

14.4 Revisiting linear motion

Reminder of kinematics:

Displacement function: $s(t)$

Velocity: $s'(t)$

Acceleration: $s''(t)$

Total distance traveled from t_1 to t_2 = $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |v(t)| dt$

initially: $t = 0$

At rest: $v(t) = 0$

initially at rest: $v(0) = 0$

Moving right/up: $v(t) > 0$

Moving left/down: $v(t) < 0$

Speed: $|v(t)|$

Example 10: A particle moves along a horizontal line. The particle's displacement, in meters, from an origin O is given by $s(t) = 5 - 2\cos 3t$ for time t seconds.

a.) Find the particle's velocity and acceleration at any time t .

$$s'(t) = v(t) \qquad v'(t) = a(t)$$

$$-2(-\sin(3t)) \cdot 3 \qquad 6(\cos(3t)) \cdot 3$$

$$v(t) = 6 \sin 3t \qquad a(t) = 18 \cos 3t$$

b.) Find the particle's initial displacement, velocity, and acceleration.

$$s(0) = 5 - 2\cos 3(0) \qquad v(0) = 6\sin 3(0) \qquad a(0) = 18\cos 3(0)$$

$$= 5 - 2\cos 0 \qquad = 6\sin 0 \qquad = 18\cos 0$$

$$= 5 - 2(1) \qquad = 6(0) \qquad = 18(1)$$

$$s(0) = 3 \text{ m} \qquad v(0) = 0 \text{ m/s} \qquad a(0) = 18 \text{ m/s}^2$$

c.) Find when the particle is moving to the right, to the left, and stopped during the time $[0, \pi]$.

$$6\sin 3t = 0$$

$$\sin 3t = 0$$

$$3t = 0 \quad 3t = \pi \quad 3t = 2\pi \quad 3t = 3\pi$$

$$t = 0, \pi/3, 2\pi/3, \pi$$

stopped at \nearrow

$0 \quad \pi/3 \quad 2\pi/3 \quad \pi$

$\begin{array}{cccc} + & - & + & \\ | & | & | & | \\ \hline & & & \end{array} \quad v(t)$

Right $(0, \pi/3) \cup (2\pi/3, \pi)$

Left $(\pi/3, 2\pi/3)$

d.) Write down a definite integral that represents the total distance traveled for $[0, \pi]$ seconds and use a GDC to find the distance.

$$\int_0^\pi |v(t)| dt \rightarrow \int_0^\pi |6\sin 3t| dt = 12$$

$$\text{or } \left| \int_0^{\pi/3} v(t) dt \right| + \left| \int_{\pi/3}^{2\pi/3} v(t) dt \right| + \left| \int_{2\pi/3}^\pi v(t) dt \right|$$

$$|4| + |-4| + |4| = 12$$

Example 11: A particle moves along a straight line so that its velocity, $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ at time t seconds is given by $v(t) = 5 \sin t \cos^2 t$.

$\frac{S}{t} \frac{A}{C}$ Ref $\pi/6$

a.) Find the speed of the particle when $t = 5\pi/6$ seconds.

$$\text{Speed} = |v(t)| = |v(5\pi/6)| = 5 \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)^2$$

$$5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$\boxed{15/8 \text{ m/s}}$$

b.) When $t = 0$, the displacement, s , of the particle is 3m. Find an expression for s in terms of t .

$$s(0) = 3 \quad s(t) = \int 5 \sin t (\cos t)^2 dt$$

$$u = \cos t$$

$$du = -\sin t dt$$

$$-du = \sin t dt$$

$$= 5 \int u^2 \sin t dt$$

$$-5 \int u^2 du$$

$$-5 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 t + C$$

$$\boxed{s(t) = -\frac{5}{3} \cos^3 t + \frac{14}{3}}$$

$$\text{Graph of } \cos^3 t \text{ at } (1,0)$$

$$-\frac{5}{3}(\cos 0)^3 + C = 3$$

$$-\frac{5}{3}(1)^3 + C = 3 \quad \boxed{C = 14/3}$$

c.) Find an expression for the acceleration, a , of the particle in terms of t .

$$a(t) = v'(t)$$

$$v(t) = 5 \sin t \cos^2 t \quad \swarrow \text{product \& chain rule}$$

$$v'(t) = 5 [\cos t \cdot \cos^2 t + \sin t \cdot 2 \cos t \cdot -\sin t]$$

$$5 [\cos^3 t - 2 \cos t \sin^2 t]$$

$$\boxed{a(t) = 5 \cos t [\cos^2 t - 2 \sin^2 t]}$$