

Physics 223

General Physics Lab

Experiment 5: Projectile Motion Prelab

1) What is the objective of this experiment?

2) Lisa the Cannoneer wheels her cannon to the edge of a sheer cliff, so that when she fires her cannonball, it becomes a projectile exactly 100 m above the long, flat plains that stretch into the distance below. Assume that the origin of our xy -coordinate system is at the base of the cliff, 100 m directly below the muzzle of the cannon. Lisa fires her cannon horizontally. Fill in the columns below as you answer parts a and b.

x -dimension

$$v_x = v_{ox} + a_x t$$

$$x = x_o + v_{ox} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

$$v_x^2 = v_{ox}^2 + 2a_x(x - x_o)$$

$$x_o =$$

$$x =$$

$$v_{ox} =$$

$$v_x =$$

$$a_x =$$

$$t =$$

y -dimension

$$v_y = v_{oy} + a_y t$$

$$y = y_o + v_{oy} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

$$v_y^2 = v_{oy}^2 + 2a_y(y - y_o)$$

$$y_o =$$

$$y =$$

$$v_{oy} =$$

$$v_y =$$

$$a_y =$$

$$t =$$

a) How long does it take for her cannonball to strike the ground below?

- b) If Lisa measures that her cannonball landed 900 m from the base of the cliff, what was the initial velocity of the cannonball as it left the muzzle of her cannon?
- c) Lisa raises the angle of her cannon so that it fires with the same initial speed, but at 30° above the horizontal. How far from the base of the cliff will the cannonball land? Make *new* dimensional columns below for these new initial conditions.