

Resistance Proportional to Speed

Basic Equation: $R \propto v$ but in opposite direction. $\therefore R = \lambda v$, where $\lambda < 0$

Physically, R is determined by many factors, but let's (artificially) define $k = -\frac{\lambda}{m} > 0$, so $R = \lambda v = -mkv$ (opposite to v).

$R = -mkv$ is downwards when the particle is going up ($R < 0$ when $v > 0$), and upwards when it is going down.

$m\ddot{x} = -W + R = -mg - mkv$ ($W = mg > 0$ but is always a downward force; $g > 0$ here)

$$\therefore \boxed{\ddot{x} = -g - kv} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{R = -mkv, \quad \text{where } k > 0}$$

Given a vertical initially upwards projectile with initial speed u , i.e. where $t = 0$, $x = 0$, $\dot{x} = u > 0$,

$$v \text{ in terms of } t: \quad \boxed{v = ue^{-kt} - \frac{g}{k}(1 - e^{-kt}) = -\frac{g}{k} + \frac{g + ku}{k} \cdot e^{-kt}}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \ddot{x} = -g - kv, \quad \frac{dt}{dv} = \frac{1}{-g - kv}, \quad t = \int_u^v \frac{dv}{-g - kv} = -\frac{1}{k} [\ln(g + kv)]_u^v = -\frac{1}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + kv}{g + ku} \right)$$

$$e^{-kt} = \frac{g + kv}{g + ku}, \quad g + kv = (g + ku)e^{-kt}, \quad v = \frac{1}{k} (ge^{-kt} + kue^{-kt} - g) = ue^{-kt} - \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$$

$$\text{Likewise,} \quad \boxed{t = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + ku}{g + kv} \right)}$$

$$x \text{ in terms of } v: \quad \boxed{x = \frac{1}{k} \left[u - v + \frac{g}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + kv}{g + ku} \right) \right]}$$

$$v \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} = -g - kv, \quad \frac{dx}{dv} = \frac{v}{-g - kv}, \quad x = \int_u^v \frac{v}{-g - kv} dv$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{k} \int_u^v \left(1 - \frac{g}{g + kv} \right) dv = -\frac{1}{k} \left[(v - u) - \frac{g}{k} [\ln(g + kv)]_u^v \right] = \frac{1}{k} \left[u - v + \frac{g}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + kv}{g + ku} \right) \right]$$

$$x \text{ in terms of } t: \quad \boxed{x = -\frac{g}{k}t + \left(\frac{g + ku}{k^2} \right) (1 - e^{-kt})}$$

$$x = \int_0^t v dt = \int_0^t \left(-\frac{g}{k} + \frac{g + ku}{k} \cdot e^{-kt} \right) dt = -\frac{g}{k}t + \left(\frac{g + ku}{k^2} \right) \cdot (1 - e^{-kt})$$

$$\text{Max height } H \text{ at } T: \quad \boxed{T = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + ku}{g} \right) = \frac{u - kH}{g}}$$

At max, $t = T$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = v = 0$, i.e. $-\frac{g}{k} + \frac{g + ku}{k} \cdot e^{-kT} = 0$

$$(g + ku)e^{-kT} = g, \quad e^{-kT} = \frac{g}{g + ku}, \quad -kT = \ln \left(\frac{g}{g + ku} \right), \quad T = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + ku}{g} \right)$$

When $x = H, v = 0$, so

$$H = x(T) = \frac{1}{k} \left[u - 0 + \frac{g}{k} \ln \left(\frac{g + k \cdot 0}{g + ku} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{k} \left[u + \frac{g}{k} (-kT) \right] = \frac{u - gT}{k}$$

$$T = \frac{u - kH}{g}$$

Free Fall: Based on the above formulae, but with $u = 0$ and the x -axis is downward, so the signs of the x, v and \ddot{x} variables need to be negated in those formulae.

e.g. $-\ddot{x} = -g - k(-v)$, $\boxed{\ddot{x} = g - kv}$

v in terms of t : $\boxed{v = \frac{g}{k}(1 - e^{-kt})}$ and $\boxed{t = \frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{g}{g - kv}\right)}$

Terminal Velocity: $v_T = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} v = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{g}{k}(1 - e^{-kt}) = \frac{g}{k}$

Also, $\ddot{x} = g - kv_T = 0$, $\therefore \boxed{v_T = \frac{g}{k}}$

x in terms of v : $\boxed{x = -\frac{v}{k} - \frac{g}{k^2} \ln\left(1 - \frac{kv}{g}\right)}$

x in terms of t : $\boxed{x = \frac{g}{k}t - \frac{g}{k^2}(1 - e^{-kt})}$