

3.4 Velocity and Other Rates of Change

$$\text{ave} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Recall from 2.4 the difference between average rate change and instantaneous rate change.

↙
derivative

Ex.1 Find the rate change of the area of a circle with respect to its radius. Evaluate the rate change of A at $r=5\text{m}$ and $r=10\text{m}$.

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dA}{dr} &= 2\pi(10) \\ &= 20\pi \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{m}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi r$$

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi(5) = 10\pi \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{m}}$$

displacement

In calculus we usually define the position of a function using the notation $s(t)$.

Instantaneous Velocity is the derivative of the position function $s(t)$ with respect to time.

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = s'(t)$$

Speed is defined as the absolute value of velocity

$$\text{speed} = |v(t)| = \left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right| = |s'(t)|$$

Acceleration is defined as the derivative of velocity with respect to time.

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = v'(t) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = s''(t)$$

We usually deal with two types of position functions in calculus, **horizontal** and **vertical**.

Horizontal motion we usually denote by $s(t)$.

Vertical motion we usually denote by $h(t)$.

Ex.1 A ball rolls along the x-axis so that its position is s centimetres after t seconds is given by the function: $s(t) = t^3 + 3t^2$, where $t \geq 0$.

a) Find an expression for the velocity at any time t .

$$v(t) = 3t^2 + 6t$$

b) Find the velocity when $t=5$.

$$\begin{aligned} v(5) &= 3(5)^2 + 6(5) \\ &= 105 \text{ cm/s} \end{aligned}$$

c) Find the average velocity between $t=1$ and $t=5$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ave vel} &= \frac{S(t_2) - S(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{S(5) - S(1)}{5 - 1} \\ &= \frac{[(5)^3 + 3(5)^2] - [(1)^3 + 3(1)^2]}{4} = \frac{200 - 4}{4} \\ &= 49 \text{ cm/s} \end{aligned}$$

d) Where is the ball when its velocity is 72 cm/s?

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) &= ? & 72 &= 3t^2 + 6t \\ & & 0 &= 3t^2 + 6t - 72 \\ t &= -6 \text{ or } t=4 & 0 &= 3(t^2 + 2t - 24) \\ & & 0 &= 3(t+6)(t-4) \end{aligned}$$

$$S(4) = (4)^3 + 3(4)^2$$

$$= 64 + 48$$

$$= 112 \text{ cm}$$

e) Find an expression for the acceleration at any time t .

$$a(t) = v'(t) = 6t + 6$$

f) What is the acceleration of the ball at $t=1$?

$$a(1) = 6(1) + 6 = 12 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

g) What is the velocity of the ball when its acceleration is 54 cm/s^2 ?

$$v(t) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(8) &= 3(8)^2 + 6(8) \\ &= 192 + 48 = 240 \text{ cm/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$54 = 6t + 6$$

$$48 = 6t$$

$$8 = t$$

h) Find the average acceleration between $t=1$ and $t=5$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ave accel} &= \frac{v(t_2) - v(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{v(5) - v(1)}{5 - 1} \\ &= \frac{[3(5)^2 + 6(5)] - [3(1)^2 + 6(1)]}{4} = \frac{105 - 9}{4} = 24 \text{ cm/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Ex.2 A rock is thrown upwards from the top of a house and its height above ground in metres after t seconds is given by the function: $h(t) = -5t^2 + 40t + 5$

a) Find the initial height of the rock?

$$\text{set } t=0 \quad h(0) = -5(0) + 40(0) + 5$$
$$h(0) = 5\text{m}$$

b) Find the velocity of the rock after 2 seconds.

$$v(t) = h'(t) = -10t + 40$$

$$v(2) = -10(2) + 40 = 20\text{m/s}$$

c) When does the rock reach its maximum height?

$$\text{Set } v(t) = 0$$

$$-10t + 40 = 0$$

$$40 = 10t$$

$$4 = t$$

d) What is the maximum height of the rock?

$$\begin{aligned} h(4) &= -5(4)^2 + 40(4) + 5 \\ &= -80 + 160 + 5 = 85 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

e) When does the rock hit the ground?

$$\text{Set } h(t) = 0$$

$$-5t^2 + 40t + 5 = 0$$

$$t = \cancel{-1.23 \text{ s}} \quad \text{or} \quad t = 8.123 \text{ s}$$

f) With what velocity does the rock hit the ground?

