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## Air resistance (drag)

- drag  $F(v)$  depends on the object velocity  $v$   
we will consider that  $F(v) = -f(v)\hat{v}$

Examples when it is not true.

- airplane, spinning ball, sail boat, ...
- consider case when  $v \ll S$  (speed of sound)

$$f(v) = bv + cv^2 \quad \text{— Taylor expansion over } v/s$$

$f_{lin} = bv$  — linear (viscous) drag  $\approx \beta Dv$

$f_{quad} = cv^2$  — quadratic drag  $\approx \gamma D^2 v^2$

For spherical projectile:  
in STP air  $\beta = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ NS/m}^2$   
 $\gamma = 0.25 \text{ NS}^2/\text{m}^4$

- Reynolds number:  $R = Dv \frac{\rho}{\eta}$   
 $R$  is a rough approximation for  $\frac{f_{quad}}{f_{lin}} = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} Dv$

- Example 2.1

Baseball ( $D = 7 \text{ cm}$ ,  $v \sim 5 \text{ m/s}$ )  $\frac{f_q}{f_l} \sim 570$

Millikan oil drop ( $D \approx 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $v \sim 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$ )  $\frac{f_q}{f_l} \sim 10^{-7}$

$f_q$  is dominant when  $R$  is large  
 $f_l$  is dominant when  $R$  is small

- Linear air resistance

$$m\dot{\vec{v}} = m\vec{g} - b\vec{v}$$

$$m\dot{v}_x = -bv_x$$

$$m\dot{v}_y = mg - bv_y$$

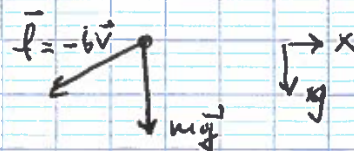
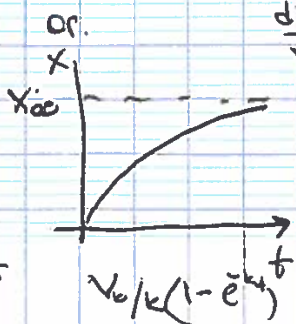
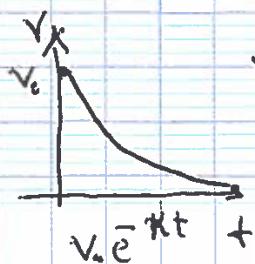
independent equations  
for  $x$  &  $y$  components.

- solution for  $x$ :

$$\dot{v}_x = -\frac{b}{m}v_x = -kv_x$$

$$\frac{dv_x}{v_x} = -k dt \rightarrow \int \frac{dv_x}{v_x} = \int -k dt$$

$$v_x = v_0 e^{-kt} \quad \leftarrow \int_{v_0}^{v_x} \frac{dv_x}{v_0} = -kt$$





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Solution for y: case a)  $\uparrow v_y = v_0$   $\downarrow g$   
 $\dot{v}_y = g - \frac{b}{m} v_y$  case b)  $\downarrow v_y = v_0$   $\downarrow g$   
 regardless how the motion starts (initial cond)  
 the projectile will be falling down and  
 reach its terminal velocity  $v_t = \frac{mg}{b}$ .

\*  $v_t$  for small drops

$b = \beta D$   $m = \rho \pi D^3 / 6$

$v_t = \frac{\rho \pi D^2}{6 \beta} g$

$\beta = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$

$v_{ter} = \frac{840 \pi (1.5 \cdot 10^{-6})^2 \cdot 9.8}{6 (1.4 \cdot 10^{-4})} \approx 6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$

case b)

$\dot{v}_y = \frac{b}{m} (v_t - v_y) = -\frac{b}{m} (v_y - v_t)$

$u = v_y - v_t$   $\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{dv_y}{dt} = \dot{v}_y = \dot{u} \rightarrow \dot{u} = -\frac{b}{m} u$

same equation as for x case:  $u = A e^{-kt}$

$v_y - v_t = (v_{y0} - v_t) e^{-kt}$  defined A from initial conditions

$v_y(t) = v_{y0} e^{-kt} + v_t (1 - e^{-kt})$

$v_y(\infty) = v_t$

\* characteristic time  $v_t = mg/k = g\tau$

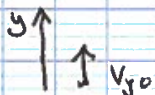
$v_{y0} = 0 \rightarrow v_y(t) = v_t (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$

in  $t = \tau$  a falling object reaches 63% of  $v_t$

or  $\tau$  is time when object reaches  $v_t$  if accelerated with const  $a = g$ .

case 2)

Case a)



reverse y axis  $\rightarrow v_t \rightarrow -v_t$

$v_y(t) = v_{y0} e^{-t/\tau} - v_t (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$

$v_y(0) = v_{y0}$

$v_y(\infty) = -v_t$

$y(t) = \int_0^t v_y dt = -v_t t + (v_{y0} + v_t) \tau (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$

projectile reaches max elevation

$y_{max} = y(t_m)$  when  $v_y(t_m) = 0$