PB1010 - Fysikk 1 Oblig 1

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0. Introduction

This is for Oblig 1 in Physics where the mechanics of a free falling ball is dissected. Note: The LATEX and python code is open source, github link.

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1. Task 1

I do not understand why the assignment wants to have ground level at h=0m and positive direction downwards at the same time(as stated in part a), that means the sphere has a starting position at h=-50m. The math works either way and even if it seems counterintuitive I choose to adhere to the requirements of the task and assumes this direction going forward unless otherwise stated.

1.0. Part a

To solve part a I choose to use the ISEE method.

1.0.0. Identify

I find some important variables, such as ground level, $h_{ground}=0m$ and distance between the ground and the sphere $x_{sphere-ground}=50m$. I also see that positive direction is downwards, that means h>0 will be meters under ground. That makes starting position $h_0=-50m$. Air resistance is omitted, this way only gravity affects acceleration. This is constant acceleration, downwards, thereby positive $a=g=9.825ms^{-2}$ (This is the official number for g in Oslo). Therefore the equations for motion in constant acceleration can be used. I also note that the start time of the free fall is at $t_0=0s$ and it has no initial velocity $v_0=0ms^{-1}$. Lastly I see that everything in this part is single dimension motion.

1.0.1. Set up

For the first question, find h(t), we know the goal variable is position, we "know" the time variable as all possible values will be put in, and finally the last known is acceleration. this means the velocity less equation can be used.

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \tag{1}$$

For the next question, find v(t), we know the goal variable is velocity, and here time is also "known" as it is the function input and since we know acceleration as well the position less equation can be used.

$$v = v_0 + at \tag{2}$$

For the final question, find t_{ground} , we can rearrange Equation 1 to find the time when we calculate further. A sketch of the situation is provided on the next page.

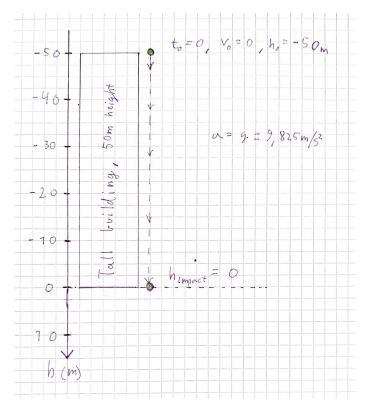


Figure 1.0: Sketch of sphere falling from building

1.0.2. Execute

Filling the used variables in Equation 1, and making it into a function:

$$h(t) = h_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

Filling in values, here $v_0 = 0 m s^{-1}$ simplifies the equation by removing a term.

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2}9.825ms^{-2}t^2 - 50m\tag{3}$$

Moving on to the next, filling in the used variables in Equation 2 and making it a function.

$$v(t) = v_0 + qt$$

Filling in values, $v_0 = 0 m s^{-1}$ simplifies this equation too.

$$v(t) = 9.825ms^{-2}t\tag{4}$$

The time of impact will be at h(t) = 0m, filling this in Equation 3 and solving for t.

$$0m = \frac{1}{2}9.825ms^{-2}t^2 - 50m$$

$$50m = \frac{1}{2}9.825ms^{-2}t^2$$

$$100m = 9.825ms^{-2}t^2$$

$$\frac{100m}{9.825ms^{-2}} = t^2$$

$$t = \pm \sqrt{\frac{100m}{9.825ms^{-2}}} \approx 3.19s \tag{5}$$

Now as time starts at 0, the negative solution for t does not make sense in this task and is therefore omitted from the results.

1.0.3. Evaluate

I feel like the magnitude of my answers is in the correct order and 3.19s seems quite reasonable time for an object to fall 50 meters, it is maybe a bit fast, but this is also with no air resistance. I will also want to check units, starting with Equation 3.

$$m = m \cdot s^{-2} \cdot s^2 - m$$

$$m = m - m$$

$$m = m$$

This checks out correct, onto Equation 4.

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = m \cdot s^{-2} \cdot s$$

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = m \cdot s^{-1}$$

And the final one, Equation 5.

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{m}{m \cdot s^{-2}}}$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{s^{-2}}}$$

$$s = \sqrt{s^2}$$

$$s = s$$

This also ended with correct units, This makes me conclude that the answers are correct with a very high probability.

