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A plane is inclined at an angle 60° to the horizontal. A particle is projected up the plane with initial speed u at an angle θ to the inclined plane. The plane of projection is vertical and contains the line of greatest slope.

The particle strikes the plane at right angles.

Show that the range on the inclined plane is $\frac{4\sqrt{3}u^2}{13g}$.

$$r_j = 0$$

$$0 = u \sin \theta \cdot t - \frac{1}{2} g \cos 60^\circ \cdot t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g \cos 60^\circ} \text{ or } \frac{4u \sin \theta}{g}$$

$$v_i = 0$$

$$0 = u \cos \theta - g \sin 60^\circ \cdot t$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{u \cos \theta}{g \sin 60^\circ} \text{ or } \frac{2u \cos \theta}{g\sqrt{3}}$$

$$t = \frac{4u \sin \theta}{g} = \frac{2u \cos \theta}{g\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}, \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \text{ and } \cos \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\text{Range} = u \cos \theta \left\{ \frac{4u \sin \theta}{g} \right\} - \frac{1}{2} g \sin 60^\circ \left\{ \frac{4u \sin \theta}{g} \right\}^2$$

$$= \frac{8u^2 \sqrt{3}}{13g} - \frac{4u^2 \sqrt{3}}{13g}$$

$$= \frac{4u^2 \sqrt{3}}{13g}$$

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