

1. A bullet is fired vertically from an initial height of $s_0 = 0$ with initial velocity v_0 . Suppose that the bullet follows Galileo's equation of motion $s(t) = s_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$.

(a) Show that the bullet will attain its maximum height at time $t = \frac{v_0}{g}$. [5]

Attains max height when $v(t) = 0$

either $v(t) = s'(t) = v_0 - gt$, so $v(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v_0 - gt = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = \frac{v_0}{g}$

or $v(t) = s'(t) = v_0 - gt$, and $v\left(\frac{v_0}{g}\right) = v_0 - g\frac{v_0}{g} = 0$.

(b) Using your answer to part (a), or otherwise, determine the initial velocity v_0 required for the bullet to reach a maximum height of 2km. [10]

Max height at time $t = \frac{v_0}{g}$

Max height is then

$$\begin{aligned} s\left(\frac{v_0}{g}\right) &= v_0\left(\frac{v_0}{g}\right) - \frac{1}{2}g\left(\frac{v_0}{g}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{v_0^2}{g} - \frac{v_0^2}{2g} = \frac{v_0^2}{2g} \end{aligned}$$

Then

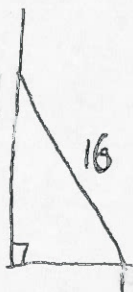
$$s\left(\frac{v_0}{g}\right) = 2000 \text{ m}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{v_0^2}{2g} = 2000 \text{ m}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v_0 = +\sqrt{4000g} \text{ m/s}$$

2. A 16ft ladder leans against a wall. The bottom of the ladder is 5ft from the wall at time $t = 0$ and slides away from the wall at a rate of 3ft/s.

(a) Determine the distance of the bottom of the ladder from the wall at time $t = 1$ and the height of the top of the ladder from the ground at time $t = 1$. [5]



Distance of ladder from wall at $t=1$ is
 $5 + 3 \times 1 = 8 \text{ ft}$

Using pythagoras height of ladder at $t=1$ is

$$\sqrt{16^2 - 8^2} = \sqrt{192} \text{ ft} \approx 13.86 \text{ ft}$$

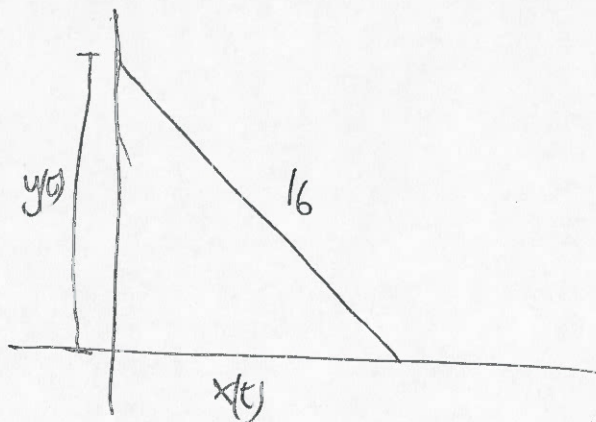
(b) Find the velocity of the top ladder at time $t = 1$. [10]

$x(t)$ = distance between wall and bottom of ladder at time t

$y(t)$ = height of top of ladder at time t . $y(t)$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3$$

We need to find $\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=1}$



$$x(t)^2 + y(t)^2 = 16^2$$

So

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

So

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{x(t)}{y(t)} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

From part (a), when $x=1$, $x(t) = 8$, $y(t) = \sqrt{192}$

So

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=1} = \frac{-8 \times 3}{\sqrt{192}} = \frac{-24}{\sqrt{192}} \text{ ft/s} \approx -1.7 \text{ ft/s}$$