

- 10 (b) The rocket engine of a 12 tonne missile produces a thrust of 180.1 kN. The missile is launched in a vertical direction. The air resistance is  $v^2$  N where  $v$  is the speed of the missile.

(i) Find the speed of the missile after 30 seconds.

(ii) Find the percentage error in this speed if air resistance is ignored.

(i)

$$\text{Force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

$$180100 - 12000g - v^2 = 12000 \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$62500 - v^2 = 12000 \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\int_0^{30} dt = 12000 \int \frac{dv}{250^2 - v^2}$$

$$30 = (12000) \left( \frac{1}{500} \right) \ln \left| \frac{250+v}{250-v} \right|$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{250+v}{250-v} \right| = 1.25$$

$$v = 138.64$$

(ii) Air resistance is omitted

$$62500 = 12000f$$

$$f = 5.2083$$

$$v = u + ft$$

$$= 0 + 5.2083(30)$$

$$= 156.25$$

$$\text{error} = 156.25 - 138.64 = 17.61$$

$$\text{Percentage error} = \frac{17.61 \times 100}{138.64} = 12.7\%$$