

9.7 Definite integrals with linear motion and other problems

Recall: **Displacement** (position) = $s(t)$. **Velocity** $v(t) = s'(t)$ and **acceleration** $a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$.

Displacement function tells us the distance and direction a particle is from origin at time, t .

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t) dt = s(t_2) - s(t_1)$$

is the change in displacement from t_1 to t_2 .

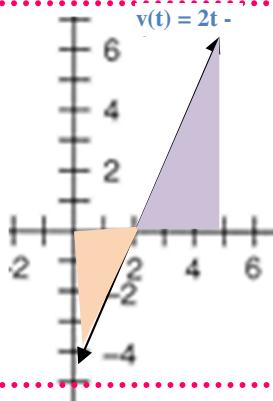
For example: $\int_0^5 v(t) dt = s(5) - s(0) = 8 - 3 = +5$. This means that at 5 seconds the particle is 5 meters to the right of where it was at 0 seconds (not necessarily the origin).

If v is the velocity function for a particle moving along a line, the **total distance** traveled from t_1 to t_2 is given by: $\text{Distance} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |v(t)| dt$.

mini example: Consider $v(t) = 2t - 4$

$$\int_0^5 v(t) dt = -4 + 9 = 5$$

This gives the displacement from time 0 to 5 seconds.



$$\int_0^5 |v(t)| dt = |-4| + 9 = 13.$$

This gives the total distance of 13 meters traveled from 0 to 5 seconds.

Example 17: The displacement function for a particle moving along a horizontal line is given by $s(t) = 8 + 2t - t^2$ for $t \geq 0$, where t is measured in seconds and s is measured in meters.

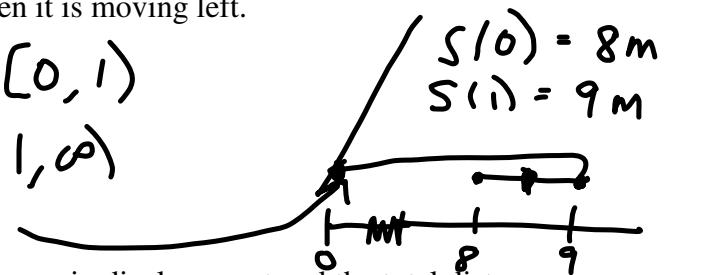
a.) Find the velocity of the particle at time t . $s'(t) = v(t) = 2 - 2t$

b.) Find when the particle is moving right and when it is moving left.

$$v(t)=0 \begin{cases} 2-2t=0 \\ t=1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Right } (0, 1) \\ \text{Left } (1, \infty) \end{array}$$

plug into $v(t)$

c.) Draw a motion diagram for the particle.



d.) Write definite integrals to find the particle's change in displacement and the total distance traveled on the interval $[0, 4]$. Use a GDC to evaluate the integrals and then use the motion diagram to verify results.

Displacement

$$\int_0^4 v(t) dt$$

$$\int_0^4 2-2t dt$$

$$-8 \text{ m}$$

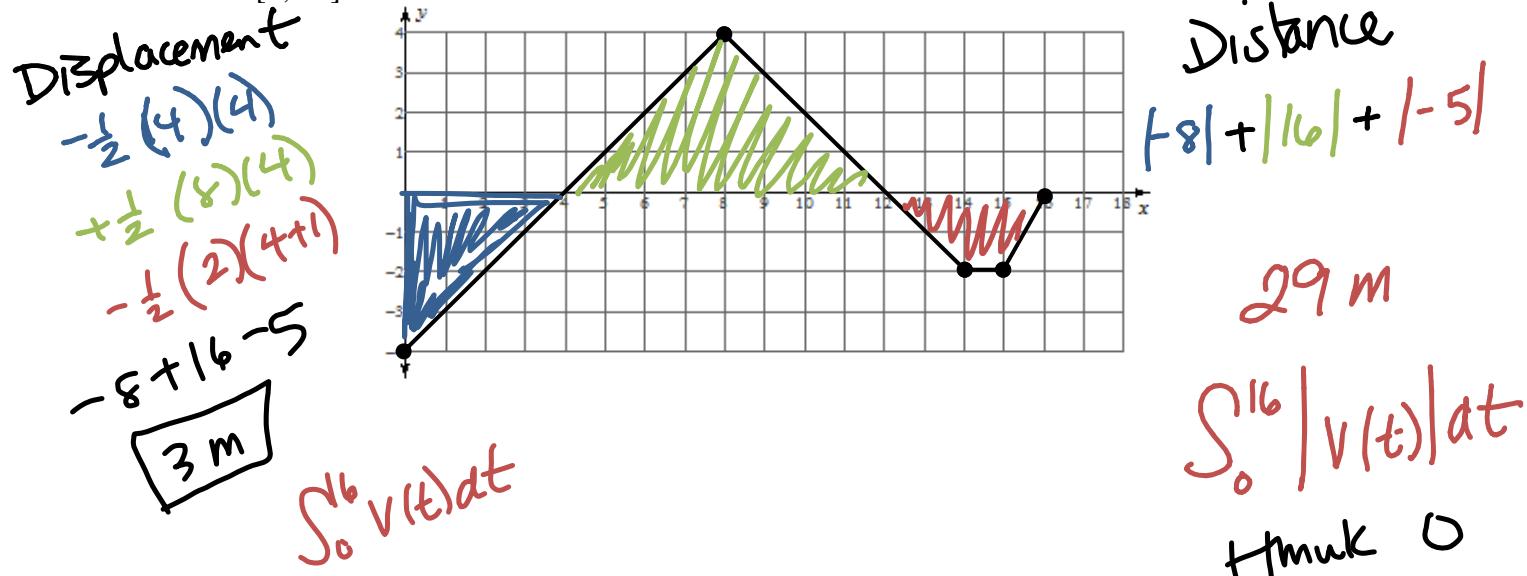
Distance

$$\left| \int_0^1 v(t) dt \right| + \left| \int_1^4 v(t) dt \right|$$

$$|1-0| + |-8-1| = 10$$

or $\int_0^4 |v(t)| dt = \int_0^4 |2-2t| dt = 10$

Example 18: The velocity function v , in ms^{-1} , of a particle moving along a line is shown in the figure. Find the particle's change in displacement and the total distance traveled on the interval $[0, 16]$.



Example 19: A culture of bacteria is started with an initial population of 100 bacteria. The rate at which the number of bacteria changes over a one-month period can be modeled by the function $r(t) = e^{0.273t}$, where r is measured in bacteria per day. Find the population of bacteria 20 days after the culture was started.

$$\int_0^{20} r(t) dt = R(20) - R(0)$$

100 bacteria

$$\int_0^{20} r(t) dt = R(20) - 100$$

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$$100 + \int_0^{20} e^{0.273t} dt = R(20)$$

$$100 + \left[\frac{1}{0.273} e^{0.273t} \right]_0^{20} = R(20)$$

$$100 + \frac{1}{0.273} (e^{0.273(20)} - 1) = 957.4997 \approx 957$$

bacteria