1.0.4. Solution

This is the function for h(t):

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2}9.825ms^{-2}t^2 - 50m\tag{3}$$

This is the function for v(t):

$$v(t) = 9.825ms^{-2}t\tag{4}$$

The sphere hits the ground approximately 3.19s after letting it go.

$$t = \pm \sqrt{\frac{100m}{9.825ms^{-2}}} \approx 3.19s \tag{5}$$

1.1. Part b

To solve part b I choose to use the ISEE method and to build upon the finds in part a.

1.1.0. Identify

I find the same initial variables as in part a, $t_0=0s$, $h_0=-50m$, $v_{0h}=0ms^{-1}$, this time I have specified the direction of v and a as we are now dealing with two dimensional motion. I choose to keep the vectors decomposed and calculate separately for each axis. The new information I have is that $v_{0x}=7.2ms^{-1}$ and I choose to set the initial position for the sphere at $x_0=0m$ and positive direction along the horizontal movement. As there is no air resistance we can see that only gravity affects the acceleration, $a_h=g=9.825ms^{-2}$ and $a_x=0ms^{-2}$. This is constant and therefore I can still use equations for motion with constant acceleration.

1.1.1. Set up

The first question, find the time until impact, is more of a trick question, as the horizontal movement have no impact on the vertical movement, this means the time will be the same as calculated in part a. The second question, find the horizontal movement at time of impact, the goal variable is known, x and we know time of impact from part a, we also know that since there is no acceleration the speed is always the same, I can therefore use any of the equations and I decided to use the velocity less as it involves initial velocity as it is known and it simplifies nicely when acceleration is zero.

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \tag{1}$$

A sketch of the situation is provided on the nexrt page.

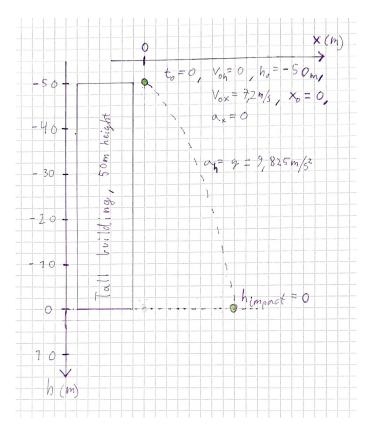


Figure 1.1: Sketch of sphere falling with initial horizontal velocity

1.1.2. Execute

I start by simplifying this equation as both $x_0 = 0$ and $a_x = 0$ this removes two terms. Also filling in the used variables.

$$x_{impact} = v_0 t_{impact}$$

Now with values is filled in.

$$x_{impact} \approx 7.2 m s^{-1} \cdot 3.19 s \approx 22.97 m \tag{6}$$

1.1.3. Evaluate

I feel like the magnitude of my answer is in the correct order and 22.97m seems quite reasonable for an object to move that distance when the velocity is $v_0 = 7.2ms^{-1}$, and travels for $t_{impact} = 3.19s$. I will also want to check units to Equation 6.

$$m = m \cdot s^{-1} \cdot s$$

$$m = m$$

Here the units check out. This makes me conclude that the answer is correct with a very high probability.

1.1.4. Solution

The sphere hits the ground after approximately 3.19s, the same as in part a.

$$t = \pm \sqrt{\frac{100m}{9.825ms^{-2}}} \approx 3.19s \tag{5}$$

The sphere moved approximately 22.97m horizontaly.

$$x_{impact} \approx 7.2 m s^{-1} \cdot 3.19 s \approx 22.97 m \tag{6}$$

1.2. Part c

To solve part c I choose to use the ISEE method.

1.2.0. Identify

This part does not need any numerical values as the task is to make a drawing, and set up an equation, therefore no important known values are needed. It is specified that correct sign should be used such that positive direction is upwards.

1.2.1. Set up

I start with the free body diagram, as it provides some context.

