

- 2** In housing estates, it is common for washed laundry to be dried on bamboo poles outside the kitchen windows. A towel falls from rest when a plastic peg holding the towel snapped due to long-term exposure to sunlight.

Fig. 2.1 shows the variation with time of the vertical velocity of the towel as it falls from a height.

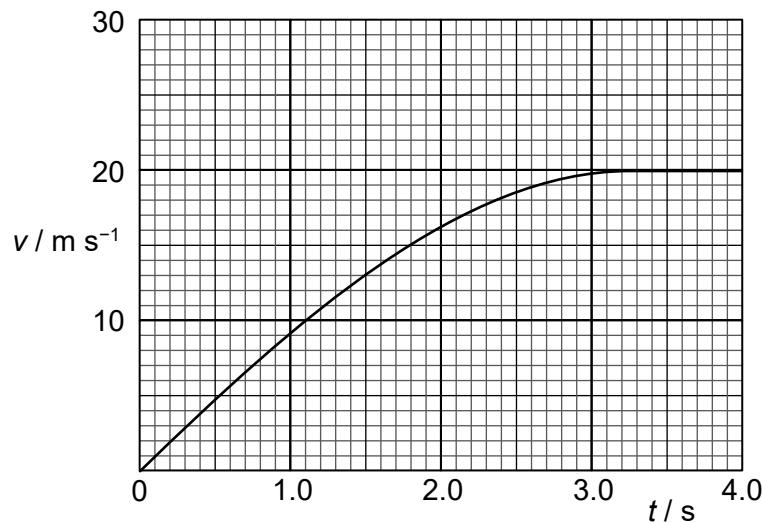


Fig. 2.1

- (a)** Explain why the towel reaches terminal velocity.

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- (b) (i)** Using Fig. 2.1, estimate the acceleration at $t = 2.0$ s.

$$\text{acceleration} = \dots \text{ m s}^{-2} [2]$$

- (ii)** Using Fig. 2.1, estimate the height fallen by the towel in the first 4.0 s of its descent.

height = m [2]

- (c) When the clothes peg snapped, it was projected at a speed of 8.4 m s^{-1} away from its original position 29 m above the ground. The initial angle of projection was 40° above the horizontal. Air resistance can be ignored.

(i) Calculate the time taken for the clothes peg to hit the ground.

time = s [2]

(ii) Calculate the horizontal distance travelled by the clothes peg before it hits the ground.

distance = m [1]

