

NEET2025 Physics Notes

Motion in a Plane

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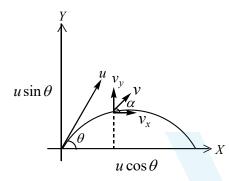
Oblique Projectile:

Any body projected into the axis at an angle other than 90° with the horizontal near the surface of the Earth, is called a Projectile.

The science of projectile motion is called Ballistics.

Examples of Projectiles:

- i. A cricket ball thrown by a fielder.
- ii. A bullet fired from a gun.
- iii. A javelin thrown by an athlete.
- iv. A jet of water from a rubber tube impelled into air.



* It is a body projected other than 90°

* Initial velocity of a projection $\vec{u} = u_x \hat{i} + u_y \hat{j}$

$$\vec{u} = u\cos\theta\,\hat{i} + u\sin\theta\,\hat{j}$$

* Acceleration of a projective $\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}$

$$a_x = 0; a_y = -g; \vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}$$

* As there is no effect on $u\cos\theta$, it remains constant throughout the flight.

* As $u\sin\theta$ direction opposite to 'g.' So it's vertical speed decreases and becomes zero at the highest point.

* At any instant of time 't' velocity of a projective $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j}$

$$v_x = v_y = u \cos \theta$$

$$v_y = u_y + a_y t = (u \sin \theta) - gt$$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = (u \cos \theta)\hat{i} + (u \sin \theta - gt)\hat{j}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{(u \cos \theta)^2 + (u \sin \theta - gt)^2}$$

* It's direction making an angle with horizontal

$$\operatorname{Tan} \alpha = \frac{v_y}{v_x} = \frac{(u\sin\theta - gt)}{(u\cos\theta)}$$
$$\alpha = \operatorname{Tan}^{-1} \left(\frac{u\sin\theta - gt}{u\cos\theta}\right)$$

* It's displacement $\vec{s} = s_x \hat{i} + s_y \hat{j}$

Where
$$s_x = x$$
; $s_y = y$

$$x = (u\cos\theta)t \quad (\because a_x = 0)$$
$$s_y = (u\sin\theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad (\because a_y = -g)$$
$$\vec{s} = (u\cos\theta)t \,\hat{i} + \left((u\sin\theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2\right)\hat{j}$$

* In horizontal direction $x = (u \cos \theta)t$

$$t = \left(\frac{x}{u\cos\theta}\right)$$

In vertical direction $y = (u \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$$y = (u\sin\theta) \left(\frac{x}{u\cos\theta}\right) - \frac{1}{2}g\left(\frac{x}{u\cos\theta}\right)$$
$$y = (\operatorname{Tan}\theta)x - \frac{1}{2}\frac{gx^2}{u^2\cos^2\theta}$$
$$y = (\operatorname{Tan}\theta)x - \left(\frac{g}{2u^2\cos^2\theta}\right)x^2$$
$$\boxed{y = Ax - Bx^2}$$

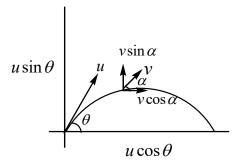
Where
$$A = \operatorname{Tan} \theta$$
; $B = \left(\frac{g}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta}\right)$

(i) Time of ascent = Time of descent

$$\overline{t_a = t_d = \frac{u_y}{g} = \frac{u \sin \theta}{g}}$$
(ii) Time of flight $\overline{T = 2t_a = 2t_d = \frac{2u_y}{g} = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g}}$
(iii) Maximum height $\overline{H = \frac{u_y^2}{2g} = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} = \frac{A^2}{4B}}$

(iv) Range
$$R = \frac{2u_x u_y}{g} = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} = \frac{A}{B}$$

- (v) Relation between *H* & *R* is $\frac{H}{R} = \frac{\tan \theta}{u}$
- (vi) Relation between *H* & *T* is $H = \frac{1}{8}gT^2$
- * A body is projected with speed 'u' at an angle ' θ ' with horizontal. If it makes an angle ' α ' with the horizontal, then it's speed at that instant will be



In horizontal direction $u\cos\theta = v\cos\alpha$

$$v = \frac{u\cos\theta}{\cos\alpha} = u\cos\theta\sec\alpha$$
$$v = u\cos\theta\cdot\sec\alpha$$