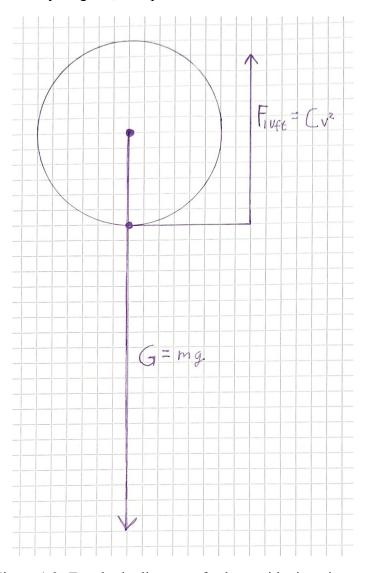


Figure 1.2: Free body diagram of sphere with air resistance

We only need to use one equation, Newtons 2nd law.

$$\sum F = ma \tag{7}$$

1.2.2. Execute

I start with modifying Equation 7, replacing the $\sum F$ with the forces drawn in Figure 1.2.

$$F_{luft} - G = ma (8)$$

Now filling in for the forces and doing general arithmetic.

$$Cv^2 - mg = ma$$

$$\frac{Cv^2}{m} - g = a$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -g + \frac{Cv^2}{m} \tag{9}$$

1.2.3. Evaluate

In Figure 1.2 I made G larger than F_{luft} as without high starting speed or other forces, F_{luft} can never be larger than G. Checking units for Equation 9.

$$m \cdot s^{-2} = m \cdot s^{-2} + \frac{kg \cdot m^{-1} \cdot (m \cdot s^{-1})^{2}}{kg}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-2} = m \cdot s^{-2} + m^{-1} \cdot m^{2} \cdot s^{-2}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-2} = m \cdot s^{-2} + m \cdot s^{-2}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-2} = m \cdot s^{-2}$$

Here the units checks out. This makes me conclude that the answer is correct with a very high probability.

1.2.4. Solution

Free body diagram is drawn in Figure 1.2.

Newtons 2nd law for this situation:

$$F_{luft} - G = ma (8)$$

Can be rewritten to this:

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -g + \frac{Cv^2}{m} \tag{9}$$

1.3. Part d

To solve part d I choose to use the ISEE method and use results from part c.

1.3.0. Identify

I find v_T to be the terminal velocity. I also find a value for $C = 5.00 \cdot 10^{-2} kgm^{-1}$ and m = 100g. I need to use Equation 9 from part c.

1.3.1. Set up

The first thing to do is to correct m=100g into m=0.1kg such as to keep all units as SI-units. Terminal velocity will cause no acceleration as there is no change in speed, this means that $\frac{dv}{dt}=0$ at terminal velocity. It can be set up like this.

$$0 = -g + \frac{Cv^2}{m}$$

1.3.2. Execute

solving this for v using arithmetic.

$$g = \frac{Cv^2}{m}$$

$$mg = Cv^2$$

$$\frac{mg}{C} = v^2$$

$$v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{mg}{C}}$$
(10)

Only the negative answer makes sense with positive direction upwards. Filling in values for m, g and C.

$$v = -\sqrt{\frac{0.1kg \cdot 9.825ms^{-2}}{5.00 \cdot 10^{-2}kgm^{-1}}} \approx -4.43ms^{-1}$$
(11)

1.3.3. Evaluate

I feel like the magnitude of my answer is in the correct order and $-4.43ms^{-1}$ seems quite reasonable terminal speed for a object with mass m = 100g, it is maybe a bit slower than intuitivly expected for me. I will also want to check units for Equation ??.

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{kg \cdot m \cdot s^{-2}}{kg \cdot m^{-1}}}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{m \cdot s^{-2}}{m^{-1}}}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = \sqrt{m^2 \cdot s^{-2}}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{s^2}}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = \frac{m}{s}$$

$$m \cdot s^{-1} = m \cdot s^{-1}$$

1.3.4. Solution

Using Equation 9 with $\frac{dv}{dt} = 0$ you can get equation for terminal velovity.

$$v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{mg}{C}} \tag{10}$$

Filling in values for c we find that the teminal velocity is approximately $-4.43ms^{-1}$.

$$v = -\sqrt{\frac{0.1kg \cdot 9.825ms^{-2}}{5.00 \cdot 10^{-2}kgm^{-1}}} \approx -4.43ms^{-1}$$
(11)

2. Task 2

Now I may have overdone this section as I taught this was a good exercise to extend my python skills, in other words, the code does exactly as described, and more. But it does not reassemble the example code a whole lot. If clarifications on how the code works is needed, feel free to reach out. In general the code as shown in Subsection 2.4. runs two simulations one with positive direction upwards named Sphere 1 and one with positive direction downwards, named Sphere 2 as the program handles both.

