

## Expressing a Formula of Throwing Object Vertically Upward or Vertically Downward by Using Limit

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**Abstract:** We know,  $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2gh$  is an important formula to calculate the velocity of a throwing object (vertically downward or upward) as well as the distance overcome by the object. In this paper we will apply a method to represent this formula by using limit.

**Keywords:** Gravitational acceleration, throwing object, limit.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

We know,  $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2gh$  is an important formula to calculate the velocity of a throwing object (vertically downward or upward) as well as the distance overcome by the object. For a small distance we consider gravitational acceleration  $g$  is constant and value of  $g$  is  $9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . But  $g$  will be different in two places if the distance between the places and the center of earth are different. We know, the gravitational acceleration at any point on earth surface is,

$$g = \frac{GM}{(R + r)^2}$$

Where  $G$  = gravitational constant,  $M$  = mass of the earth and  $R + r$  = the distance between the point and center of earth. If we throw an object, the distance between the object and center of earth will be changing in every moment. So the gravitational acceleration will also be changed. That's why, here we will apply a method to express the formula by using limit to get the exact final velocity of a throwing object. In this paper it has been shown that if we throw a object vertically upward with an initial velocity  $v_0$ , the final velocity  $v$  after overcoming a height  $h$  will be

$$v^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} v_0^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{x} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{\ln(n+\frac{h}{x})}{\ln(n)} - 1} \right\}$$

Again, if we throw a object vertically downward with an initial velocity  $v_0$ , the final velocity  $v$  after overcoming a distance  $h$  will be

$$v^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} v_0^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{xn^2} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{\ln(n+\frac{h}{x})}{\ln(n)} - 1} \right\}$$

### 2. EXPRESSING THE FORMULA BY USING LIMIT

To express the formula by using limit in case of throwing object vertically upward or vertically downward we have to understand and use the figure below.



**Figure1.** Here  $A_1A_k$  is a vertical line on earth's surface and the line is divided into  $k-1$  parts.

Suppose, the radius of the earth is  $x$ , the distance between the point  $A_1$  and the center of earth is  $xn$ , the distance between the point  $A_2$  and the center of earth is  $xn^2$ , the distance between the point  $A_3$  and the center of earth is  $xn^3$ , the distance between the point  $A_4$  and the center of earth is  $xn^4, \dots$ , the distance between the point  $A_k$  and the center of earth is  $xn^k$ . The distance between the point  $A_1$  and  $A_k$  is  $h$ .

Here  $A_1A_k$  is a vertical line on earth's surface and the line is divided into  $k-1$  parts. We have to consider that the length of every part is closest to 0. In other words,  $(xn^2 - xn) \rightarrow 0, (xn^3 - xn^2) \rightarrow 0, \dots, (xn^k - xn^{k-1}) \rightarrow 0$ . That's why, here  $n \rightarrow 1^+$ . Here  $g$  will be different in every part of the line. But in case of a single part we will consider  $g$  is same from the starting point to ending point.

Now suppose, we have thrown an object with an initial velocity  $v_1$  from the point  $A_1$  to the point  $A_k$ . The gravitational acceleration at the point  $A_1$  will be

$$g_1 = \frac{GM}{(xn)^2}$$

The gravitational acceleration will be same from  $A_1$  to  $A_2$  because  $(xn^2 - xn) \rightarrow 0$ . When the object will reach at the point  $A_2$  the final velocity will be  $v_2$ . So we can write,

$$v_2^2 = v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{(xn)^2} (xn^2 - xn) = v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{xn} (n - 1)$$

Again, The gravitational acceleration at the point  $A_2$  will be

$$g_2 = \frac{GM}{(xn^2)^2}$$

The gravitational acceleration will be same from  $A_2$  to  $A_3$  because  $(xn^3 - xn^2) \rightarrow 0$ . When the object will reach at the point  $A_3$  the final velocity will be  $v_3$ . So we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} v_3^2 &= v_2^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{(xn^2)^2} (xn^3 - xn^2) = v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{xn} (n - 1) - 2 \frac{GM}{(xn^2)^2} (xn^3 - xn^2) \\ &= v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM(n - 1)}{x} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Again, when the object will reach at the point  $A_4$  the final velocity will be  $v_4$ . By using the above process we can write,

$$v_4^2 = v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM(n-1)}{x} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3} \right)$$

