

ASSIGNMENT I

- ① A plate (flat) of mass m falling freely in air with velocity v is subjected to a downward gravitational force and an upward frictional drag force due to air. If the drag force, F_D is given by equation

$$F_D = \frac{0.3v^2}{500 + (lv)^3} - 0.02v \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and the terminal velocity v reached when the drag force equals the gravitational force, that is: $F_D = mg$ --- (2) taking the values of m and g to be 3.5kg and 9.8m/s² respectively; Using a guess value of $v_0 = 0.5$ m/s and employing fixed-point iteration method, develop a MATLAB program to estimate the terminal velocity. Take the absolute percentage relative tolerance to be less than or equal to $1E-11$

Soln

$$F_D = \frac{0.3v^2}{500 + (lv)^3} - 0.02v \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$F_D = mg = 3.5 \times 9.8 = 34.3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Equating ① and ②

$$mg = 34.3 = \frac{0.3v^2}{500 + (lv)^3} - 0.02v$$

making v^2 subject of formula

$$34.3 + 0.02v = \frac{0.3v^2}{500 + (lv)^3}$$

$$0.3v^2 = (34.3 + 0.02v) * (500 + (lv)^3)$$

$$v^2 = (34.3 + 0.02v) * (500 + (lv)^3) / 0.3$$

$$v = \sqrt{(34.3 + 0.02v) * (500 + (lv)^3) / 0.3}$$

Initial guess value $\Rightarrow v_0 = 0.5$ m/s

Absolute % relative error, $\epsilon_a(T+1) \leq 1E-11$

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- 1- Command Window
- 2- Clear
- 3- Clc
- 4- Close all
- 5- Format short g
- 6- Syms v
- 7- $v = 0.5$
- 8- \square for $i = 1 : \text{inf}$
- 9- $\text{iter}(i+1) = i$;
- 10- $v(i+1) = (((34.3 + (0.02 * v(i)))) * (500 + \log(v(i)) * 13)) / 0.3105$;
- 11- $Ea(i+1) = \text{abs}((v(i+1) - v(i)) / v(i+1)) * 100$;
- 12- if $Ea(i+1) \leq 1e-11$
- 13- break
- 14- end
- 15- end

table = ['iter' v' Ea']

The estimated terminal velocity is 304.07 m/s.

Substituting in eqn (1) $T_0 = 34.3$.