neq 0)$$
  - Find the velocity components at impact:**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -gt \sin \theta = -\frac{2U \sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} & \dot{y} &= -gt \cos \theta = -2U \sin \theta \\ \dot{x} &= -\frac{2U \sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} & \dot{y} &= -2U \sin \theta \\ \dot{x} &= -\frac{2U \sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} & \dot{y} &= -2U \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

**Right Page:**

- Is the x component is negative, it produces such a result below the axis (x axis increasing down):**

$$\text{Rebound speed} = e|\dot{y}| = \frac{2}{3}(2U \sin \theta) = \frac{4}{3}U \sin \theta$$
- Resubstitute equations after the rebound:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} &= g \sin \theta & \Rightarrow \ddot{y} &= -g \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= \frac{4}{3}U \sin \theta & \Rightarrow \dot{y} &= -\frac{4}{3}U \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{4}{3}U t \sin \theta & \Rightarrow y &= -\frac{4}{3}U t \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{4}{3}U t \sin \theta & \Rightarrow y &= \frac{4}{3}U t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$
- Find the new flight time by setting  $y=0$ :**

$$0 = \frac{4}{3}U t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{4}{3}U [U \sin \theta] \Rightarrow t = \frac{3U}{2g} \quad (t \neq 0)$$
- Distance from A to B:**

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{ O to A: } x &= \frac{1}{2}U \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \theta} \right) = \frac{U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g \cos \theta} = \frac{2U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g \cos \theta} \\ \bullet \text{ A to B: } x &= \frac{4}{3}U \left( \frac{3U}{2g} \right) \sin \theta = \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta}{g} + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \cos \theta = \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta}{g} + \frac{3U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} \\ \bullet \text{ Hence } |OB| &= \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta}{g} - \frac{2U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} = \frac{U^2 \sin \theta}{g} \end{aligned}$$
- Diagram 3:** A diagram showing the distance from point  $O$  to point  $B$  along the plane, labeled as  $|OB|$ .







**Question 16 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

A particle is projected from a point  $O$  on a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal.

The particle is projected up the plane with speed  $U$ , at an angle  $\theta$  to the plane, and moves in a vertical plane which contains a line of greatest slope of the plane.

The particle first hits the plane at the point  $A$ , rebounds and next hits the plane at  $O$ .

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

If the coefficient of restitution between the particle and the plane is  $e$ , show that

$$\cot \theta = (1+e) \tan \alpha.$$

proof

**START WITH A GOOD DIAGRAM**

•  $\ddot{x} = -g \sin \alpha$       •  $\ddot{y} = -g \cos \alpha$   
 •  $\dot{x} = -gt \sin \alpha + U \cos \theta$       •  $\dot{y} = -gt \cos \alpha + U \sin \theta$   
 •  $x = Ut \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \sin \alpha$       •  $y = Ut \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$

• **FIRSTLY FIND THE FLIGHT TIME**  
 $y=0 \Rightarrow 0 = Ut \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$   
 $0 = \frac{1}{2} t [2U \sin \theta - g t \cos \alpha]$   
 $\therefore$  FLIGHT TIME IS  $\frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha}$

• **NOW FIND THE RANGE OF THE PARTICLE**  
 $\Rightarrow x = U \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right) \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right)^2 \sin \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g \cos \alpha} - \frac{2U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \sin \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} [\cos \theta \cos \alpha - \sin \theta \sin \alpha] \leftarrow \cos(\theta + \alpha)$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta \cos(\theta + \alpha)}{g \cos \alpha}$

• **NEXT FIND THE VELOCITY COMPONENTS AS IT REACHES A**

$\dot{x} = U \cos \theta - g \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right) \sin \alpha$   
 $\dot{x} = U \cos \theta - 2U \sin \theta \tan \alpha \leftarrow V$

$\dot{y} = U \sin \theta - g \left( \frac{2U \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right) \cos \alpha$   
 $\dot{y} = U \sin \theta - 2U \sin \theta$   
 $\dot{y} = -U \sin \theta \leftarrow$  SAME MAGNITUDE, OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO THAT ON PROJECTION (RANDOM COINCIDENCE)

• **NEXT WE CONSIDER THE NEXT PART OF THE JOURNEY**

•  $\ddot{x} = -g \sin \alpha$       •  $\ddot{y} = -g \cos \alpha$   
 •  $\dot{x} = -V - g t \sin \alpha$       •  $\dot{y} = eU \sin \theta - g t \cos \alpha$   
 •  $x = -Vt - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \sin \alpha$       •  $y = eU t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$

• **AGAIN FIND THE FLIGHT TIME TO THE NEXT BOUNCE**  
 $y=0 \Rightarrow 0 = eU t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$   
 $0 = \frac{1}{2} t [2eU \sin \theta - g t \cos \alpha]$   
 $\therefore$  FLIGHT TIME IS  $t = \frac{2eU \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha}$

• **IN THAT TIME THE PARTICLE COVERS THE DISTANCE ON A PLANE WITH THE NEW  $\dot{x}$  VELOCITY**

$\downarrow$   $\left( \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta \cos(\theta + \alpha)}{g \cos \alpha} \right)$   
 Now  $x = -V \left( \frac{2eU \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right) - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{2eU \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right)^2 \sin \alpha$

• **FINALLY WE HAVE**

$-\frac{2U^2 \sin \theta \cos(\theta + \alpha)}{g \cos \alpha} = - \left[ 2U \sin \theta \tan \alpha - U \sin \theta \right] \left( \frac{2eU \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right) - \frac{2e^2 U^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \sin \alpha$

