

A particle P of mass 5 kg moves along a horizontal straight line. At time t s, the velocity of P is $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and its displacement from a fixed point O on the line is x m. The forces acting on P are a force of magnitude $\frac{500}{v}$ N in the direction OP and a resistive force of magnitude $\frac{1}{2}v^2$ N. When $t = 0$, $x = 0$ and $v = 5$.

(a) Find an expression for v in terms of x . [6]

(b) State the value that the speed approaches for large values of x . [1]