

Taylor Ch 2:
Projectiles (and drag)
and, basic ODE math.

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Is this ODE homogeneous?

$$y'' = (x+1)y$$

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) ???

Consider the ODE: $dN/dt - kN = 0$
with $k > 0$ and $N(t=0) = N_0 > 0$.

How does $N(t)$ behave as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

- A) $N(t)$ decays to zero
- B) $N(t)$ approaches a constant value
- C) $N(t)$ stays constant the whole time
- D) $N(t)$ diverges (approaches ∞)
- E) Not enough info given!

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how does the particle move?

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- D) circular orbit in xz plane
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In the last problem, suppose v now has a component in the \mathbf{B} direction (\hat{j}), and a perp. component (\hat{i}). It starts in the $y=0$ plane and crosses the $y=y_{\text{final}}$ plane at time T . If you increase only the initial perpendicular *component* of v , what happens to the “passage time” T ?

- A) T is independent of v_{perp}
- B) T increases as v_{perp} increases
- C) T decreases as v_{perp} increases

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In a homework problem, a student derives a formula for position.

The problem involves gravity and a “drag force” $F = -cv$, where v is speed. They get a term that looks like

$$y(t) = y_{init} \ln\left(1 + \frac{cv_{init}}{g}\right)$$

Is there any way to tell if they made a mistake, without carefully looking over all their work?

- A) Yes, I see a nice check
- B) There probably is but I’m not seeing the “trick”
- C) With a formula this messy, the only way to check is to redo the work (or compare with someone else, or the book, or google it, or ...)

- In a Phys 1110 exam, a student produced the following solution.
- Is the final solution correct?
 - If NOT, does that mean the initial equation must have been wrong?
 - If NOT, and assuming the initial equation is NOT wrong, find the error using dimensional analysis.

$$[M] = M \text{ (mass)}$$

$$[g] = L/T^2 \text{ (distance/time}^2\text{)}$$

$$[h] = L,$$

$$[\omega] = 1/T$$

$$[v] = L/T,$$

$$[R] = L$$

$$[I] = ML^2$$

$$Mgh = \frac{1}{2} Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$$

$$Mgh = \frac{1}{2} Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2} (MR^2)\omega^2$$

$$Mgh = \frac{1}{2} Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2} (MR^2) \left(\frac{v^2}{R} \right)^2$$

$$gh = \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{1}{2} v^4$$

Which of these ODEs for $y(t)$ are separable?

i) $y' = \frac{y^2}{t} - t$

ii) $y' = e^t \frac{y+1}{\sqrt{t}}$

iii) $y' = 3 - t$

A) none

B) i & ii

C) ii & iii

D) i & iii

E) all

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To think about: What order is it? Is it separable, or not?

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$$y'(x) + P(x)y(x) = Q(x)$$

Order?

Linear?

Homogeneous?

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1st order, linear,
NOT homogeneous (because of $Q(x)$)
NOT separable.

Still, there IS a general solution
(with one undetermined coefficient,
as befits a 1st order linear ODE!)

$$y(x) = e^{-I} \left(\text{constant} + \int Qe^I dx \right), \quad \text{with } I = \int P dx$$

Consider the equation $dv/dt = -k v$,
where v is velocity, t is time, and k is a constant.
What motion does this describe?

- A) a mass on a spring
- B) a mass in free-fall
- C) a moving mass with a drag force
- D) a moving mass with a driving force
- E) something else entirely!

Suppose you solve an ODE for a particle's motion, and find

$x(t) = c(t-t_0)$ What can you conclude?

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- D) ???

Suppose you solve an ODE for a particle's motion, and find $x(t) = bt^2$.

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Where are you now?

- A) Done with page 1
- B) Done with page 2
- C) Done with page 3

If you are done with page 3, try these:

Like in section IIc, find the terminal velocity of an object of mass m when air drag force is...

- 1) ...*quadratic* with respect to speed ($c_1 = 0, c_2 \neq 0$)
- 2) ...a combo of *both* linear *and* quadratic terms ($c_1 \neq 0, c_2 \neq 0$)

Finally, if you still have time, find an expression for $v(t)$ from part I. (You sketched this qualitatively in IB).
You will need to solve an ODE!

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- c) Define a *dimensionless velocity* V by the equation $V=v/V_0$, and rewrite the original ODE as an equation for V instead.
(This equation should contain NO parameters with dimensions, except where you have combinations of quantities that manifestly look dimensionless)

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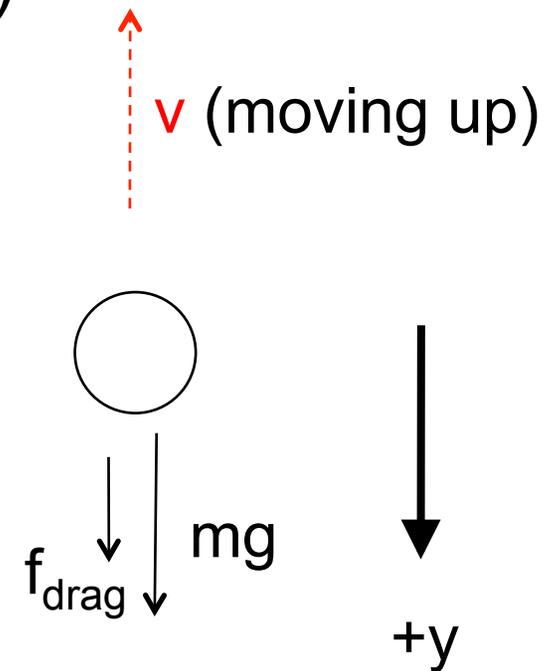
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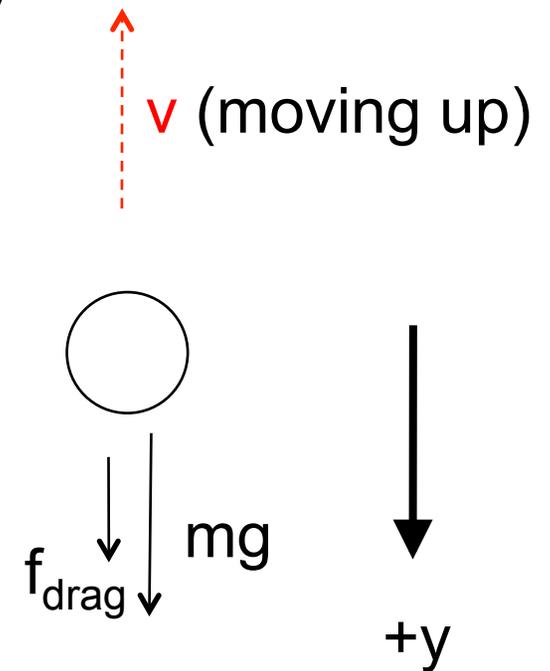
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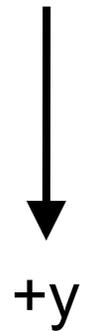
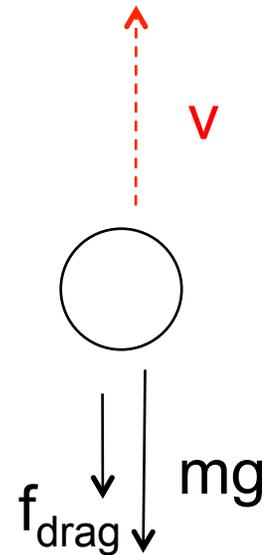


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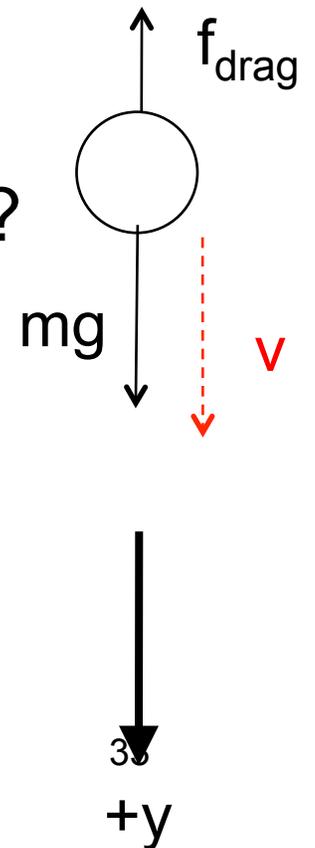
(Still define DOWN as the +y direction)

While moving *up*, the correct expression was:

$$m \, dv_y/dt = +mg - bv_y + cv_y^2$$

If the object is now moving **DOWN**,
which term(s) in that equation will change sign?

- A) mg (only)
- B) the linear term (only)
- C) the quadratic one (only)
- D) *more* than one term changes sign
- E) **NONE** of the terms changes sign.



