

9. [8 points] This problem concerns a rocket that has been launched and is ascending. You may assume the acceleration due to gravity is  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

Because it is burning fuel, the rocket's mass is decreasing. Let  $m(h)$  be the mass (in kg) of the rocket during its ascent when it is at a height of  $h$  meters above the ground.

- a. [2 points] Suppose  $\Delta h$  is small. Write an expression (not involving integrals) in terms of  $m$  and  $h$  that approximates the work (in joules) required for the rocket to ascend from a height of  $h$  meters above the ground to a height of  $h + \Delta h$  meters above the ground.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mass at height } h &= m(h) \\ \text{weight " " " } &= m(h)g \\ \text{dist to lift rocket} &= \Delta h \\ \therefore \text{work " " " } &= m(h)g \Delta h = \boxed{9.8 m(h) \Delta h \text{ joules}} \end{aligned}$$

- b. [2 points] Write, but do **not** evaluate, an integral that gives the total work (in joules) required for the rocket to ascend from a height of 100 meters above the ground to a height of 2500 meters above the ground.

$$\int_{100}^{2500} 9.8 m(h) dh$$

Let  $v(h)$  be the rocket's velocity (in m/s) when it is at a height of  $h$  meters above the ground.

- c. [2 points] Suppose  $\Delta h$  is small. Write an expression (not involving integrals) in terms of  $v$  and  $h$  that approximates the time (in seconds) it takes for the rocket to ascend from a height of  $h$  meters above the ground to a height of  $h + \Delta h$  meters above the ground.

$$v(h) = \frac{dh}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta t} \quad \text{so} \quad \boxed{\Delta t \approx \frac{\Delta h}{v(h)}}$$

- d. [2 points] Write, but do **not** evaluate, an integral that gives the total time (in seconds) it takes for the rocket to ascend from a height of 100 meters above the ground to a height of 2500 meters above the ground.

$$\int_{100}^{2500} \frac{dh}{v(h)}$$