

**IMPORTANT TERMS:**

- Component
- Projectile
- Resolution
- Resultant
- Satellite
- Scalar quantity
- Vector
- Vector quantity

# UNIT I: MECHANICS

## Chapter 5: Projectile Motion

### I. Vector and Scalar Quantities (5-1)

A. **Vector Quantity**– describes both

1. Includes quantities like \_\_\_\_\_ (speed and direction), and \_\_\_\_\_
2. speed is \_\_\_\_\_ of velocity vector

B. **Scalar Quantity**– specified by \_\_\_\_\_ only

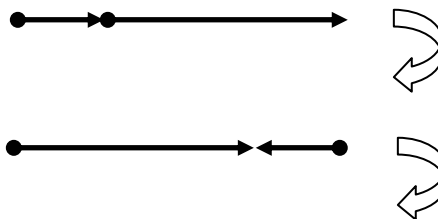
1. can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided like ordinary numbers
2. includes:

### II. Velocity Vectors (5.2)

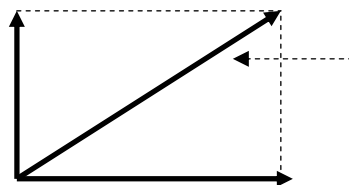
A. An \_\_\_\_\_ is used to represent the **magnitude** and **direction** of a vector quantity.

1. **Length of arrow** (drawn to scale) indicates-
2. **Direction of arrow** indicates **direction** of vector quantity

B. **Parallel vectors**– simple to add or subtract



C. Combining vectors that are NOT parallel



1. Result of adding two vectors called the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Resultant of two **perpendicular** vectors is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rectangle with the two vectors as sides

3. Use simple three step technique to find resultant of a pair of vectors that are at \_\_\_\_\_ **angles** to each other.

a. **First**–

b. **Second**–draw a \_\_\_\_\_ projection of each vector with dashed lines to form a rectangle

c. **Third**–draw the \_\_\_\_\_ from the point where the two tails are \_\_\_\_\_



**Step 1**



**Step 2**



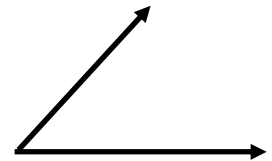
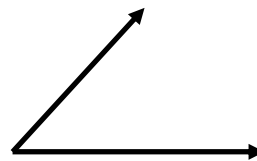
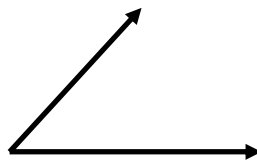
**Step 3**

4. Adding vectors not at right angles

a. Construct \_\_\_\_\_

b. Construct with two vectors as sides

c. Resultant is the \_\_\_\_\_

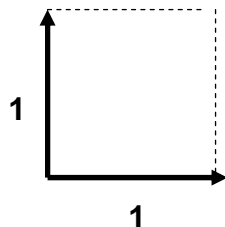


5. Adding vectors when parallelogram is a square (two vectors of equal length and at right angles to each other)

a. Construct a \_\_\_\_\_

b. The length of diagonal is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ times either of the sides

c. Resultant is \_\_\_\_\_ times either of the vectors



### III. Components of Vectors (5.3)

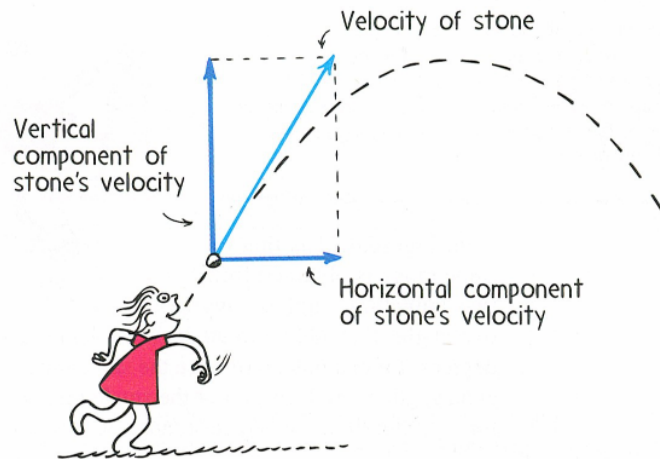
A. Technique to determine the vectors that made up a resultant vector (working backwards)

1. Any vector can be “\_\_\_\_\_” into two \_\_\_\_\_ vectors at \_\_\_\_\_ angles to each other

a. These two vectors are called \_\_\_\_\_

b. Process of determining components is called \_\_\_\_\_

c. can resolve into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ components