$$\begin{aligned} v(8.123) &= -10(8.123) + 40 \\ &= -41.23 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$



Your Turn #4

Suppose that a bee flies along the x -axis so that its position at time, t , is given by the function

$$s(t) = 2t^3 - 21t^2 + 60t.$$

- Where is the bee when $t = 3$?
- What is the velocity of the bee when $t = 3$?
- What is the velocity of the bee when $t = 6$?
- Find the time interval(s) when the bee is moving to the right.
- Find the time interval(s) when the bee is moving to the left.
- Show that the bee has moved a total of 90 units during the time interval $t = 0$ to $t = 6$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } S(3) &= 2(3)^3 - 21(3)^2 + 60(3) \\ &= 45 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } V(t) = 6t^2 - 42t + 60$$

$$V(3) = -12 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\text{c) } V(6) = 24 \text{ cm/s}$$

d) Set $v(t) = 0$

e) $6t^2 - 42t + 60 = 0$

$$6(t^2 - 7t + 10) = 0$$

$$6(t-5)(t-2) = 0$$

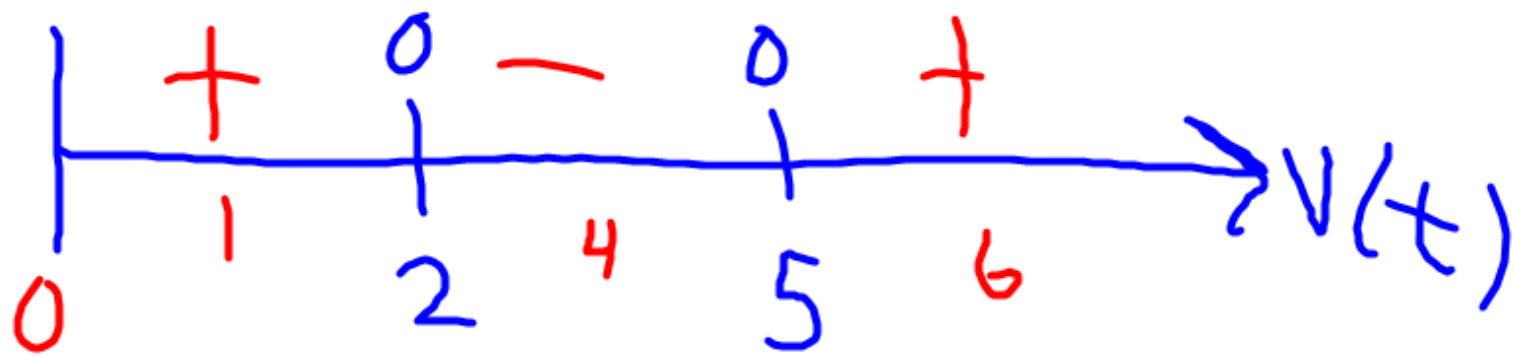
$$t = 2 \text{ or } t = 5$$

Right

$(0, 2) \cup (5, \infty)$

Left

$(2, 5)$



$$|s(2) - s(0)| = 52 \text{ cm}$$

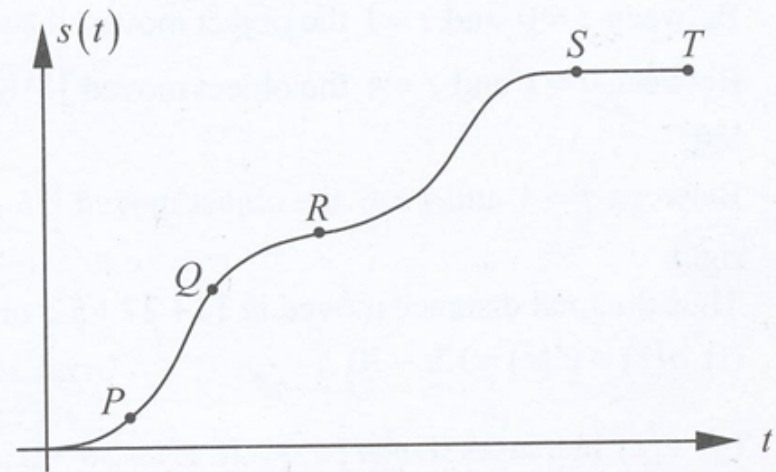
$$|s(5) - s(2)| = |-27| = 27 \text{ cm}$$

$$|s(6) - s(5)| = 11 \text{ cm}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} 90 \text{ cm}$$

1. The graph at right shows a car's distance from town as it travelled along a straight stretch of highway. Answer each of the following questions explaining your conclusions.