* A particle is projected at angle ' α ' with the horizontal. After time 't' it appears to have an angle of deviation ' β ' as seen from point of projection, then initial velocity

$$\operatorname{Tan} \beta = \frac{y}{x}$$
$$\operatorname{Tan} \beta = \frac{(u \sin \alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^{2}}{(u \cos \alpha)t}$$
$$u \cos \alpha \tan \beta = u \sin \alpha - \frac{gt}{2}$$
$$\frac{gt}{2} = u \left[\sin \alpha - \cos \alpha \cdot \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} \right]$$
$$\frac{gt}{2} = u \left[\frac{\sin (\alpha - \beta)}{\cos \beta} \right]$$
$$\left[u = \frac{gt \cos \beta}{2 \sin (\alpha - \beta)} \right]$$

* A particle of mass 'm' is projected with speed 'u' at angle ' θ ' with the horizontal. It's angular momentum about point of projection at any instant.

 \therefore Angular momentum continuously increases till it reaches the ground.

Torque acting on a projectile:

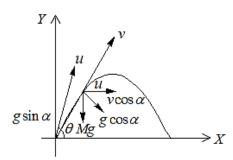
$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$
$$\vec{r} = (u\cos\theta t)\hat{i} + \left[u\sin\theta t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2\right]\hat{j}$$
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = (mg)u\cos\theta t \left(-\hat{k}\right)$$
$$\therefore \vec{\tau} = (mu\cos\theta)gt \left(-\hat{k}\right)$$
$$\vec{\tau} = (mu\cos\theta)gt$$

 $\tau \propto t$

: Torque continuously increases till it reaches the ground.

Radius of curvature of a projectile:

Let 'v' be the velocity of projectile when it makes ' α ' with horizontal then



 $v\cos\alpha = u\cos\theta$

$$v = \frac{u\cos\theta}{\cos\alpha}$$

Where ' $g \cos \alpha$ ' plays the role of the radial acceleration.

$$g \cos \alpha = \frac{v^2}{R}$$
$$R = \frac{v^2}{g \cos \alpha}$$
$$R = \left[\frac{u^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \alpha}\right] \left[\frac{1}{g \cos \alpha}\right]$$
$$\therefore R = \frac{u^2 \cos^2 \theta}{g \cos^2 \alpha}$$

When the projectile is at height point $(\alpha = 0)$

$$\therefore R = \frac{u^2 \cos^2 \theta}{g}$$

 \rightarrow A particle projected with speed 'u' at an angle ' θ ' with the horizontal after time 't' which is perpendicular to initial velocity vector

$$\vec{u} = (u\cos\theta)\hat{i} + (u\sin\theta)\hat{j}$$
After 't' sec

$$\vec{v} = (u\cos\theta)\hat{i} + (u\sin\theta - gt)\hat{j}$$
As $\vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$ so $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$
 $u^2\cos^2\theta + u^2\sin^2\theta - u\sin\theta gt = 0$
 $u^2 = (u\sin\theta)gt$

$$t = \frac{u}{g\sin\theta}$$

Limits of ' θ ', here $t \leq T$

$$\frac{n}{g\sin\theta} \le \frac{2u\sin\theta}{g}$$
$$\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \le 2$$
$$\sin^2\theta > \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\sin\theta \ge \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$\theta \ge 45^{\circ}$$

 \therefore Limits = $45^\circ \le \theta \le 90^\circ$

Note:

In the above case magnitude of its velocity perpendicular to initial velocity vector, then horizontal component is constant. Y_{\uparrow}

$$u\cos\theta = v\cos(90 - \theta)$$

$$u\cos\theta = v\sin\theta$$

$$v=u\cot\theta$$

$$v\sin(90 - \theta)$$

$$v\sin(90 - \theta) = x$$

Characteristics of a projectile:

$$\rightarrow \text{Time of flight } T = \frac{2u\sin\theta}{g} = \frac{2u_y}{g} \text{ (or) } A\sqrt{\frac{2}{\Delta g}}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Range of a projectile } R = \frac{u^2\sin 2\theta}{g} = \frac{2u_x u_y}{g} \text{ (or) } \frac{A}{B}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Max. height } H = \frac{u^2\sin^2\theta}{2g} = \frac{A^2}{4B} \text{ (or) } \frac{u_y^2}{2g}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Relation between range and max. height}$$

$$\frac{R}{H} = \frac{4}{\text{Ton } \theta}$$

$$\overline{H} = \overline{\mathrm{Tan}\,\theta}$$
$$\overline{R\,\mathrm{Tan}\,\theta = 4H}$$