### IV. Projectile Motion (5.4)

A. **projectile**-any object that moves through the air or through space, acted on only by \_\_\_\_\_ (and air resistance, if any)

1. follow \_\_\_\_\_ path near Earth's surface

2. Can look at vertical and horizontal components separately.

a. **Horizontal component** for projectile same as ball rolling freely along a level surface (when friction is negligible). Has \_\_\_\_\_ horizontal velocity

1). Covers equal \_\_\_\_\_ in equal \_\_\_\_\_ interval

2). With no horizontal force acting on ball there is no horizontal acceleration (same for a projectile)

b. Vertical component of a projectile's velocity is like motion of free falling object.

1). Only force in vertical direction is

\_\_\_\_\_

2). Vertical component changes with

\_\_\_\_\_.

c. horizontal and vertical components are completely \_\_\_\_\_ of each other.

1). Combine to produce variety of curved paths that projectiles follow.

3. Path of projectile accelerating in the vertical with constant horizontal velocity forms a

\_\_\_\_\_

4. When air resistances small enough to neglect (slow moving or heavy projectiles) the curved path are **parabolic**

#### V. Projectiles Launched Horizontally (5.5)

A. **Horizontal motion** is \_\_\_\_\_

1. Horizontal component **constant** (moves same horizontal distance in equal \_\_\_\_\_ intervals)

2. **No horizontal component** of \_\_\_\_\_ acting on it

B. **Gravity only acts** \_\_\_\_\_

1. object \_\_\_\_\_ downward

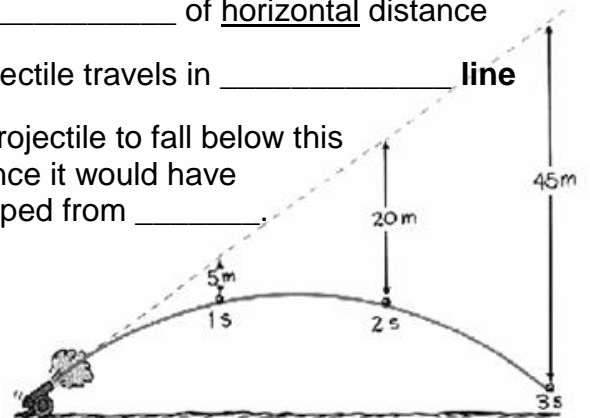
2. **Downward motion** of horizontally launched projectile is the same as that for \_\_\_\_\_

#### VI. Projectiles Launched at an Angle (5.6)

A. Vertical distance \_\_\_\_\_ of horizontal distance

1. If **no gravity** projectile travels in \_\_\_\_\_ **line**

2. Gravity causes projectile to fall below this line the same distance it would have fallen if it were dropped from \_\_\_\_\_.

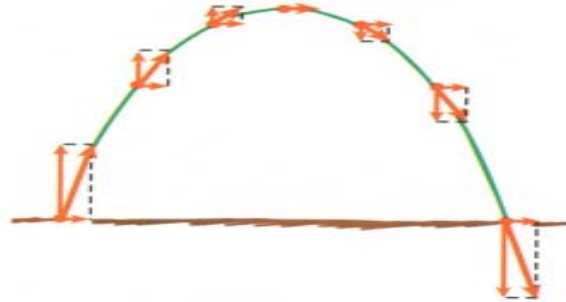


3. Distance below line  
calculated with **equation**



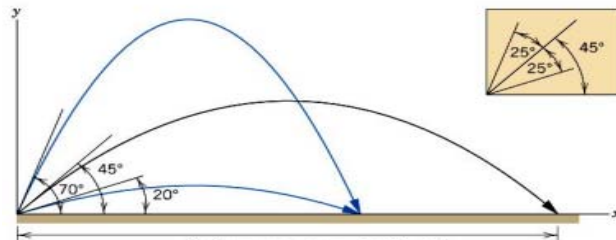
### B. Height

1. Vertical distance a projectile falls below an imaginary straight line path \_\_\_\_\_ continually with \_\_\_\_\_
2. Equal to \_\_\_\_\_ **meters**



### C. Range

1. Path of projectile forms \_\_\_\_\_ (neglecting air resistance)
2. Horizontal range changes with \_\_\_\_\_ of launch
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ **degrees** gives **maximum** range
  - b. Some angles yield same range (i.e. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ degrees)



D. Speed- If we take into account air resistance, range is \_\_\_\_\_ and path \_\_\_\_\_ true parabola.