- (a) What was the initial velocity of the car?
- (b) Was the car going faster at Q or at R ?
- (c) Was the car going faster at P or at Q ?
- (d) Was the car speeding up or slowing down at P ?
- (e) Was the car speeding up or slowing down at Q ?
- (f) Was the car speeding up or slowing down at R ?
- (g) What happened to the car between S and T ?



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25. A particle moves along the x -axis so that at time $t \geq 0$ its position is given by $x(t) = 2t^3 - 21t^2 + 72t - 53$.
At what time t is the particle at rest?
- (A) $t = 1$ only
 - (B) $t = 3$ only
 - (C) $t = \frac{7}{2}$ only
 - (D) $t = 3$ and $t = \frac{7}{2}$
 - (E) $t = 3$ and $t = 4$



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76. 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

16. A particle moves along the x -axis with its position at time t given by $x(t) = (t - a)(t - b)$, where a and b are constants and $a \neq b$. For which of the following values of t is the particle at rest?

(A) $t = ab$

(B) $t = \frac{a+b}{2}$

(C) $t = a + b$

(D) $t = 2(a + b)$

(E) $t = a$ and $t = b$

$$x(t) = t^2 - at - bt + ab$$

$$v(t) = x'(t) = 2t - a - b$$

$$2t - a - b = 0$$

$$t = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

28. For $t \geq 0$, the position of a particle moving along the x -axis is given by $x(t) = \sin t - \cos t$. What is the acceleration of the particle at the point where the velocity is first equal to 0?

- (A) $-\sqrt{2}$ (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) 1 (E) $\sqrt{2}$

$$x(t) = \sin t - \cos t$$

$$v(t) = \cos t + \sin t$$

$$a(t) = -\sin t + \cos t$$

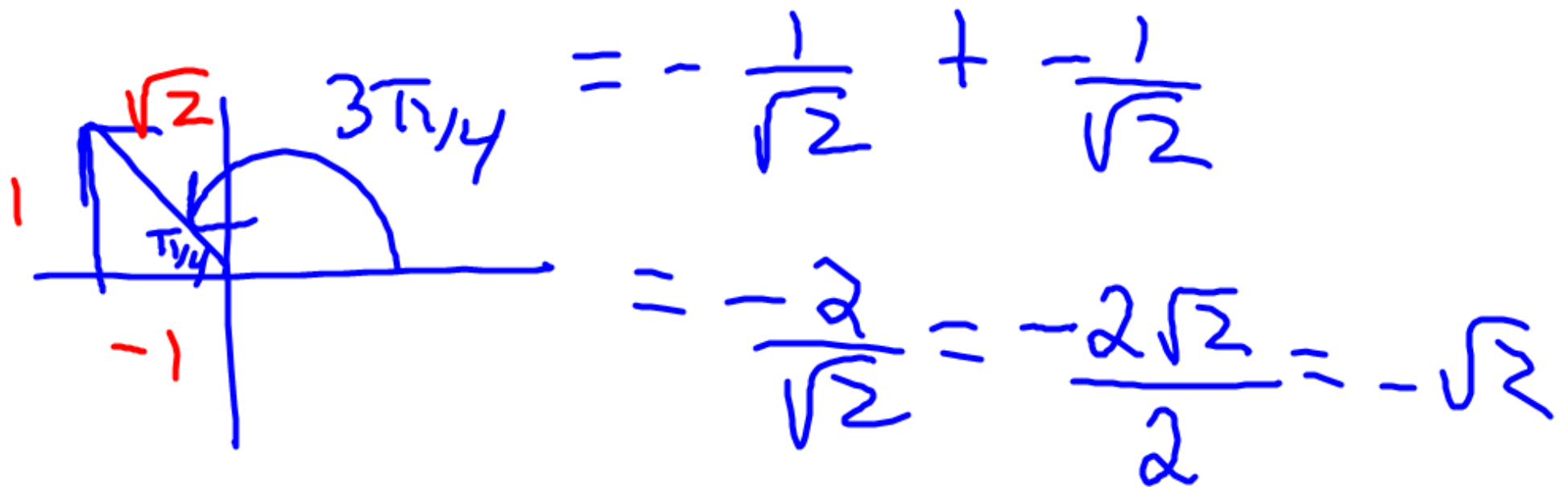
$$\cos t + \sin t = 0$$

$$\cos t = -\sin t$$

$t = 3\pi/4$ unit circle

$\pi/4$ 

$$a(3\pi/4) = -(\sin \frac{3\pi}{4}) + (\cos 3\pi/4)$$


$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-2\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\sqrt{2}$$