We can see, there is a beautiful pattern. When the object will reach at the point  $A_k$  the final velocity will be  $v_k$ . According to the pattern we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} v_k^2 &= v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM(n-1)}{x} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^{k-1}} \right) \\ &= v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM(n-1)}{x} \times \frac{\left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{k-1} \right\}}{(n-1)} \\ &= v_1^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{x} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{k-1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$xn^k - xn = h \Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln\left(n + \frac{h}{x}\right)}{\ln(n)}$$

Now, we can express the formula by using limit in case of throwing object vertically upward. We can write, if we throw a object vertically upward with an initial velocity  $v_0$ , the final velocity  $v$  after overcoming a height  $h$  will be

$$v^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} v_0^2 - 2 \frac{GM}{x} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{\ln\left(n + \frac{h}{x}\right)}{\ln(n)} - 1} \right\}$$

Again suppose, we have thrown an object with an initial velocity  $v_1$  from the point  $A_k$  to the point  $A_1$  The gravitational acceleration at the point  $A_k$  will be

$$g_1 = \frac{GM}{(xn^k)^2}$$

The gravitational acceleration will be same from  $A_k$  to  $A_{k-1}$  because  $(xn^k - xn^{k-1}) \rightarrow 0$ . When the object will reach at the point  $A_{k-1}$  the final velocity will be  $v_2$ . So we can write,

$$v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{(xn^k)^2} (xn^k - xn^{k-1}) = v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{xn^{k+1}} (n-1)$$

Again, The gravitational acceleration at the point  $A_{k-1}$  will be

$$g_2 = \frac{GM}{(xn^{k-1})^2}$$

The gravitational acceleration will be same from  $A_{k-1}$  to  $A_{k-2}$  because  $(xn^{k-1} - xn^{k-2}) \rightarrow 0$ . When the object will reach at the point  $A_{k-2}$  the final velocity will be  $v_3$ . So we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} v_3^2 &= v_2^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{(xn^{k-1})^2} (xn^{k-1} - xn^{k-2}) = v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{xn^{k+1}} (n-1) + 2 \frac{GM}{(xn^{k-1})^2} (xn^{k-1} - xn^{k-2}) \\ &= v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM(n-1)}{x} \left( \frac{1}{n^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{n^k} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Again, when the object will reach at the point  $A_{k-3}$  the final velocity will be  $v_4$ . By using the above process we can write,

$$v_3^2 = v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM(n-1)}{x} \left( \frac{1}{n^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{n^k} + \frac{1}{n^{k-1}} \right)$$

We can see, there is a beautiful pattern. When the object will reach at the point  $A_1$  the final velocity will be  $v_k$ . According to the pattern we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} v_k^2 &= v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM(n-1)}{x} \left( \frac{1}{n^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{n^k} + \frac{1}{n^{k-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^3} \right) \\ &= v_1^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{xn^2} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{k-1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Now we can write, if we throw a object vertically downward with an initial velocity  $v_0$ , the final velocity  $v$  after overcoming a distance  $h$  will be

$$v^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} v_0^2 + 2 \frac{GM}{xn^2} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{\ln(n+\frac{h}{x})}{\ln(n)} - 1} \right\}$$

We can use also this method to express the formula by using the limit  $n \rightarrow 1^-$ .

### 3. CONCLUSION

These two formula is not so much important. We can easily solve these kind of problems by using calculus. But this paper will obviously help us to think about this formula from a new perspective. The interesting part is that we can only apply the above method in case of this formula. This method cannot be applied to express the other formulas by using limit. This makes the expression of the formula unique.

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