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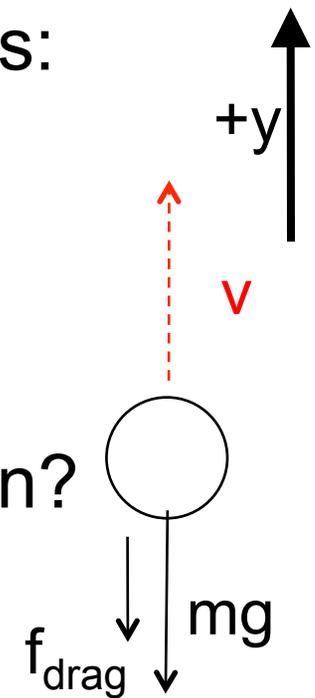
Back to moving *up*, the correct expression was:

$$m \, dv_y/dt = +mg - bv_y + cv_y^2$$

But, let's now define UP as the +y direction)

Which term(s) in that equation will change sign?

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Assuming you have two solid spheres made of the *same material*, but one has a larger diameter. When dropped in air, which one will reach the higher terminal velocity, the bigger one or the smaller one?

- A) The bigger one
- B) The smaller one
- C) both are the same
- D) ???

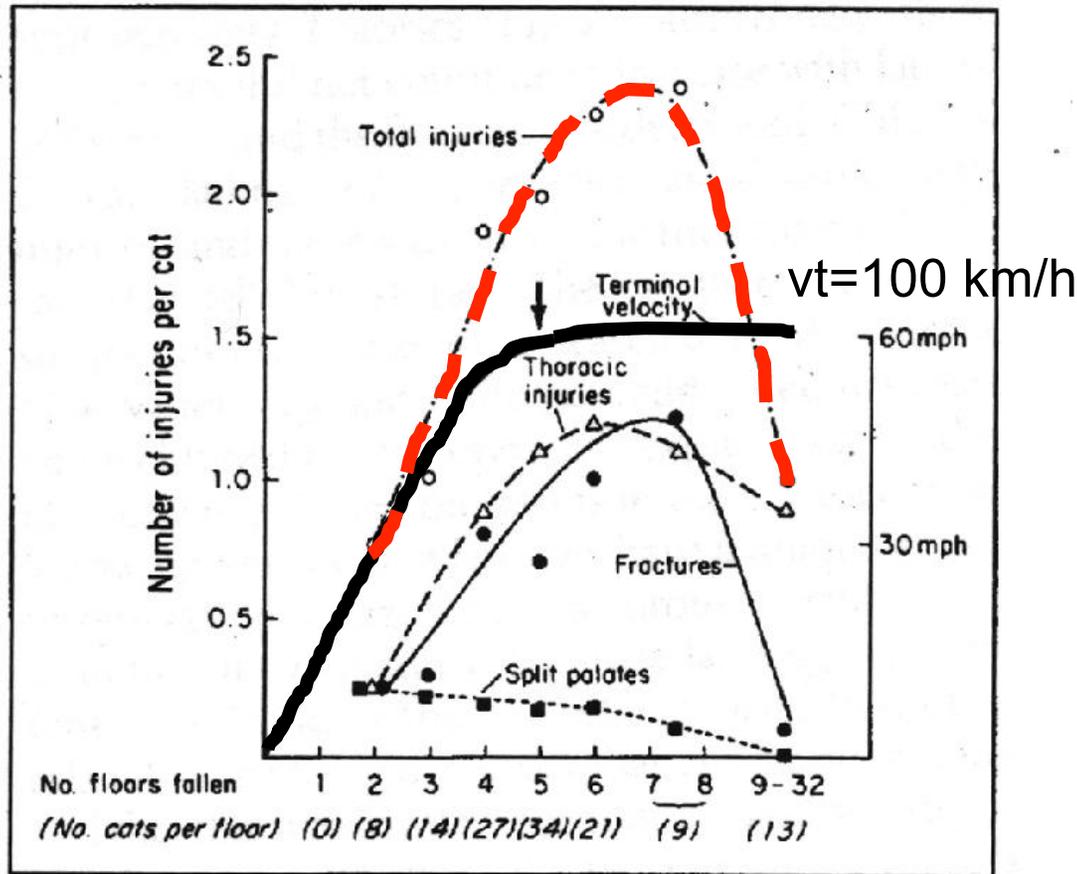
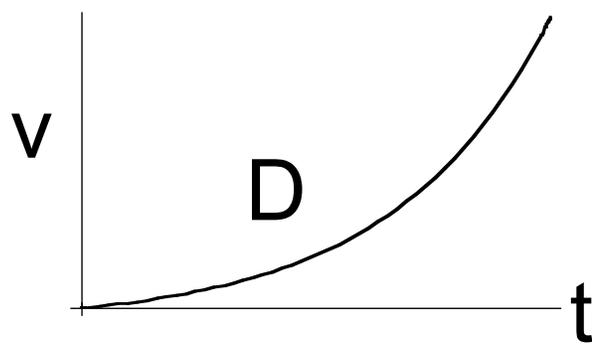
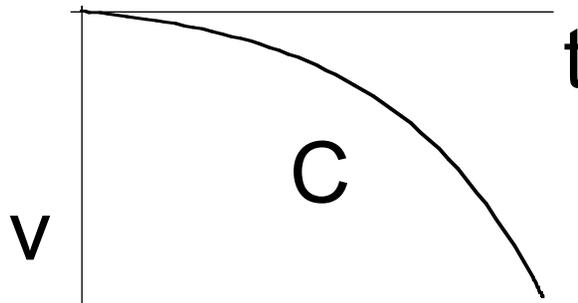
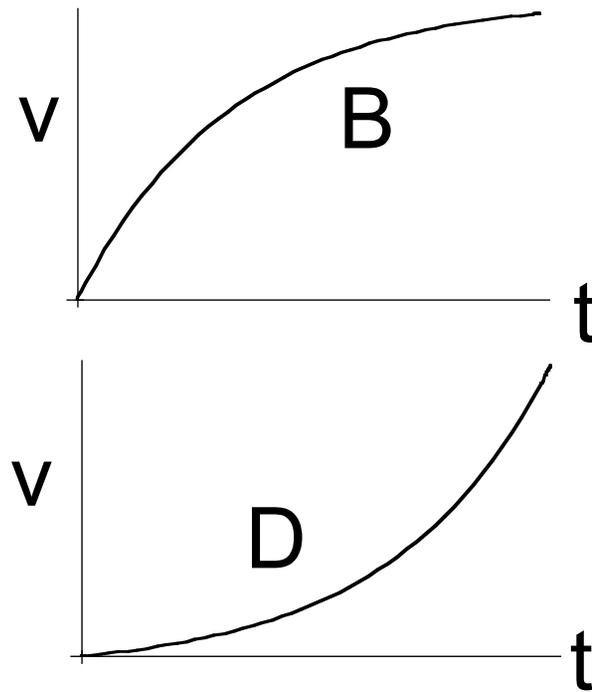
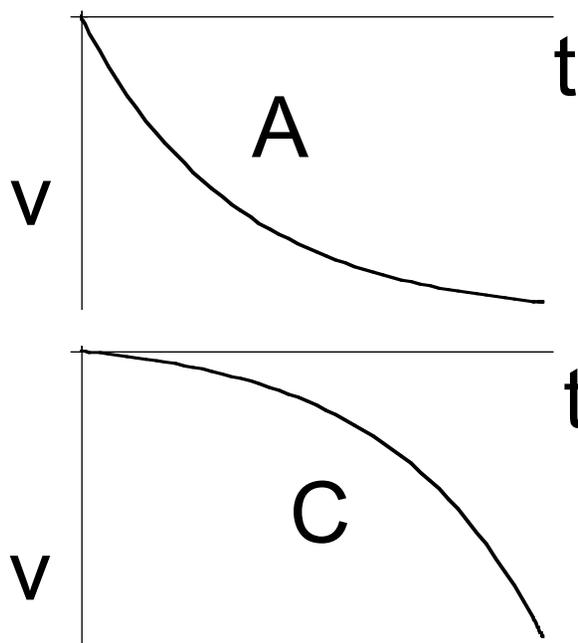


Figure 2—Relationship of injuries to distance fallen and velocity in 132 cats with high-rise syndrome: ↓ points to terminal velocity (—); total number of injuries/cat (○, - - - -); number of thoracic injuries (pulmonary contusions + pneumothorax)/cat (△, - - - -); number of fractures/cat (●, —); number of split palates/cat (■, - - - -).

The solution to the equation describing an object falling from rest with linear air drag was

$$v_y(t) = -v_t(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

Which figure best shows this sol'n?

