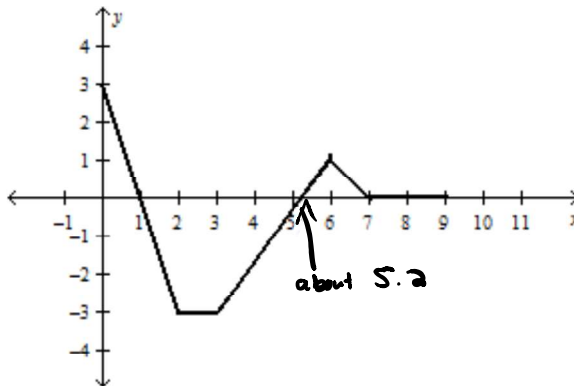


Homework 5.5

The function whose graph is pictured below, represents the velocity, $v(t)$, of a particle for $t = 0$ to $t = 9$ seconds moving along the x -axis. Use the graph to complete exercises 1 – 4.

1. On what interval(s) is the particle moving to the right?

Left? Justify your answer.



$$\bullet v(t) > 0 \text{ on } (0, 1) \cup (5.2, 7)$$

\therefore The particle is moving right on these intervals.

$$\bullet v(t) < 0 \text{ on } (1, 5.2)$$

\therefore The particle is moving left on this intervals.

2. On what interval(s) is the particle slowing down? Speeding up? Justify your answer.

$v(t) > 0$ when $v(t)$ is above t -axis. $v(t) < 0$ when $v(t)$ is below t -axis.

$a(t) > 0$ when $v(t)$ is increasing. $a(t) < 0$ when $v(t)$ is decreasing.

• The particle is slowing down when $v(t)$ and $a(t)$ are opposite signs.

$$v(t) > 0 \text{ and } a(t) < 0 \text{ on } (0, 1) \cup (6, 7)$$

$$v(t) < 0 \text{ and } a(t) > 0 \text{ on } (3, 5.2)$$

\therefore The particle is slowing down on $(0, 1)$, $(3, 5.2)$ \cup $(6, 7)$

• The particle is speeding up when $v(t)$ and $a(t)$ are the same signs.

$$v(t) > 0 \text{ and } a(t) > 0 \text{ on } (5.2, 6)$$

$$v(t) < 0 \text{ and } a(t) < 0 \text{ on } (1, 2)$$

\therefore The particle is speeding up on $(1, 2)$ and $(5.2, 6)$

3. At what value(s) of t is the particle momentarily stopped and changing directions? Justify your answer.

$v(t)$ crosses the t -axis at $t=1$ and $t=5.2$

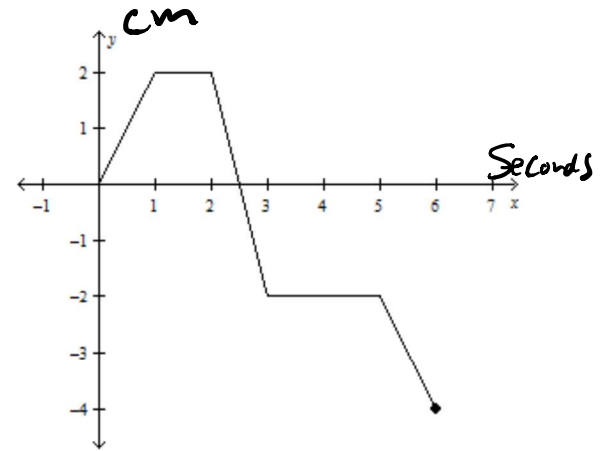
\therefore The particle momentarily stops and changes direction at $t=1$ and $t=5.2$

4. On what interval of the time is the acceleration 0? Justify your answer.

$$v(t) \text{ is constant on } (7, 9)$$

$$\therefore a(t) = 0 \text{ on } (7, 9)$$

The graph below represents the position, $p(t)$, of a particle that is moving along the x -axis on the interval $0 \leq t \leq 6$. Use the graph to complete exercises 5 – 9. $p(t)$ is measured in centimeters and t is measured in seconds.



5. For what interval(s) of time is the particle moving to the right? Justify your answer.

$v(t) > 0$ on $(0,1)$
 \therefore particle is moving right on $(0,1)$

6. For what interval(s) of time is the particle moving to the left? Justify your answer.

$v(t) < 0$ on $(2,3) \cup (5,6)$
 \therefore particle is moving left on $(2,3) \cup (5,6)$

7. Express the velocity, $v(t)$, as a piecewise-defined function on the interval $0 < t < 6$.

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & 1 < t < 2 \\ -4, & 2 < t < 3 \\ 2, & 3 < t < 5 \\ -2, & 5 < t < 6 \end{cases}$$

