

A particle P of mass 4 kg is moving in a horizontal straight line. At time $t\text{ s}$ the velocity of P is $v\text{ ms}^{-1}$ and the displacement of P from a fixed point O on the line is $x\text{ m}$. The only force acting on P is a resistive force of magnitude $(4e^{-x} + 12)e^{-x}\text{ N}$. When $t = 0$, $x = 0$ and $v = 4$.

(a) Show by integration that $v = \frac{1 + 3e^x}{e^x}$. [4]

(b) Find an expression for x in terms of t . [4]