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Subject: A math question.

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:43:31 GMT

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This, imo is pretty tricky. It needs to be done, though, I'm hoping a lot of the people on these forums are as smart as they say they are. No, this is not homework or something just to test everyone. It is for a program i am making.

$$L = (X+S/2) * W/S - ((O * W) / 100)$$

I need to find X when i know L. If someone could do this i would be very grateful.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Genesis2001](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:46:24 GMT

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So....You just need to solve for "X"?

-MathK1LL

EDIT: Got it!

$$X = 2((S/W) * ((O * W / 100) + L)) - 2$$

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:47:30 GMT

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I need to change the formulae to get X when i know L.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Genesis2001](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:49:23 GMT

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MathK1LL wrote on Thu, 26 April 2007 08:46

EDIT: Got it!

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$$X = 2((S/W) * ((O * W / 100) + L)) - 2$$

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:51:51 GMT

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X = (S \* (L + (O\*W)/100))/W + S/2

I think

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:57:21 GMT

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I tried MathK1ll's and it didn't work. Just trying mrpirate's.

EDIT: mrpirate's didn't work. It looks like it needs half of the total value taken away. but that's just a guess.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Try\\_lee](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 15:24:51 GMT

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Mr. Pirate was almost right. He should have had -s/2 instead of +s/2.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 15:38:43 GMT

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Almost there. the values still need to be a little higher. thanks though

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 15:48:10 GMT

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oops

kinda pathetic considering I just wrote a math exam

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 16:32:11 GMT

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(S((O - 50)\*W + 100L))/100W

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 16:43:16 GMT

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Ralphzehunter wrote on Thu, 26 April 2007 17:32(S((O - 50)\*W + 100L))/100W

Thanks you soo much . I have been breaking my head over this question for days.

And thank you to everyone else that at least tried.

Just in case everyone was wondering, it is for the SEye. The original formula converts the map coord to the picture coord. this does it the other way round.

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 16:43:49 GMT

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No problem.

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [Genesis2001](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 19:12:51 GMT

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My brain was "math-ed"-out today and this past week.... bleh.

-MathK1LL

P.S.

I'm going to retry the problem again and see though...

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [Viking](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 19:14:52 GMT

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AHHH! Math my brain hurts...

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 20:31:15 GMT

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it's just algebra...

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Tue, 01 May 2007 17:15:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Zion](#) on Tue, 01 May 2007 22:42:47 GMT

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Not completely sure but the logistic side of this may help you.

Automatic Ballistic Artillery Cannon using The Wire Addon for GMod10

Maybe the large diagram further down with math operations and constants can help you with the logic of programming this. Be warned though, most of the 'gates' and 'arithmatic chips' are programmed into channels of inputs and outputs, but they should be labeled on the diagram anyway.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 16:10:58 GMT

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mathomatic ftw!

<http://mathomatic.orgserve.de/math/>

1->  $L = (X+S/2) * W/S - ((O * W) / 100)$

$$\begin{array}{c} S \\ (X + -)^* W \\ 2 \quad O^* W \\ \hline \#1: L = \frac{S}{S} \quad \frac{100}{100} \end{array}$$

1-> simp

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \quad O \quad X \\ \#1: L = W^* \left( \frac{S}{100} + \frac{O}{S} \right) \\ 2 \quad 100 \quad S \end{array}$$

1-> X

$$\begin{array}{c} L \quad 1 \quad O \\ \#1: X = \left( \frac{S}{100} + \frac{O}{S} \right)^* S \\ W \quad 2 \quad 100 \end{array}$$

Even without it is wasn't too hard though.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 17:42:56 GMT

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I am more or less just looking for a flat out formula to do this (yes I know it is going to be multiple formula's combined). I have searched the Internet before, but no luck, I just think it would be awesome for Renegade to have a good arching projectile AI.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Crusader](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 17:46:23 GMT

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Kinda like the Grenadier? An AI Grenadier who never misses would be nice!

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 20:32:00 GMT

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Mabe a homing missile that is shot straight up into the air?

