

- 1 (a) One of the equations of motion may be written as

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as.$$

- (i) Name the quantity represented by the symbol  $a$ .

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- (ii) The quantity represented by the symbol  $a$  may be either positive or negative. State the significance of a negative value.

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- (b) A student investigates the motion of a small polystyrene sphere as it falls from rest alongside a vertical scale marked in centimetres. To do this, a number of flash photographs of the sphere are taken at 0.1 s intervals, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

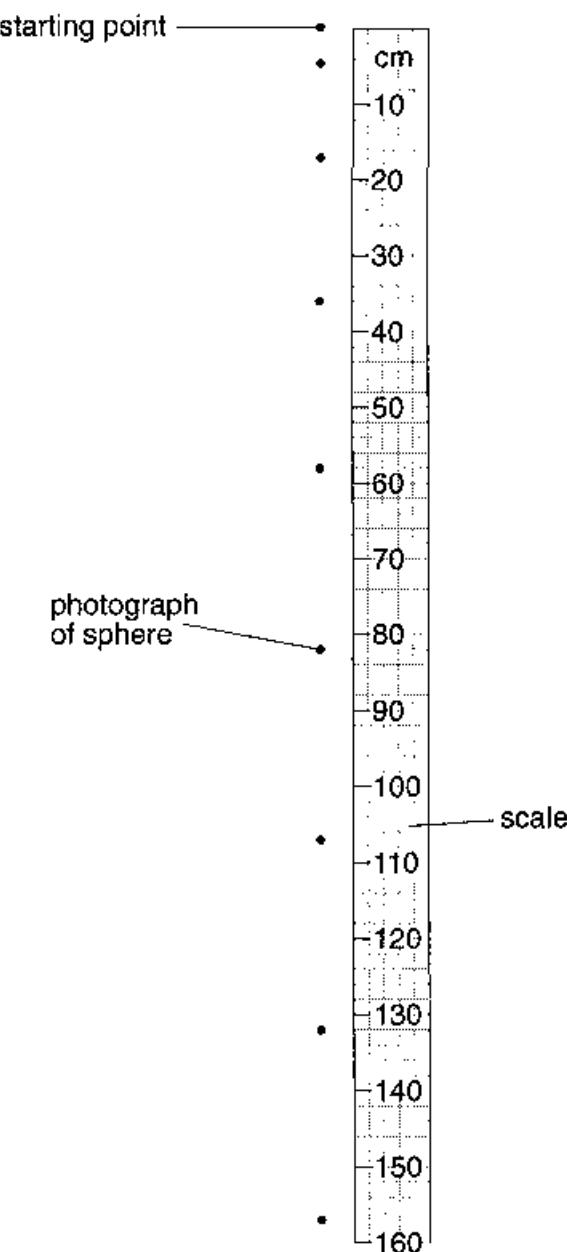


Fig. 1.1

The first photograph is taken at time  $t = 0$ .

By reference to Fig. 1.1,

- (i) briefly explain how it can be deduced that the sphere reaches a constant speed,

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- (ii) determine the distance that the sphere has fallen from rest during a time of
1. 0.7 s,

distance = ..... cm

2. 1.1 s.

distance = ..... cm  
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- (c) The student repeats the experiment with a lead sphere that falls with constant acceleration and does not reach a constant speed.

Determine the number of flash photographs that will be observed against the 160 cm scale.

Include in your answer the photograph obtained at time  $t = 0$ .

number = ..... [3]