

2 A sky-diver jumps from a high-altitude balloon.

(a) Explain briefly why the acceleration of the sky-diver

(i) decreases with time,

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 [2]

(ii) is 9.8 m s^{-2} at the start of the jump.

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 [1]

(b) The variation with time t of the vertical speed v of the sky-diver is shown in Fig. 2.1.

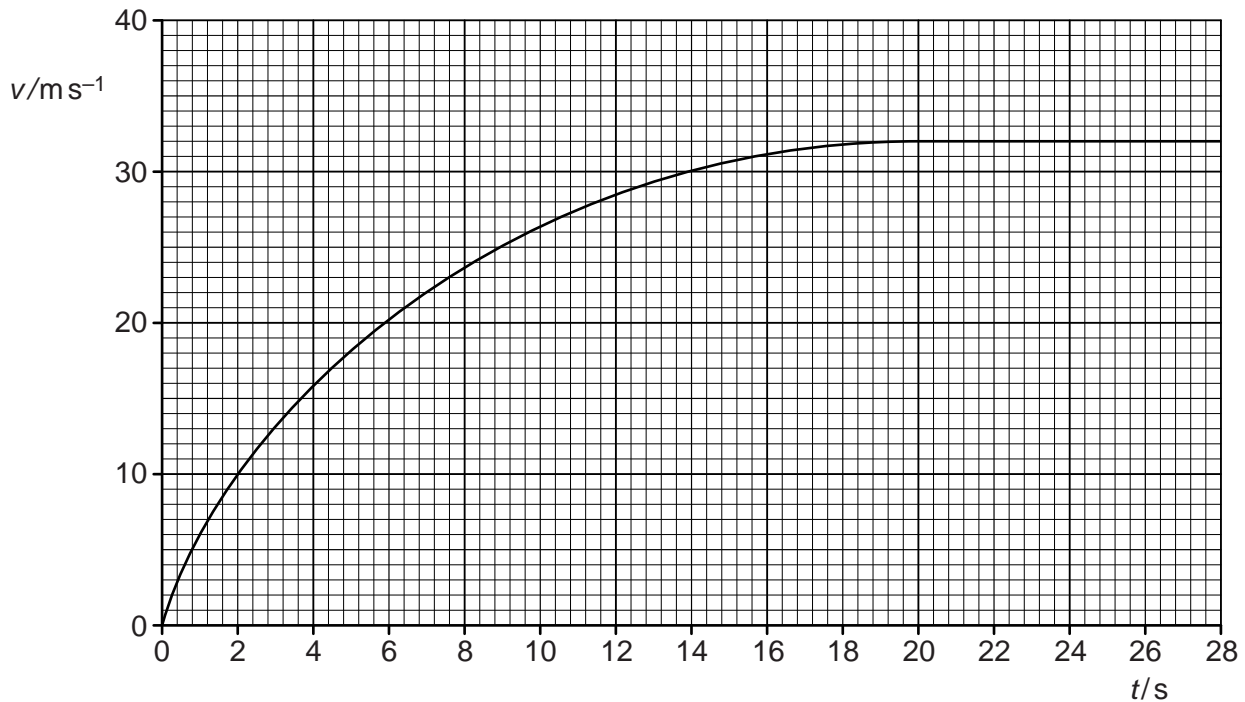


Fig. 2.1

Use Fig. 2.1 to determine the magnitude of the acceleration of the sky-diver at time $t = 6.0$ s.

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acceleration = m s^{-2} [3]

(c) The sky-diver and his equipment have a total mass of 90 kg.

(i) Calculate, for the sky-diver and his equipment,

1. the total weight,

weight = N [1]

2. the accelerating force at time $t = 6.0$ s.

force = N [1]

(ii) Use your answers in (i) to determine the total resistive force acting on the sky-diver at time $t = 6.0$ s.

force = N [1]