

### 3.7. Rates of Change in the natural and social sciences.

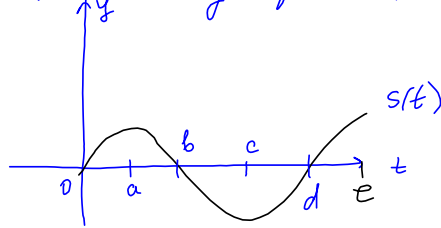
a particle that moves with the position function  $s(t)$ , then its velocity is  $v(t) = s'(t)$   
acceleration  $a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$

E.I. Given the graph of the position function  $s(t)$  for a particle that moves horizontally forward

(a) When is the particle moving forward

$v(t) > 0$  or  $s(t)$  is increasing

$$(0, a) \cup (c, e)$$



(b) when is the particle moving backward?

$v(t) < 0$  or  $s(t)$  is decreasing

$$(a, c)$$

(c) when is the particle at rest?

slope = 0 (horizontal tangents)

$$t = a \text{ \& } t = c$$

E.2. an object is thrown vertically upward with the velocity of 40 ft/s. Its height after  $t$  sec is given by the equation

$$h(t) = 40t - 16t^2 + 24.$$

(a) What is the max height reached by the object?  
when  $v(t) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) = h'(t) &= (40t - 16t^2 + 24)' \\ &= 40 - 32t = 0 \\ t &= \frac{40}{32} = \frac{5}{4} \text{ sec} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) &= 40 \cdot \frac{5}{4} - 16 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + 24 \\ &= 50 - 25 + 24 = \boxed{49 \text{ (ft)}} \end{aligned}$$

(b) What is the object's velocity when it is at a height of 40 ft on its way down?

Find  $t$  such that  $h(t) = 40$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{40t - 16t^2 + 24}{8} = \frac{40}{8} &\Rightarrow 5t - 2t^2 + 3 = 5 \quad | \quad 5t - 2t^2 - 2 = 0 \\ 2t^2 - 5t + 2 &= 0 \\ t_1 = \frac{5 + \sqrt{25 - 16}}{4} &= \frac{5 + 3}{4} = 2 \\ t_2 = \frac{5 - 3}{4} &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{t = 2}$$

$$v(2) = 40 - 32(2) = \boxed{-24 \text{ ft/s}}$$

(c) With what velocity it will hit the ground?  
hits the ground when  $h(t) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{40t - 16t^2 + 24}{8} = 0 \\ 5t - 2t^2 + 3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } 2t^2 - 5t + 3 &= 0 \\ t_1 = \frac{5 + \sqrt{25 - 24}}{4} &= \frac{5 + 1}{4} = \boxed{3 = t} \\ t_2 = \frac{5 - 1}{4} &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$v(3) = 40 - 32(3) = \boxed{-56 \text{ ft/s}}$$

E.3. a particle moves according to the position function  $s(t) = 2t^3 - 12t^2 + 18t + 3$ , for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $t$  is in sec,  $s$  is in feet.

(a) when is the particle at rest?

when  $v(t) = 0$

$$s'(t) = v(t) = \frac{6t^2 - 24t + 18}{6} = 0$$

$$t^2 - 4t + 3 = 0$$

$$(t-3)(t-1) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t=3, t=1}$$

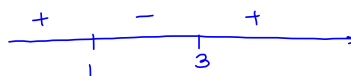
(b) when is the particle moving in the positive direction?  
negative direction?

positive direction when  $v(t) > 0$   
negative  $v(t) < 0$

$$6t^2 - 24t + 18 > 0$$

$$t^2 - 4t + 3 > 0$$

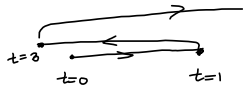
$$(t-1)(t-3) > 0$$



$$v(t) > 0$$

$$v(t) > 0 \text{ on } (0, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$v(t) < 0 \text{ on } (1, 3)$$



(c) Find the total distance travelled in the first 5 sec.

from  $t=0$  to  $t=1$

$$d_1 = s(1) - s(0) = \underbrace{2(1)^3 - 12(1)^2 + 18(1) + 3}_{s(1)} - \underbrace{3}_{s(0)}$$

$$= 8$$

from  $t=1$  to  $t=3$

$$d_2 = s(3) - s(1) = 2(3)^3 - 12(3)^2 + 18(3) + 3 - 11 = -8$$

from  $t=3$  to  $t=5$

$$d_3 = s(5) - s(3) = 2(5)^3 - 12(5)^2 + 18(5) + 3 - 3 = 42$$

$$\text{total distance } d = d_1 + |d_2| + d_3 = 8 + 8 + 42 = \boxed{58 \text{ ft}}$$

E.4. A spherical balloon is being blown up. Find the rate at which the volume of the sphere changes with respect to the radius, when the radius of the balloon is 2 in.

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

rate of change is  $\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{4}{3} \pi (3r^2)$   
 $= 4\pi r^2$   
 $\frac{dV}{dr}(2) = 4\pi \cdot 2^2 = \boxed{16\pi}$