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# KINEMATICS & DYNAMICS

BY ADVANCED DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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## Question 1 (\*\*+)

In this question take  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

A particle of mass  $M \text{ kg}$  is released from rest from a height  $H \text{ m}$ , and allowed to fall down through still air all the way to the ground.

Let  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  be the velocity of the particle  $t \text{ s}$  after it was released.

The motion of the particle is subject to air resistance of magnitude  $\frac{mv^2}{60}$ .

Given that the particle reaches the ground with speed  $14 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , find the value of  $H$ .



$$H = 30 \ln \left( \frac{150}{101} \right) \approx 11.865 \dots$$

FINDING A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION FOR THE MOTION

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m\ddot{x} &= mg - \frac{mv^2}{60} \\ \Rightarrow \ddot{x} &= g - \frac{1}{60}v^2 \\ \Rightarrow 60\ddot{x} &= 60g - v^2 \\ \Rightarrow 60 \frac{dv}{dt} &= 600 - v^2 \quad (g=10) \\ \Rightarrow 60 \frac{dv}{dt} \frac{dx}{dv} &= 600 - v^2 \\ \Rightarrow 60 \frac{dx}{dv} &= 600 - v^2 \end{aligned}$$

SOLVING BY SEPARATION OF VARIABLES SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{60v}{600 - v^2} dv &= 1 dx \\ \Rightarrow \int_{v=0}^x \frac{60v}{600 - v^2} dv &= \int_{x=0}^x 1 dx \\ \Rightarrow -30 \left[ \ln \frac{600 - v^2}{600} \right]_0^x &= [x]_0^x \\ \Rightarrow -30 \left[ \ln \frac{404}{600} \right] &= x \\ \Rightarrow x &= 30 \ln \frac{150}{101} \approx 11.865 \dots \end{aligned}$$

APPRX 11.865

**Question 2 (\*\*\*)**

An object is released from rest from a great height, and allowed to fall down through still air all the way to the ground.

Let  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  be the velocity of the object  $t$  seconds after it was released.

The velocity of the object is increasing at the constant rate of  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  every second, but at the same time due to the air resistance its velocity is decreasing at a rate proportional its velocity at that time.

The maximum velocity that the particle can achieve is  $100 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

By forming and solving a differential equation, show that

$$v = 100(1 - e^{-0.1t}).$$

, proof

FORMING A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

$\frac{dv}{dt} = 10 - kv$  ← INCREASE AT A RATE PROPORTIONAL TO ITS VELOCITY  
 ↑  
 LOSING RATE OF VELOCITY INCREASE (SINCE NO MORE)  
 RATE OF CHANGE OF VELOCITY

NEXT WE ARE GIVEN THE TERMINAL VELOCITY AS 100

$\Rightarrow$  WHEN  $V=100$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dt}=0$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 10 - k \times 100$   
 $\Rightarrow 100k = 10$   
 $\Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{10}$

$\therefore \frac{dv}{dt} = 10 - \frac{1}{10}v$

SOLVING THE O.D.E BY SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

$\Rightarrow \frac{10 dv}{100-v} = 10 - v$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{10}{100-v} dv = 1 dt$

INTEGRATE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION,  $t=0, v=0$

$\Rightarrow \int_0^v \frac{10}{100-v} dv = \int_0^t 1 dt$

$\Rightarrow \left[ -10 \ln(100-v) \right]_0^v = \left[ t \right]_0^t$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \ln(100-v) \right]_0^v = \left[ -\frac{1}{10}t \right]_0^t$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln(100-v) - \ln 100 = -\frac{1}{10}t$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{100-v}{100}\right) = -\frac{1}{10}t$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{100-v}{100} = e^{-\frac{1}{10}t}$   
 $\Rightarrow 100-v = 100e^{-\frac{1}{10}t}$   
 $\Rightarrow 100 - 100e^{-\frac{1}{10}t} = v$   
 $\Rightarrow \underline{v = 100(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{10}t})}$

**Question 3 (\*\*\*)**

A small raindrop of mass  $m$  kg, is released from rest from a rain cloud and is falling through still air under the action of its own weight. The raindrop is subject to air resistance of magnitude  $kmv$  N, where  $v$  ms<sup>-1</sup> is the speed of the raindrop  $t$  s after release, and  $k$  is a positive constant.

- a) Show clearly that

$$v = \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$$

The raindrop has terminal speed  $V$ .

- b) Show that the raindrop reaches a speed of  $\frac{1}{2}V$  in time  $\frac{1}{k} \ln 2$  seconds.

proof

**(a)**  $kmv$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $mg$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $mg$

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x} &= mg - kmv \\ \ddot{x} &= g - kv \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= g - kv \\ \int \frac{1}{g - kv} dv &= \int \frac{1}{t} dt \\ \Rightarrow \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \ln |g - kv| \right]_0^t &= \left[ \frac{1}{t} \right]_0^t \\ \Rightarrow \ln |g - kv| &= -kt \\ \Rightarrow |g - kv| &= e^{-kt} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{g - kv}{g} &= e^{-kt} \\ \Rightarrow g - kv &= ge^{-kt} \\ \Rightarrow g - ge^{-kt} &= kv \\ \Rightarrow v &= \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-kt}) \end{aligned}$$

**(b) TERMINAL SPEED**  
 $\ddot{x} = 0, 0 = g - kV$   
 $V = \frac{g}{k}$   
 So  $v = \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}V = \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = 1 - e^{-kt}$   
 $\Rightarrow e^{-kt} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow kt = \ln 2$   
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{k} \ln 2$

**Question 4 (\*\*\*)**

A particle of mass 2 kg is attached to one end of a light elastic spring of natural length 0.5 m and modulus of elasticity 5 N. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$  on a smooth horizontal plane.

