

2003 AP[®] CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

2. A particle moves along the x -axis so that its velocity at time t is given by

$$v(t) = -(t + 1) \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right).$$

At time $t = 0$, the particle is at position $x = 1$.

- (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 2$. Is the speed of the particle increasing at $t = 2$? Why or why not?
 - (b) Find all times t in the open interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.
 - (c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ until time $t = 3$.
 - (d) During the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 3$, what is the greatest distance between the particle and the origin? Show the work that leads to your answer.
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