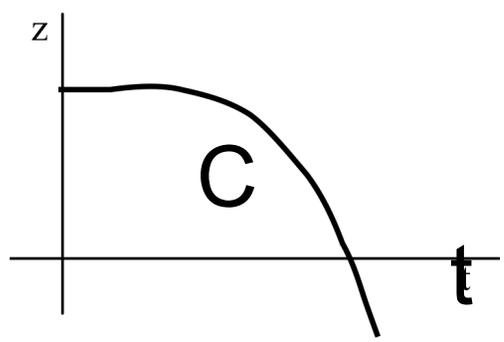
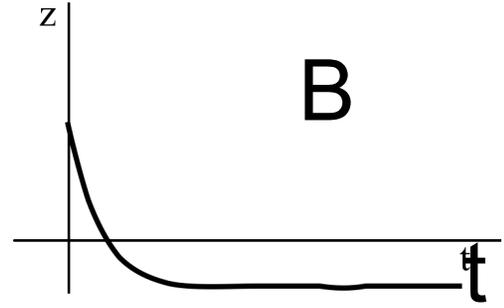
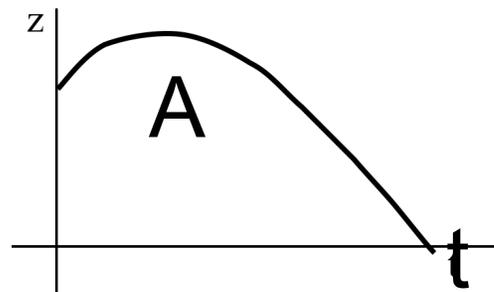


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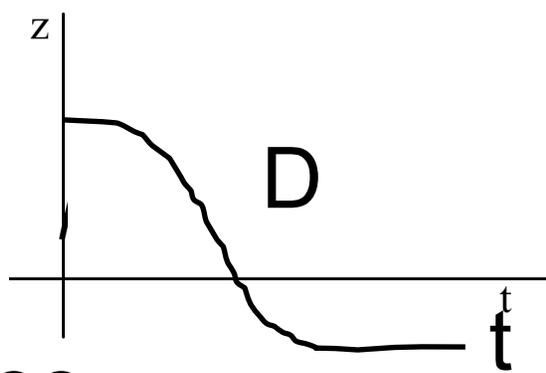
The solution to the eq'n describing an object falling from rest from $h > 0$ with linear air drag was

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Which figure best shows height, $y(t)$?

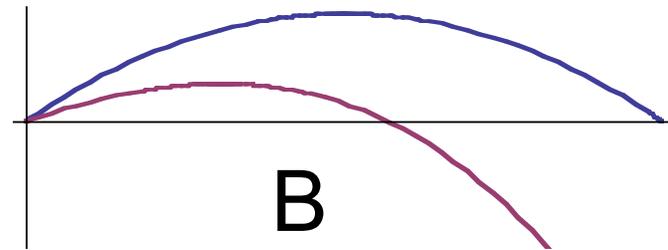
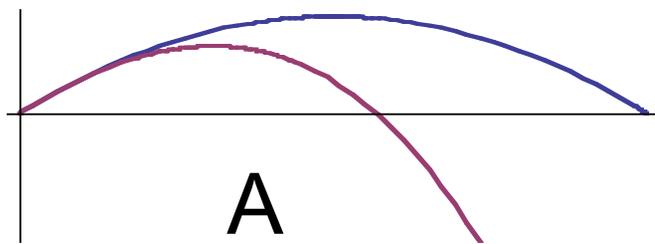


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Which of these two plots seems more realistic for a tennis ball trajectory, comparing (in each graph) the path with (purple), and without (blue), drag.



C) Neither of these is remotely correct!

With quadratic air drag, $v(t)=v_0/(1+t/\tau)$
where $\tau=m/(cv_0)$, and $c=(1/2)c_0 A \rho_{\text{air}}$.
(For a human on a bike, c is of order .2 in SI units)

Can you confirm that c is about 0.2? (c_0 is ~ 1 for non-aerodynamic things, and $\sim .1$ for very- aerodynamic things.)

Roughly how long does it take for a cyclist on the flats to drift down from $v_0=10$ m/s (22 mi/hr) to ~ 1 m/s?

- A) a couple seconds
- B) a couple minutes
- C) a couple hours
- D) none of these is even close.

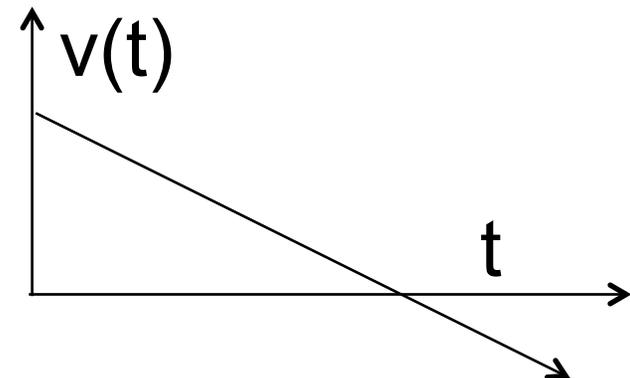
In real life, the answer is shorter than this formula would imply. Why?

A tennis ball is hit directly upwards with initial speed v_0 . Compare the time T to reach the top (height H) to the time and height in an ideal (vacuum) world.

- A) $T > T_{\text{vacuum}}$, $H \approx H_{\text{vacuum}}$
- B) $T > T_{\text{vacuum}}$, $H < H_{\text{vacuum}}$
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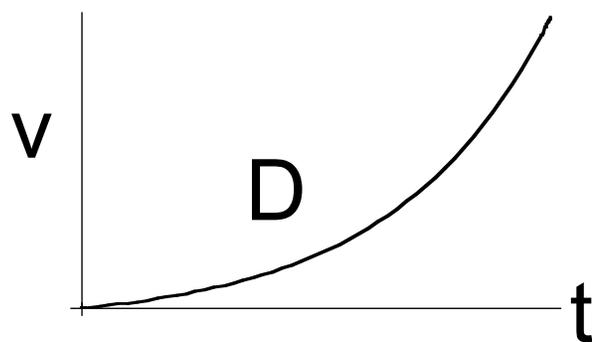
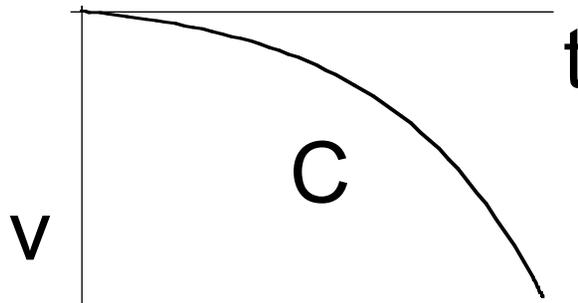
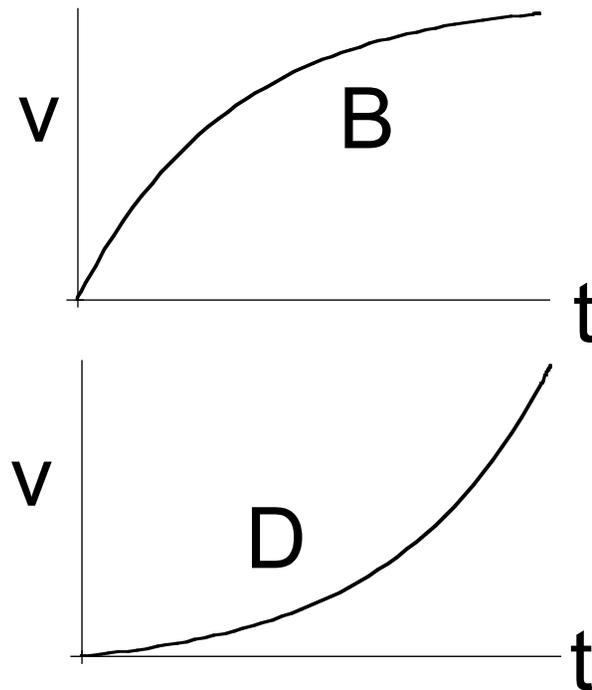
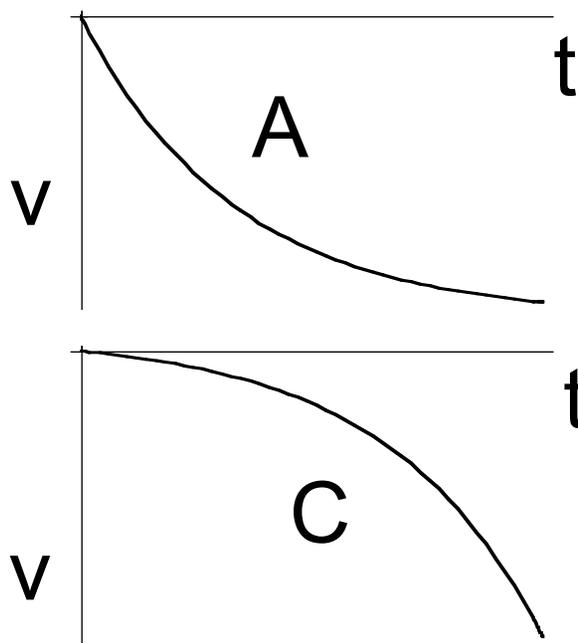
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The solution to the equation describing an object falling from rest with quadratic air drag was

$$v_y(t) = -v_t \tanh(gt/v_t)$$

Which figure best shows this sol'n?



