
M2 Chapter 8: Further Kinematics

Vector Integration

Integrating Vectors

We can similarly integrate the \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} components to get from acceleration to velocity and velocity to displacement.

[Textbook] A particle P is moving in a plane. At time t seconds, its velocity \mathbf{v} ms⁻¹ is given by

$$\mathbf{v} = 3t\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\mathbf{j}, \quad t \geq 0$$

When $t = 0$, the position vector of P with respect to a fixed O is $(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$ m. Find the position vector of P at time t seconds.

$$\mathbf{r} = \int \begin{pmatrix} 3t \\ \frac{1}{2}t^2 \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}t^2 \\ \frac{1}{6}t^3 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c}$$

The constant of integration is a vector.

When $t = 0$,

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}t^2 \\ \frac{1}{6}t^3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}t^2 + 2 \\ \frac{1}{6}t^3 - 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ m}$$

Further Example

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- (a) the angle between the direction of motion of P and \mathbf{i} when $t = 2$
- (b) the distance of P from O when $t = 0$.

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b

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a The direction of motion is the velocity:

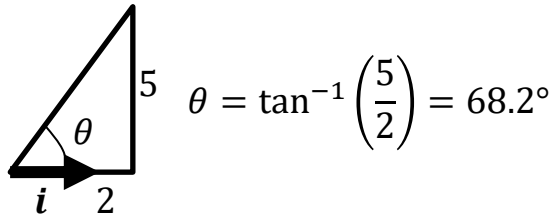
$$\mathbf{v} = \int \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2t \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} 4t \\ -t^2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c}$$

When $t = 3$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ← Use $t = 3$ to get constant of integration.

$$\therefore \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4t - 6 \\ -t^2 + 9 \end{pmatrix} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

When $t = 2$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$



b

$$\mathbf{r} = \int \begin{pmatrix} 4t - 6 \\ -t^2 + 9 \end{pmatrix} dt$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 - 6t \\ -\frac{1}{3}t^3 + 9t \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c}$$

If $t = 3$, $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ -15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 - 6t + 20 \\ -\frac{1}{3}t^3 + 9t - 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

When $t = 0$, $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ -15 \end{pmatrix}$

$$OP = \sqrt{20^2 + 15^2} = 25 \text{ m}$$

Test Your Understanding

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At time t seconds the velocity of a particle P is $[(4t - 5)\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}] \text{ m s}^{-1}$. When $t = 0$, the position vector of P is $(2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$, relative to a fixed origin O .

(a) Find the value of t when the velocity of P is parallel to the vector \mathbf{j} .

(1)

(b) Find an expression for the position vector of P at time t seconds.

(4)

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(c) Find

(i) the value of c ,

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(a)	$t = \frac{5}{4}$	M1
(b)	$\mathbf{r} = (2t^2 - 5t)\mathbf{i} + 3t\mathbf{j} + (2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j})$	A1
	$t = 0 \quad 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{c}$	DM1
	$\mathbf{r} = (2t^2 - 5t)\mathbf{i} + 3t\mathbf{j} + (2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j})$	A1
	$(2t^2 - 5t + 2)\mathbf{i} + (3t + 5)\mathbf{j}$	B1

(c)	$\mathbf{r}_Q = 11\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2t\mathbf{i} + ct\mathbf{j}$	
	$(11 - 2t)\mathbf{i} + (2 + ct)\mathbf{j}$	
	$\mathbf{r}_P = (2t^2 - 5t + 2)\mathbf{i} + (3t + 5)\mathbf{j}$	
	$\mathbf{r}_Q = \mathbf{r}_P = d\mathbf{i} + 14\mathbf{j}$	$2t^2 - 5t$
	$3t + 5 = 14$	M1
	$2t^2 - 5t - 9$	
	$(2t + 3)(t - 3) = 0$	
	$t = 3$	A1
	$2 + ct = 14 \Rightarrow c = 4$	A1 ft
	$d = 11 - 2 \times 3 = 5$ or	
	$d = 2 \times 3^2 - 5 \times 3 + 2 \Rightarrow d = 5$	
	Alt: $2t^2 - 5t + 2 = 11 - 2t = d \Rightarrow t = \frac{11-d}{2}$	
	$2\left(\frac{11-d}{2}\right)^2 - 5\left(\frac{11-d}{2}\right) + 2 = d,$	
	$d^2 - 19d + 70 = 0 = (d - 5)(d - 14)$	

