Problem: A jet airplane with a mass of 5 Mg has a touchdown speed of $300 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, at which instant the braking parachute is deployed and the power shut off. If the total drag on the aircraft varies with velocity as shown in the
 accompanying graph, calculate the distance $x$ along the runway and time required to reduce the speed to $150 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Approximate the variation of drag by an equation of the form $D=k v^{2}$, where $k$ is a constant.


## Solution:

$\sum F_{x}=m a_{x}:-D=m a_{x} \rightarrow a_{x}=-\frac{k}{m} v^{2}$
Value of the constant $k$ is found from the $D-v$ graph:
For $v=300 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h} \rightarrow \mathrm{D}=120 \mathrm{kN}: k\left(\frac{300}{3.6}\right)^{2}=120 \cdot 10^{3} \rightarrow k=17.28 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$
Distance and time can be found exactly by integration as shown below:

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\begin{aligned}
& a_{x} d x=v d v \rightarrow-\frac{k}{m} \int_{0}^{x} d x=\int_{v_{0}}^{v_{1}} \frac{d v}{v} \rightarrow-\frac{k}{m} x=\ln \frac{v_{1}}{v_{0}} \\
& \Rightarrow x=\frac{m}{k} \ln \frac{v_{0}}{v_{1}}=\frac{5000}{17.28} \ln \frac{300}{150}=200.56 m \\
& v(x)=v_{0} \exp \left(-\frac{k x}{m}\right)=\frac{d x}{d t} \rightarrow v_{0} \int_{0}^{t} d t=\int_{0}^{x} e^{k x / m} d x \rightarrow v_{0} t=\frac{m}{k}\left[e^{k x / m}-1\right] \\
& \Rightarrow t=\frac{5000}{(17.28)(300 / 3.6)}[2-1]=3.47 s
\end{aligned}
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Alternative solution:

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\begin{aligned}
& a=\frac{d v}{d t} \rightarrow-\frac{k}{m} v^{2}=\frac{d v}{d t} \rightarrow-\frac{k}{m} \int_{0}^{t} d t=\int_{v_{0}}^{v_{1}} \frac{d v}{v^{2}} \rightarrow-\frac{k}{m} t=\frac{1}{v_{0}}-\frac{1}{v_{1}} \\
& \Rightarrow t=\frac{5000}{17.28}\left[\frac{1}{(150 / 3.6)}-\frac{1}{(300 / 3.6)}\right]=3.472 \bar{s}
\end{aligned}
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v(t)=\frac{1}{\frac{1}{v_{0}}+\frac{k}{m} t}=\frac{d x}{d t} \rightarrow \int_{0}^{x} d x=\int_{0}^{t} \frac{d t}{\frac{1}{v_{0}}+\frac{k}{m} t} \rightarrow x(t)=\frac{m}{k} \ln \left[1+\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right]
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\Rightarrow x(3.47 \overline{2} s)=\frac{5000}{17.28} \ln \left[1+\frac{(17.28)\left(\frac{300}{3.6}\right)}{5000}(3.472)\right]=\frac{5000}{17.28} \ln 2=200.56 \mathrm{~m}
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Although not asked series expansions and graphs of position, velocity and acceleration are given below:
$x(t)=\frac{m}{k} \ln \left[1+\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right]=\frac{m}{k}\left[\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{3}-\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{4}+\cdots\right]$
$v(t)=\frac{1}{\frac{1}{v_{0}}+\frac{k}{m} t}=\frac{v_{0}}{1+\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t}=v_{0}\left[1-\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t+\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{2}-\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{3}+\cdots\right]$
$a(t)=-\frac{k / m}{\left(\frac{1}{v_{0}}+\frac{k}{m} t\right)^{2}}=-\frac{k v_{0}^{2} / m}{\left(1+\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{2}}=-\frac{k v_{0}^{2}}{m}\left[1-2 \frac{k v_{0}}{m} t+3\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{2}-4\left(\frac{k v_{0}}{m} t\right)^{3}+\cdots\right]$

## x-t graph:



## v -t graph:


a-t graph:


