

- 10 (b) A particle of mass m is projected vertically upwards with speed u . The air resistance is kv^2 per unit mass when the speed is v .

The maximum height reached by the particle is $\frac{\ln 4}{2k}$.

- (i) Find the value of u in terms of k .

- (ii) Find the value of k if the time to reach the greatest height is $\frac{\pi}{3}$ seconds.

(i)

Force = Mass \times Acceleration

$$-mg - mkv^2 = m \frac{v dv}{dx}$$

$$v \frac{dv}{dx} = -(g + kv^2)$$

$$-\int_u^0 \frac{v}{g + kv^2} dv = \int_0^{\frac{\ln 4}{2k}} dx$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2k} \ln(g + kv^2) \right]_u^0 = \frac{\ln 4}{2k}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2k} \ln(g) + \frac{1}{2k} \ln(g + ku^2) = \frac{\ln 4}{2k}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{g + ku^2}{g}\right) = \ln 4$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{k}}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -(g + kv^2)$$

$$-\int_u^0 \frac{1}{g + kv^2} dv = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} dt$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}}\right) \right]_{\sqrt{\frac{3g}{k}}}^0 = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{gk}} \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{g}$$

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