

11. A particle moves on a line with acceleration  $s''(t) = -4t$ . Suppose that  $s(0) = 6$  and  $s'(0) = 24$ . Find the functions  $s(t)$  and  $s'(t)$ . Graph the functions  $s(t)$ ,  $s'(t)$  and  $s''(t)$  on the same set of axes and describe the motion in words.

The initial value problem is given by

$$s''(t) = -4t$$

$$s'(0) = 24$$

$$s(0) = 6$$

The solution to the i.v.p. is  $s(t) = -\frac{2}{3}t^3 + 24t + 6$ . We also know that  $s'(t) = -2t^2 + 24$ . Describe motion of this man.

- At time 0 seconds, the particle is 6 units to the right of the reference point. It is moving to the right at a speed of 24.
- The velocity decreases throughout the entire motion, since the acceleration is negative.
- The particle moves to the right with decreasing speed for  $2\sqrt{3}$  units of time.
- At time  $t = 2\sqrt{3}$ , the particle comes to an instant stop at  $32\sqrt{3} + 6$ .
- Following that, the particle moves to left with an increasing speed.
- The particle passes the reference point at  $t = 6.1213$