

Particle Motion Practice

The **POSITION** of a moving particle on a coordinate line is given by the function,

$$s(t) = -t^3 - 4t^2 + 60t$$

where t is measured in minutes and $s(t)$ is inches.

The **VELOCITY** of a particle is

$$v(t) = -3t^2 - 8t + 60$$

where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is inches per minute.

The **ACCELERATION** of a particle is

$$a(t) = -6t - 8$$

where t is measured in minutes and $a(t)$ is inches per minute squared.

• $s(0) = -(0)^3 - 4(0)^2 + 60(0) = 0$

• $v(t) = 0 \quad -3t^2 - 8t + 60 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} -18 \quad -10 \\ \times \quad \times \\ -3 \quad -3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} t^2 - 8t - 180 = 0 \\ (t-18)(t+10) = 0 \\ \quad -3 \quad -3 \end{array}$$

~~$t = -6$~~ , $t = 10/3$ $(t+6)(-3t+10) = 0$

Answer the following questions about a particle that moves on a horizontal coordinate line.

1. Where does the particle start?
Particle starts at $x = 0$
2. When is does the particle stop?
Particle stop after $10/3$ mins.
3. Where does the particle stop?
Particle stops at $x = 118.519$
4. When is the particle moving to the right/left?
Right: $[0, 10/3)$ Left: $(10/3, \infty)$
5. When is the particle speeding up/ slowing down?

$s(10/3) = -(10/3)^2 - 4(10/3) + 60(10/3) \approx 118.519$



speeding up $(10/3, \infty)$ slowing down $[0, 10/3)$

The **POSITION** of a moving particle on a coordinate line is given by the function,

$$s(t) = -t^4 + 8t^3$$

where t is measured in minutes and $s(t)$ is inches.

The **VELOCITY** of a particle is

$$v(t) = -4t^3 + 24t^2$$

where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is inches per minute.

The **ACCELERATION** of a particle is

$$a(t) = -12t^2 + 48t$$

where t is measured in minutes and $a(t)$ is inches per minute squared.

● $s(0) = -(0)^4 + 8(0)^3$

● $v(t) = 0 \quad -4t^3 + 24t^2 = 0$

$$-4t^2(t-6) = 0$$

$$t = 0 \quad t = 6$$

Answer the following questions about a particle that moves on a horizontal coordinate line.

- 1. Where does the particle start?

The Particle starts at $x=0$

- 2. When is does the particle stop?

The Particle starts at rest and stops after 6 mins.

- 3. Where does the particle stop?

The Particle is stopped at $x=0$ and $x=432$

- 4. When is the particle moving to the right/left?

Right: $(0,6)$ Left: $(6,\infty)$

- 5. When is the particle speeding up/ slowing down?

● $s(0) = -(0)^4 + 8(0)^3 = 0$ $s(6) = -(6)^4 + 8(6)^3 = 432$



speedup: $(0,4) \cup (6,\infty)$

slowdown: $(4,6)$

$a(t) = 0 \rightarrow -12t^2 + 48t = 0$

$$-12t(t-4) = 0$$

$$t = 0 \quad t = 4$$

The **POSITION** of a moving particle on a coordinate line is given by the function,

$$s(t) = -t^2 + 22t - 112$$

where t is measured in minutes and $s(t)$ is inches.

The **VELOCITY** of a particle is

$$v(t) = -2t + 22$$

where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is inches per minute.

The **ACCELERATION** of a particle is

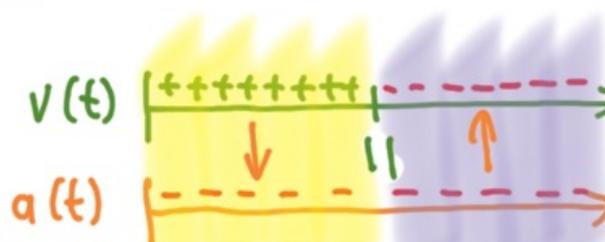
$$a(t) = -2$$

where t is measured in minutes and $a(t)$ is inches per minute squared.

- $s(0) = -(0)^2 + 22(0) - 112 = -112$
- $v(t) = 0 \quad -2t + 22 = 0 \quad t = 11$
- $s(11) = -(11)^2 + 22(11) - 112 = 9$

Answer the following questions about a particle that moves on a horizontal coordinate line.

- 1. Where does the particle start?
the particle starts at $x = -112$
- 2. When is does the particle stop?
the particle stops after 11 mins.
- 3. Where does the particle stop?
the particle stops at $x = 9$
- 4. When is the particle moving to the right/left?
Right $[0, 11)$ Left $(11, \infty)$
- 5. When is the particle speeding up/ slowing down?



speeding up $(11, \infty)$ slowing down $[0, 11)$

The **POSITION** of a moving particle on a coordinate line is given by the function,

$$s(t) = t^3 - 13t^2$$

where t is measured in minutes and $s(t)$ is inches.

The **VELOCITY** of a particle is

$$v(t) = 3t^2 - 26t$$

where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is inches per minute.

The **ACCELERATION** of a particle is

$$a(t) = 6t - 26$$

where t is measured in minutes and $a(t)$ is inches per minute squared.

$$s(0) = (0)^3 - 13(0)^2 = 0$$

$$v(t) = 0 \rightarrow 3t^2 - 26t = 0$$

$$t(3t - 26) = 0$$

$$t = 0 \quad t = \frac{26}{3}$$

Answer the following questions about a particle that moves on a horizontal coordinate line.

1. Where does the particle start?
The particle starts at $x=0$
2. When is does the particle stop?
The particle starts at rest and stops at $x = \frac{26}{3}$
3. Where does the particle stop?
The particle is stopped at $x=0$ and $x = -325.481$
4. When is the particle moving to the right/left?
Right $(\frac{26}{3}, \infty)$ Left $(0, \frac{26}{3})$
5. When is the particle speeding up/ slowing down?

$$v(0) = (0)^3 - 13(0)^2 = 0 \quad v(\frac{26}{3}) = (\frac{26}{3})^3 - 13(\frac{26}{3})^2 \approx -325.481$$

