

A particle P of mass m kg moves in a horizontal straight line against a resistive force of magnitude mkv^2 N, where $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ is the speed of P after it has moved a distance x m and k is a positive constant. The initial speed of P is $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- (a) Show that $x = \frac{1}{k} \ln 2$ when $v = \frac{1}{2}u$. [4]

Beginning at the instant when the speed of P is $\frac{1}{2}u$, an additional force acts on P . This force has magnitude $\frac{5m}{v}$ N and acts in the direction of increasing x .

- (b) Show that when the speed of P has increased again to $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$, the total distance travelled by P is given by an expression of the form

$$\frac{1}{3k} \ln \left(\frac{A - ku^3}{B - ku^3} \right),$$

stating the values of the constants A and B .

[7]