2.0. Part a

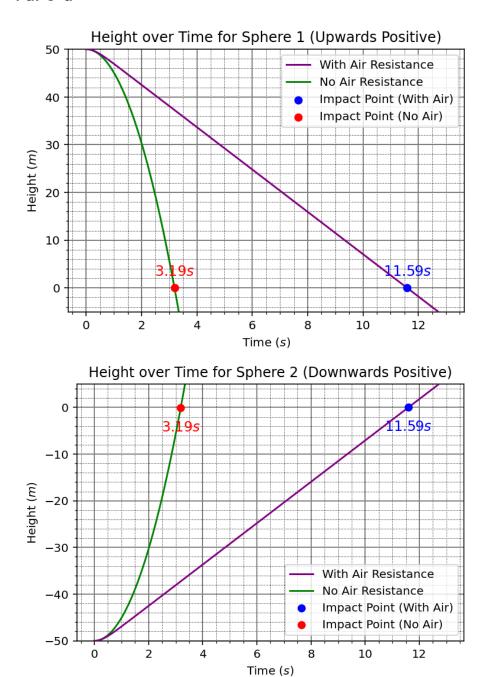
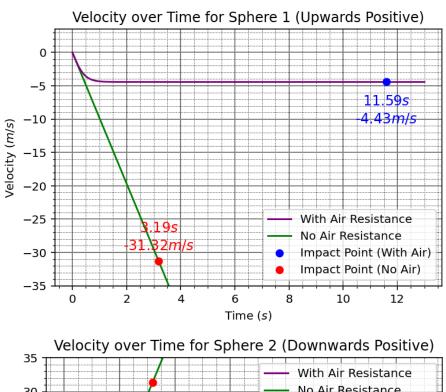


Figure 2.0: Simulations of height both with and without air resistance

2.1. Part b



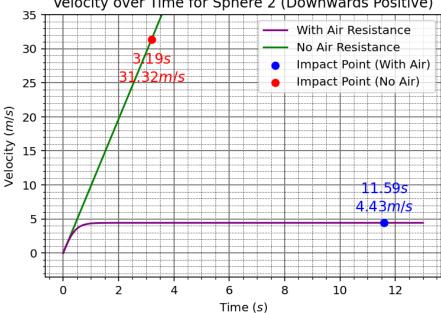


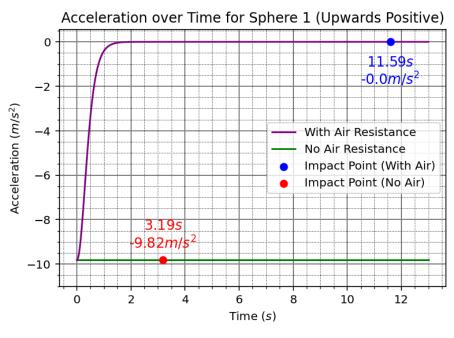
Figure 2.1: Simulations of velocity both with and without air resistance

2.2. Part c

We can see from the graph that terminal velocity v_T is achieved and the size is $4.43ms^{-1}$. This corresponds well with results of Equation 11

$$v = -\sqrt{\frac{0.1kg \cdot 9.825ms^{-2}}{5.00 \cdot 10^{-2}kgm^{-1}}} \approx -4.43ms^{-1}$$
(11)

