

Projectile Motion

1. A window-cleaning squeegee was dropped from a window-cleaning scaffold platform 1,200 feet above the sidewalk.

$$-16t^2 + 1200$$

a. How many seconds will it take the squeegee to hit the ground?

$$t = 8.66 \text{ seconds}$$

b. What is the sponge's velocity JUST BEFORE it strikes the ground?

$$v(t) = -32t \quad -271.12 \text{ fps}$$

c. How many seconds will it take to fall 500 feet and how fast will it be traveling?

$$t = 5.59 \text{ sec's} \quad 211.66 \text{ fps} \quad -178.8 \text{ fps}$$

2. After dropping the squeegee from problem #1 the window cleaner trips, which causes his sponge to fly upward at a velocity of 64 feet per second from the platform (1,200 feet above the ground).

$$y = -16t^2 + 64t + 1200$$

a. How many seconds will it take the sponge to hit the ground?

$$10.89 \text{ seconds}$$

b. How long will it take the sponge to return to the same level as the platform?

$$4 \text{ seconds}$$

c. How high will the squeegee be when its velocity is +20 feet per second?

$$20 = -32t + 64 \quad \boxed{1.375} \quad \boxed{1257.75' \text{ above ground}}$$

3. Once the window cleaner's supplies have either fallen or been tossed, the dejected window cleaner picks up his bucket and throws it downward at a velocity of 80 feet per second toward the bed of his pickup truck parked on the street below (1,195' below the scaffold).

$$y = -16t^2 - 80t + 1195$$

a. How many seconds will it take the bucket to hit the bed of the truck?

$$t = 6.5 \text{ seconds}$$

b. How long will it take the bucket to be 100 feet above the truck's bed?

$$t = 6.14 \text{ seconds}$$

c. What will the bucket's velocity be when it is five feet above the truck's bed?

$$t = 6.48 \quad v(6.48) = -287.36 \text{ fps}$$

$$-16t^2 - 80t + 1195$$

4. Later in the day a worker drops a paint bucket which hits the ground 7 seconds later - how high

$$h = 829.44$$