

105. (Fourth problem in **Cluster 1**)

Following the hint, we have the time-reversed problem with the ball thrown from the ground, towards the right, at  $60^\circ$  measured counterclockwise from a rightward axis. We see in this time-reversed situation that it is convenient to use the familiar coordinate system with  $+x$  as *rightward* and with positive angles measured counterclockwise. Lengths are in meters and time is in seconds.

- (a) The  $x$ -equation (with  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x = 25.0$ ) leads to  $25 = (v_0 \cos 60^\circ)(1.50)$ , so that  $v_0 = 33.3$  m/s. And with  $y_0 = 0$ , and  $y = h > 0$  at  $t = 1.50$ , we have  $y - y_0 = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$  where  $v_{0y} = v_0 \sin 60^\circ$ . This leads to  $h = 32.3$  m.
- (b) Although a somewhat easier method will be found in the energy chapter (especially Chapter 8), we will find the “final” velocity components with the methods of §4-6. Note that we’re still working the time-reversed problem; this “final”  $\vec{v}$  is actually the velocity with which it was thrown. We have  $v_x = v_{0x} = 33.3 \cos 60^\circ = 16.7$  m/s. And  $v_y = v_{0y} - gt = 33.3 \sin 60^\circ - (9.8)(1.50) = 14.2$  m/s. We convert from rectangular to polar in terms of the magnitude-angle notation:

$$\vec{v} = (16.7, 14.2) \longrightarrow (21.9 \angle 40.4^\circ) .$$

We now interpret this result (“undoing” the time reversal) as an initial velocity (from the edge of the building) of magnitude 22 m/s with angle (down from leftward) of  $40^\circ$ .