E) Other/???

An object is launched directly upwards with initial speed v_0 .

Compare the time t_1 to reach the top to the time t_2 to return back to the starting height.

A) $t_1 > t_2$

B) $t_1 = t_2$

C) $t_1 < t_2$

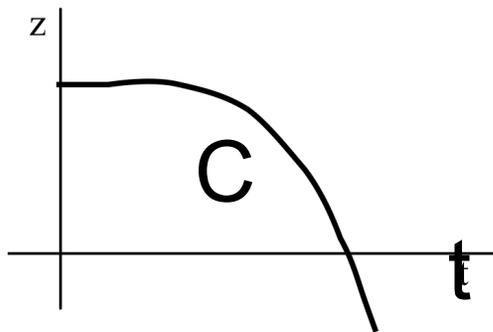
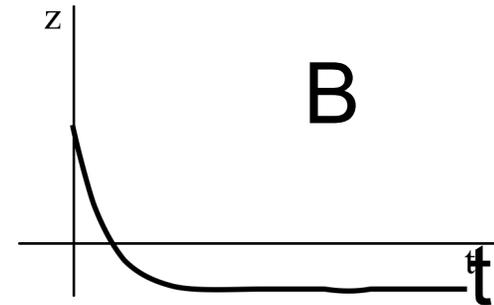
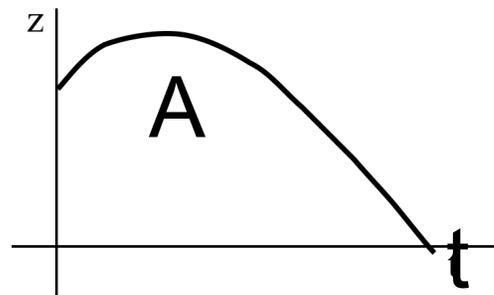
D) Answer depends on whether v_0 exceeds v_t or not.

If you add linear drag, what happens (qualitatively) to the horizontal range of a projectile (with angle fixed)? Why?

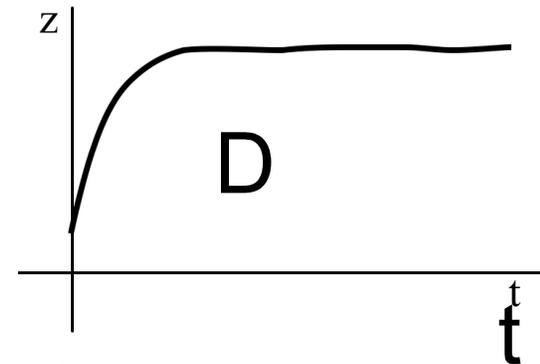
The solution to the eq'n describing an object thrown up from $h > 0$ with linear air drag was

$$v(t) = -g\tau + \tau(v_0/\tau + g)e^{-t/\tau}$$

Which figure best shows height, $z(t)$?



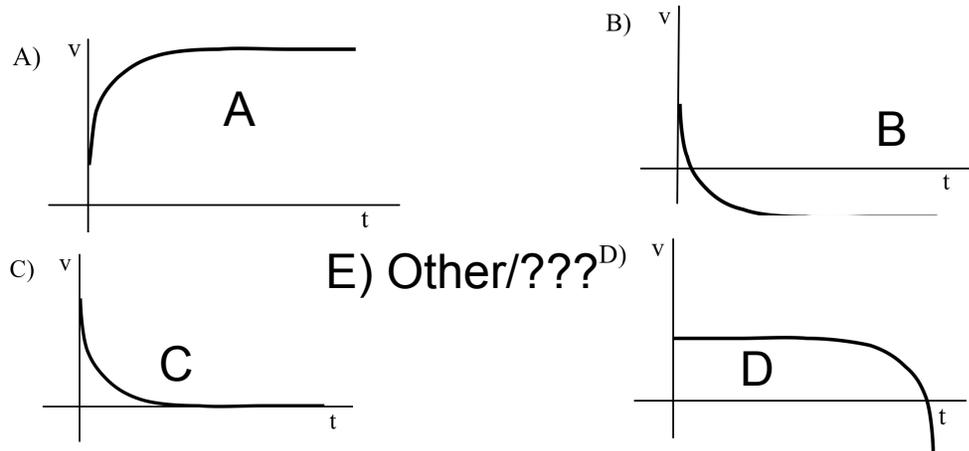
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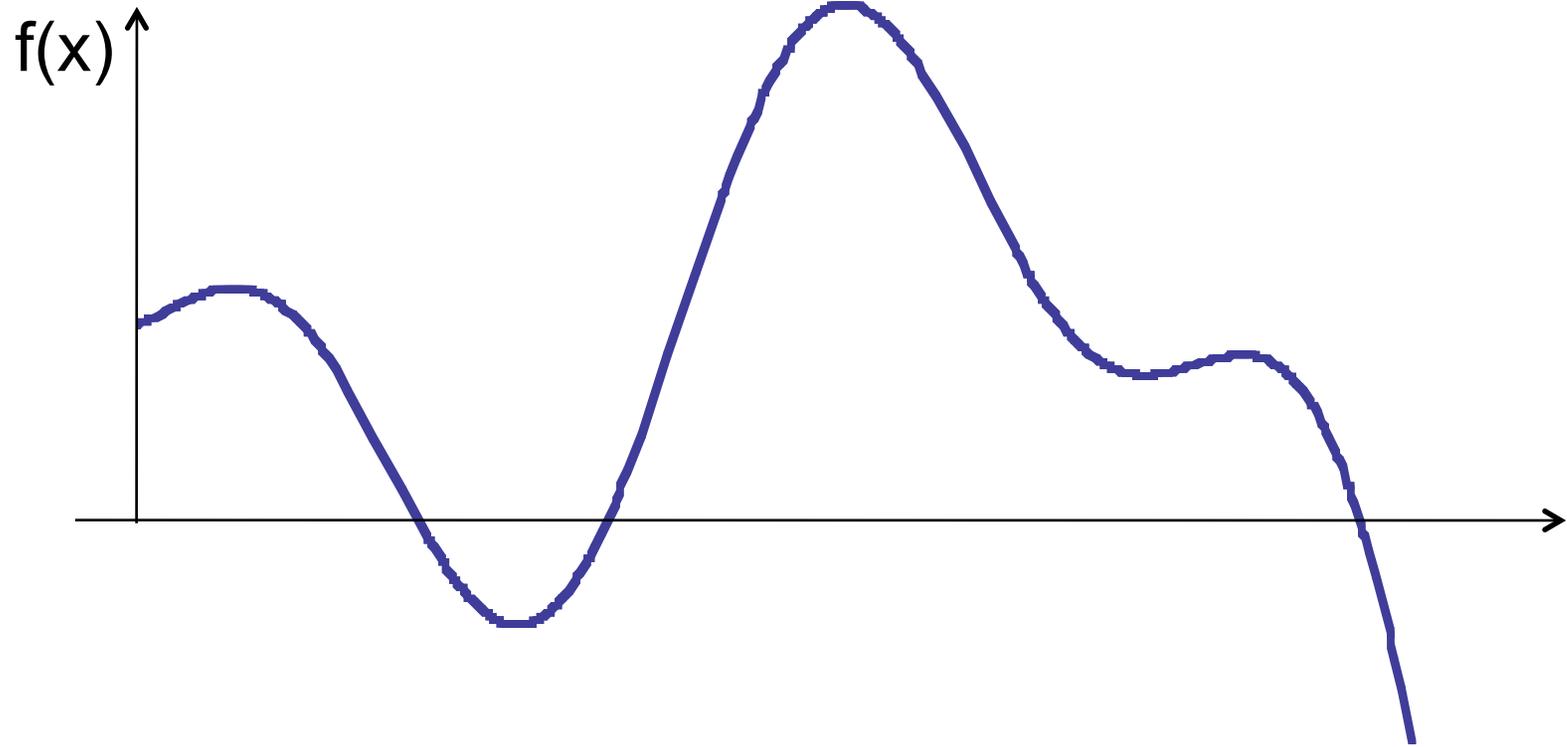
The solution for an object moving horizontally with linear air drag was
 $v(t) = v_0 e^{-t/\tau}$ if $v(t=0) = v_0 > 0$

