

# IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CLASS – 11 PHYSICS CHAPTER – 3 MOTION IN A PLANE

## Question 1.

A body is acted upon by the following, velocities:

(i)  $7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  due to E,

(ii)  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  due S,

(iii)  $5\sqrt{2} \text{ ms}^{-1}$  due N.E.

Find the magnitude and direction of the resultant velocity.

Answer:

Let OA, OB and OC represent the velocities given in the statement i.e.

$$OA = 7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$OB = 10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{and } OC = 5\sqrt{2} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

To find their resultant velocity, resolve OC into two rectangular components along east and north.

$$\therefore \text{Component of OC along East} = 5\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ$$

$$= 5\sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \text{ represented by OD}$$

$$\text{Component of OC along north} = 5\sqrt{2} \sin 45^\circ$$

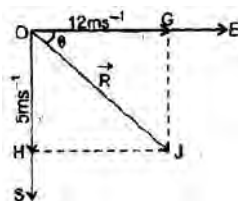
$$= 5\sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \text{ represented by OF.}$$

Hence resultant velocity along east =  $7 + 5 = 12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and resultant velocity along south =  $OB - OF = 10 - 5 = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

If R be the resultant velocity, then the magnitude of R is obtained by applying the parallelogram law of vector addition as

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{OG^2 + OH^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(12)^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{144 + 25} = 13 \text{ ms}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

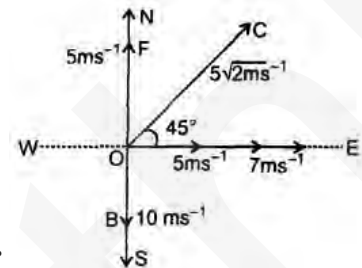
When  $OG = 12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and  $OH = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .



The direction of R: Let  $\theta$  be the angle made by R with the east.

$\therefore$  in rt.  $\triangle OGI$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \frac{GI}{OG} = \frac{5}{12} = 0.4167 \\ &= \tan 22^\circ 37' \\ \therefore \theta &= 22^\circ 37' \end{aligned}$$

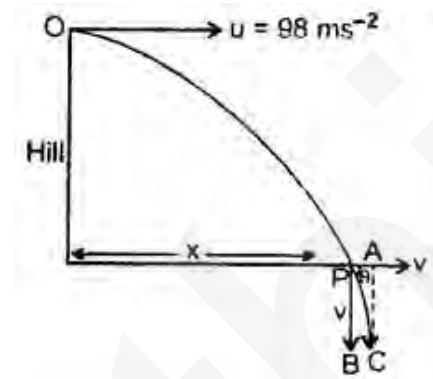


**Question 2.**

A projectile is fired horizontally with a velocity of  $98 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  from the top of a hill  $490 \text{ m}$  high. Find:

- (i) the velocity with which it strikes the ground.
- (ii) the time is taken to reach the ground.
- (iii) the distance of the target from the hill.

Answer:



(i)  $h = 490 \text{ m}$ ,  $a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

$U_y$  = initial velocity along the y-axis

at the top of the tower = 0

$$\therefore \text{using } S = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2, \text{ we get}$$

$$490 = 0 + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = \frac{9.8}{2}t^2$$

$$\therefore t = \sqrt{\frac{490}{4.9}} = \sqrt{100} = 10\text{s.}$$

(ii) Let  $v$  be the velocity along the y-axis with which the projectile hits the ground.

$$\therefore v = u + at \text{ gives}$$

$$v = 0 + gt = 9.8 \times 10$$

$$= 98 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

If  $V$  be the resultant velocity of hitting the ground

Then

$$V = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = \sqrt{(98)^2 + (98)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2(98)^2} = 98\sqrt{2}$$

Let  $\theta$  be the angle made by  $V$  with the horizontal

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AC}{PA} = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{gt}{u} = \frac{98}{98} = 1$$

$$\therefore \theta = 45^\circ$$

(iii) Let  $x$ , be the distance of the target from the hill.

$\therefore x$  = horizontal distance covered with  $u$  in a time  $t$ .

$$ut = 98 \times 10 = 980 \text{ m.}$$

### Question 3.

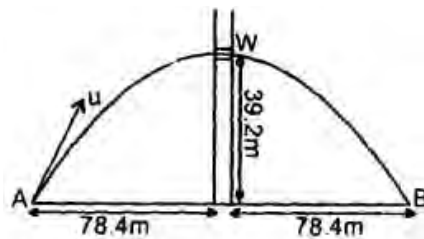
A boy stands at 78.4 m from a building and throws a ball which just enters a window 39.2 m above the ground. Calculate the velocity of the projection of the ball.

Answer:

Let the boy standing at A throw a ball with initial velocity  $u$ .

$\theta$  = angle of the projection made with the horizontal.

As the boy is at 78.4 m from the building and the ball just enters above the ground.