The particle is held at rest on the plane with the spring stretched to a length of 1 m and released at time  $t = 0$  s.

During the subsequent motion, when the particle is moving with speed  $v$  ms<sup>-1</sup> it experiences a resistance of magnitude  $8v$  N. At time  $t$  s after the particle is released, the length of the spring is  $(0.5 + x)$  m, where  $-0.5 \leq x \leq 0.5$ .

- a) Show that  $x$  is a solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + a \frac{dx}{dt} + bx = 0,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers to be found.

- b) Hence express  $x$  in terms of  $t$ .

- c) Show further that the particle almost comes to rest, as the spring returns to its natural length.

$$a = 4, \quad b = 5, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} [2\sin t + \cos t]$$

**a) FIND**

Diagram: A horizontal line represents the spring. A particle is attached to the right end. The natural length is 0.5 m. The particle is released from a point where the spring is stretched to 1 m. The displacement from the natural length is  $x$ .

Forces: Tension  $= 5x$  (towards O), Resistance  $= 8v$  (opposite to direction of motion).

Equation of motion:  $2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 5x - 8v$

Divide by 2:  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dx}{dt} + 5x = 0$

**b) ASSUME GENERAL SOLUTION**

$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 5 = 0$

$(\lambda + 2) \pm i = 0$

$\lambda + 2 = \pm i$

$\lambda = -2 \pm i$

General solution:  $x = e^{-2t}(A \cos t + B \sin t)$

**c) USE CONDITIONS**

$x(0) = 0.5$

$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}(\cos t + \sin t)$

**DIFFERENTIATE**

$\dot{x} = -2e^{-2t}(\frac{1}{2}\cos t + \frac{1}{2}\sin t) + e^{-2t}(-\frac{1}{2}\sin t + \frac{1}{2}\cos t)$

$t=0, \dot{x}=0$

$0 = -1 + \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}(\cos t + \sin t)$

**9) NATURAL LENGTH**

$x=0$

$0 = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}(\cos t + \sin t)$

$2\sin t + \cos t = 0$

$2\sin t = -\cos t$

$\tan t = -\frac{1}{2}$

$t = -0.4636$

$t = 2.4779$

Now  $\ddot{x} = -2e^{-2t}(\frac{1}{2}\cos t + \frac{1}{2}\sin t) + e^{-2t}(-\frac{1}{2}\sin t + \frac{1}{2}\cos t)$

$\ddot{x} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}[-2\cos t - \sin t - \sin t + \cos t]$

$\ddot{x} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}[-\cos t - 2\sin t]$

$\ddot{x} = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}(\cos t + 2\sin t)$

When  $t = 2.4779$

$|\ddot{x}| = 0.00085 \dots$  i.e. APPROXIMATELY zero

**Question 5 (\*\*\*)**

A particle  $P$  of mass  $M$  kg is attached to one end of a light elastic spring of natural length  $a$  m and modulus of elasticity  $4Ma$  N. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$  on a smooth horizontal plane.

The particle is held at rest on the plane with the spring at its natural length.

At time  $t = 0$  s,  $P$  is projected with speed  $\sqrt[3]{4}$  ms<sup>-1</sup> in the direction  $PO$ .

During the subsequent motion, when the particle is moving with speed  $v$  ms<sup>-1</sup> it experiences an additional resistive force of magnitude  $5Mv$  N. At time  $t$  s after the particle is released, the length of the spring is  $(a + x)$  m, where  $-a \leq x \leq a$ .

- a) Show that  $x$  is a solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 0.$$

- b) Hence express  $x$  in terms of  $t$ .

- c) Determine the greatest value of  $x$ .

$$x = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt[3]{4} \left[ e^{-t} + e^{-4t} \right], \quad x_{\max} = 0.25 \text{ m}$$

**Diagram:** A horizontal line represents the spring. Point O is on the left, and point P is on the right. A particle is shown at point P. The natural length of the spring is labeled 'a'. The displacement from the natural length is labeled 'x'. The total length is labeled 'a + x'.

**Part a) Derivation of the differential equation:**

- Force of motion:  $M\ddot{x} = -5MN - T$
- $M\ddot{x} = -5Mv - \frac{4Ma}{a}x$
- $M\ddot{x} = -5Mv - 4Mx$
- $\ddot{x} = -5v - 4x$
- $\frac{dx}{dt} = v$
- $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 0$

**Part b) Auxiliary equation:**

- $\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 4 = 0$
- $(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 4) = 0$
- $\lambda = -1, -4$
- General solution:  $x = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-4t}$
- Initial conditions:  $t=0, x=0 \Rightarrow 0 = A+B$
- $t=0, \dot{x} = \sqrt[3]{4} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = -A - 4B = \sqrt[3]{4}$

**Part c) Finding the maximum value of x:**

- $\dot{x} = -Ae^{-t} - 4Be^{-4t}$
- $\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow -Ae^{-t} - 4Be^{-4t} = 0$
- $Ae^{-t} = -4Be^{-4t}$
- $A = -4Be^{-3t}$
- Substitute into the general solution:  $x = -4Be^{-3t}e^{-t} + Be^{-4t} = -4Be^{-4t} + Be^{-4t} = -3Be^{-4t}$
- At  $t=0, x=0 \Rightarrow -3B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$
- Substitute  $B=0$  into the initial condition for  $\dot{x}$ :  $\dot{x} = -A = \sqrt[3]{4} \Rightarrow A = -\sqrt[3]{4}$
- Final solution:  $x = -(-\sqrt[3]{4})e^{-t} = \sqrt[3]{4}e^{-t}$
- Maximum value of  $x$  is  $\sqrt[3]{4}$  when  $t=0$ .

