

- 1 (a) Explain why it is technically incorrect to define speed as “distance travelled per second”.

Include in your answer the correct definition of speed.

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- (b) A baseball player throws a ball with an initial speed of 15 m s^{-1} at an angle θ above the horizontal, at a height 2.0 m above the ground. At the maximum height above the ground, the speed of the ball is 7.5 m s^{-1} .

Neglecting air resistance, determine

- (i) the angle θ ,

$$\theta = \dots \circ \quad [1]$$

- (ii) the time of flight t_f .

$$t_f = \dots \text{ s} \quad [3]$$

- (c) (i) On Fig. 1.1, sketch the variation with time t of the vertical component of velocity v_y of the ball and label it Q. Mark on the horizontal axis the instant t_1 at which the ball reaches its maximum height.

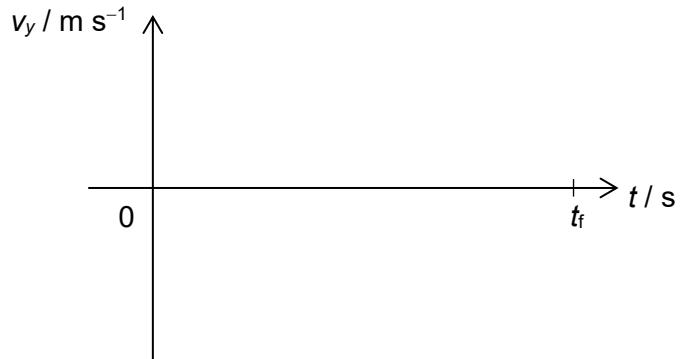


Fig. 1.1

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- (ii) If air resistance is not negligible, on Fig. 1.1, sketch the variation with t of v_y for the entire flight and label it R.

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