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Doitie](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 21:04:17 GMT

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Jerad Gray wrote on Tue, 01 May 2007 12:15  
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Here you go.

$$R = d + v \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot (v \cdot \sin(\theta) + \sqrt{v^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot (1 - \cos(2\theta)) - (2 \cdot A \cdot (0 - h))}) / A$$

I'm pretty sure that's the Master Projectile Equation I derived back in Highschool. I still had the program I made for the TI that ran the equation. Basically here's the breakdown. V = your muzzle velocity. Theta is the angle off the horizontal. A is your acceleration constant (e.g. g=9.81m/s^2) H is your initial height. D is your initial X displacement. (How far back from the edge of the cliff you are.

Hope that helps. If you can't make sense of it I'll go put it into math type to make it look a bit prettier.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 21:26:58 GMT

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Doitie](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 10:19:46 GMT

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There it is all spiffy. I included an example calculation.

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#### File Attachments

1) [projshot.jpg](#), downloaded 565 times

$$Range = d + (v \cos \theta) - \frac{(v \sin \theta + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} v^2 (1 - \cos \theta) - (2A(0 - h))}}{A}$$

$$Range = 0 + (25 \cos 60) - \frac{(25 \sin 60 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} 25^2 (1 - \cos 60) - (2(9))}}{9.8}$$

$$Range = 42.5m$$


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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 14:37:05 GMT

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From what I remember, an SSE2 equipped CPU will run that calculation better (lots of extra maths instructions in there)

Edit - I can't spell!

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 16:31:50 GMT

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Doitie wrote on Wed, 02 May 2007 15:04

Here you go.

$R = d + v * \cos(\theta) * (v * \sin(\theta) + \sqrt{v^2 * .5 * (1 - \cos(2\theta)) - (2 * A * (0 - h))}) / A$

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\*Glares\* theta!!! Sin, cos, and tan are annoying enough, you have to put in theta. But in all seriousness I can not remember how to derive theta (it seems like it was sin's or cos's reciprocal, but I do not remember).

And the square root of " $(v^2 \cdot .5 \cdot (1 - \cos(2\theta)))$ "

"D is your initial X displacement. (How far back from the edge of the cliff you are." Where does distance come into play?

But besides those few things it looks like it will work, now all I have to do is make the computer calculate it 10 times every second and we will be good (just kidding, I am not out to kill everyone's computers). But Thanks for your help so far Doitie, you get me through this and I will make sure to give you credit.

gamemodding wrote on Wed, 02 May 2007 14:32  
Mabe a homing missile that is shot straight up into the air?

Thats what I use to do, its good, until the artillery shell starts chasing you (or curving up trying to get jets). And if you make it so it doesn't track that much, it always comes up short. So that is what drove me to actually want to make a formula.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 19:23:17 GMT

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Ignore I said that, half an hour later I realized that theta was just the name of the angle.

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Subject: Re: A math question.

Posted by [Doitie](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 04:21:06 GMT

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I'm not positive what you mean about the distance coming into play.

D = your initial displacement from the so called origin.

R = the Range, how far the shot travels horizontally.

So lets say you knew that from a certain point, the origin, an enemy was 40m away. You knew

that you were 13m from the origin. You would plug in 13 for d and 40m for R. Then plug in your muzzle velocity for V and your gravitational constant for A and you could solve the angle neccesary to peg that enemy.

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Sat, 05 May 2007 17:07:43 GMT

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So is the 13m the length of the muzzle?

$R = d + v \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot (v \cdot \sin(\theta) + \sqrt{v^2 \cdot 5 \cdot (1 - \cos(2\theta)) - (2 \cdot A \cdot (0 - h))}) / A$

I am trying to solve for the angel, shouldn't R and A switch spots?

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [Doitie](#) on Sat, 05 May 2007 21:41:19 GMT

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Theta is the angle not A. A is your gravitational acceleration constant, for example g=9.81. I will solve it for Theta for you so you can just straight plug in. The d is not really used in your application.

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**Subject: Re: A math question.**

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Fri, 18 May 2007 16:58:05 GMT

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Thanks for the help, I was just confusing myself, now all I have to do is plug and play.

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