

Question 36011

Let a denote the acceleration due to gravity on the planet. If objects initial velocity was zero, then law of motion is $y(t) = h - \frac{at^2}{2}$. If $y(t) = 0$ (object has already fallen), then

$$h = \frac{at^2}{2} \Rightarrow a = \frac{2h}{t^2} = \frac{2 \cdot 54 \text{ m}}{3^2 \text{ s}^2} = 12 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} .$$

Hence, acceleration due to gravity on the planet is $a = 12 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$.