 \rightarrow Relation between max. height and time of flight

$$\frac{H}{T^2} = \frac{\frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}}{\frac{4u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g^2}}$$

$$\frac{H}{T^2} = \frac{g}{8}$$
$$H = \frac{gT^2}{8}$$

 \rightarrow A particle is projected at angle ' θ ' with the horizontal. If the angle of elevation of highest point as seen from the point of projection is ' ϕ ' then Tan ϕ = ?

$$\operatorname{Tan} \phi = \frac{H}{\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)} = \frac{2H}{R}$$

But $R \operatorname{Tan} \theta = 4H$
$$\frac{\operatorname{Tan} \theta}{4} = \left(\frac{H}{2}\right)$$

$$\operatorname{Tan} \phi = 2\left[\frac{\operatorname{Tan} \theta}{4}\right]$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{Tan} \phi = \frac{\operatorname{Tan} \theta}{2}$$

 \rightarrow A particle is projected with speed 'u' at an angle ' θ ' with the horizontal, then the magnitude of average velocity during the time that reaches to the highest point.

$$S = \sqrt{(R/2)^{2} + H^{2}}$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{R^{2}}{4} + \left[\frac{R \operatorname{Tan} \theta}{4}\right]^{2}}$$

$$\therefore R \operatorname{Tan} \theta = 4H$$

$$S = \sqrt{\left[\frac{R^{2}}{4} + \frac{R^{2} \operatorname{Tan} \theta}{16}\right]}$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{S}{(T/2)} = \frac{2}{T} \left[\sqrt{\frac{R^{2}}{4} + \frac{R^{2} \operatorname{Tan}^{2} \theta}{16}}\right]$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{2R}{2T} \sqrt{\left[1 + \frac{\operatorname{Tan}^{2} \theta}{4}\right]}$$

$$= \frac{(u \cos \theta)T}{T} \left[\sqrt{\frac{4 + \operatorname{Tan}^{2} \theta}{4}}\right]$$

$$= \frac{u \cos \theta}{2} \left(\sqrt{4 + \operatorname{Tan}^{2} \theta}\right)$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{u \cos \theta}{2} \left[\sqrt{\frac{4 \cos^{2} \theta + \sin^{2} \theta}{\cos^{2} \theta}}\right] = \frac{u}{2} \sqrt{3 \cos^{2} \theta + \cos^{2} \theta + \sin^{2} \theta}$$

$$\therefore V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{u}{2}\sqrt{1 + 3\cos^2\theta}$$

* In the above case magnitude of avg. velocity for its whole journey

For total journey S = R; t = T

$$\therefore V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{R}{T} = \frac{(u\cos\theta)T}{T}$$
$$\therefore V_{\text{avg}} = u\cos\theta$$

* The horizontal & vertical displacement of a projectile are given by x = at, $y = bt - ct^2$. Then

- Velocity of projection = $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
- Angle of projection = $\operatorname{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$
- Acceleration of projection = 2c
- Maximum height $=\frac{b^2}{4c}$
- Horizontal range $=\frac{ab}{c}$

 \rightarrow A body is projected with velocity of $U = U_x \hat{i} + U_y \hat{j} + U_z \hat{k}$ where x, y are in horizontal plane, then

- Time of flight $T = \frac{2U_z}{g}$
- Max. height $H = \frac{U_z^2}{2g}$

• Range
$$R = \left(\sqrt{U_x^2 + U_y^2}\right) \cdot \frac{2U_z}{g}$$

 \rightarrow For two angles with same range (complementary angles):

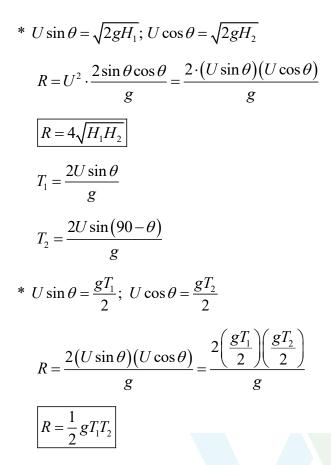
$$R_{1} = R_{2} = R = \frac{U^{2} \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

$$* H_{1} = \frac{U^{2} \sin^{2} \theta}{2g}$$

$$H_{2} = \frac{U^{2} \sin^{2} (90 - \theta)}{2g}$$

$$H_{2} = \frac{U^{2} \cos^{2} \theta}{2g}$$

$$H_{1} + H_{2} = \frac{U^{2}}{2g}$$

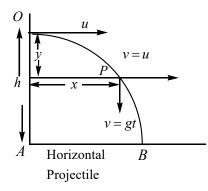


Horizontal Projectile:

Equation for path (Trajectory):

Suppose a body is projected horizontally with an initial velocity 'u' from the top of a tower of height 'h' at time t = 0. As there is no horizontal acceleration, the horizontal velocity remains constant throughout the motion.

Hence after time 't' the velocity in horizontal direction will be $v_x = u$



Let the body reach a point 'p' in time 't.; Let x and y be the co-ordinates of the body.

For the y coordinate after time t seconds

$$y = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad \left[\because y = u_y t + \frac{1}{2}u_y t^2 \right] \rightarrow (1)$$

For x co-ordinate after t seconds

$$x = ut$$

 $\Rightarrow t = x/u \rightarrow (2)$

From eqn. (1) and (2) we get

$$y = \frac{1}{2}g\left[\frac{x}{u}\right]^{2}$$

$$\therefore y = \left[\frac{g}{2u^{2}}\right]x^{2} \rightarrow (3)$$

g and u being constants $\left[\frac{g}{2u^{2}}\right]$ is a constant

nt $\lfloor 2u^2 \rfloor$

If $\frac{g}{2u^2} = k$ then $y = kx^2$

This equation represents the equation of a parabola.

Motion parameters of a horizontal projectile:

Time of Descent:

It is the time the body takes to touch the ground after it is projectile from the height 'h'

For y = h and $t = t_d$ we get

$$h = \frac{1}{2}gt_d^2$$
$$\therefore t_d = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

The time of descent is independent of initial velocity with which the body is projected and depends only on the height from which it is projected.

Range:

The maximum horizontal distance travelled by the body while it touches the ground is called range (R).

It is shown as AB in the fig. As the horizontal velocity is constant

Range = Horizontal velocity \times Time of descent

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $R = (u) t_d$

But
$$t_d = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$
 and hence $R = (u)\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$

Velocity of the projectile at any time 't':

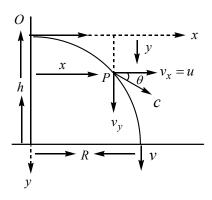
Let the body be at point 'P' after time 't'

Let v_x and v_y be velocities along x and y directions

The horizontal velocity remains constant throughout the motion. Hence $v_x = u$

The velocity along y-axis is $v_y = u_y + gt$ and $u_y = 0$ as the body is thrown horizontally initially.

$$\therefore v_v = gt$$

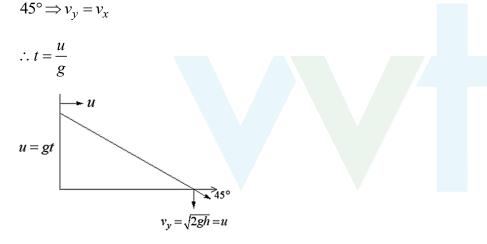


So the magnitude of the velocity $v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{u^2 + g^2 t^2}$

If velocity vector \vec{v} makes an angle α with the horizontal then $\tan \alpha = \frac{v_y}{v_x} = \frac{gt}{u}$ (or) $\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{gt}{u}\right)$

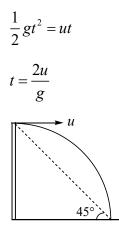
Case-I:

If a body projected horizontally with velocity u from the top of a tower strikes the ground at an angle of



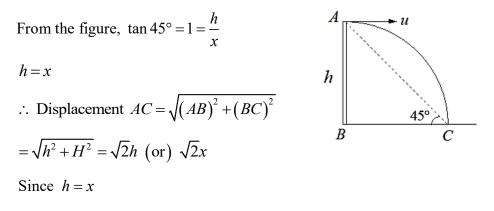
Case-II:

A body is projected horizontally from the top of a tower. The line joining the point of projection and the striking point make an angle of 450 with the ground. Then h = u.



Case-III:

A body is projected horizontally from the top of a tower. The line joining the point of projection and the striking point makes an angle of 450 with the ground. Then the displacement $=\sqrt{2}h$ (or) $\sqrt{2}x$.



Case-IV:

Two towers having heights h_1 and h_2 are separated by a distance 'd'

A person throws a ball horizontally with a velocity 'u' from the top of the 1st tower to the top of the 2nd tower then

Time taken
$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2(h_1 + h_2)}{g}}$$

 h_1
 h_2
 h_2

Distance between the towers $d = ut = u \sqrt{\frac{2(h_1 - h_2)}{g}}$

Case-V:

An aeroplane flies horizontally with a velocity 'u'

If a bomb is dropped by the pilot when the plane is at a height 'h' then

a) The path of such as body is vertical straight line as seen by the pilot

b) The path is a parabola as seen by an observer on the ground

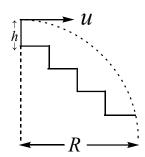
c) The body will strike the ground at a certain horizontal distance. This distance is equal to the range

given by
$$x = ut = u\sqrt{\frac{2u}{g}}$$

Case-VI:

A ball rolls off the top of a stair case with a horizontal velocity 'u'. If each step has height 'h' and width 'b' then the ball will just hit the n^{th} step if n equals

$$\therefore nb = ut \text{ and } nh = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$
$$n = \frac{2hu^2}{gb^2}$$



Case-VII:

From the top of a tower one stone is thrown towards east with velocity u_1 and another is thrown towards north with velocity u_2 the distance between them after striking the ground

$$d = t\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2}$$

Case-VIII:

Two bodies are thrown horizontally with velocities u_1 , u_2 in mutually opposite directions from the same height. Then

a) Time after which velocity vectors are perpendicular is $t = \sqrt{\frac{u_1 u_2}{g}}$

For velocity vectors to be perpendicular after a time 't' their dot product must be zero

$$\therefore \ \overline{v_1} \cdot \overline{v_2} = 0$$

$$\left(u_1 \,\hat{i} - gt \,\hat{j}\right) \cdot \left(-u_2 \,\hat{i} - gt \,\hat{j}\right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \ t = \frac{\sqrt{u_1 u_2}}{g}$$

b) Separation between them when velocity vectors are perpendicular is

$$x = (u_1 + u_2)t = \frac{(u_1 + u_2)\sqrt{u_1u_2}}{g}$$

c) Time after which their displacement vectors are perpendicular is $t = \frac{2\sqrt{u_1u_2}}{g}$

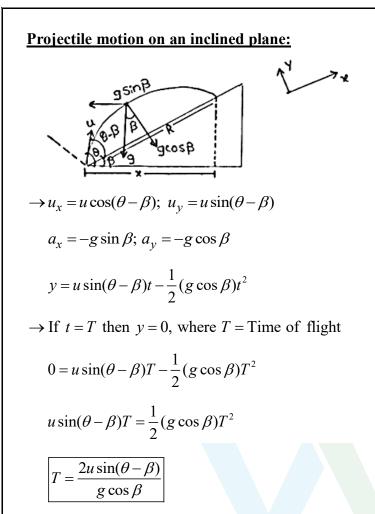
For displacement vectors to be perpendicular then their dot product must be zero.

