

Amplified Kinematics of a Torpedo Launched and a Cannon Fired from a Naval Ship to Strike an Enemy Ship

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Abstract. Two naval ships, A and B are sailing with uniform velocities in a sea respectively along two straight line paths with an angle θ between them at junction O. While ship B is at a distance b from junction O, it launches a torpedo which moves with a uniform velocity in the sea water to hit the enemy ship A which is at a distance a from the junction O at the instant of launching the torpedo. The shortest distance between them is computed because torpedo may be launched at the time of having the shortest distance between them. A torpedo is launched and a cannon or powerless missile is fired at the same time to hit the target. The problem is mainly to find the minimum time taken by the torpedo to hit the enemy ship A and the time of flight of the projectile to hit the target. The minimum velocity of the projectile required to successfully hit the target is also found out.