

Pretest: Air resistance problems

- a. Consider a ball *thrown* vertically down from a building at much greater than its terminal velocity (were it to be dropped from rest). The ball is of a size that only the *linear* velocity air resistance term exists, $\vec{F}^{drag} = -c_1\vec{v}$.

Describe the motion of the ball qualitatively (without using mathematics but using any relevant diagrams, pictures, and graphs), in as much detail as possible.

- b. When solving for the equation of velocity as a function of time, the following integral can be found:

$$\int_{v_{y1}}^{v_y} \frac{dv'_y}{g - kv'_y}, \text{ where } k = \frac{c_1}{m} \text{ and } v_{y1} \text{ is the initial velocity.}$$

- i. Is the solution to this integral $-\frac{1}{k} \ln(g - kv_y)$? Explain how you arrived at your answer.
- ii. At terminal velocity, $v_{\text{ter}} = \frac{g}{k}$. At this value, the integral “blows up.” Explain why this is not a problem in solving the equation.
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