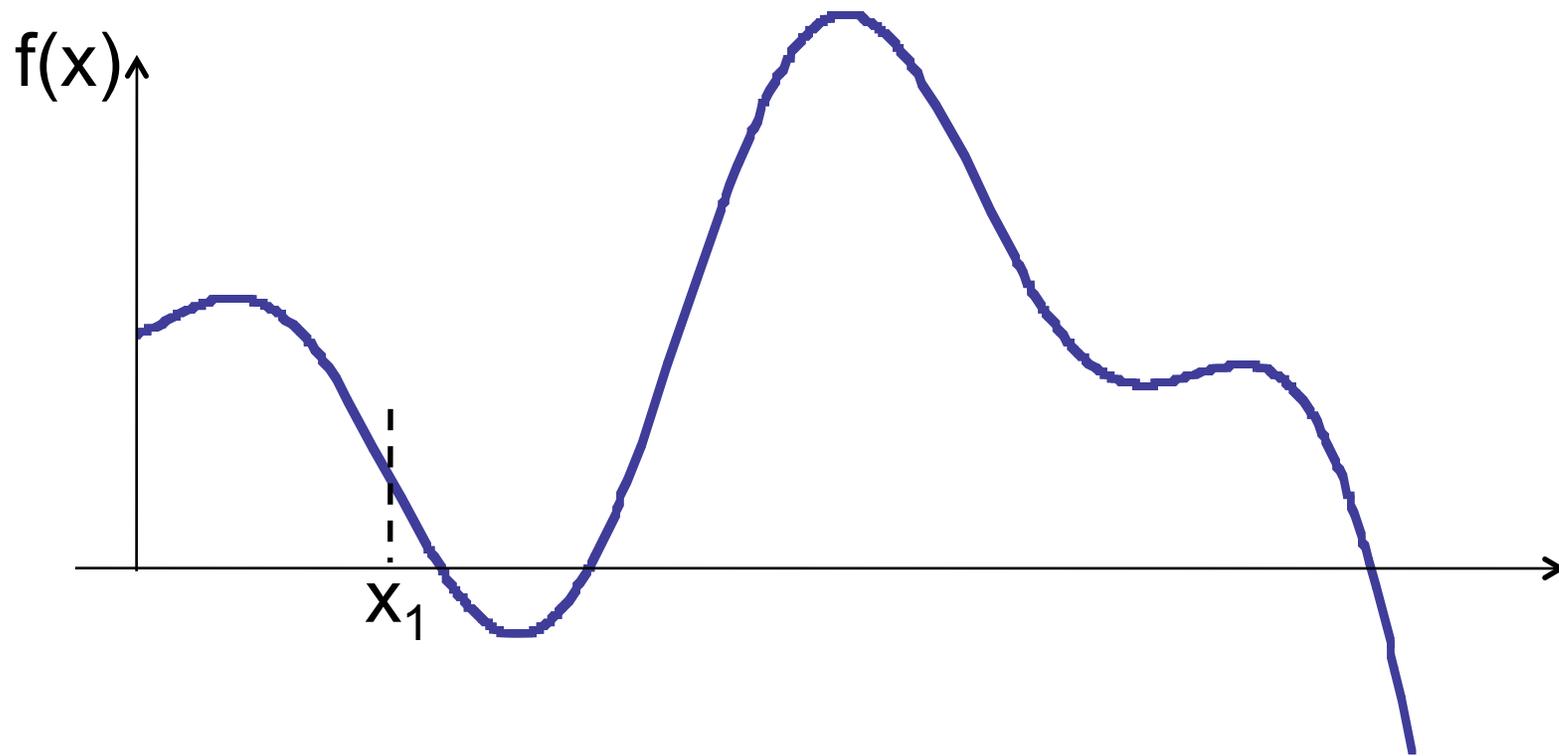
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If you add linear drag,
what happens (qualitatively) to the horizontal
range of a projectile (with angle and v_0 fixed)?

- A) It goes down (because of the horizontal drag)
- B) It goes up (because it's in the air *longer!*)
- C) It could go either way, depending... (the two reasons above make it ambiguous)





If we expand $f(x)$ around point x_1 in a Taylor series,
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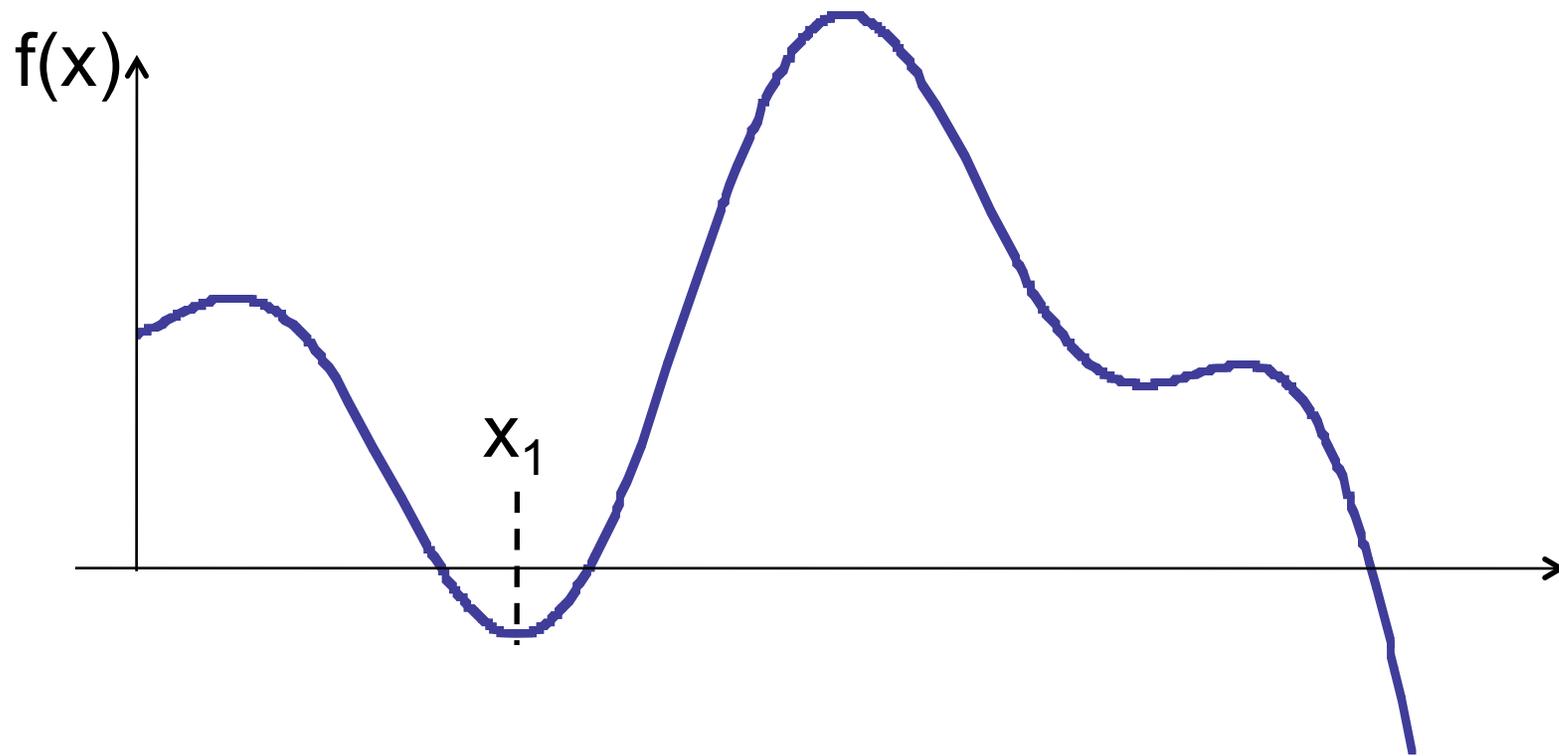
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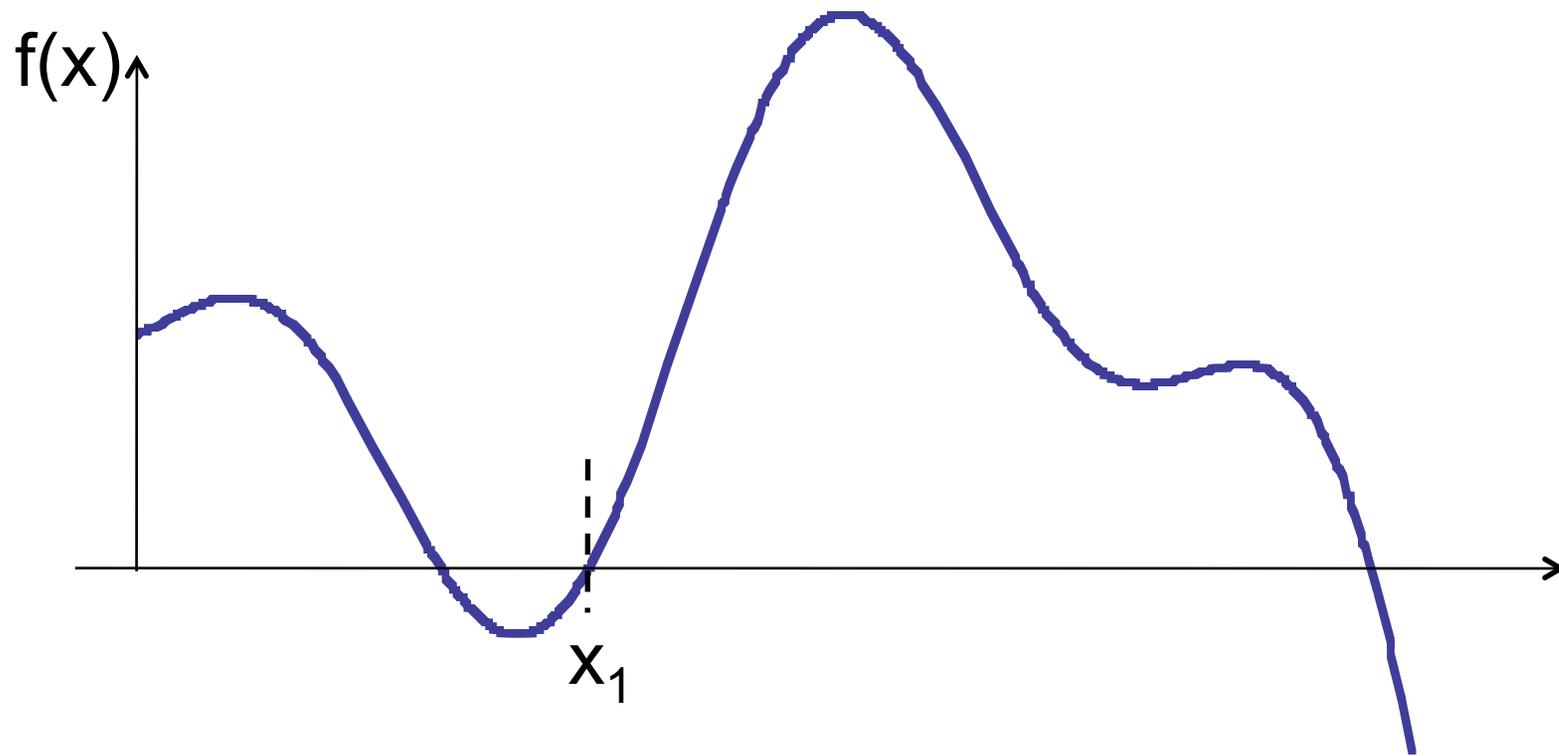
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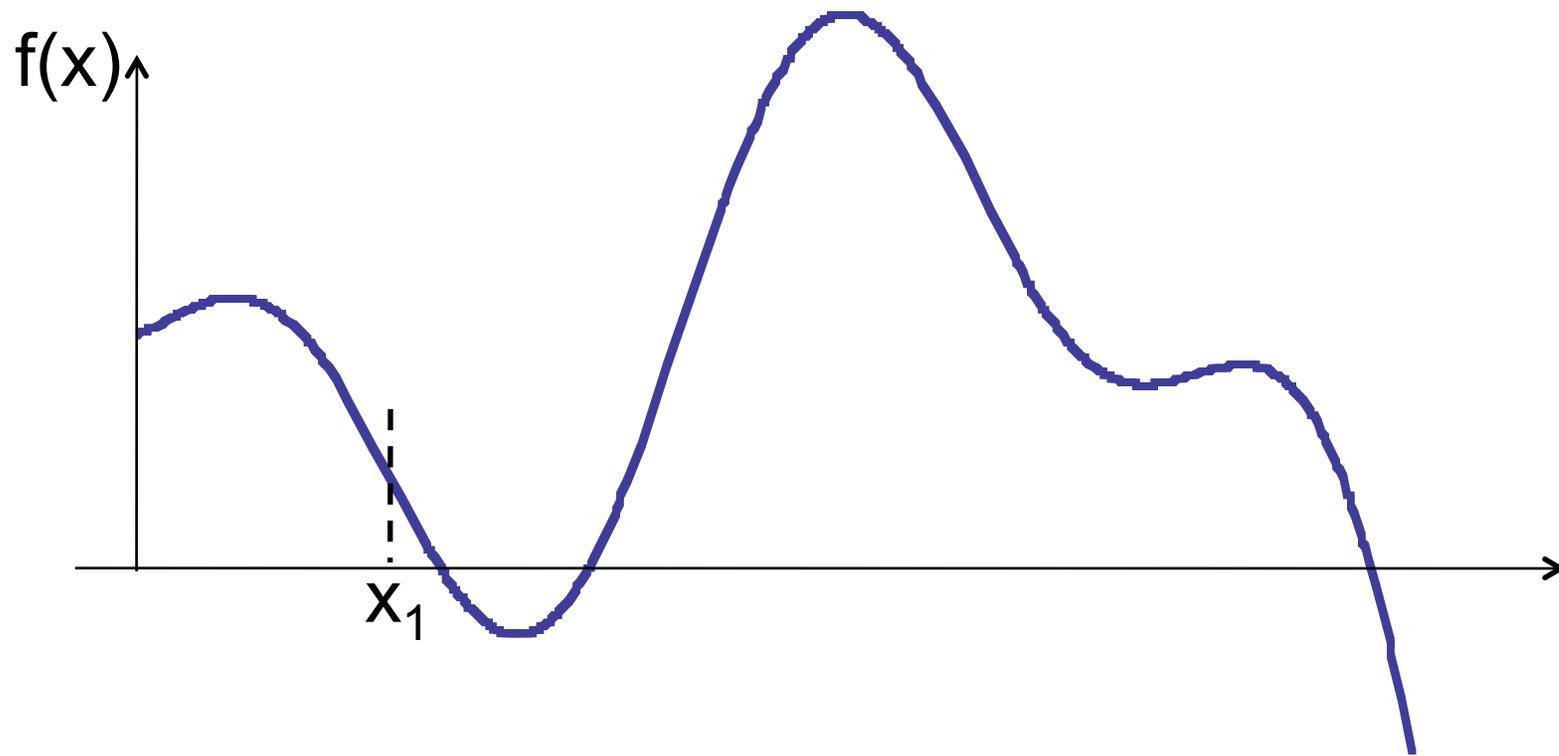
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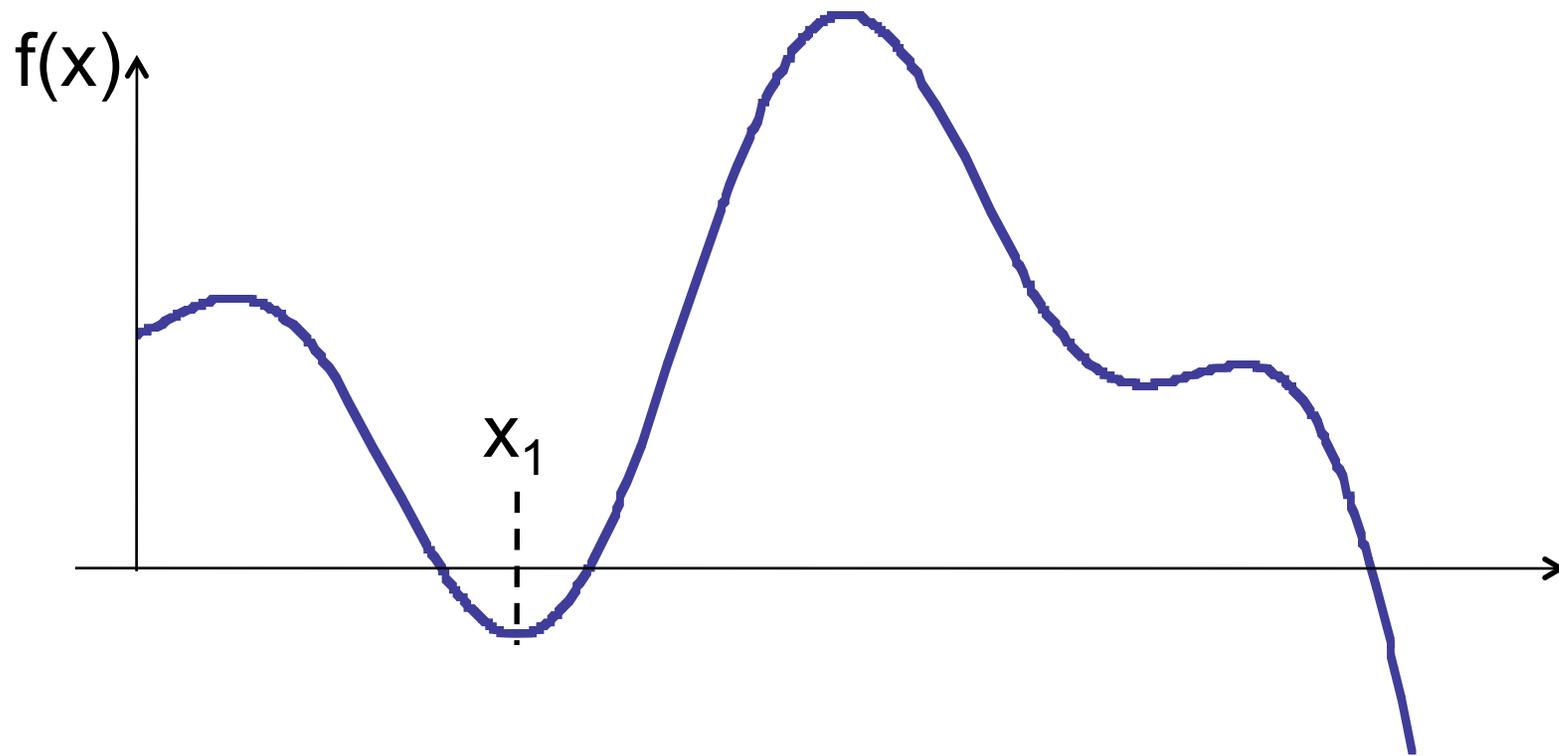
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|---|---------------------------|
| A) a_0 is +, a_1 is + | B) a_0 is +, a_1 is - |
| C) a_0 is -, a_1 is + | D) a_0 is -, a_1 is - |
| E) Other! (Something is 0, or it's unclear) | |



