

Vertical motion problems with constant acceleration

Example 1:

Suppose a ball of mass $m = 0.5\text{kg}$ dropped from rest from a roof located a height $h = 45\text{m}$ above the ground.

- How long does it take the ball to reach the ground? This is called the time-of-flight of the projectile.
- What is the speed of the ball just before it hits the ground? Do this in two ways using both the time-dependent and time-independent equations of motion.

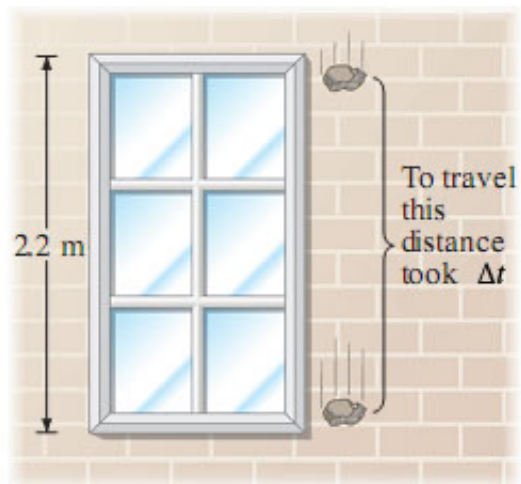
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Example 2: Suppose a ball of mass $m = 0.5\text{kg}$ is tossed upwards from a roof (located a height $h = 45\text{m}$ above the ground) with an initial speed of $v_{iy} = 5\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$.

- a. How high does the ball rise above the roof? Above the ground?
- b. How long does it take the ball to reach maximum height above the roof?
- c. How long does it take the ball to return to the roof?
- d. What is the velocity of the ball when it returns to the roof?
- e. Suppose that the ball misses the roof and continues to fall to the ground, how long does it take to reach the ground from the roof?
- f. What is the total time of flight of the ball to the ground and how does this compare to the sum of the times for each part of the motion?
- g. What is the speed of the ball just before it hits the ground? Do this in two ways using both the time-dependent and time-independent equations of motion.

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Example 3: A falling stone takes 0.3s to travel past a 2.2m tall window. From what height above the top of the window did the stone fall? Assume that the stone was dropped from rest.



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Example 4: A rocket rises vertically, from rest, with an acceleration of $3.2\frac{m}{s^2}$ until it runs out of fuel at an altitude of $775m$. Assume air resistance is negligible and that the mass of the rocket does not change appreciably as it consumes fuel.

- a. What is the velocity of the rocket when it runs out of fuel?
- b. How long did it take the rocket to run out of fuel?
- c. How high above the ground does the rocket reach?
- d. How long does it take to reach this maximum height above the ground?
- e. From maximum height, how long does it take the rocket to return to the earth?
- f. What is the impact velocity of the rocket with the earth?
- g. What is the total time of flight of the rocket?