

A cow is launched from a catapult at ground level with an initial speed of 50 meters per second and at an angle of  $\theta$  from the horizontal. Assume that the only force acting on the cow is gravity.

1. Find a vector-valued function  $r(t)$  that describes the path travelled by the cow. Note that your answer will involve  $\theta$  as a constant.
2. At what time will the bovine hit the ground?
3. How far from the launch point will the cow hit the ground?
4. Find the value of  $\theta$  that will maximize the horizontal distance traveled.