



Momentum and potential energy



Question

A car is traveling on an elevated road with a height of **6m**. If the car's momentum **$p = 22,500 \text{ kgm/s}$** and the kinetic energy of the car is **$T = 168,750 \text{ J}$** find the potential energy, **V** , of the car. Assume **$g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$**

Using known expressions:

$$P = mv$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad V = mgh$$

Given:

$$T = 168,750 \text{ J}$$

$$p = 22,500 \text{ kgm/s}$$

$$h = 6 \text{ m}$$

Solution:

$$T = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$168,750 = \frac{22,500^2}{2m}$$

$$m = 1500 \text{ kg}$$

$$V = 1500 * 10 * 6 = 90 \text{ KJ}$$