

## CALCULUS BC

### Particle Motion

Ex. A particle moves along a horizontal line so that its position at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$s(t) = 2t^3 - 7t^2 + 4t + 5, \text{ where } s \text{ is measured in meters and } t \text{ in seconds.}$$

(a) Find the velocity at time  $t$  and at  $t = 1$  second.

(b) When is the particle at rest? Moving right? Justify your answers.

(c) Find the acceleration at time  $t$  and at  $t = 1$  seconds.

(d) Find the displacement of the particle between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1.7$  seconds. Explain the meaning of your answer.

(e) Find the distance traveled by the particle between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1.7$  seconds.

Ex. (continued)

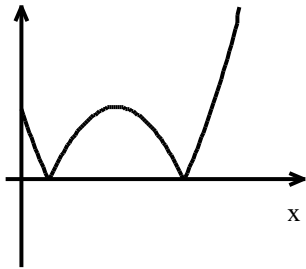
A particle moves along a horizontal line so that its position at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given

by  $s(t) = 2t^3 - 7t^2 + 4t + 5$ , where  $s$  is measured in meters and  $t$  in seconds.

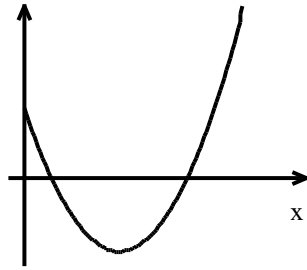
(f) When is the particle speeding up? Justify your answer.

**(Hint:** Since speed is the absolute value of velocity, the particle is:

- 1) Speeding up when the velocity and acceleration have the same sign (both positive or both negative)
- 2) Slowing down when the velocity and acceleration have opposite signs (one positive and one negative)



Graph of Speed



Graph of Velocity

To answer part (f), draw a double sign chart, showing both the signs of the velocity and the signs of the acceleration.

$$v(t) = 6t^2 - 14t + 4 = 2(3t^2 - 7t + 2) = 2(3t - 1)(t - 2) = 0 \text{ when } t =$$

$$a(t) = 12t - 14 = 0 \text{ when } t =$$

$v(t)$	
<hr/>	
$a(t)$	

Ex. (Multiple Choice) A particle moves along the  $x$ -axis so that at any time  $t \geq 0$ , its velocity is given by  $v(t) = 3 + 4.1 \cos(0.9t)$ . What is the acceleration of the particle at time  $t = 4$ ?

- (A)  $-2.016$                       (B)  $-0.677$                       (C)  $1.633$                       (D)  $1.814$                       (E)  $2.978$

Ex 7. (2013 AB #2, Calc)

A particle moves along a straight line. For  $0 \leq t \leq 5$ , the velocity of the particle is given by

$$v(t) = -2 + (t^2 + 3t)^{\frac{6}{5}} - t^3.$$

(a) Find all values of  $t$  in the interval  $2 \leq t \leq 4$  for which the speed of the particle is 2.

(b) Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position  $s(t)$ . Use this expression to find the position of the particle at  $t = 5$ .

(c) Find all times  $t$  in the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 5$  at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

(d) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time  $t = 4$ ? Give a reason for your answer.

<b>HW #22:</b> Review for Exam on HW 17-21 (25 problems)
--

<b>HW #23:</b> Worksheet on Particle Motion (Due day after exam)
--