• **SIMPLIFYING**  $\left( \div - \frac{2U^2 \sin \theta}{g \cos \alpha} \right)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos(\theta + \alpha)}{\cos \alpha} = 2e \sin \theta \tan \alpha - e \sin \theta + \frac{e^2 \sin \theta}{\cos \alpha} \sin \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = 2e \sin \theta \tan \alpha - e \cos \theta + e \sin \theta \tan \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos \theta - \sin \theta \tan \alpha = 2e \sin \theta \tan \alpha - e \cos \theta + e \sin \theta \tan \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow e \cos \theta + \cos \theta = \sin \theta \tan \alpha + 2e \sin \theta \tan \alpha + \sin \theta \tan \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos \theta (e+1) = \sin \theta \tan \alpha (e^2 + 2e + 1)$   
 $\Rightarrow \cot \theta (e+1) = \tan \alpha (e+1)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \cot \theta = (1+e) \tan \alpha$

As Required

**Question 17 (\*\*\*\*)**

The point  $O$  lies on a plane inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal.

A particle is projected from  $O$ , with speed  $u$  up and in a direction up the plane, at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal.

The particle first strikes the incline plane at the point  $A$ .

The motion of the particle takes place in a vertical plane which contains a line of greatest slope of the incline plane.

The gravitational acceleration  $g$  is assumed constant and air resistance is ignored.

Given that the particle is travelling horizontally as it strikes  $A$ , show that

$$\tan \alpha = 2 \tan \theta.$$

,  proof

● STARTING WITH THE LOCAL DIAGRAM

● WRITE EQUATIONS OF MOTION IN THE ROTATED "X" AXES

- $\ddot{x} = -g \sin \theta$
- $\ddot{y} = -g \cos \theta$
- $\dot{x} = -g \sin \theta t + u \cos(\alpha - \theta)$
- $\dot{y} = -g \cos \theta t + u \sin(\alpha - \theta)$
- $x = ut \cos(\alpha - \theta) - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \sin \theta$
- $y = ut \sin(\alpha - \theta) - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \theta$

● NEXT FIND THE FLIGHT TIME BY SETTING  $y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = ut \sin(\alpha - \theta) - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{2} t [2u \sin(\alpha - \theta) - g t \cos \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta} \quad (t \neq 0)$$

● NOW WE CAN PROCEED IN 2 DISTINCT WAYS

● METHOD A - USING THE EQUATIONS DERIVED

AS THE PARTICLE LINGS

$$\frac{|\dot{y}|}{\dot{x}} = \tan \theta$$

$$|\dot{y}| = \dot{x} \tan \theta$$

● HENCE WE NEED EXPRESSIONS FOR  $\dot{x}$  &  $\dot{y}$  WHEN  $t = \frac{2u \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = u \sin(\alpha - \theta) - g \left( \frac{2u \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = -u \sin(\alpha - \theta) \quad \leftarrow \text{"downwards"}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\dot{y}| = u \sin(\alpha - \theta) \quad \leftarrow \text{"downwards"}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\dot{y}| = u \sin \alpha \cos \theta - u \cos \alpha \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = u \cos(\alpha - \theta) - g \left( \frac{2u \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta} \right) \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{u}{\cos \theta} [\cos(\alpha - \theta) \cos \theta - 2 \sin(\alpha - \theta) \sin \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{u}{\cos \theta} [\cos(\alpha - \theta) \cos \theta - \sin(\alpha - \theta) \sin \theta - \sin(\alpha - \theta) \sin \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{u}{\cos \theta} [\cos(\alpha - \theta) \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta \sin(\alpha - \theta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{u}{\cos \theta} [\cos \alpha - \sin \theta \sin \alpha \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{u}{\cos \theta} [\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta]$$

● NOW WE CAN SUBSTITUTE INTO  $|\dot{y}| = \dot{x} \tan \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u \sin \alpha \cos \theta}{\cos \theta} - u \sin \alpha \sin \theta = \frac{u \tan \theta}{\cos \theta} [\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} [\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin \alpha \sin \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta$$

INVERT THE EQUATION THROUGH BY  $\cos \alpha \cos \theta \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha - \tan \theta = \tan \theta \cos \theta - \tan \theta \sin \theta + \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha + \tan \theta \sin \theta = \tan \theta (1 + \sin \theta) + \tan \theta + \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha + \tan \theta \sin \theta = \tan \theta + \tan \theta + \tan \theta + \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha + \tan \theta \sin \theta = 2 \tan \theta + 2 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha (1 + \sin \theta) = 2 \tan \theta (1 + \sin \theta) \quad \swarrow 1 + \sin \theta \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = 2 \tan \theta$$

As Required

METHOD B - BY LOOKING AT THE X-Y AXES

LOOKING AT THE X & Y AXES AND THE MOTION OF THE PARTICLE IN THAT FRAME

VERTICALLY USING  $v = u + at$

$$\Rightarrow v = u \sin \alpha - gt$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = u \sin \alpha - gt$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{u \sin \alpha}{g}$$

HENCE WE NOW HAVE

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u \sin \alpha}{g} = \frac{2u \sin(\alpha - \theta)}{g \cos \theta} \quad (\text{from earlier})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha \cos \theta = 2 \sin(\alpha - \theta) \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos \alpha \sin \theta = \sin \alpha \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = 2 \tan \theta$$

As Required