## Teacher Notes



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## Activity 8

 <br> \section*{Two Dimensional Particle Motion}}

## Objective

- Students will explore the motion of a projectile parametrically by adjusting the projectile's initial height, initial velocity and angle to the horizontal.


## Applicable TI InterActive! Functions

- Define variable: = value
- Mode settings
- Parametric graph

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## Problem

Students will explore the motion of a projectile using the parametric equations $x(t)=x_{0}+v_{0} \cos (\theta) t$ and $y(t)=y_{0}+v_{0} \sin (\theta) t+\frac{1}{2} g t^{2}$ by changing the parameters of the equations and observe the results. The students will then examine problems involving two-dimensional particle motion.

## Exploration

1. through 10 .


## Analysis

1. $t=3.53$ or $3.54 \mathrm{~s} \quad x=70.6$ or $70.8 \mathrm{~m} \quad y=61.22 m$
2. $t=7.07 \mathrm{~s}$
$x=141.4 m$

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y=-0.01 m
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3. vo: $=30$ The particle does not rise as high or travel as far horizontally.
vo: $=50 \quad$ The particle rises higher and travels further horizontally.
Change Xmax to 250 and Tmax to 9 to see a complete graph.
4. $\theta:=30 \quad$ The particle does not rise as high and travels about the same horizontally.
$\theta:=70 \quad$ The particle rises higher and does not travel as far horizontally.
5. yo: $=10$ The graph is shifted up 10 m making the object rise higher and travel further horizontally.
yo: $=15$ The graph is shifted up 15 m making the object rise higher and travel further horizontally.
6. The greater the value of $v_{0}$, the higher and further the object will travel. The greater the value of $\theta$, the higher the object will rise. But the horizontal distance will decrease once the angle reaches $45^{\circ}$. The graph of the object is shifted up as $y_{0}$ is increased.

## Additional Exercises Solutions

1. $t=[0,3]$
$x=[0,40]$
$y=[-1,10]$
Highest Point:
$t=1.02 s$
$x=17.67 m$
$y=5.10 m$
Strikes the ground:

$t=2.04 s$
$x=35.33 \mathrm{~m}$
$y=0.01 m$
2. $t=[0,6]$,
$x=[0,450]$,
$y=[-10,50]$
Highest Point:
$t=2.79 \mathrm{~s}$
$x=209.74 m$
$y=39.70 m$
Strikes the ground:

$t=5.64 s$
$x=423.99 \mathrm{~m}$
$y=-0.05 m$
3. $t=[0,30]$
$x=[0,5000]$
$y=[-100,1200]$
Highest Point:
$t=14.43 \mathrm{~s}$
$x=2040.71 m$
$y=1021.41 m$
Strikes the ground:

$t=28.87 \mathrm{~s}$
$x=4082.83 m$
$y=-0.20 m$
4. The angle is $45^{\circ}$. Students should fix the values of $v_{0}$ and $y_{0}$ and change $\theta$ until they see that the maximum horizontal distance occurs at that point.
5. Students should use the steps 1 through 9 from the Activity to see the results.
