

Mathematics Questions by Topic

Motion and Force

Answer 7

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A particle of mass m kg falls vertically downwards, from rest in a medium which offers air resistance equal to kv^2 newtons, where $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ is its velocity at a time t seconds. After a time T seconds, its velocity is $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and it has travelled a distance of D metres.

Which of the following is **false**?

A. $m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv^2$

B. $D = \int_0^V \frac{mv}{mg - kv^2} dv$

C. $V = \frac{D}{T}$

D. $T = \int_0^V \frac{m}{mg - kv^2} dv$

E. Its limiting or terminal velocity is equal to $\sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

ANSWER C

$\ddot{x} = \frac{dv}{dt}$, $m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv^2$ **A.** is true.

$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{mg - kv^2}{m}$, $\frac{dt}{dv} = \frac{m}{mg - kv^2}$, $T = \int_0^V \frac{m}{mg - kv^2} dv$, **D.** is true.

use $\ddot{x} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$, $mv \frac{dv}{dx} = mg - kv^2$, $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{mg - kv^2}{mv}$, $\frac{dx}{dv} = \frac{mv}{mg - kv^2}$

$D = \int_0^V \frac{mv}{mg - kv^2} dv$ **B.** is true.

The limiting or terminal velocity occurs when $\ddot{x} = 0$ $v_{\text{lim}} = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}} \text{ ms}^{-1}$, **E.** is true.

$V = \frac{D}{T}$ is false, constant acceleration formulae do not apply.