

Project 1 Sec 4.3

General Notes on Elementary Mechanics (pg. 151):

Newton's Second Law of Motion

$$F = ma$$

Standard Forms:

Time (t)

Displacement/ Position (y): $y = y(t)$

Velocity (v): $v = v(t)$ $v = y'$

Acceleration (a)($\frac{dv}{dt}$): $a = a(t)$ $a = v'$ $a = y''$

Force (F): $F = m a$

Force of Gravity/ Weight (F_g): $F_g = m g$

Resistive Force (k): $k = m a$

Acceleration due to Gravity (g): 9.8 m/s^2 (mks); 980 cm/s^2 (cgs); 32 f/s^2 (British)

Use Eq. (4.3.4):

$$F = -mg + F_r$$

Where mg is the force due to gravity and F_r is the resisting force of the medium (pg. 152).

If the object is moving upward ($v \geq 0$), the resisting force is downward

$$F_r = -k |v| = -kv$$

Rewrite Eq. (4.3.4) as (4.3.5):

$$F = -mg - kv$$

Regardless of the sign of the velocity. From Newton's second law of motion:

$$F = ma = mv'$$

so (4.3.5) yields:

$$m v' = -m g - k v$$

Problem 5:

A stone weighing 1/2 lb is thrown upward from an initial height of 5 ft with an initial speed of 32 ft/s. Air resistance is proportional to speed, with $k = 1/128$ lb-s/ft. Find the maximum height attained by the stone.

Using Form:

$$m * v' = -m g - k v$$

$$\frac{1}{64} lb * v' = - \frac{1}{64} lb * 32 ft/s^2 - \frac{1}{128} \frac{lb - s}{ft} * v$$

Simplify/Rewrite:

$$v' + \frac{1}{2}v = -32$$

Solve:

$$v' + \frac{1}{2}v = 0$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} v dt = 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v} dv = \int \frac{1}{2} dt$$

$$\ln|v| = -\frac{t}{2} + c$$

$$v = e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

With the above solution to the complementary equation, the solution for this equation are as follows:

$$v = u * e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

Where:

$$u' * e^{-\frac{t}{2}} = -32$$

So:

$$u' = -32 * e^{-\frac{t}{2}} = -32$$

Hence:

$$u = -64e^{-\frac{t}{2}} + c$$

So:

$$v = u * e^{-\frac{t}{2}} = -64 + c * e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

Let $V_0 = 32 \text{ ft/s}$, $t=0$

$$32 = -64 + c * e^{-\frac{0}{2}}$$

$$c = 96$$

When $v=0$, find t :

$$0 = -64 + 96 * e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

$$t = 2 \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = .811$$

Position = $y(t) = y$

$$v = y'$$

$$y = \int v$$

$$y(t) = \int -64 + 96 * e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

$$y(t) = -64t - 192 * e^{-\frac{t}{2}} + c$$

When $t=0$ and $y(t) = 5$:

$$5 = -64(0) - 192 * e^{-\frac{0}{2}} + c$$

$$5 = -192 + c$$

$$c = 197$$

Position after $t=.811$:

$$y(.811) = -64(.811) - 192 * e^{-\frac{.811}{2}} + 197 = 17.1005 \text{ ft}$$

Solution: 17.10 ft