$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} h_m &= 39.2 \text{ m} \\ R &= \text{horizontal range} \\ &= 2 \times 78.4 \text{ m} \\ &= 156.8 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Now we know that

$$R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} = 2 \times 78.4 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$h_m = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} = 39.2 \quad \dots (2)$$

$\frac{(1)}{(2)}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R}{h_m} &= 2 \times \frac{78.4}{39.2} \\ &= \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} \times \frac{2g}{u^2 \sin^2 \theta} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$4 = 2 \times \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

or

$$4 = 4 \cot \theta = \frac{4}{\tan \theta}$$

or

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{4} = 1 = \tan 45^\circ$$

$\therefore$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

$$\therefore \text{From (1)} \quad \frac{u^2 \sin 90}{9.8} = 2 \times 78.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \quad u &= \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 78.4} = \sqrt{39.2 \times 2 \times 19.6} \\ &= \sqrt{(39.2)^2} \\ u &= 39.2 \text{ ms}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

#### Question 4.

Two particles located at a point begin to move with velocities  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  horizontally in opposite directions. Determine the time when their velocity vectors become perpendicular. Assuming that the motion takes place in a uniform gravitational field of strength  $g$ .

Answer:

Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be the velocities of first and 2nd particles respectively after a time  $t$ .

$$\therefore v_1 = 4\hat{i} - gt\hat{j}$$

$$v_2 = -\hat{i} - gt\hat{j}$$

For  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  to be  $\perp$  to each other, then their dot product must be zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e.,} \quad v_1 \cdot v_2 &= 0 \\ \text{or} \quad (4\hat{i} - gt\hat{j}) \cdot (-\hat{i} - gt\hat{j}) &= 0 \\ \text{or} \quad 4(-1) + (-gt)(-gt) &= 0 \\ \text{or} \quad -4 + g^2t^2 &= 0 \\ \text{or} \quad g^2t^2 &= 4 \\ \text{or} \quad t^2 &= \frac{4}{g^2} = \left(\frac{2}{g}\right)^2 \\ \therefore t &= \frac{2}{g} \end{aligned}$$

#### Question 5.

A body is projected with a velocity of  $40 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . After two seconds, it crosses a vertical pole of  $20.4 \text{ m}$ . Find the angle of projection and the horizontal range.

Answer:

Here,  $u = 40 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

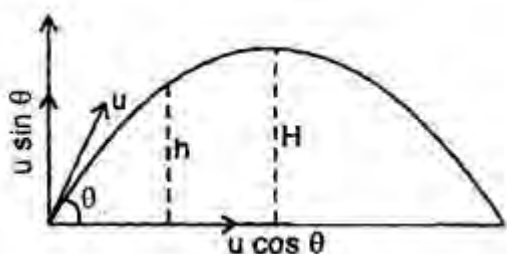
height of vertical pole,  $h = 20.4 \text{ m}$

$t = 2$  seconds

Let us take vertical motion

$$\begin{aligned} y &= u_y t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2 \quad \dots (1) \\ \therefore y &= h = 20.4 \quad \dots (2) \\ t &= 2 \text{ s, } u_y = u \sin \theta = 40 \sin \theta \\ a_y &= -g = -9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2} \\ \therefore \text{From (1) and (2), we get} \\ 20.4 &= 40 \sin \theta \times 2 + \frac{1}{2} (-9.8) \times 2^2 \\ &= 80 \sin \theta - 19.6 \\ \text{or} \quad 80 \sin \theta &= 20.4 + 19.6 = 40 \\ \text{or} \quad \sin \theta &= \frac{40}{80} = \frac{1}{2} = \sin 30^\circ \\ \text{or} \quad \theta &= 30^\circ \end{aligned}$$

∴ The horizontal range is given by the relation,



$$R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} = \frac{(40)^2 \sin 60^\circ}{9.8}$$

$$= \frac{1600}{9.8} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{400\sqrt{3}}{4.9}$$

$$= 141.39 \text{ m.}$$

#### Question 6.

The greatest and the least resultant of two forces acting at a point are 29 N and 5 N respectively. If each force is increased by 3 N, find the resultant of two new forces when acting at a point at an angle of  $90^\circ$  with each other.

Answer:

Let A and B be the two forces.

$$\therefore \text{Greatest Resultant} = A + B = 29 \text{ N} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{least Resultant} = A - B = 5 \text{ N} \dots (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get

$$2A = 34 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{or } A = 17 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore \text{from (1), } 17 + B = 29$$

$$\text{or } B = 29 - 17 = 12 \text{ N}$$

Let A and B be the new forces such that

$$A' = A + 3 = 17 + 3 = 20 \text{ N and}$$

$$B' = B + 3 = 12 + 3 = 15 \text{ N}$$

Here,  $\theta = \text{angle between } A' \text{ and } B' = 90^\circ$

Let R be the resultant of A' and B'.