2.3. Ekstra



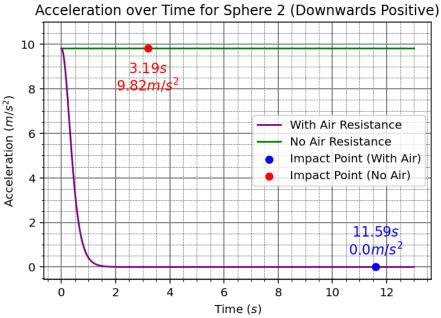


Figure 2.2: Simulations of acceleration both with and without air resistance

2.4. Source code

```
import numpy as np
                                                                                         Python
 2
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
 3
 4
    class FallingSphere:
 5
        def __init__(self, name="Sphere", resolution=1000,
                       start_time=0.0, end_time=10.0, distance_from_ground=100, speed_towards_ground=0.0, g=9.825, mass=1.0, C=0.05,
 6
 7
 8
                       positive_direction="upwards"):
             0.00
 9
             Initialize the FallingSphere simulation.
10
             g = 9.825 is used as this is the actual value for Oslo
11
12
             if positive_direction not in ["upwards", "downwards"]:
13
14
                 raise ValueError(
15
                      "direction must be either 'upwards' or 'downwards'")
16
17
             if distance_from_ground <= 0:</pre>
18
                 raise ValueError(
19
                      "Height above ground must be greater than zero.")
20
21
             if g < 0 or (g == 0 and speed_towards_ground <= 0):</pre>
                 raise ValueError(
22
23
                      "Gravity must be positive"
24
                      "or zero with initial speed towards ground")
25
26
             if mass <= 0:
27
                 raise ValueError(
28
                      "Mass needs to be positive")
29
30
             if C < 0:
                 raise ValueError(
31
32
                      "C needs to be zero (for no resistance) or positive")
33
34
             if start_time >= end_time:
                 raise ValueError(
35
36
                      "End time needs to be larger than start time")
37
38
             # Controls positive direction and how calculations change
             self.positive_direction = positive_direction
39
40
             self.sign = 1 if positive_direction == "upwards" else -1
41
42
             # General properties of object
43
             self.name = name
44
             self.resolution = resolution
45
46
             # Time based parameters
             self.t = np.linspace(start_time, end_time, resolution) # All time values
self.dt = self.t[1] - self.t[0] # Time step size
47
48
49
50
             # Constants
             self.g = g
51
52
             self.mass = mass
53
             self.C = C
54
55
             # Initial conditions with positive direction in mind
             self.h0 = self.sign * distance_from_ground
56
57
             self.v0 = self.sign * speed_towards_ground
58
             self.a0 = self.sign * -g
59
60
             # Arrays for simulation (with and without air resistance)
61
             self.h = np.zeros(resolution)
62
             self.v = np.zeros(resolution)
63
             self.a = np.zeros(resolution)
             self.h_noair = np.zeros(resolution)
64
             self.v_noair = np.zeros(resolution)
65
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66
              self.a_noair = np.zeros(resolution)
67
 68
             # Initial conditions stored in array
 69
              self.h[0] = self.h0
 70
              self.v[0] = self.v0
 71
              self.a[0] = self.a0
 72
 73
             # Impact times
 74
              self.t_impact = None
 75
             self.t_noair_impact = None
 76
 77
         def calculate(self):
 78
 79
             Compute the motion of the sphere over time.
 80
 81
             # For loop starts at index 1 as initial value at index 0 is set
 82
              for i in range(1, self.resolution):
                  self.h[i] = self.h[i - 1] + self.v[i - 1] * self.dt
self.v[i] = self.v[i - 1] + self.a[i - 1] * self.dt
 83
 84
 85
                  self.a[i] = self.sign * (
                      -self.g + (self.C * (self.v[i] ** 2)) / self.mass)
 86
 87
88
              # Without air resistance (vectorized calculations, does not need looping)
              self.h_noair = self.h[0] + (
89
                  self.v0 * self.t + 0.5 * self.sign * -self.g * (self.t ** 2))
 90
91
              self.v_noair = self.sign * -self.g * self.t
 92
              self.a_noair = self.sign * -self.g * np.ones_like(self.t)
 93
94
         def find_impact_times(self):
 95
 96
             Find the time indices when the sphere impacts the ground.
 97
98
             self.t_impact = np.argmin(np.abs(self.h))
 99
             self.t_noair_impact = np.argmin(np.abs(self.h_noair))
100
101
             # Checks if simulation is long enough for impact
              if abs(self.h_noair[self.t_noair_impact]) > 0.5:
102
103
                  raise ValueError(
104
                      "Object does not hit the ground, within current timeframe")
105
              elif abs(self.h[self.t_impact]) > 0.5:
106
                  raise ValueError(
                      "Object does not hit the ground with air resistance, "
107
108
                      "within current timeframe")
109
110
111
         def display_results(self):
112
             Print the time and velocity at impact for both cases.
113
114
115
             print(
                  f'The sphere hits the ground at '
116
117
                  f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 3)}s, '
                  f'reaching a speed of {round(self.v[self.t_impact], 3)}m/s'
118
119
                  f'with {self.positive_direction} positive direction')
120
              print(
121
                  f'and without air resistance at '
122
                  f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 3)}s, '
                  f'reaching a speed of {round(self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact], 3)}m/s '
123
124
                  f'with {self.positive_direction} positive direction')
125
126
         def plot_height(self):
127
128
              Plot height vs. time for both cases.
129
130