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2. For $t \geq 0$, a particle moves along the x -axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by

$$v(t) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right). \text{ The particle is at position } x = 2 \text{ at time } t = 4.$$

- (a) At time $t = 4$, is the particle speeding up or slowing down?
- (b) Find all times t in the interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.
- (c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 0$.
- (d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 3$.

a)

$$v(4) = 2.979 > 0$$

$$a(4) = -1.164 < 0$$

Since the $v(4)$ and $a(4)$ have different signs particle slowing down.

b) $t = 2.71$

that is where $v(t)$ changes
from positive to negative

b)

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Question 4

A particle moves along the x -axis with position at time t given by $x(t) = e^{-t} \sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

- (a) Find the time t at which the particle is farthest to the left. Justify your answer.
- (b) Find the value of the constant A for which $x(t)$ satisfies the equation $Ax''(t) + x'(t) + x(t) = 0$ for $0 < t < 2\pi$.

$$a) \quad v(t) = e^{-t} (\cos t) + \sin t (-e^{-t})$$

$$v(t) = e^{-t} (\cos t - \sin t)$$

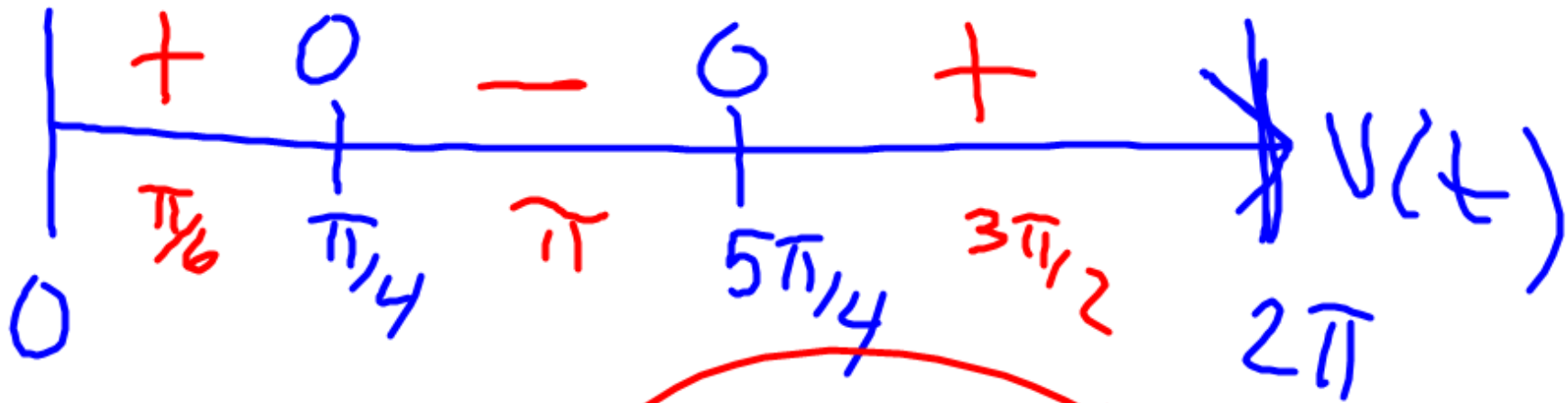
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= 0.