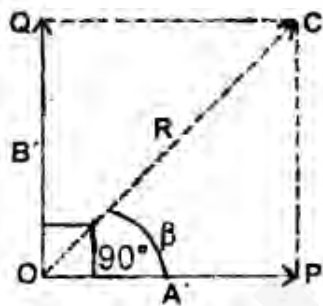
∴ according to parallelogram law of vector addition

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= \sqrt{A'^2 + B'^2 + 2A'B'\cos 90^\circ} \\
 &= \sqrt{A'^2 + B'^2} = \sqrt{20^2 + 15^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{400 + 225} = \sqrt{625} \\
 &= \sqrt{(25)^2} = 25 \\
 R &= 25 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

The direction of R:

Let  $\beta$  be the angle made by R with  $A'$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan \beta &= \frac{B'}{A'} = \frac{15}{20} = 0.7500 = \tan 36^\circ.52' \\
 \beta &= 36^\circ.52'
 \end{aligned}$$



#### Question 7.

**An aircraft is trying to fly due north at a speed of  $100 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  but is subjected to a crosswind blowing from west to east at  $50 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . What is the actual velocity of the aircraft relative to the surface of the earth?**

Answer:

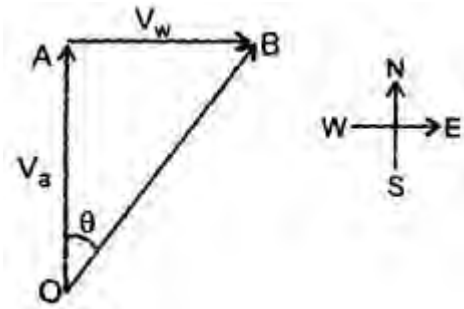
Let  $V_a$  and  $V_w$  be the velocities of aircraft and wind respectively.

$\therefore V_a = 100 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  along N direction

$V_w = 50 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  along E direction

If  $V$  be the resultant velocity of the aircraft, then these may be represented as in the figure given below. So the magnitude of  $V$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \sqrt{V_a^2 + V_w^2} = \sqrt{(100)^2 + (50)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{10000 + 2500} = \sqrt{12500} \\
 &= 111.8 \text{ ms}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$



Let  $\angle AOB = \theta$  be the angle which the resultant makes with the north direction.

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{V_w}{V_a} = \frac{50}{100} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \\ &= \tan 26^\circ 34' \\ \theta &= 26^\circ 34'\end{aligned}$$

#### Question 8.

Calculate the total linear acceleration of a particle moving in a circle of radius 0.4 m at the instant when its angular velocity is  $2 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  and angular acceleration is  $5 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$ .

Answer:

Since the particle possesses angular acceleration, so its total linear acceleration ( $a$ ) is the vector sum of the tangential acceleration ( $a_t$ ) and the centripetal acceleration ( $a_c$ ).  $a_t$  and  $a_c$  are at right angles to each other.

$$a = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_c^2} \dots (1)$$

#### Question 9.

An airplane flies 400 km west from city A to city B then 300 km north-east to city C and finally 100 km north to city D. How far is it from city A to city D? In what direction must the airplane go to return directly to the city A from city D?

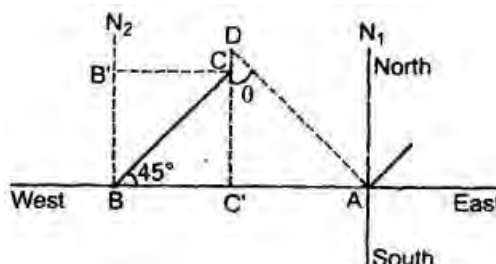
Answer:

Given,  $AB = 400 \text{ km}$

$BC = 300 \text{ km}$

$CD = 100 \text{ km}$

$AD = ?$



Let  $N_1, N_2$  represent north directions.

$$\angle ABC = 45^\circ$$

Draw  $CC' \perp AB$ , And  $CB' \perp BN_2$

Now in  $\triangle BC'C$

$$\frac{CC'}{BC} = \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore CC' = \frac{BC}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{300}{\sqrt{2}} = 150\sqrt{2} = 212 \text{ km.}$$

$\therefore$  Distance  $C'D$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} C'D &= C'C + CD \\ &= 212 + 100 = 312 \text{ km.} \end{aligned}$$

Also in  $\triangle BC'C$ ,

$$\frac{BC'}{BC} = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{or } BC' = \frac{BC}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{300}{\sqrt{2}} = 150\sqrt{2} = 212 \text{ km.}$$

$$\therefore AC' = AB - BC' = 400 - 212 = 188 \text{ km.}$$

From  $\triangle AC'D$ ,  $AD$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} AD &= \sqrt{(AC')^2 + (C'D)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(188)^2 + (312)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } AD = 364 \text{ km}$$

Let  $\angle C'DA = \theta = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \tan \theta &= \frac{AC'}{DC'} = \frac{188}{312} = 0.6026 \\ &= \tan 31^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 31^\circ \text{ East of South.}$$

### Question 10.

Which of the following quantities are independent of the choice of the orientation of the coordinates axes:

$a + b$ ,  $3a_x + 2b_y$ ,  $[a + b - c]$ , angle between  $b$  and  $c$ ,  $a$ ?

Answer:

$a + b$ ,  $|a + b - c|$ , angle between  $b$  and  $c$ ,  $a$  are the quantities that are independent of the choice of the orientation of the coordinate axes.

But the value of  $3a_x + 2b_y$  depends on the orientation of the axes.