

61. (a) The maximum height reached is h . The thermal energy generated by air resistance as the stone rises to this height is $\Delta E_{\text{th}} = fh$ by Eq. 8-29. We use energy conservation in the form of Eq. 8-31 (with $W = 0$):

$$K_f + U_f + \Delta E_{\text{th}} = K_i + U_i$$

and we take the potential energy to be zero at the throwing point (ground level). The initial kinetic energy is $K_i = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2$, the initial potential energy is $U_i = 0$, the final kinetic energy is $K_f = 0$, and the final potential energy is $U_f = wh$. Thus $wh + fh = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2$, and we solve for the height:

$$h = \frac{mv_0^2}{2(w+f)} = \frac{wv_0^2}{2g(w+f)} = \frac{v_0^2}{2g(1+f/w)} .$$

- (b) We notice that the force of the air is downward on the trip up and upward on the trip down, since it is opposite to the direction of motion. Over the entire trip the increase in thermal energy is $\Delta E_{\text{th}} = 2fh$. The final kinetic energy is $K_f = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, where v is the speed of the stone just before it hits the ground. The final potential energy is $U_f = 0$. Thus, using Eq. 8-31 (with $W = 0$), we find

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + 2fh = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 .$$

We substitute the expression found for h to obtain

$$-\frac{2fv_0^2}{2g(1+f/w)} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2$$

which leads to

$$v^2 = v_0^2 - \frac{2fv_0^2}{mg(1+f/w)} = v_0^2 - \frac{2fv_0^2}{w(1+f/w)} = v_0^2 \left(1 - \frac{2f}{w+f}\right) = v_0^2 \frac{w-f}{w+f}$$

where w was substituted for mg and some algebraic manipulations were carried out. Therefore,

$$v = v_0 \sqrt{\frac{w-f}{w+f}} .$$