**Question 6 (\*\*\*)**

A small truck, of mass 1500 kg, travels along a straight horizontal road, with the engine working at the constant rate of 30 kW. The truck starts from rest and  $t$  s later its speed is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

The truck during its motion experiences air resistance proportional to its speed.

When the speed of the truck reaches  $20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  its acceleration is  $0.6 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

- a) Show clearly that

$$50 \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1000 - v^2}{v}.$$

- b) Calculate the time it takes the truck to reach a speed of  $27 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

$$t \approx 32.64 \text{ s}$$

(a)  $P = Dv$   
 $30000 = Dv \times 20$   
 $D = 1500$

$D - kv = ma$   
 $1500 - kv \times 20 = 1500 \times 0.6$   
 $1500 - 20k = 900$   
 $600 = 20k$   
 $k = 30$

$\frac{P}{v} - kv = m \frac{dv}{dt}$   
 $\frac{30000}{v} - 30v = 1500 \frac{dv}{dt}$   
 $\frac{20}{v} = \frac{1000 - v^2}{v^2} \times v$   
 $\Rightarrow 50 \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1000 - v^2}{v}$

(b)  $\int_{20}^{27} \frac{50v}{1000 - v^2} dv = \int_{t=0}^t dt$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_{20}^{27} \frac{-2v}{1000 - v^2} dv = \int_{t=0}^t -\frac{1}{u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \ln(1000 - v^2) \right]_{20}^{27} = \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \ln u \right]_{t=0}^t$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln 271 - \ln 1000 = -\frac{1}{2} \ln t$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln \frac{1500}{271} = \frac{1}{2} \ln t$   
 $\Rightarrow t = 2 \ln \frac{1000}{271}$   
 $\Rightarrow t \approx 32.64 \text{ s}$

A small truck, of mass  $1800\text{ kg}$ , travels along a straight horizontal road, with the engine working at the constant rate of  $45\text{ kW}$ .

The track takes  $T$  s to accelerate from  $18 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  to  $24 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , and in that time it covers a distance  $X$  m.

- $$T = 36 \ln \left( \frac{4}{3} \right).$$

- $$X = -216 + 1080 \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \approx 222 \text{ m}$$

$\Rightarrow V = 1800 - \frac{45000}{V}$   
 $\Rightarrow 1800V = 45000 - V^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 1800V + V^2 = 45000$   
 $\Rightarrow V^2 + 1800V - 45000 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow V = \frac{-1800 \pm \sqrt{1800^2 + 4 \cdot 45000}}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow V = \frac{-1800 \pm 1900}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow V = 50$  or  $V = -1650$   
 $\Rightarrow V = 50$  (since  $V > 0$ )  
 $\Rightarrow T = 18 \ln \frac{50}{304}$   
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 $\Rightarrow T = 36 \ln \frac{50}{304}$





**Question 9 (\*\*\*)**

A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to the midpoint of a light elastic spring  $AB$ , of natural length  $l$  and modulus of elasticity  $\lambda$ . The end  $A$  of the spring is attached to a fixed point on a smooth horizontal floor. The end  $B$  is held at a point on the floor where  $|AB| = 2a$ ,  $a > l$ .

At time  $t = 0$ ,  $P$  is at rest on the floor at the point  $M$ , where  $|MA| = a$ .

The end  $B$  is now moved along the floor in such a way that  $AMB$  remains in a straight line and at time  $t$  s,  $t \geq 0$

$$|AB| = 2a + A \sin 2t,$$

where  $A$  is a positive constant.

a) Show that, for  $t \geq 0$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{2\lambda}{ml}x = \frac{A\lambda}{ml} \sin 2t,$$

where  $x = |MP|$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

It is now given that  $m = 0.5$  kg,  $l = 1$  m,  $\lambda = 4$  N and  $A = 1.5$  m.

b) Find the time at which  $P$  first comes to instantaneous rest.

$$t = \frac{1}{3}\pi$$

a)

$T_2 = \frac{\lambda}{l}(a + a - l)$   
 $T_1 = \frac{\lambda}{l}(2a + A \sin 2t - a - a - l) = \frac{\lambda}{l}(a - a - l + A \sin 2t)$

Equation of motion

$m\ddot{x} = T_2 - T_1$   
 $m\ddot{x} = \frac{\lambda}{l}(a - a - l + A \sin 2t) - \frac{\lambda}{l}(a - a - l)$   
 $m\ddot{x} = \frac{\lambda}{l}[-2a + A \sin 2t]$   
 $m\ddot{x} + \frac{2\lambda}{l}x = \frac{A\lambda}{l} \sin 2t$   
 $\ddot{x} + \frac{2\lambda}{ml}x = \frac{A\lambda}{ml} \sin 2t$

b)

$0.5 \ddot{x} + \frac{2 \times 4}{0.5 \times 1}x = \frac{1.5 \times 4}{0.5 \times 1} \sin 2t$   
 $\ddot{x} + 16x = 12 \sin 2t$

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$\ddot{x}(t) = 2 \cos 2t - 2 \cos 4t$   
 $0 = 2 \cos 2t - 2 \cos 4t$   
 $\cos 4t = \cos 2t$   
 $4t = 2t + 2n\pi$   
 $4t = -2t + 2n\pi$   
 $6t = 0 + 2n\pi$   
 $6t = 0 + 2n\pi$   
 $t = \frac{n\pi}{3}$   
 $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$

A car of mass  $1440\text{ kg}$  is moving along a straight horizontal road.

When the speed of the car is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the resistance to motion has magnitude  $12v \text{ N}$ .

$$d = 3600 \ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - 2400 \approx 899 \text{ m}$$

$\begin{matrix} & \rightarrow I \\ & \rightarrow V \\ 12V & \boxed{\text{circuit}} & D \end{matrix}$

P = TRANSISTOR CIRCUIT  
 $432000 = D \times V$   
D =  $\frac{432000}{v}$

EQUATION OF MOTION  
 $\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = D - 12v$   
 $\Rightarrow 144(6x) = 432000 - 12v$   
 $\Rightarrow 12\dot{x}^2 = \frac{266000}{v} - v$   
 $\Rightarrow 120x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{266000-v}{v}$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{120v^2}{3600-v^2} \right] dx = dt$

MINIMIZE THE WORK DONE  
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{-266000(-v)}{3600-v^2} + 432000 \right] dx = dt$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{4320000}{3600-v^2} - 120 \right] dv = dx$

CIRCUIT RELATIONS AT STATE 1P  
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{4320000}{(6-v)(6+v)} - 120 \right] dv = dt$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{3600}{6+v} + \frac{3600}{6-v} - 120 \right] dt = dx$

INTEGRATE WITH LIMITS  
 $\Rightarrow \int_{10}^{40} \left[ \frac{3600}{6+v} + \frac{3600}{6-v} - 120 \right] dv = \int_0^{x_1} dx$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ 3600 \ln(6+v) - 3600(\ln(6-v)) - 120v \right]_{10}^{40} = x_1$

### Question 11 (\*\*\*\*)

The engine of a racing car, of mass  $1600\text{ kg}$ , is working at constant power of  $100\text{ kW}$ .

- a) Given the total resistances to motion is  $800 \text{ N}$ , determine the time it takes the car to accelerate from  $25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  to  $75 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .
- b) Given instead that the total resistances to motion have magnitude  $\frac{1}{10}v \text{ N}$ , where  $v$  is the speed car, determine the distance the car covers in accelerating from  $25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  to half the maximum speed of the car.

$$t = -100 + 250 \ln 2 \approx 73.29 \text{ s}, \quad x = \frac{1600}{3} \ln \left( \frac{9}{8} \right) \approx 62.82 \text{ m}$$

[illegible]

**Question 12 (\*\*\*\*)**

A small raindrop of mass  $m$  kg, is released from rest from a rain cloud and is falling through still air under the action of its own weight.

The raindrop is subject to air resistance of magnitude  $kmv^2$  N, where  $v$  ms<sup>-1</sup> is the speed of the raindrop  $x$  m below the point of release, and  $k$  is a positive constant.

- a) Solve the differential equation to show that

$$v^2 = \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-2kx}).$$

The raindrop has a terminal velocity  $U$ .

- b) Show further that the raindrop reaches a speed of  $\frac{1}{2}U$ , after falling through a distance of  $\frac{U^2}{2g} \ln\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$  metres.

,  proof

FORMING THE EQUATION OF MOTION

$\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = mg - kmv^2$

$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = g - kv^2$

$\Rightarrow v \frac{dv}{dx} = g - kv^2$

SOLVING BY SEPARATION OF VARIABLES, SUBJECT TO THE INITIAL CONDITIONS GIVEN

$\Rightarrow v dv = (g - kv^2) dx$

$\Rightarrow \int \frac{v}{g - kv^2} dv = \int 1 dx$

$\Rightarrow \int_{v=0}^v \frac{v}{g - kv^2} dv = \int_{x=0}^x 1 dx$

$\Rightarrow \int_{v=0}^v \frac{-2kv}{g - kv^2} dv = \int_{x=0}^x -2k dx$  (x(-2k))

$\Rightarrow \ln|g - kv^2| \Big|_{v=0}^{v=U} = [-2kx]_{x=0}^x$

$\Rightarrow \ln\left|\frac{g - kv^2}{g}\right| = -2kx$

$\Rightarrow \frac{g - kv^2}{g} = e^{-2kx}$

$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{k}{g}v^2 = e^{-2kx}$

FINDING THE TERMINAL VELOCITY IS  $\frac{\sqrt{g}}{k}$

$\Rightarrow 1 - e^{-2kx} = \frac{k}{g}v^2$

$\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{g}{k}(1 - e^{-2kx})$  As required

b) FINDING THE TERMINAL VELOCITY IS  $\frac{\sqrt{g}}{k}$

ENTER AT  $x \rightarrow \infty \quad v^2 \rightarrow \frac{g}{k}$

OR  $\frac{dv}{dt} = 0$  (RATE OF CHANGE OF VELOCITY IS 0 I.E. IT IS 0)

$g - kv^2 = 0$

$v^2 = \frac{g}{k}$

$\Rightarrow$  WITHIN  $v = \frac{1}{2}U = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{k} = \frac{g}{U^2} (1 - e^{-2kx})$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{k} = 1 - e^{-2kx}$

$\Rightarrow e^{-2kx} = \frac{k}{g}$

$\Rightarrow e^{2kx} = \frac{g}{k}$

$\Rightarrow 2kx = \ln\left(\frac{g}{k}\right)$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2k} \ln\left(\frac{g}{k}\right)$  As required

### Question 13 (\*\*\*)

A particle of mass  $m$  kg, is attached to one end  $A$  of a light elastic string  $AB$ , of natural length  $L$  m and modulus of elasticity  $2mL$  N. Initially the particle and the string lie at rest on a smooth horizontal surface, with  $|AB| = L$  m

At time  $t = 0$ , the end  $B$  of the string is set in motion with constant speed  $2U \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , in the direction  $AB$ , and at time  $t \text{ s}$ , the extension of the string is  $x \text{ m}$  and the displacement of the particle from its initial position is  $y \text{ m}$ .

There is air resistance impeding the motion of the particle, of magnitude  $3mv$ , where  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the speed of the particle at time  $t \text{ s}$ .

- a)** Show that while the string is taut

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 6U.$$

- b)** Express  $x$  in terms of  $U$  and  $t$ .

- c)** Hence find the speed of the particle at time  $t$  s.

- d) State the extension of the string and the speed of the particle as  $t$  gets infinitely large

$$\boxed{x = U(3 + e^{-2t} - 4e^{-t})}, \quad \boxed{v = 2U(1 + e^{-2t} - 2e^{-t})},$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x \rightarrow 3U$  and  $v \rightarrow 2U$

(a) At time  $t=0$    
 At time  $t > 0$    
 Thus  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 20t - 40t = -20t$   

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = 20t - 20 \\ \dot{y} = 20 - 20t \\ \dot{z} = -20t \end{cases}$$
  
 Now  $\vec{v} = 30\hat{i} - 20t\hat{j} + 20t\hat{k}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -20\hat{j} + 20\hat{k}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -20\hat{j} + 20\hat{k}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} = 0$   
 If  $\frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} = 0$  then  $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{C}$  (constant)

(b) Solving ODE  
 Auxiliary equation  $\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0$   
 $(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0$   
 $\lambda = -1, -2$   
 Particular integral  $\lambda = -3i$   
 (By inspection)  

$$\begin{cases} x = Ae^{-t}, y = Be^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} \\ \dot{x} = -Ae^{-t}, \dot{y} = -2Be^{-2t} - 9e^{-3t} \end{cases}$$
  
 When  $t=0$ ,  $x=0$ ,  $y=20$ ,  $\dot{x}=20$   
 (Focus on  $t=0$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $\dot{y}=0$ )  

$$\begin{cases} 0 = A + B + 3 \\ 20 = -2A - 9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A = -14, B = 17$$
  

$$\begin{cases} x = -14e^{-t} \\ y = 17e^{-2t} - 9e^{-3t} \end{cases}$$
  
 $\therefore \vec{r} = -14e^{-t}\hat{i} + (17e^{-2t} - 9e^{-3t})\hat{j} + 30t\hat{k}$

(c)  $\vec{v} = U(3 + e^{2t} - 4e^t)$   
 $\dot{q} = 2U - \dot{z}$   
 $\therefore \dot{q} = 2U - U[-2e^{2t} + 4e^t]$   
 $\dot{q} = 2U + 2Ue^{-2t} - 4Ue^{-t}$   
 $\dot{q} = 2U[1 + e^{-2t} - 2e^{-t}]$

(d) As  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\vec{r} = U(3 + e^{2t} - 4e^t)$ ,  $\dot{x} \rightarrow 3U$   
 $\dot{y} = 2U(1 + e^{-2t} - 2e^{-t})$ ,  $\dot{y} \rightarrow 2U$

**Question 14 (\*\*\*\*)**

A particle of mass 2 kg, is attached to one end  $A$  of a light elastic spring  $AB$ , of natural length 1.5 m and modulus of elasticity 12 N. Initially the end of the spring  $B$  is held at rest, with the particle hanging in equilibrium vertically below  $B$ .

At time  $t=0$ , the end  $B$  of the spring is set in oscillatory motion so that the vertical displacement of  $B$  **below** its initial position is given by  $5\sin 2t$  m, where  $t$  is measured in s.

At time  $t$  s, the extension of the spring is  $x$  m and the displacement of the particle from below its initial position is  $y$  m. It is assumed that there is no air resistance impeding the motion of the particle.

a) Show clearly that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 20\sin t.$$

b) Express  $y$  in terms of  $t$ .

$$y = 4\sin t - 2\sin 2t$$

**(a) EQUILIBRIUM**

At time  $t=0$ , the end  $B$  of the spring is set in oscillatory motion so that the vertical displacement of  $B$  below its initial position is given by  $5\sin 2t$  m.

At time  $t$  s, the extension of the spring is  $x$  m and the displacement of the particle from below its initial position is  $y$  m.

**(b) AUXILIARY EQUATION YIELDS S.H.M.**

$y = A\cos \omega t + B\sin \omega t$

• PARTICULAR SOLUTION

$y = \text{Particular}$   $\rightarrow$   $B\sin t + A\cos t = 20\sin t$   
 $\therefore B = 20$   
 $A = 0$

$\therefore$  BS SOLUTION  $y = A\cos t + B\sin t + C\sin 2t$

$t=0, y=0 \Rightarrow 10 = A$   
 $\therefore y = B\sin t + 4\cos t$   
 $\dot{y} = 2B\cos t + 4\sin t$   
 $t=0, \dot{y}=0 \Rightarrow 0 = 2B + 4$   
 $B = -2$   
 $\therefore y = 4\sin t - 2\sin 2t$

**Question 15 (\*\*\*\*)**

A particle  $P$ , of mass  $2\text{ kg}$ , is attached to one end of a light elastic spring of natural length  $0.55\text{ m}$  and stiffness  $8\text{ Nm}^{-1}$ .

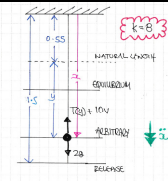
The other end of the spring is attached to a fixed point  $O$ , so that  $P$  is hanging in equilibrium vertically below  $O$ .

At time  $t=0$ ,  $P$  is pulled vertically downwards, so that  $OP=1.5\text{ m}$ , and released from rest.

The motion of  $P$  takes place in a medium which provides resistance of magnitude  $10|v|\text{ N}$ , where  $|v|\text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the speed of  $P$  at time  $t\text{ s}$ .

If  $x$  denotes the distance of the particle from  $O$  at time  $t$ , express  $x$  in terms of  $t$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{000000}}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}e^{-4t} - 2e^{-t} + 3$$



• THE EQUATION OF MOTION, DERIVED AT THE FREE DIAGRAM IS GIVEN BY

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = 2g - T(x) - 10v$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\ddot{x} = 2g - kx - 10v$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\ddot{x} = 2g - 8(x - 0.55) - 10v$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = g - 4(x - 0.55) - 5v$$

• AUXILIARY EQUATION

$$2^2 + 5\dot{x} + 4 = 0$$

$$(2+1)(2+4) = 0$$

$$2 = -1, -4$$

• COMPLEMENTARY FUNCTION

$$x = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-4t}$$

• PARTICULAR INTEGRAL BY INSPECTION

$$x = 3$$

• GENERAL SOLUTION

$$x = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-4t} + 3$$

• DIFFERENTIATE AND APPLY CONDITIONS

$$x = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-4t} + 3$$

$$\dot{x} = -Ae^{-t} - 4Be^{-4t}$$

•  $t=0, x=1.5 \Rightarrow 1.5 = A + B + 3$

$$\Rightarrow A + B = -1.5$$

•  $t=0, \dot{x}=0 \Rightarrow 0 = -A - 4B$

$$\Rightarrow A = -4B$$

$$\Rightarrow -4B + B = -1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow -3B = -1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -2$$

$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}e^{-4t} - 2e^{-t} + 3$



**Question 16** (\*\*\*\*+)

A small raindrop of mass  $m$  kg, is released from rest from a rain cloud and is falling through still air under the action of its own weight.

The raindrop is subject to air resistance of magnitude  $kmv$  N, where  $v$  ms<sup>-1</sup> is the speed of the raindrop  $x$  m below the point of release, and  $k$  is a positive constant.

- a) Show, by forming and solving a differential equation, that

$$x = \frac{g}{k^2} \ln \left( \frac{g}{g - kv} \right) - \frac{v}{k}$$

The raindrop has a limiting speed  $V$ .

- b) Show further that the raindrop reaches a speed of  $\frac{1}{2}V$ , after a falling through a distance of  $\frac{V^2}{2g}(-1 + \ln 4)$  metres.

,  proof

a) SOLVING THE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

$\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = mg - kmv$

$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = g - kv$

$\Rightarrow v \frac{dv}{dx} = g - kv$

$\Rightarrow \frac{v}{g - kv} dv = 1 dx$

$\Rightarrow \frac{-kv}{g - kv} dv = -k dx$

$\Rightarrow \int_{v=0}^v \frac{-kv}{g - kv} dv = \int_{x=0}^x -k dx$

$\Rightarrow \int_0^v \frac{(g - kv) - g}{g - kv} dv = \int_0^x -k dx$

$\Rightarrow \int_0^v \left( 1 - \frac{g}{g - kv} \right) dv = \int_0^x -k dx$

$\Rightarrow \left[ v + \frac{g}{k} \ln |g - kv| \right]_0^v = \left[ -kx \right]_0^x$

$\Rightarrow \left[ v + \frac{g}{k} \ln |g - kv| \right] - \left[ \frac{g}{k} \ln g \right] = -kx - 0$

$\Rightarrow v + \frac{g}{k} \ln \left| \frac{g - kv}{g} \right| = -kx$

$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{k}v - \frac{g}{k^2} \ln \left| \frac{g - kv}{g} \right|$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{g}{k^2} \ln \left| \frac{g}{g - kv} \right| - \frac{v}{k}$

✓ NO REVIEW

b) LOOKING AT THE ORIGINAL O.D.E

$\ddot{x} = g - kv$

LIMITING SPEED  $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 0$

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

THUS WE HAVE IF  $v = \frac{1}{2}V = \frac{g}{2k}$

$x = \frac{g}{k^2} \ln \left| \frac{g}{g - \frac{g}{2}} \right| - \frac{\frac{g}{2}}{k}$

$x = \frac{g}{k^2} \ln \left| \frac{g}{\frac{g}{2}} \right| - \frac{g}{2k}$

$x = \frac{g}{k^2} \ln 2 - \frac{g}{2k}$

$x = \frac{g}{2k^2} [2 \ln 2 - 1]$

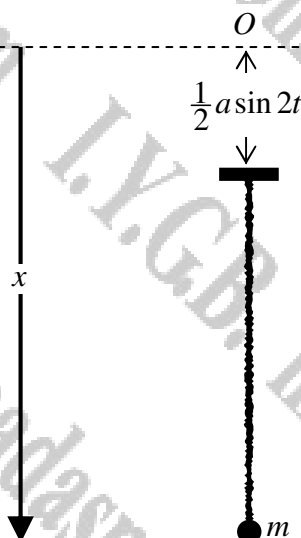
$x = \frac{g}{2k^2} \times \frac{2}{g} [-1 + \ln 2]$

$x = \frac{1}{2k^2} V^2 [-1 + \ln 2]$

$x = \frac{V^2}{2g} [-1 + \ln 2]$

✓ AS REQUIRED

## Question 17 (\*\*\*\*+)



A particle, of mass  $m$ , is attached to one end of a light elastic spring of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $\frac{1}{2}mg$ . The other end of the spring is initially stationary at the point  $O$  so that the particle is hanging in equilibrium vertically below  $O$ .

At time  $t=0$ , the end of the spring which is at  $O$  begins to oscillate so that its **positive** displacement from  $O$  is given by  $\frac{1}{2}a \sin 2t$ .

If  $x$  denotes the distance of the particle from  $O$  at time  $t$ , show that

$$x = 3a + \frac{a\omega}{2(\omega^2 - 4)} [\omega \sin 2t - 2 \sin \omega t],$$

where  $\omega^2 = \frac{g}{2a}$ .

, **proof**

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| <p>IN EQUATION<br/> <math>mg - T = \frac{1}{2}e</math><br/> <math>mg - \frac{1}{2}mg = \frac{1}{2}e</math><br/> <math>e = 2a</math><br/>         HENCE <math>T = 0</math><br/> <math>x = 2a + 3a</math><br/> <math>\dot{x} = 0</math></p> | <p>LOOKING AT THE ANSWER,<br/>         FROM THE EQUATION OF MOTION</p> $\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = mg - T$ $\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = mg - \frac{\lambda}{a}(x - a - \frac{1}{2}a \sin 2t)$ $\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = mg - \frac{2mg}{a}(x - a - \frac{1}{2}a \sin 2t)$ $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = g - \frac{2g}{a}(x - a - \frac{1}{2}a \sin 2t)$ $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = g - \frac{2g}{a}x + 2g + \frac{1}{2}g \sin 2t$ $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \frac{2g}{a}x = \frac{3g}{2} + \frac{1}{2}g \sin 2t$ <p>let <math>\omega^2 = \frac{2g}{a} \Rightarrow g = \frac{a\omega^2}{2}</math></p> $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = \frac{3a\omega^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}a\omega^2 \sin 2t$ $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 3a\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}a\omega^2 \sin 2t$ | <p>THE COMPLEMENTARY FUNCTION IS THE<br/>         HOMOGENEOUS S.H.M. SOLUTION</p> $x = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$ <p>FIND PARTICULAR INTEGRAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>x = P + Q \sin 2t</math></li> <li><math>\dot{x} = 0 - 2Q \sin 2t</math></li> <li><math>\ddot{x} = -4Q \sin 2t</math></li> </ul> $\Rightarrow -4Q \sin 2t + \omega^2(P + Q \sin 2t) = 3a\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}a\omega^2 \sin 2t$ $\Rightarrow P(\omega^2 - 4) + Q(\omega^2 - 4) \sin 2t = 3a\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}a\omega^2 \sin 2t$ $\Rightarrow P = 3a \quad \& \quad Q(\omega^2 - 4) = \frac{1}{2}a\omega^2$ $Q = \frac{a\omega^2}{2(\omega^2 - 4)}$ | <p>HENCE THE FINAL SOLUTION IS GIVEN BY</p> $x = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t + 3a + \frac{a\omega^2 \sin 2t}{2(\omega^2 - 4)}$ <p>APPLY <math>t=0, \dot{x}=3a</math></p> $3a = A + B$ $A = 0$ $x = 3a + B \sin \omega t + \frac{a\omega^2 \sin 2t}{2(\omega^2 - 4)}$ <p>DIFFERENTIATE AND APPLY CONDITION <math>t=0, \dot{x}=0</math></p> $\dot{x} = B\omega \cos \omega t + \frac{a\omega^2 \sin 2t}{\omega^2 - 4}$ $0 = B\omega + \frac{a\omega^2 \sin 2t}{\omega^2 - 4}$ $B = -\frac{a\omega}{\omega^2 - 4}$ $x = 3a + \frac{a\omega^2 \sin 2t}{2(\omega^2 - 4)} - \frac{a\omega \sin \omega t}{\omega^2 - 4}$ $x = 3a + \frac{a\omega}{2(\omega^2 - 4)} [\omega \sin 2t - 2 \sin \omega t]$ |
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**Question 19** (\*\*\*\*+)

A particle, of mass  $m$ , is projected vertically upwards with speed  $u$  and moves under the action of its weight and air resistance of magnitude  $\frac{1}{2}mgv^{\frac{2}{3}}$ , where  $v$  is the speed of the particle at time  $t$ .