8. At what value(s) of t is the velocity undefined on the interval $1 < t < 6$? Graphically justify your reasoning.

$p(t)$ has cusps at $t=1$, $t=3$, and $t=5$
 $\therefore v(t)$ is undefined at $t=1$, $t=3$, and $t=5$

9. Find the average velocity of the particle on the interval $1 \leq t \leq 6$.

$$\text{Average Velocity on } [1,6] = \frac{p(1) - p(6)}{1 - 6} = \frac{2 - (-4)}{-5} = \frac{6}{-5} \text{ cm/sec}$$

A particle moves along the x -axis so that at any time $0 \leq t \leq 5$, the velocity, in meters per second, is given by the function $v(t) = (t-2)^2 \cos(2t)$. Use a graphing calculator to complete exercises 10 – 12.

$$2(t-2)'(1) \cos(2t) + (t-2)^2 (-\sin(2t) \cdot 2)$$

10. On the interval $0 \leq t \leq 5$, at how many times does the particle change directions? Give a reason for your answer.

$$v(t) \text{ crosses the } t\text{-axis at } x = \frac{\pi}{4}, x = 2, x = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \text{ and } x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

\therefore The particle changes direction 4 times on $[0, 5]$

11. Using appropriate units, what is the value of $v'(2)$. Describe the motion of the particle at this time. Justify your answer.

$$v'(2) = 0 \text{ meters/second}^2$$

$$v'(2) = 0 \text{ and } v(2) = 0$$

\therefore The particle is not moving at all.

12. Using appropriate units, what is the average acceleration between $t = 1$ and $t = 3.5$ seconds?

$$\text{Average Acceleration on } (1, 3.5) = \frac{v(1) - v(3.5)}{1 - 3.5} = \frac{-4.16 - 1.696}{-2.5} = \frac{-2.112}{-2.5} \approx 0.845 \text{ meters/second}^2$$

13. What is the acceleration of the particle the first time that the velocity is 0?

The first time $v(t) = 0$ is when $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$

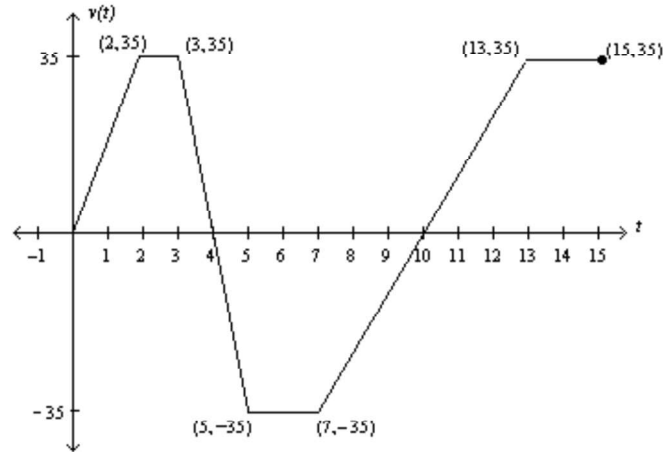
$$a(t) = 2(t-2)'(1) \cos(2t) + (t-2)^2 (-\sin(2t) \cdot 2)$$

$$a(t) = 2(t-2) \cos(2t) - 2(t-2)^2 \sin(2t)$$

$$a\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\right) \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\right)^2 \sin\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$a\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \approx -2.951$$

Jeff leaves his house riding his bicycle toward school. His velocity $v(t)$, measured in feet per minute, on the interval $0 \leq t \leq 15$, for t minutes, is shown in the graph to the right. Use the graph to complete exercises 14 – 17.



14. Find the value of $v'(4)$. Explain, using appropriate units, what this value represents.

$$v'(4) = \frac{35 - (-35)}{3 - 5} = \frac{70}{-2} = -35 \text{ feet/min}^2$$

Four minutes after leaving home, Jeff's acceleration is -35 feet/min^2 .

15. On the interval $0 \leq t \leq 5$, is there any interval of time at which $a(t) = 0$? Explain how you know.

$v(t)$ is constant on $(2, 3)$

$$\therefore a(t) = 0 \text{ on } (2, 3)$$

16. On the interval $0 \leq t \leq 5$, does Rolle's Theorem guarantee that there will be a value of t such that $a(t) = 0$? Justify your answer.

① $v(t)$ is not differentiable for all values of t on $(0, 5)$

② $v(0) \neq v(5)$

\therefore Rolle's Theorem does NOT guarantee a value of t such that $a(t) = 0$

17. At some point, Jeff realizes that he forgot something at home and has to turn around. After how many minutes does he turn around? Give a reason for your answer.

$v(t) > 0$ on $(0, 4)$ which means Jeff's position from home is increasing.

$v(t) < 0$ on $(4, 5)$ which means Jeff's position from home is decreasing.

\therefore Jeff's velocity changes signs at $t = 4$.

\therefore Jeff turns around at $t = 4$.