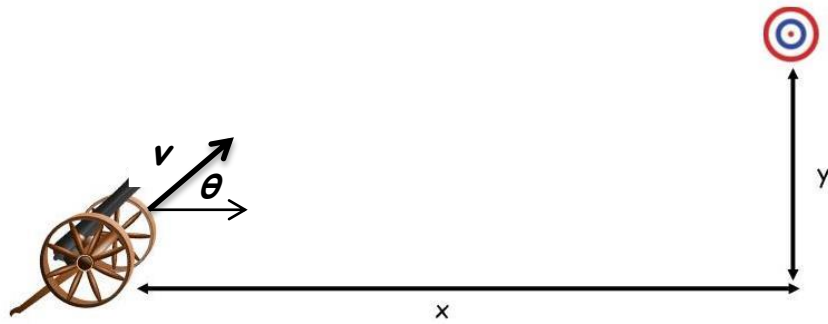


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- a) Given the launch velocity of a projectile is v , and target coordinates are (x, y) relative to the launch position; derive the equation below which is necessary for finding the angle of attack:

$$\frac{gx^2}{2v^2} \tan^2 \theta + x \tan \theta + \frac{gx^2}{2v^2} - y = 0$$

- b) Given the equation above, calculate the angles that would hit the target:
- Located at $(x, y) = (59, 18)$ with an initial speed of 35 m/s.
 - Located at $(x, y) = (44, -21)$ with an initial speed of 42 m/s.
- c) Note that the quadratic gives two possible answers. (PhET projectile simulation might help visualize the situation: <http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/projectile-motion>)
- Conceptually, why is it possible for a target to be hit by using one of two different launch angles in the case $y > 0$?
 - Same question but for $y < 0$?
- d) It is possible that there exists a target location (x, y) that cannot be hit by a projectile with a velocity, v . In that case, how would the math equations communicate such a problem? Choose numbers for (x, y) and v that will result in no possible angle and show this by solving the equation from (a) with your values.
- e) There exists a target location x , where $y \neq 0$, that can only be hit by one and only one angle for a given velocity, v .
- Mathematically, what would have to happen in solving the equation from (a) for only one angle to be possible?
 - Based on your response from (i), what is the formula for $\tan(\theta)$ that allows for the calculation of the only possible angle.
 - Derive a formula for such a horizontal target location, x , knowing v , g , and y .
- f) Use your results from (e) to calculate the horizontal target location, x , and the only angle that will hit the target when $v = 25$ m/s and $y = 15$ m.