Exercise 8.5

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Homework Exercise

- 1 A particle P starts from rest at a fixed origin O . The acceleration of P at time t seconds (where $t \geq 0$) is $(6t^2\mathbf{i} + (8 - 4t^3)\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-2}$. Find:

- a the velocity of P when $t = 2$ (3 marks)
b the position vector of P when $t = 4$. (3 marks)

- 2 A particle P is moving in a plane with velocity $\mathbf{v} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ at time t seconds where

$$\mathbf{v} = (3t^2 + 2)\mathbf{i} + (6t - 4)\mathbf{j}, \quad t \geq 0$$

When $t = 2$, P has position vector $9\mathbf{j} \text{ m}$ with respect to a fixed origin O . Find:

- a the distance of P from O when $t = 0$ (4 marks)
b the acceleration of P at the instant when it is moving parallel to the vector \mathbf{i} . (4 marks)

- 3 At time t seconds, where $t \geq 0$, the particle P is moving in a plane with velocity $\mathbf{v} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and acceleration $\mathbf{a} \text{ m s}^{-2}$, where $\mathbf{a} = (2t - 4)\mathbf{i} + 6 \sin t\mathbf{j}$.

Given that P is instantaneously at rest when $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ seconds, find:

- a \mathbf{v} in terms of π and t (5 marks)
b the exact speed of P when $t = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ (3 marks)

Homework Exercise

- 4 At time t seconds (where $t \geq 0$), the particle P is moving in a plane with acceleration $\mathbf{a} \text{ m s}^{-2}$, where

$$\mathbf{a} = (5t - 3)\mathbf{i} + (8 - t)\mathbf{j}$$

When $t = 0$, the velocity of P is $(2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$. Find:

- a the velocity of P after t seconds (3 marks)
- b the value of t for which P is moving parallel to $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ (4 marks)
- c the speed of P when it is moving parallel to $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$. (3 marks)

- 5 At time t seconds (where $t \geq 0$), a particle P is moving in a plane with acceleration $(2\mathbf{i} - 2t\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-2}$. When $t = 0$, the velocity of P is $2\mathbf{j} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and the position vector of P is $6\mathbf{i} \text{ m}$ with respect to a fixed origin O .

- a Find the position vector of P at time t seconds. (5 marks)

At time t seconds (where $t \geq 0$), a second particle Q is moving in the plane with velocity $((3t^2 - 4)\mathbf{i} - 2t\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$. The particles collide when $t = 3$.

- b Find the position vector of Q at time $t = 0$. (4 marks)

- 6 At time $t = 0$ a particle P is at rest at a point with position vector $(4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ with respect to a fixed origin O . The acceleration of P at time t seconds (where $t \geq 0$) is $((4t - 3)\mathbf{i} - 6t^2\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-2}$. Find:

- a the velocity of P when $t = \frac{1}{2}$ (5 marks)
- b the position vector of P when $t = 6$. (5 marks)

Homework Exercise

- 7 At time t seconds (where $t \geq 0$) the particle P is moving in a plane with acceleration $\mathbf{a} \text{ m s}^{-2}$, where $\mathbf{a} = (8t^3 - 6t)\mathbf{i} + (8t - 3)\mathbf{j}$.

When $t = 2$, the velocity of P is $(16\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$. Find:

- a the velocity of P after t seconds (4 marks)
- b the value of t when P is moving parallel to \mathbf{i} . (3 marks)

- 8 At time t seconds the velocity of a particle P is $((4t - 3)\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$. When $t = 0$, the position vector of P is $(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$, relative to a fixed origin O .

- a Find an expression for the position vector of P at time t seconds. (4 marks)

A second particle Q moves with constant velocity $(5\mathbf{i} + k\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

When $t = 0$, the position vector of Q is $(11\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$.

- b Given that the particles P and Q collide, find:
 - i the value of k
 - ii the position vector of the point of collision. (6 marks)

Challenge

A particle P is moving in a plane. At time t seconds, P is moving with velocity $\mathbf{v} \text{ m s}^{-1}$, where $\mathbf{v} = 3t \cos t \mathbf{i} + 5t \mathbf{j}$. Given that P is initially at the point with position vector $4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} \text{ m}$ relative to a fixed origin O , find the position vector of P when $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$$\mathbf{r} = \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} + 1\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{5\pi^2}{8} + 1\right)\mathbf{j}$$