

SECTION 3.7 RATES OF CHANGE IN THE NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. A particle moves according to the law of motion $s(t) = 2 - 15t + 4t^2 - \frac{1}{3}t^3$, for $t \geq 0$, where t is measured in seconds and s is measured in feet.

(a) Find the velocity at time t .

$$v(t) = s'(t) = -15 + 8t - t^2$$

(b) What is the velocity after 1 second?

$$v(1) = -15 + 8 - 1 = -16 + 8 = -8 \quad \leftarrow \text{at } t=1, \text{ velocity} = -8 \text{ ft/s}$$

(c) When is the particle at rest?

$$\text{Need } v(t) = 0 \Rightarrow -15 + 8t - t^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t^2 - 8t + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (t - 5)(t - 3)$$

At rest at $t = 3$ s & $t = 5$ s.

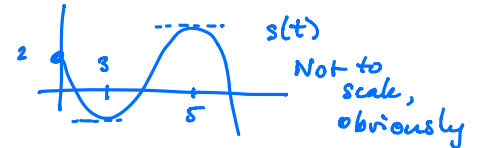


(d) When is the particle moving in the positive direction?

$$s(0) = 2$$

$$s(1) = 2 - 15 + 4 - \frac{1}{3} < 0$$

from $t = 3$ to $t = 5$ (where slopes are positive)



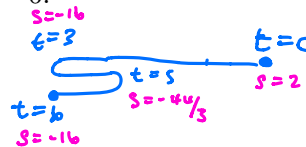
(e) Draw a diagram of the particle from $t = 0$ to $t = 6$.

$$s(0) = 2$$

$$s(6) = -16$$

$$s(3) = -16$$

$$s(5) = -\frac{44}{3} = -14\frac{2}{3}$$

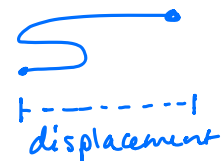


(f) Find the displacement of the particle during the first 6 seconds.

$$\text{displacement} = s(6) - s(0) =$$

$$\left[2 - 15(6) + 4(36) - \frac{1}{3}(36 \cdot 6) \right] - 2 = -15(6) + 4(36) - 2(36)$$

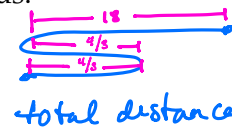
$$= -3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 - 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 6(-15 + 24 - 12) = 6(-27 + 24) = -18$$



(g) Find the total distance traveled by the particle during the first 6 seconds.

$$\text{Note } |s(3) - s(5)| = 16 - \frac{44}{3} = \frac{48}{3} - \frac{44}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{So total distance} = 18 + 2\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 18 + \frac{8}{3} = 20\frac{2}{3}$$



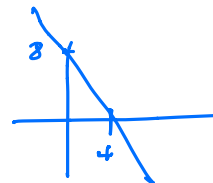
(h) Find the acceleration of the particle.

$$a(t) = v'(t) = 8 - 2t$$

(i) Graph the acceleration function.

$$\text{check: } 8 - 2t = 0 \Rightarrow -2t = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 4$$



(j) When is the particle speeding up?

That is, where is the velocity increasing: $(-\infty, 4)$

(or $(0, 4)$)

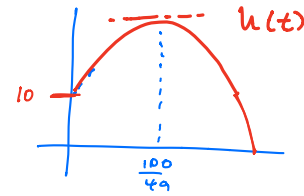
2. The height (in meters) of a projectile shot vertically upward from a point 10 meters above ground level with an initial velocity of 20 meters per second is $h = 10 + 20t - 4.9t^2$.

- (a) When does the projectile reach its maximum height?

Max height when $v(t) = 0$

$$v(t) = 20 - 4.9(2t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$t = \frac{20}{4.9(2)} = \frac{10}{4.9} = \frac{10}{\frac{49}{10}} = \frac{100}{49}$$



- (b) What is its maximum height?

$$h\left(\frac{100}{49}\right) = 10 + 20\left(\frac{100}{49}\right) - 4.9\left(\frac{100}{49}\right)^2 = 30.408 \text{ meters}$$

- (c) When does the projectile hit the ground?

$$h(t) = 0 \Rightarrow 10 + 20t - 4.9t^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{20^2 - 4(10)(-4.9)}}{2(-4.9)} = \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{4(100) - 4(-49)}}{2(-4.9)}$$

$$= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{149}}{4.9} \Rightarrow t = -0.450 \quad \text{Only the positive value makes sense!}$$

with $t = 4.532$ Choose $t = 4.532$

- (d) ~~What~~ what velocity does it hit the ground?

$$\text{Compute } v(4.532) = 20 - 4.9(2(4.532)) = -24.413 \text{ m/s}$$

3. A tank holds 1000 gallons of a fluid, which drains from the bottom of the tank in 30 minutes. The function below give the volume of fluid remaining in the tank after t minutes:

$$V(t) = 1000 \left(1 - \frac{1}{30}t\right)^2 \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq 30$$

Find the rate at which the fluid is draining from the tank after 10 minutes. When is the fluid flowing the fastest? Slowest?

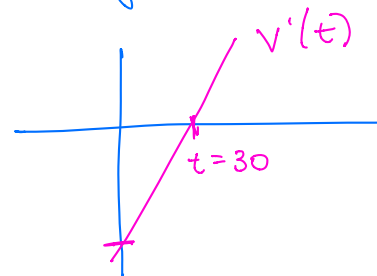
$$V'(t) = 1000(2)\left(1 - \frac{1}{30}t\right)\left(-\frac{1}{30}\right) = \frac{-200}{3}\left(1 - \frac{t}{30}\right) \leftarrow \text{This is a line!}$$

$$V'(10) = \frac{-200}{3}\left(1 - \frac{10}{30}\right) = \frac{-200}{3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{-400}{9} = -44.44 \text{ gal/min.}$$

\rightarrow Want max & min for $|V'(t)|$

$$\text{Max is } |V'(0)| = \frac{200}{3} \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$

$$\text{Min is } |V'(30)| = 0 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$



$$V'(t) = \frac{-200}{3} + \frac{20}{9}t$$