              plt.figure(0)
131
132
             max_val = np.ceil(abs(self.h0) / 5.0) * 5
```

```
133
              y_step = max_val * 0.05
134
             min_val = 2 * y_step
135
136
             if self.sign == 1:
137
                 plt.ylim(-min_val, max_val)
138
                 plt.text(
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
139
140
                      self.h[self.t_impact] + 1 * y_step,
141
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 2)}$s$',
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
142
143
                 plt.text(
144
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
145
                      self.h_noair[self.t_noair_impact] + 1 * y_step,
146
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$s$',
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
147
148
             else:
149
                 plt.ylim(-max_val, min_val)
150
                 plt.text(
151
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
                      self.h[self.t_impact] - 2 * y_step,
152
153
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 2)}$s$',
154
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
155
                 plt.text(
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
156
                      self.h_noair[self.t_noair_impact] - 2 * y_step,
157
158
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$s$',
159
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
160
161
             plt.plot(
                  self.t, self.h,
162
163
                 color="purple", label="With Air Resistance", zorder=3)
164
             plt.plot(
165
                  self.t, self.h_noair,
                 color="green", label="No Air Resistance", zorder=2)
166
167
168
             plt.scatter(
169
                 self.t[self.t_impact], self.h[self.t_impact],
170
                 color="blue", zorder=4, label="Impact Point (With Air)")
171
             plt.scatter(
172
                  self.t[self.t_noair_impact], self.h_noair[self.t_noair_impact],
173
                 color="red", zorder=3, label="Impact Point (No Air)")
174
175
             plt.grid(which="both", linestyle="-", color="gray", linewidth=1)
176
             plt.minorticks_on()
177
             plt.grid(which="minor", linestyle=":", color="black", linewidth=0.5)
178
179
              plt.title(
180
                 f'Height over Time for {self.name} '
181
                 f'({self.positive_direction.capitalize()} Positive)')
182
              plt.legend()
             plt.xlabel(r'Time ($s$)')
183
             plt.ylabel(r'Height ($m$)')
184
185
             plt.show()
186
187
         def plot_velocity(self):
188
189
             Plot velocity vs. time for both cases.
190
191
             plt.figure(1)
192
             max_val = np.ceil(abs(self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact]) / 5.0) * 5
193
             y_step = max_val * 0.05
194
             min_val = 2 * y_step
195
             if self.sign == 1:
196
                 plt.ylim(-max_val, min_val)
197
                 plt.text(
198
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
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199
                      self.v[self.t_impact] - 2 * y_step,
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 2)}$s$',
200
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
201
202
                 plt.text(
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
self.v[self.t_impact] - 3.5 * y_step,
203
204
205
                      f'{round(self.v[self.t_impact], 2)}$m/s$',
206
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
207
                 plt.text(
208
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
209
                      self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact] + 2.5 * y_step,
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$s$',
210
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
211
212
                 plt.text(
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
213
214
                      self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact] + 1 * y_step,
                      f'{round(self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$m/s$',
215
216
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
217
             else:
218
                 plt.ylim(-min_val, max_val)
219
                 plt.text(
220
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
221
                      self.v[self.t_impact] + 2.5 * y_step,
222
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 2)}$s$',
223
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
224
                 plt.text(
225
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
226
                      self.v[self.t_impact] + 1 * y_step,
227
                      f'{round(self.v[self.t_impact], 2)}$m/s$',
228
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
229
                 plt.text(
230
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
231
                      self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact] - 2 * y_step,
232
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$s$',
233
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
234
                 plt.text(
235
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
                      self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact] - 3.5 * y_step,
236
237
                      f'{round(self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$m/s$',
238
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
239
240
241
             plt.plot(
242
                 self.t, self.v,
243
                 color="purple", label="With Air Resistance", zorder=3)
244
             plt.plot(
245
                  self.t, self.v_noair,
246
                 color="green", label="No Air Resistance", zorder=2)
247
248
             plt.scatter(
249
