

Answer each of the following questions.

1. A particle moving on a line will be s feet from a fixed point P after t seconds where $s = f(t) = t^3 - 4t^2$, $t \geq 0$. (Note that if $s < 0$, then the particle is to the left of point P , and if $s > 0$, then the particle is to the right of point P .)

a. Express the velocity, v , and the acceleration, a , as a function of t .

$v =$ _____ $a =$ _____

b. Fill out the table below giving the position relative to point P , the velocity, and the acceleration of the particle at the indicated times.

t	s	v	a
0			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

2. A particle moving on a straight line starts from rest at point P . Its acceleration, a , after t seconds is given by the equation $a = 12 - 6t$ (ft/s^2) where $t \geq 0$.

a. Express the velocity, v , of the particle as a function of t . $v =$ _____

b. Express the distance, s , that the particle is from point P as a function of t .

$s =$ _____

c. When will the particle again be at rest? How far from point P is it then?

d. When will the particle again be at point P ? How fast will it be moving then?

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Answer each of the following questions.

3. The velocity at time t of a particle moving on a straight line is $v = t^2 - 2$ (fps) where $t \geq 0$.

a. Express the acceleration, a , of the particle as a function of t . $a =$ _____

b. Find the acceleration of the particle when $t = 6$ s.

c. If s is the distance that the particle is from its starting point, then express s as a function of t .

$s =$ _____

d. How far does the particle move from $t = 3$ s to $t = 4$ s?

4. A bullet fired straight up from ground level reaches a height of 3456 feet in 3 seconds. Assume the acceleration due to gravity is a constant 32 feet per second per second when you answer the following questions.

a. Let v be the velocity of the bullet and let s be the distance the bullet is above the ground. Express both as a function of t , where t is the time in seconds since the gun was fired. (For the sake of simplicity, neglect air resistance.)

$v =$ _____

$s =$ _____

b. What is the maximum height that the bullet will reach?

c. When will the bullet hit the ground?