$$\cos t - \sin t = 0$$

$$\cos t = \sin t$$

$$t = \pi/4$$

$$t = 5\pi/4$$



$$\begin{aligned} \cos \pi/6 - \sin \pi/6 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 - 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$t = 5\pi/4$$

$$A x''(t) + x'(t) + x(t) = 0$$

$$x'(t) = e^{-t} (\cos t - \sin t)$$

$$\checkmark \checkmark x''(t) = e^{-t} (-\sin t - \cos t) + (\cos t - \sin t)(-e^{-t})$$

$$= e^{-t} (-\cancel{\sin t} - \cos t - \cos t + \cancel{\sin t})$$

$$= e^{-t} (-2 \cos t)$$

$$\underline{x''(t) = -2e^{-t} \cos t}$$

$$\underline{A(-2e^{-t} \cos t) + e^{-t}(\cos t - \sin t) + e^{-t} \sin t = 0}$$

$$e^{-t}(-2A \cos t + \cancel{\cos t} - \cancel{\sin t} + \sin t) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{e^{-t}} \neq 0 \quad (-2A \cos t + \cos t) = 0$$

$$-2A \cos t + \cos t = 0$$

$$\cos t(-2A + 1) = 0$$

$$-2A + 1 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{A = 1/2}$$

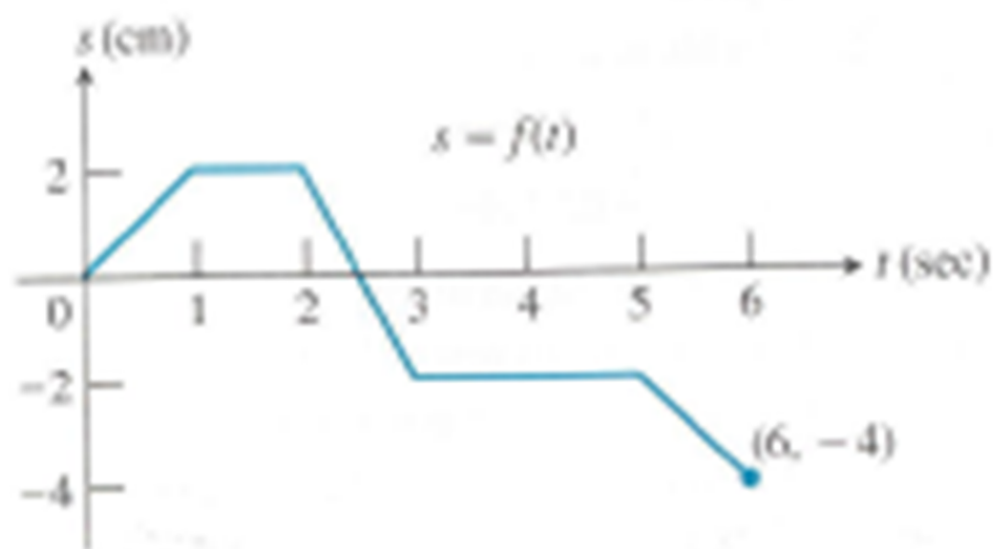
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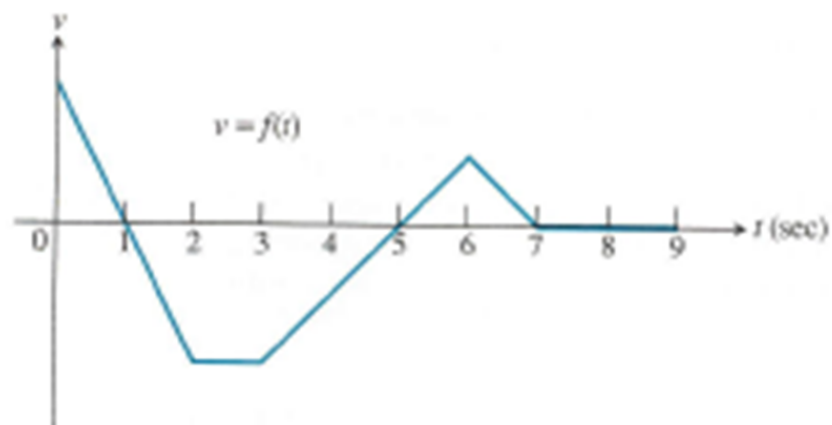
omit f, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 24, 25, 31a



(b)

- (a) When is P moving to the left? moving to the right?
standing still?
- (b) Graph the particle's velocity and speed (where defined).

25. *Particle Motion* The accompanying figure shows the velocity $v = f(t)$ of a particle moving on a coordinate line.



- (a) When does the particle move forward? move backward? speed up? slow down?
- (b) When is the particle's acceleration positive? negative? zero?
- (c) When does the particle move at its greatest speed?
- (d) When does the particle stand still for more than an instant?