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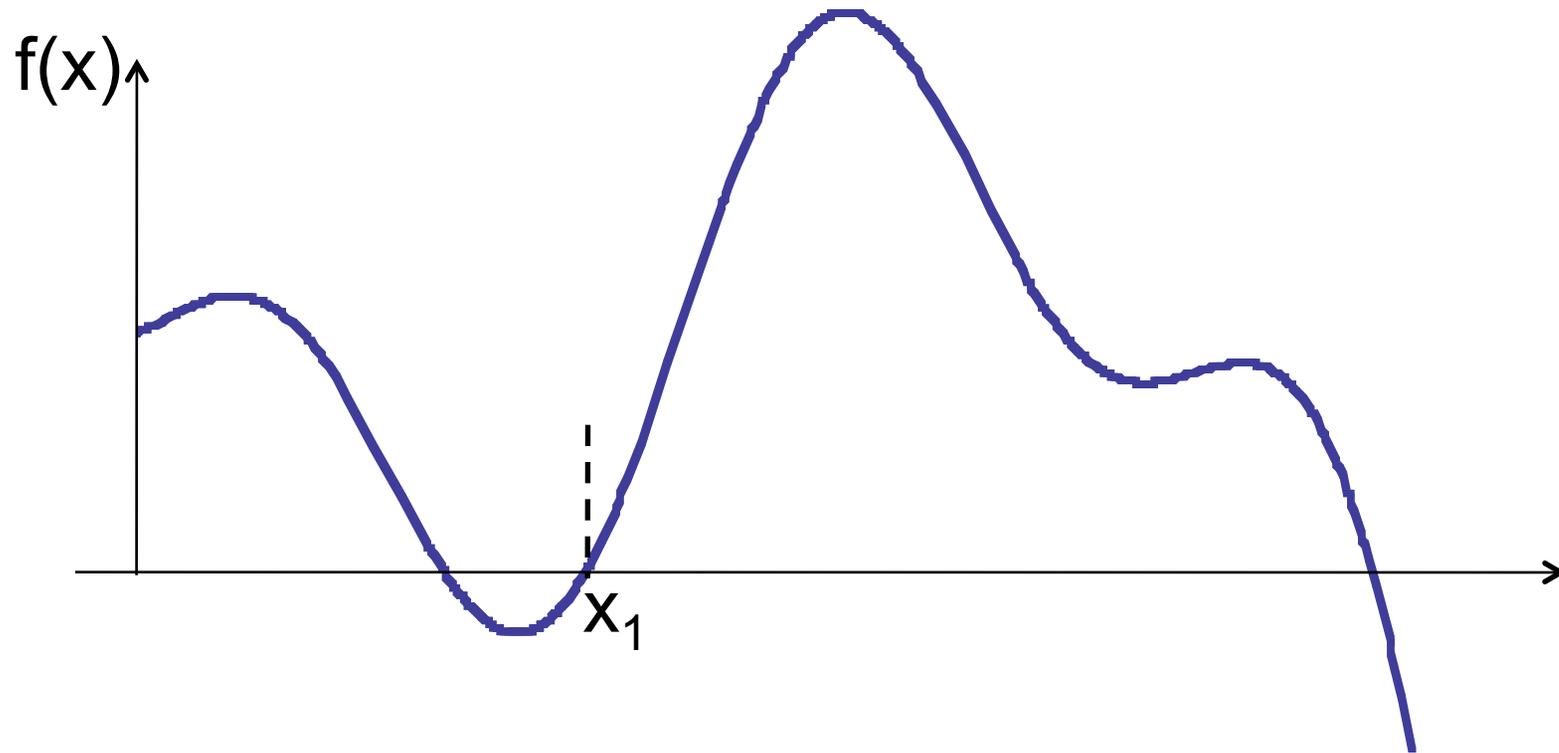
- A) $+$ (?) B) $-$ (?) C) 0 (?)
D) ????? How could we possibly tell this without a formula?



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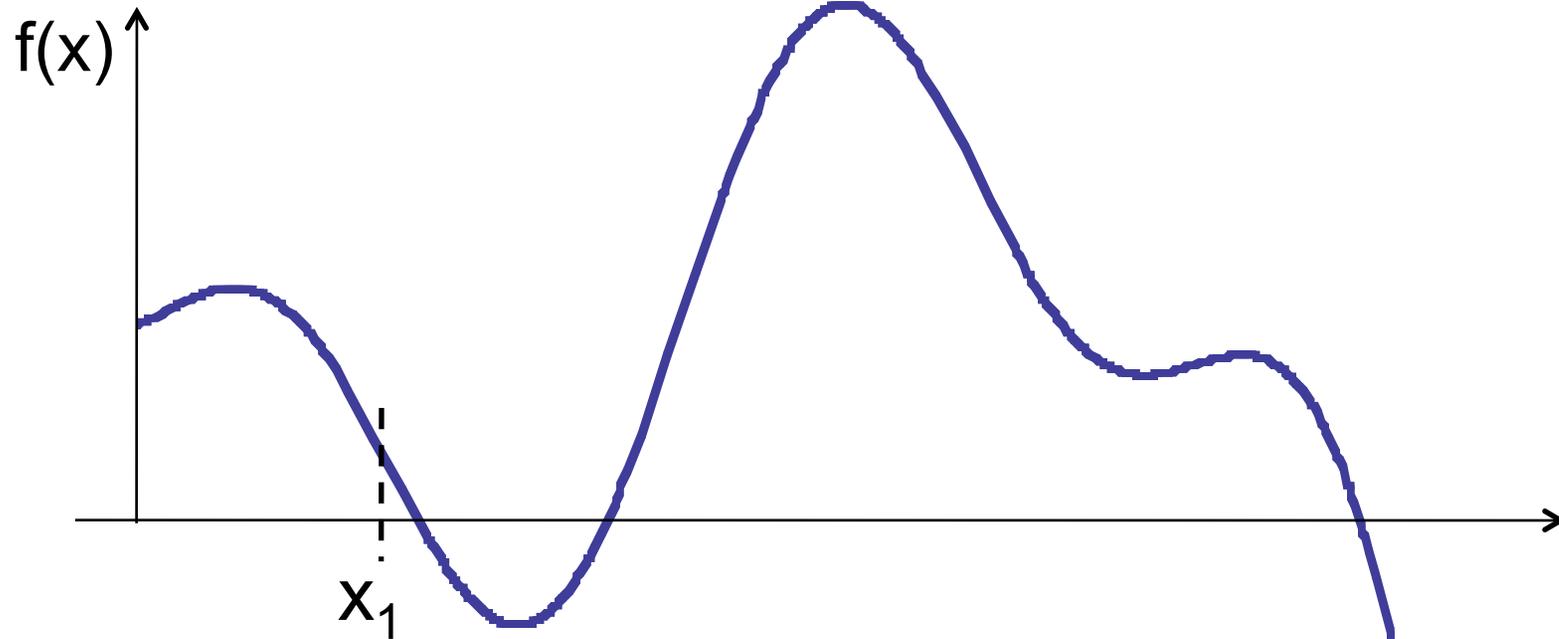
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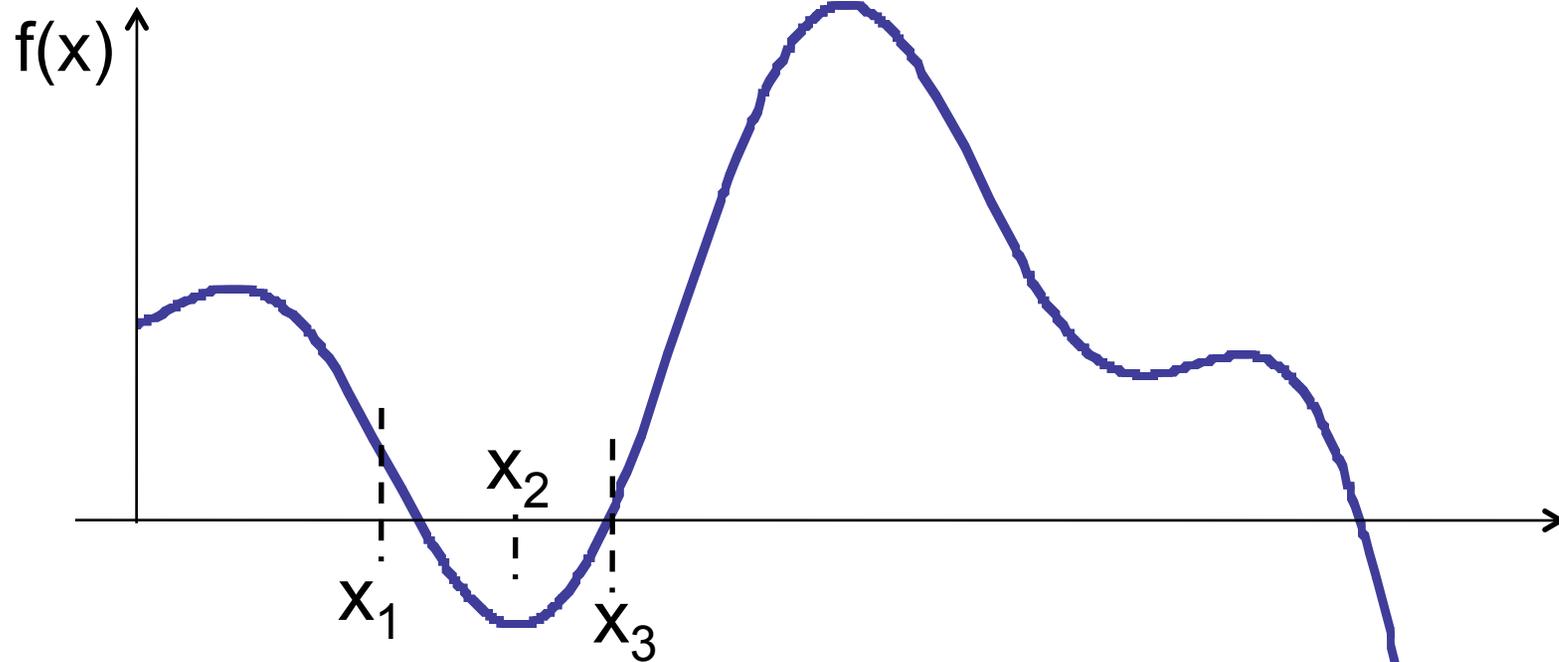
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If time – try it about the BOTTOM point of the curve, or the first zero crossing...



