

Title: Projectile Motion

Purpose: Analyze projectile motion using video analysis

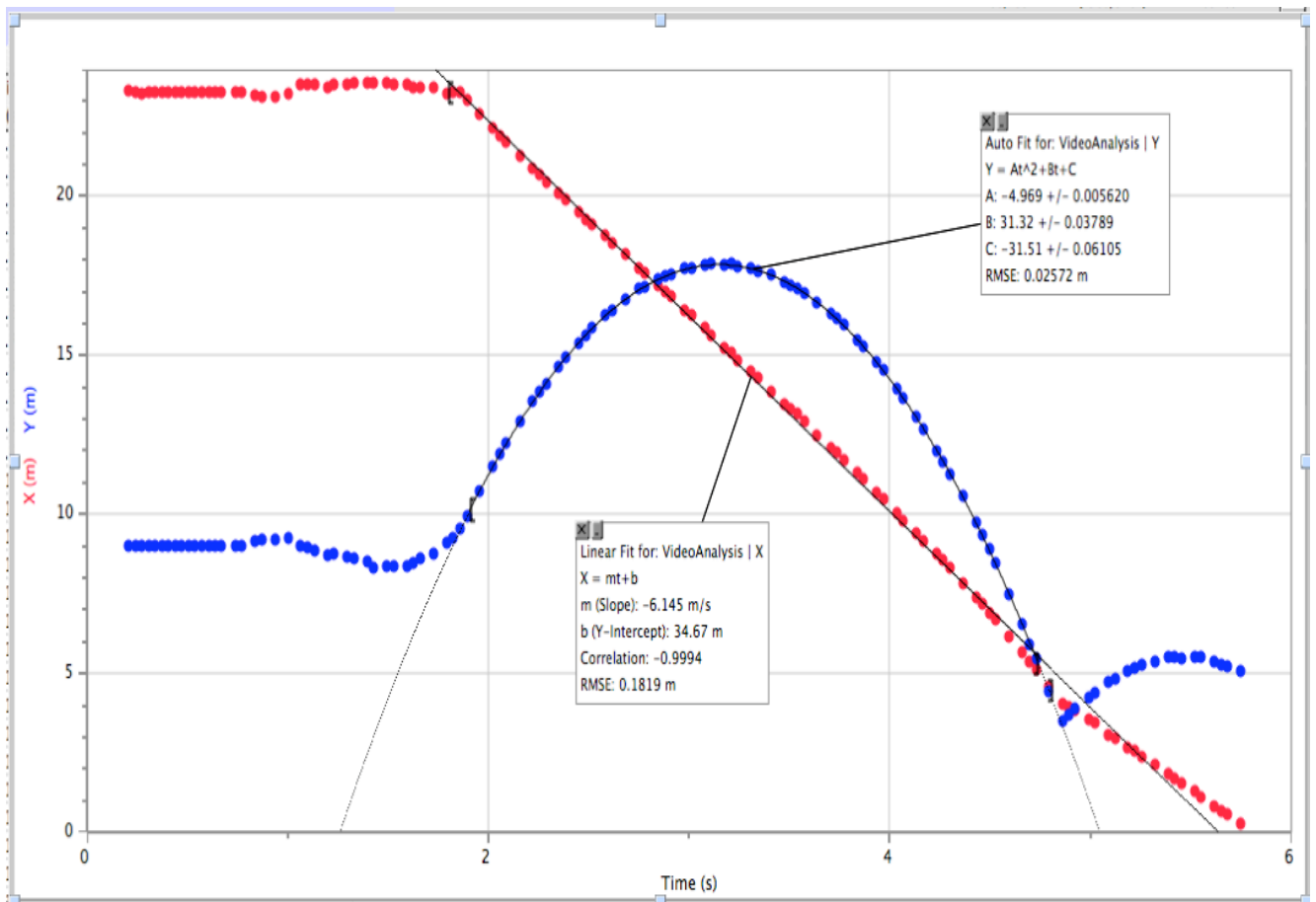
Background: projectile motion is defined as motion without wings, propulsion, friction (air resistance), under the influence of gravity. The formula for this motion is range $+V_0^2/g \sin 2\theta$

Materials: laptop computer with camera, logger pro, meter stick, Basketball

Procedure:

1. Setup cones with meter stick
2. Setup laptop facing the throw
3. Throw the ball while starting video capture
4. Observe captured video as charting dots on ball as it moves
5. Analyze the graph: x velocity and y velocity gravity from $s = 1/2at^2$

Data:



	VideoAnalysis					
	Time (s)	X (m)	Y (m)	Vx (m/s)	Vy (m/s)	
1	0.2083	23.32	8.985	-1.000	0.650	
2	0.2417	23.29	9.015	-0.951	0.363	
3	0.2750	23.23	9.015	-0.437	0.106	
4	0.3083	23.26	9.015	0.104	0.025	
5	0.3400	23.26	9.015	0.051	0.000	
6	0.3733	23.26	9.015	0.025	0.000	
7	0.4067	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
8	0.4383	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
9	0.4717	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
10	0.5050	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
11	0.5383	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
12	0.5717	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
13	0.6050	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
14	0.6367	23.26	9.015	0.000	0.000	
15	0.6700	23.26	9.015	-0.057	0.076	
16	0.7367	23.26	9.015	-0.227	0.316	
17	0.7683	23.26	9.015	-0.726	1.013	
18	0.8350	23.17	9.135	-0.817	1.308	
19	0.8683	23.14	9.195	-0.056	0.602	
20	0.9350	23.14	9.195	0.984	-0.090	
21	1.000	23.23	9.225	2.223	-1.208	
22	1.065	23.53	9.015	2.185	-2.225	
23	1.098	23.50	8.955	0.555	-2.442	
24	1.132	23.53	8.835	-0.191	-2.000	
25	1.198	23.44	8.715	-0.062	-1.068	
26	1.232	23.50	8.775	0.592	-0.961	
27	1.297	23.53	8.655	0.678	-1.557	

Observations: it was hard to catch the ball, it was important to make sure that the arc of the ball stayed in the picture frame, make sure you log into admin on the laptop or they will be useless on student accounts.

Analysis:

It wasn't windy, Our data was very clean. U can see from the dots that the video capture was consistent. The x velocity appeared to be about -6 meters a second. We did a curve fit on the y velocity and found gravity to be -4.9, meaning gravity was -9.8 m/s. it was hard to see the meter stick on the screen and to see the ball in the video.

Conclusion: we successfully captured the motion of a parabolic projectile, and determined that g was -9.8. In the future we may repeat this experiment with a better camera, with faster video. The frame rate was too fast for the computer to capture in real time. One might also repeat the lab with a brighter colored ball.