Homework No. 04 (Spring 2025)

PHYS 205A-001: UNIVERSITY PHYSICS

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Due date: Friday, 2025 Feb 7, Noon, on D2L

Instructions

- You are encouraged to use any of the resources to complete this homework. However, the extent to which you depend on resources while doing this homework is a measure of how much extra work you need to put in to master the associated concepts. Solutions should be the last resource.
- Links to solutions are provided.
- Variations of homework problems and additional problems with hyperlinks to old exams are available in Lecture Notes. These serve as practice problems.
- Describe your thought process in detail and organize it clearly. Make sure your answer has units and right number of significant digits.
- After completion, scan the pages as a single PDF file, and submit the file on D2L (under Assesments → Assignments). You can replace your PDF file as many times as you like, only the last file is graded. The deadline has an (undisclosed) buffer period, so do not hesitate to try submissions after the deadline.

Problems

1. (**10 points.**) The launch speed of a projectile is three times its speed at maximum height. Find the launch angle.

   [**Solution**]

2. (**10 points.**) (Based on Problem 15 in Chapter 4 of textbook.) The range of a projectile is three times its maximum height. Find the launch angle.

   [**Solution**]

3. (**10 points.**) A student slides a mass off the top of a horizontal table. The height of the table is 1.30 m. The mass slides off the table with a horizontal velocity of 3.50 m/s. How far from the base of the table does the mass strike the floor?

   [**Solution** and **erratum**]

4. (**10 points.**) (Based on Example 4.4 in textbook.) A stone is thrown upward from the top of a building at a angle of 30.0° to the horizontal with an initial speed of 10.0 m/s. The height from which the stone is thrown is 45.0 m above the ground. How long does it take to reach the ground? How will the answer change if the stone is thrown downward at an angle of 30.0° to the horizontal with an initial speed of 10.0 m/s.

   [**Solution**]

5. (**10 points.**) A placekicker must kick a football from a point 36.0 m (about 40 yards) from the goal. Half the crowd hopes the ball will clear the crossbar, which is 3.05 m high. When kicked, the ball leaves the ground with a speed of 20.0 m/s at an angle of 40.0° to the horizontal. By how much does the ball clear or fall short of clearing the crossbar? (Enter a negative answer if it falls short.)

   [**Solution**]

6. (**10 points.**) A rifle is aimed at a bullseye. The muzzle speed of the bullet is 750 m/s. The gun is pointed directly at the center of the bullseye, but the bullet strikes the target 0.25 m below the center. What is the horizontal distance between the end of the rifle and the bullseye?

   [**Solution**]