

- 1 (a) The drag force  $D$  on an object of cross-sectional area  $A$ , moving with a speed  $v$  through a fluid of density  $\rho$ , is given by

$$D = \frac{1}{2} C \rho A v^2$$

where  $C$  is a constant.

Show that  $C$  has no unit.

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- (b) A raindrop falls vertically from rest. Assume that air resistance is negligible.

- (i) On Fig. 1.1, sketch a graph to show the variation with time  $t$  of the velocity  $v$  of the raindrop for the first 1.0 s of the motion.

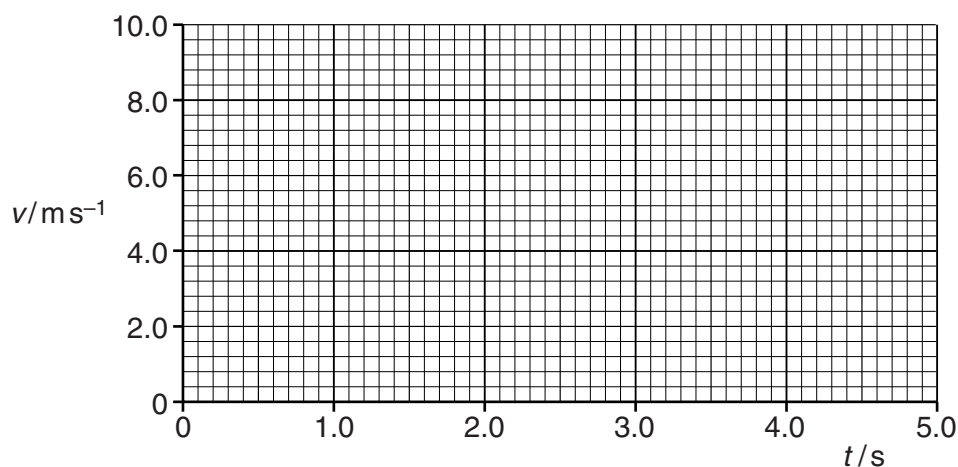


Fig. 1.1

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- (ii) Calculate the velocity of the raindrop after falling 1000 m.

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(c) In practice, air resistance on raindrops is not negligible because there is a drag force. This drag force is given by the expression in (a).

- (i) State an equation relating the forces acting on the raindrop when it is falling at terminal velocity.

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- (ii) The raindrop has mass  $1.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg}$  and cross-sectional area  $7.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ . The density of the air is  $1.2 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  and the initial velocity of the raindrop is zero. The value of  $C$  is 0.60.

1. Show that the terminal velocity of the raindrop is about  $7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

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2. The raindrop reaches terminal velocity after falling approximately 10 m. On Fig. 1.1, sketch the variation with time  $t$  of velocity  $v$  for the raindrop. The sketch should include the first 5 s of the motion.

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