

- 2 A skateboarder starts from rest at point A as shown in Fig. 2.1.

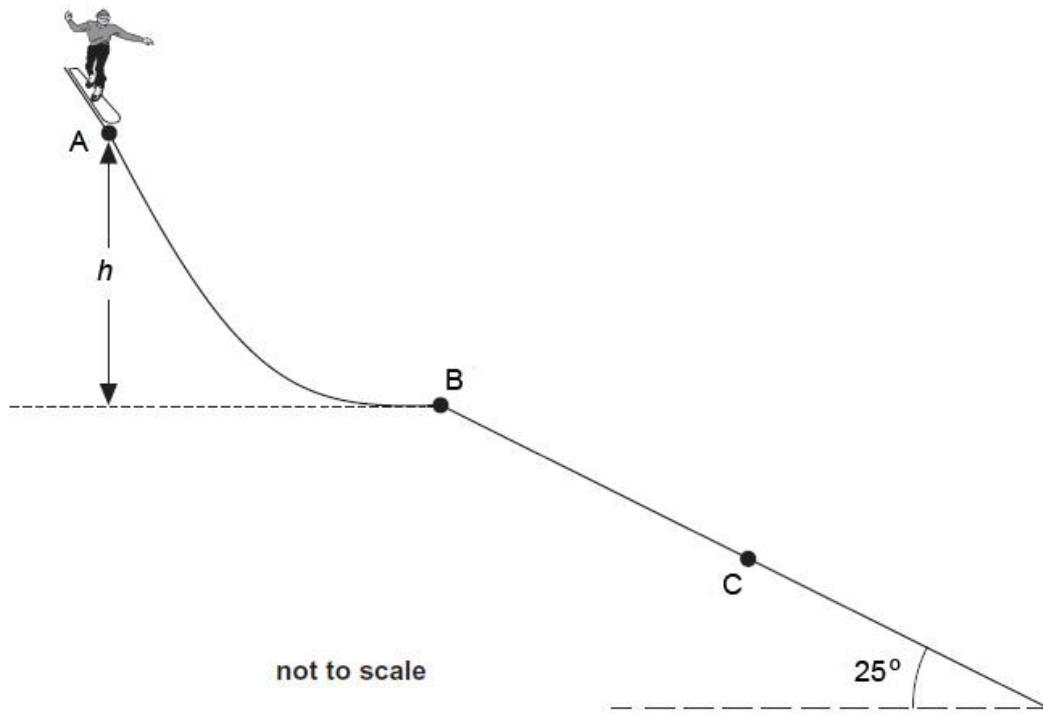


Fig. 2.1

The skateboarder reaches a speed of 17 m s^{-1} at point B.

Consider the skateboarder to be a point mass of 65 kg and ignore the effects of friction and air resistance.

- (a) Calculate the height difference, h , between point A and point B.

$$h = \dots \text{ m} [1]$$

- (b) The skateboarder takes off at point B, travelling horizontally with a velocity of 17 m s^{-1} .

He lands at point C after being in the air for 1.6 s.

- (i) Calculate v_v , the vertical component of his velocity, just before landing at point C.

$$v_v = \dots \text{ m s}^{-1} [2]$$

- (ii) On Fig. 2.2, sketch the variation with time of the vertical component of the velocity v_v of the skateboarder from point B to point C.

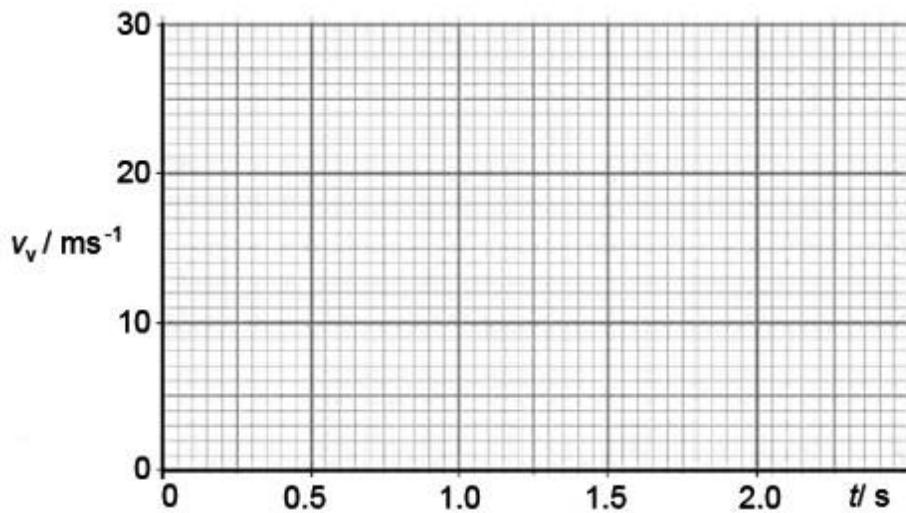


Fig. 2.2

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- (iii) Show that the magnitude of the resultant velocity just before landing at point C is 23 m s^{-1} .

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- (c) Explain why it is safer for the skateboarder to land on a downward slope than on a horizontal surface.

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