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 t \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \hat{j} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -u_2 t \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \hat{j} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{2\sqrt{u_1 u_2}}{g}$$

d) Separation between them when displacement is perpendicular is

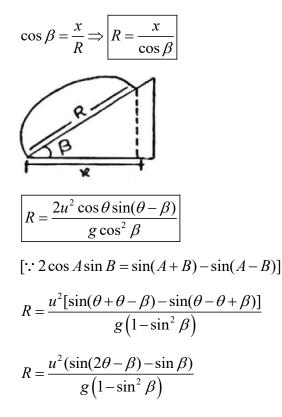
$$x = (u_1 + u_2)t = \frac{(u_1 + u_2)2\sqrt{u_1u_2}}{g}$$



 \rightarrow Range along the horizontal plane $x = (u \cos \theta)T$

$$x = (u\cos\theta)\frac{2u\sin(\theta - \beta)}{g\cos\beta}$$

 \rightarrow Range along inclined plane



If R_{\max} then $\sin(2\theta - \beta)$ is max

Then
$$\sin(2\theta - \beta) = 1$$

$$\therefore R_{\max} = \frac{u^2(1 - \sin\beta)}{g(1 - \sin^2\beta)}$$

$$R_{\max} = \frac{u^2(1 - \sin\beta)}{g((1 + \sin\beta)(1 - \sin\beta))}$$

$$R_{\max} = \frac{u^2}{g(1 + \sin\beta)}$$

(along the inclined plane in upwards)

Vertical height at which projectile strikes:

$$y = (u \sin \theta)T - \frac{1}{2}gT^{2}$$

$$y = (u \sin \theta) \left[\frac{2u \sin(\theta - \beta)}{g \cos \beta} \right] - \frac{1}{2}g \left[\frac{2u \sin(\theta - \beta)}{g \cos \beta} \right]^{2}$$

$$y = \frac{2u^{2} \sin \theta \sin(\theta - \beta)}{g \cos \beta} - \frac{2u^{2} \sin^{2}(\theta - \beta)}{g \cos^{2} \beta}$$

$$y = \frac{2u^{2} \sin(\theta - \beta)}{g \cos \beta} \left[\sin \theta - \frac{\sin(\theta - \beta)}{\cos \beta} \right]$$

$$y = \frac{2u^{2} \sin(\theta - \beta)}{g \cos \beta} \left[\frac{\sin \theta \cos \beta - \sin(\theta - \beta)}{\cos \beta} \right]$$

$$y = \frac{2u^{2} \sin(\theta - \beta)(\sin \theta \cos \beta - \sin \theta \cos \beta + \cos \theta \sin \beta)}{g \cos \beta}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{2u^{2} \sin(\theta - \beta)(\cos \theta \sin \beta)}{g \cos^{2} \beta}$$

Motion in down the plane:

$$u_{x} = u \cos(\theta + \beta)$$

$$u_{y} = u \sin(\theta + \beta)$$

$$a_{x} = -g \sin\beta; a_{y} = -g \cos\beta$$

$$g \sin\beta$$

$$y = u \sin(\theta + \beta)t - \frac{1}{2}(g \cos\beta)t^{2}$$

If
$$y = 0$$
 then $t = T$
 $u \sin(\theta + \beta)T = \frac{1}{2}(g \cos \beta)T^2$
 $\therefore T = \frac{2u \sin(\theta + \beta)}{g \cos \beta}$
Range $x = (u \cos \theta) \frac{2u \sin(\theta + \beta)}{g \cos \beta}$
(along horizontal)
 \rightarrow Range $R = \frac{x}{\cos \beta}$
 $\Rightarrow R = \frac{2u^2 \sin(\theta + \beta) \cos \theta}{g \cos^2 \beta}$
 $R = \frac{u^2}{g} \left[\frac{2\sin(\theta + \beta) \cos \theta}{\cos^2 \beta} \right] = \frac{u^2}{g} \left[\frac{\sin(\theta + \theta + \beta) + \sin \beta}{\cos^2 \beta} \right]$
 $R = \frac{u^2}{g} \left[\frac{\sin(2\theta + \beta) + \sin \beta}{1 - \sin^2 \beta} \right]$
 $R = \frac{u^2}{g} \left[\frac{\sin(2\theta + \beta) + \sin \beta}{\cos^2 \beta} \right]$
If R_{max} then $\sin(2\theta + \beta) = 1$

$$R = \frac{u^2}{g} \left(\frac{1 + \sin \beta}{1 - \sin^2 \beta} \right) \Longrightarrow R_{\max} = \frac{u^2}{g(1 - \sin \beta)}$$





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