

3-2)

Pick the origin to be the point at which the boulder leaves the top. Up is positive y and to the right is positive x. Time  $t = 0$  is when the leaves the top.

$$v_i = 7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\theta_i = -40^\circ$$

$$x_i = 0$$

$$x_f = ?$$

$$v_{ix} = v_i \cos \theta_i = 7(0.766) = 5.36 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{fx} = ?$$

$$a_x = 0 \text{ (influence of only gravity)}$$

$$t = ?$$

$$y_i = 0$$

$$y_f = -14 \text{ m}$$

$$v_{iy} = v_i \sin \theta_i = 7(-0.643) = -4.50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{fy} = ?$$

$$a_y = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ (influence of only gravity)}$$

a)

$$y_f = y_i + v_{iy}t + \frac{1}{2}a_yt^2$$

$$-14 = 0 + (-4.5)t + (-4.9)t^2$$

$$4.9t^2 + 4.5t - 14 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-(-4.5) \pm [(-4.5)^2 - 4(4.9)(-14)]^{1/2}}{2(4.9)} = 1.29 \text{ seconds (We want the positive root, because the boulder hits the ground in the future)}$$

$$x_f = x_i + v_{ix}t + \frac{1}{2}a_xt^2 = 0 + 5.36t + 0 = 5.36(1.29) = \mathbf{6.93 \text{ m}}$$

b)

If the  $x_f$  from Part a were less than 4m, then the answer would have been no.

Since it's greater than 4m, we need to see whether the boulder passes over the man's head.

What is y when  $x = 4\text{m}$ ?

Find the time first:

$$x_f = 4 = 5.36t \quad t = 4/5.36 = 0.75 \text{ sec}$$

Now y:

$$y_f = y_i + v_{iy}t + \frac{1}{2}a_yt^2 = 0 + (-4.5)(0.75) + (-4.9)(0.75)^2 = -6.13 \text{ m or } 7.87 \text{ m above the ground.}$$

Since the man is only 1.9 m tall, **he escapes being hit.**

Alternatively, we might have found the x location for which the bolder is 1.9 m above the ground; if this were less than 4m, the man would have been hit.