

# 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:*

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

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

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

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