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## Falling Parachutist problem

- ① A parachutist of mass,  $m = 68.1$  kg jumps out of a stationary hot air balloon. The velocity of the falling parachutist is determined by solving the differential equation given by,

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - cv \longrightarrow (1)$$

with initial condition:  $v(0) = 0$ .  
and  $g = 9.8$  m/s.

drag co-efficient,  $c = 12.5$  kg/s.

- Compute the velocity in eq(1), numerically using finite divided

difference approximation (Euler's method).

Perform the computation till it attains  $V(t_{\max}) \approx \text{constant}$ . (i.e. terminal velocity).

Employ a step-size of

i)  $dt = 2\text{ s}$  ( $dt = t_{i+1} - t_i$ )

ii)  $dt = 1\text{ s}$

iii)  $dt = 0.1\text{ s}$

Steps

- Plot and compare the results obtained from (i), (ii) and (iii) with the analytical solution.