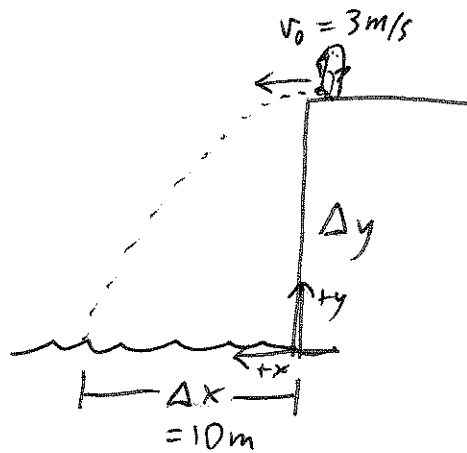


Let's start by drawing it...



The penguin has run horizontally off the iceberg/cliff, so its velocity at first is all in the x-direction. Let's write our knowns in a table, separately for x and y dimensions:

x	y
$a_x = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$	$a_y = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
$v_{0x} = 3 \text{ m/s}$	$v_{0y} = 0 \text{ m/s}$ — because penguin runs horizontally, at first it has no downward motion.
$v_x = 3 \text{ m/s}$	$v_y = ?$
$\Delta x = 10 \text{ m}$	$\Delta y = ?$ — This is our end goal!
$t = ?$	

x-velocity does not change with time!

Now I take a look at the equations of motion:

$$v = v_0 + at \quad \Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \quad v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

I don't quite have enough information to solve for Δy , because I don't know enough in the y dimension.

BUT, vertically I see that I can solve for time!

... And this will give me enough information in the y direction to determine Δy .

So I solve for time in the x dimension:

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$10 \text{ m} = 3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} t + \frac{1}{2} (0) t^2$$

ZERO!

$$10 \text{ m} = 3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} t$$

$$t = \frac{10}{3} \text{ s} = 3.3 \text{ s}$$

Now do I have enough info to determine Δy ? YES! I have v_{0y} , a_y , and t so can

solve

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \Rightarrow \Delta y = v_{0y} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

(Rewritten for y-dimension)

$$\Delta y = (0)(3.3) + \frac{1}{2} (-9.8)(3.3)^2$$

$$\Delta y = -53.4 \text{ m}$$

Poor penguin!