                  self.t[self.t_impact], self.v[self.t_impact],
                 color="blue", zorder=4, label="Impact Point (With Air)")
250
251
             plt.scatter(
252
                 self.t[self.t_noair_impact], self.v_noair[self.t_noair_impact],
253
                 color="red", zorder=3, label="Impact Point (No Air)")
254
             plt.grid(which="both", linestyle="-", color="gray", linewidth=1)
255
256
             plt.minorticks_on()
257
             plt.grid(which="minor", linestyle=":", color="black", linewidth=0.5)
258
259
             plt.title(
260
                 f'Velocity over Time for {self.name} '
                 f'({self.positive_direction.capitalize()} Positive)')
261
262
             plt.legend()
263
             plt.xlabel(r'Time ($s$)')
264
             plt.ylabel(r'Velocity ($m/s$)')
```

```
265
             plt.show()
266
267
         def plot_acceleration(self):
268
             Plot acceleration vs. time for both cases.
269
270
271
             plt.figure(2)
272
             max_val = np.ceil(self.g / 2.0) * 2 + 1
273
             y_step = max_val * 0.05
274
             min_val = y_step
275
             if self.sign == 1:
                 plt.ylim(-max_val, min_val)
276
277
                 plt.text(
278
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
                      self.a[self.t_impact] - 2 * y_step,
279
280
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 2)}$s$',
281
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
282
                 plt.text(
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
283
284
                      self.a[self.t_impact] - 3.5 * y_step,
285
                      f'{round(self.a[self.t_impact], 2)}$m/s^2$',
                     color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
286
287
                 plt.text(
288
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
289
                      self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact] + 2.5 * y_step,
290
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$s$',
291
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
292
                 plt.text(
293
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
294
                      self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact] + 1 * y_step,
295
                      f'{round(self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$m/s^2$',
296
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
297
             else:
298
                 plt.ylim(-min_val, max_val)
299
                 plt.text(
300
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
301
                      self.a[self.t_impact] + 2.5 * y_step,
302
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_impact], 2)}$s$'
303
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
304
                 plt.text(
305
                      self.t[self.t_impact],
                      self.a[self.t_impact] + 1 * y_step,
306
307
                      f'{round(self.a[self.t_impact], 2)}$m/s^2$',
                      color="blue", fontsize=12, ha="center")
308
309
                 plt.text(
310
                      self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
                      self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact] - 2 * y_step,
311
312
                      f'{round(self.t[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$s$',
313
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
314
                 plt.text(
315
                     self.t[self.t_noair_impact],
316
                      self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact] - 3.5 * y_step,
317
                      f'{round(self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact], 2)}$m/s^2$',
318
                      color="red", fontsize=12, ha="center")
319
320
             plt.plot(
321
                 self.t, self.a,
322
                 color="purple", label="With Air Resistance", zorder=3)
323
             plt.plot(
324
                 self.t, self.a_noair,
325
                 color="green", label="No Air Resistance", zorder=2)
326
327
             plt.scatter(
328
                 self.t[self.t_impact], self.a[self.t_impact],
                 color="blue", zorder=4, label="Impact Point (With Air)")
329
330
```

```
331
             plt.scatter(
332
                 self.t[self.t_noair_impact], self.a_noair[self.t_noair_impact],
333
                 color="red", zorder=3, label="Impact Point (No Air)")
334
             plt.grid(which="both", linestyle="-", color="gray", linewidth=1)
335
336
             plt.minorticks_on()
337
             plt.grid(which="minor", linestyle=":", color="black", linewidth=0.5)
338
339
             plt.title(
340
                 f'Acceleration over Time for {self.name} '
                 f'({self.positive_direction.capitalize()} Positive)')
341
342
             plt.legend()
343
             plt.xlabel(r'Time ($s$)')
344
             plt.ylabel(r'Acceleration $(m/s^2)$')
345
             plt.show()
346
347
         def run_simulation(self):
348
             Run the full simulation.
349
350
351
             self.calculate()
352
             self.find_impact_times()
353
             self.display_results()
354
             self.plot_height()
355
             self.plot_velocity()
356
             self.plot_acceleration()
357
358
     # Run the simulation
     if __name__ == "__main__":
359
         sim_1 = FallingSphere(
360
361
              "Sphere 1",
             distance_from_ground = 50, end_time = 13.0, mass = 0.1, C = 0.05)
362
363
         sim_1.run_simulation()
364
365
         sim_2 = FallingSphere(
366
367
             distance_from_ground = 50, end_time = 13.0, mass = 0.1, C = 0.05,
368
             positive_direction = "downwards")
         sim_2.run_simulation()
369
```

Code 2.3: Simulation of falling spheres, over engineered to a high degree