

4. If the plane (with velocity v) maintains its present course, and if the terrain continues its upward slope of 4.3° , then the plane will strike the ground after traveling

$$\Delta x = \frac{h}{\tan \theta} = \frac{35 \text{ m}}{\tan 4.3^\circ} = 465.5 \text{ m} \approx 0.465 \text{ km} .$$

This corresponds to a time of flight found from Eq. 2-2 (with $v = v_{\text{avg}}$ since it is constant)

$$t = \frac{\Delta x}{v} = \frac{0.465 \text{ km}}{1300 \text{ km/h}} = 0.000358 \text{ h} \approx 1.3 \text{ s} .$$

This, then, estimates the time available to the pilot to make his correction.