

AP Calculus BC

Section 3.4 - Rectilinear Motion

1. The position (in feet) of a skateboarder at any time t (in seconds) is given by $s(t) = t^3 - 8t^2 + 8t$.
 - a. What are the velocity and acceleration functions in terms of t ?
 - b. When is the skateboarder at rest?
 - c. What is the position of the skateboarder when it is at rest?
 - d. What are the position, the velocity, and the acceleration of the skateboarder at three seconds and at five seconds?
 - e. What are the initial position, velocity, and acceleration of the skateboarder?
 - f. When is the skateboarder moving to the right and to the left? Use interval notation.
 - g. When is the skateboarder speeding up and slowing down? Use interval notation.
 - h. What is the total distance traveled by the skateboarder over the first six seconds?

2. The position (in meters) of a scooter rider at any time t (in seconds) is given by $s(t) = 2t^2 - 12t + 6$.
 - a. What are the velocity and acceleration functions in terms of t ?
 - b. When is the scooter at rest?
 - c. What is the position of the scooter when it is at rest?
 - d. What are the position, the velocity, and the acceleration of the scooter at two seconds and at five seconds?
 - e. What are the initial position, velocity, and acceleration of the scooter?
 - f. When is the scooter moving right and left? Use interval notation.
 - g. When is the scooter speeding up and slowing down? Use interval notation.
 - h. What is the total distance traveled by the scooter rider in the first seven seconds?

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3. A ball is thrown vertically upward from ground level with a velocity of 80 ft/sec.
 - a. When will the ball reach its maximum height?
 - b. What is the maximum height?
 - c. How long is the entire trip?
 - d. What is the ball's velocity when it hits the ground?
 - e. What is the velocity of the ball when it is 96 ft. off the ground?

4. A rock is jettisoned with velocity 40 ft/sec from the top of a cliff that is 100 ft. high.
 - a. When will the rock reach its maximum height? How high will it go?
 - b. What is the rock's velocity when it hits the ground at the base of the cliff?

5. A rock is thrown straight down with velocity 50 ft/sec. from the top of a 120 ft. cliff.
 - a. What is the velocity of the rock upon release?
 - b. How long will it take the rock to reach the base of the cliff?
 - c. What is the rock's velocity at impact?

6. The position of an object is given by $s(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t$. (t seconds, s meters)
 - a. What is the velocity after 2 seconds? After 4 seconds?
 - b. When is the object at rest?
 - c. When is the object moving forward?
 - d. Find the acceleration after 4 seconds?
 - e. When is the particle speeding up or slowing down? Use interval notation.