Show that the distance the particle covers until it comes to instantaneous rest is

$$\frac{3}{g} \left[ u^{\frac{4}{3}} - 8u^{\frac{2}{3}} + 32 \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} u^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \right].$$

proof

The handwritten solution is divided into two columns. The left column shows the derivation of the distance  $z$  traveled by the particle until it comes to instantaneous rest. The right column shows the final result.

**Left Column:**

- Newton's second law:  $m \frac{dv}{dt} = -mg - \frac{1}{2}mgv^{\frac{2}{3}}$
- Divide by  $m$ :  $\frac{dv}{dt} = -g - \frac{1}{2}gv^{\frac{2}{3}}$
- Separate variables:  $\frac{dv}{g + \frac{1}{2}gv^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -dt$
- Integrate:  $\int \frac{dv}{g + \frac{1}{2}gv^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -\int dt$
- Use the substitution  $z = 4 + v^{\frac{2}{3}}$  (shown in a box):  $\frac{dz}{dv} = \frac{2}{3}v^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $v^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{2}(z-4)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ,  $2v dv = 3(z-4)^{\frac{1}{3}} dz$
- Substitute into the integral:  $\int \frac{3(z-4)^{\frac{1}{3}} dz}{g + \frac{1}{2}g \cdot \frac{3}{2}(z-4)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -\int dt$
- Simplify:  $\int \frac{3(z-4)^{\frac{1}{3}} dz}{g + \frac{3}{4}g(z-4)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -\int dt$
- Integrate:  $\int \frac{3(z-4)^{\frac{1}{3}} dz}{g + \frac{3}{4}g(z-4)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -\int dt$
- Final result:  $\frac{3}{g} \left[ u^{\frac{4}{3}} - 8u^{\frac{2}{3}} + 32 \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} u^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \right]$

**Right Column:**

- Final result:  $\frac{3}{g} \left[ u^{\frac{4}{3}} - 8u^{\frac{2}{3}} + 32 \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} u^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \right]$

## Question 20 (\*\*\*\*)

[In this question  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ ]

Two particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of respective masses  $8 \text{ kg}$  and  $2 \text{ kg}$ , are attached to the ends of a light elastic string of natural length  $2.5 \text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $80 \text{ N}$ .

The string passes through a small smooth hole on a rough horizontal table.

$A$  is held at a distance of  $2.5 \text{ m}$  from the hole and  $B$  is held at a distance of  $2 \text{ m}$  vertically below the hole. The coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the table is  $0.5$ .

Both particles are released simultaneously from rest.

- Find an expression for the subsequent velocity of  $A$  and hence verify that  $A$  first comes to rest  $0.47524 \text{ s}$  after release.
- Calculate the distance  $A$  covers until it first comes to rest.

$$v = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \sin(\sqrt{20}t) - 2t, \quad d \approx 0.15578... \text{ m}$$

**Handwritten Solution:**

**Left Page:**

- Let  $e$  be the extension in the string. The displacement of  $A$  is  $x$  and the displacement of  $B$  is  $y$ .
- Then  $e = 4.5 - x - y$
- For  $A$ :  $8\ddot{x} = T - 8g$
- For  $B$ :  $2\ddot{y} = T - 2g$
- Subtracting:  $6\ddot{x} = 8g - 2g = 6g$  (Note: The handwritten work shows a different path, leading to  $\ddot{x} = 4e - 5$  and  $\ddot{y} = 16e - 10$ )
- Equation of motion for  $A$ :  $\ddot{x} = 4e - 5$
- Equation of motion for  $B$ :  $\ddot{y} = 16e - 10$
- Adding equations:  $\ddot{x} + 4\ddot{y} = 20e - 25$
- Substituting  $e = 4.5 - x - y$ :  $\ddot{x} + 4\ddot{y} = 20(4.5 - x - y) - 25$
- Simplifying:  $\ddot{x} + 4\ddot{y} = 90 - 20x - 20y - 25$
- Rearranging:  $\ddot{x} + 4\ddot{y} + 20x + 20y = 65$
- Let  $z = x + 4y$ , then  $\ddot{z} + 20z = 65$
- General solution:  $z = A \cos(\sqrt{20}t) + B \sin(\sqrt{20}t) + \frac{65}{20}$
- Initial conditions:  $t=0, z=0, \dot{z}=0 \Rightarrow e=2.5$
- Particular solution:  $z = \frac{65}{20} = 3.25$
- Final solution:  $z = 3.25 \cos(\sqrt{20}t)$

**Right Page:**

- Displacement:  $\ddot{e} = \ddot{x} + 4\ddot{y}$
- Initial conditions:  $t=0, \ddot{e}=0, \dot{e}=0 \Rightarrow \ddot{e}=0$
- Equation of motion for  $e$ :  $\ddot{e} = 16e - 10$
- Let  $u = e - \frac{5}{8}$ , then  $\ddot{u} = 16u$
- General solution:  $u = C \cosh(4t) + D \sinh(4t)$
- Initial conditions:  $t=0, u = \frac{15}{8}, \dot{u} = 0$
- Particular solution:  $u = \frac{15}{8} \cosh(4t)$
- Final solution:  $e = \frac{15}{8} \cosh(4t) + \frac{5}{8}$
- Velocity of  $A$ :  $\dot{x} = \frac{1}{4} \sinh(4t)$
- Time when  $A$  first comes to rest:  $\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \sinh(4t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$
- Distance covered by  $A$ :  $x = \frac{1}{16} (1 - \cosh(4t))$
- At  $t = 0.47524$ :  $x \approx 0.15578 \text{ m}$