

2000 (b) The deceleration of a particle moving in a straight line with speed v m/s has magnitude $4e^{\frac{v}{6}}$ m/s². The particle has an initial speed of 6 m/s.

(i) Find the time t_1 for the speed to decrease to 3 m/s.

(ii) Find the time t_2 for the particle to come to rest.

(iii) Deduce that $\frac{t_2 - t_1}{t_1} = \sqrt{e}$.

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= -4e^{\frac{1}{6}v} \\ \int_6^3 e^{\frac{1}{6}v} dv &= -4 \int_0^{t_1} dt \\ -6 \left[e^{\frac{1}{6}v} \right]_6^3 &= -4t_1 \\ t_1 &= \frac{6}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - \frac{1}{e} \right)\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}-6 \left[e^{\frac{1}{6}v} \right]_6^0 &= -4t_2 \\ t_2 &= \frac{6}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e} \right)\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{t_2 - t_1}{t_1} &= \frac{\frac{6}{4} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{1}{e} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - \frac{1}{e} \right) \right\}}{\frac{6}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - \frac{1}{e} \right)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - \frac{1}{e}} \\ &= \frac{e - \sqrt{e}}{\sqrt{e} - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{e}(\sqrt{e} - 1)}{(\sqrt{e} - 1)} \\ &= \sqrt{e}\end{aligned}$$

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