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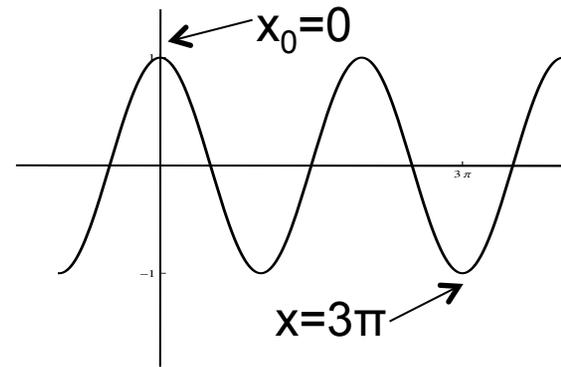
Repeat for the other two points.

$$f(x) = \cos(x).$$

If $x_0 = 0$, will the full Maclaurin series expansion produce the exact value for $\cos(3\pi) = -1$?

$$\cos(3\pi) \stackrel{?}{=} \cos(0) + \left. \frac{d \cos(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=0} (3\pi) + \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2 \cos(x)}{dx^2} \right|_0 (3\pi)^2 + \dots$$

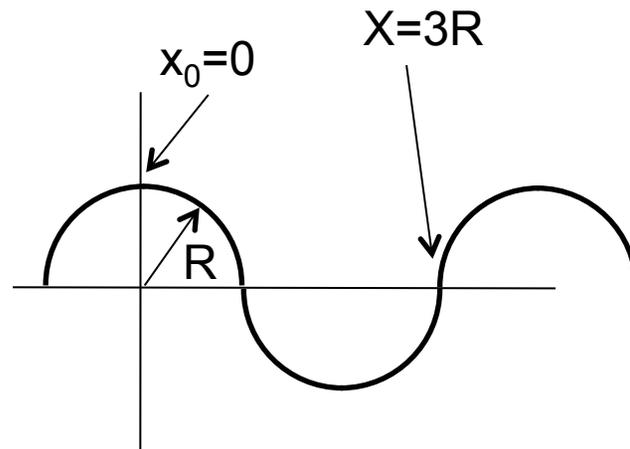
- A) Yes
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- C) Close, but not exact



Consider $f(x)$, composed of an infinite series of semicircles.

If $x_0=0$, will the Maclaurin series expansion produce the correct value for $f(3R)=0$?

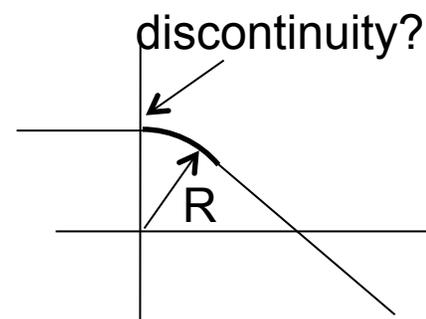
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Consider $f(x)$, which is a quarter-circle joining two straight lines. Near $x=0$:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} R, & x < 0 \\ \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- A) $f(x)$ is discontin. at $x=0$
- B) $f'(x)$ is discontin. at $x=0$
- C) $f''(x)$ is discontin. at $x=0$
- D) Some higher deriv is discontin. at $x=0$
- E) f and all higher derivs are continuous at $x=0$.



Where are you now?

- A) Done with page 1
- B) Done with page 2
- C) Done with page 3

If you are done with page 3, try these:

Rewrite your code to solve for $v[t]$ for an object falling with quadratic drag force.

(You used `NDSolve` to do this for the falling penny - now you know, roughly what `NDSolve` was doing!)

Does the Taylor Series expansion
 $\cos(\theta) = 1 - \theta^2/2! + \theta^4/4! + \dots$
apply for θ measured in

- A) degrees
- B) radians
- C) either
- D) neither

What are the first few terms of the Taylor Series expansion for e^x (about $x=0$)?

A) $e^x = 1 + x^2 / 2! + x^4 / 4! + \dots$

B) $e^x = 1 - x^2 / 2! + x^4 / 4! + \dots$

C) $e^x = 1 + x + x^2 / 2! + x^3 / 3! + \dots$

D) $e^x = 1 - x + x^2 / 2! - x^3 / 3! + \dots$

E) **Something else!!**

What is the start of the Taylor series expansion for $\sqrt{1+x}$, if x is small?

A) $1 + \sqrt{x} + \dots$

B) $1 + x + \dots$

C) $1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \dots$

D) $1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \dots$

E) Something entirely different!

While you're at it.... What's the NEXT term?

What is the next term in the binomial expansion for $\sqrt{1+\varepsilon} \approx 1 + \varepsilon/2 + \dots$?

A) ε^2

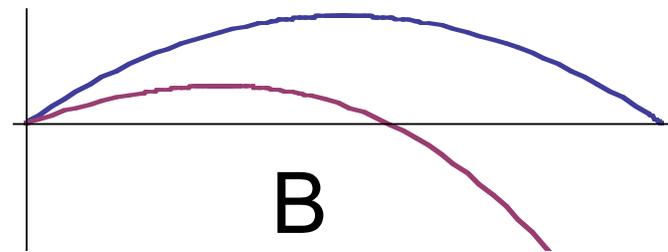
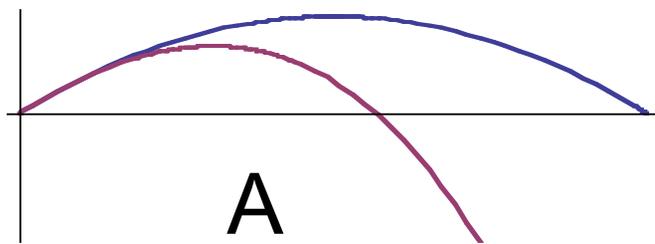
B) $\varepsilon^2 / 2$

C) $\varepsilon^2 / 4$

D) $\varepsilon^2 / 8$

E) Something else

Which of these two plots seems more realistic for a tennis ball trajectory, comparing (in each graph) the path with (purple), and without (blue), drag.



C) Neither of these is remotely correct!