

Homework #4 Due, class time 2/22

1. You fire a projectile up. If the force of air resistance is $-kmv$, find an expression for how long it takes to reach its maximum height. By making an expansion, or otherwise, check that when $k \rightarrow 0$ it becomes the expected expression for no air resistance.
2. A child on a sled starts at rest and slides down a slope 30 degrees to the horizontal for a distance of 100m (measured along the slope), and then slides a further 100m along the level before friction eventually brings him to a stop. Calculate the coefficient of friction between the sled and the snow.
3. Find whether these forces are conservative, and if they are, find the potential, U , that corresponds to each force (a, b and c are constants).

a) $\mathbf{F} = (ayz + bx + c)\mathbf{i} + (axz + bz)\mathbf{j} + (axy + by)\mathbf{k}$

b) $\mathbf{F} = x^2y\mathbf{i} + y^2x\mathbf{j}$