

★ Velocity - Acceleration Models

Warm up: What is the position $x(t)$ for a particle moving with constant acceleration a ? $x'' = a$

Ans: $x(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + x_0$

I. Velocity - Acceleration

position $x(t)$ when acceleration is constant

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + x_0$$

v_0 - initial vel x_0 - initial position

Ex: We shoot an arrow straight up from the ground ($x_0 = 0$) and with initial velocity $v_0 = 49 \text{ m/s}$

(a) What is the max height the arrow reaches?

(b) At what time does the arrow hit the ground?

arrow pulled by gravity

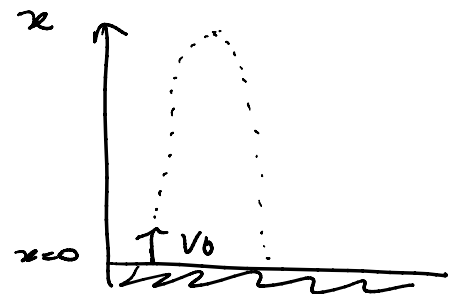
$$a = g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$x_0 = 0 \quad v_0 = 49$$

plug into eqn

$$x(t) = -\frac{9.8t^2}{2} + 49t + 0$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = -4.9t^2 + 49t}$$



(a) arrow reach the max height when $v(t_m) = 0$

$$v(t) = at + v_0 = -9.8t + 49$$

$$0 = v(t_m) = -9.8t_m + 49$$

$$t_m = \frac{49}{9.8} = 5 \text{ s}$$

$$x_{\max} = x(t_m) = \left[-4.9 t^2 + 49 t \right] \Big|_{t=5}$$

$$= -4.9(5)^2 + 49(5)$$

$$\boxed{x_{\max} = 122.5 \text{ m}}$$

(b) The arrow hits ground when

$$x(t_g) = 0 = \left[-4.9 t_g^2 + 49 t_g \right]$$

$$0 = -4.9 t_g [t_g - 10]$$

$$t_g = 0, 10$$

$$\boxed{t = 10 \text{ s}}$$

Q: What happens when there is air resistance?

Let F_R be the force exerted by air resistance

↳ air resistance always opposes velocity

Newton's 2nd law:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = F_G + F_R$$



Simple conditions: $F_R = k v^2$

Other conditions: $F_R = k v^p$ where $1 \leq p \leq 2$

and k depends on the shape of the body

Case $p=1$: body mass m

... $k > 0$

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$$F_G = -mg$$

$$F_R = -kv$$

$$k > 0$$

Newton's 2nd law:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -kv - mg$$

divide both sides by m

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\beta v - g \quad \text{where } \beta = \frac{k}{m} > 0$$

β is called the drag coefficient

IVP: $\frac{dv}{dt} = -\beta v - g$ $v(0) = v_0$

1st order, linear, separable, autonomous
separation of variables

$$u = \beta v + g$$

$$du = \beta dv$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{\beta v + g} = \int -dt$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \int \frac{du}{u} = \int -dt$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \ln u = -t + C_1$$

$$\ln u = -\beta t + C_2$$

$$e^{\ln u} = e^{-\beta t + C_2}$$

$$\beta v + g = u = A e^{-\beta t}$$

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{\beta} (A e^{-\beta t} - g)$$

init cond. $v(0) = v_0 = \frac{1}{\beta} (A e^{-\beta \cdot 0} - g)$

$$\beta v_0 = A - g$$

$$A = \beta v_0 + g$$

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{s} \left((sv_0 + g) e^{-st} - g \right)$$

$$v(t) = \left(v_0 + \frac{g}{s} \right) e^{-st} - \frac{g}{s}$$

Note that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(v_0 + \frac{g}{s} \right) e^{-st} - \frac{g}{s} = -\frac{g}{s}$$

exp decay
→ 0

The speed of a falling body approaches a finite limiting speed called the terminal velocity v_c

The terminal speed

$$|v_c| = \left| -\frac{g}{s} \right| = \frac{mg}{k}$$

Rewrite

$$v(t) = (v_0 + v_c) e^{-st} + v_c$$

To get height, integrate $v(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int v(t) dt = \int \left((v_0 + v_c) e^{-st} + v_c \right) dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} (v_0 + v_c) e^{-st} + v_c t + c. \end{aligned}$$

plug in init cond.

$$x(0) = x_0 = -\frac{1}{s} (v_0 + v_c) e^{\cancel{0}} + v_c \cancel{0} + c$$

$$c = x_0 + \frac{1}{s} (v_0 + v_c)$$

$$\text{so } x(t) = x_0 + v_c t + \frac{1}{s} (v_0 + v_c) [1 - e^{-st}]$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{x(t) = x_0 + v_c t + \frac{1}{\beta} (v_0 + v_c) [1 - e^{-\beta t}]}$$

these terms look similar
exp instead of t^2

Arrow example:

$$v_0 = 49 \text{ m/s} \quad x_0 = 0 \quad g = -9.8$$

$$\text{Assume } \beta = 0.04 = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\text{then } v_c = \frac{g}{\beta} = \frac{-9.8}{1/25} = -245$$

$$\text{then } v(t) = (v_0 - v_c) e^{-\beta t} + v_c$$

$$\boxed{v(t) = 294 e^{-t/25} - 245}$$

and the position

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= x_0 + v_c t + \frac{1}{\beta} (v_0 - v_c) [1 - e^{-\beta t}] \\
 &= 0 + (-245)t + 25(294) [1 - e^{-t/25}]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = 7350 - 245t - 7350 e^{-t/25}}$$

(a) Arrow reach max height when

$$v(t_m) = 0$$

$$294 e^{-t_m/25} - 245 = 0$$

$$e^{-t_m/25} = \frac{245}{294}$$

$$t_m = 25 \ln\left(\frac{294}{245}\right) \approx 4.86 \text{ s}$$

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$$x_{\max} = x(t_m) \approx \boxed{108.2 \text{ m}}$$

(b) arrow hits the ground at
 $x(t_g) = 0$

$$7350 - 245 t_g - 7350 e^{-t_g/25} = 0$$

solve this numerically (use Matlab, Wolfram Alpha, etc...)

$$\boxed{t_g \approx 9.41 \text{ s}}$$

Comparison

| | No Resistance | Air Resistance |
|-------|---------------|----------------|
| t_m | 5s | 4.86s |
| x_m | 122.5 m | 108.2 m |
| t_g | 10s | 9.41 s |

the arrow
 doesn't go as
 high
 and it hits the
 ground sooner.