## Application to Mechanics

Out of displacement, speed, acceleration, force, mass and time, all but mass and time are vectors. Clearly these can act in 3D space.

|  | Vector | Scalar |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Force | $\left(\begin{array}{c}3 \\ 4 \\ -1\end{array}\right) N$ |  |
| Acceleration | $\left(\begin{array}{l}1 \\ 0 \\ 1\end{array}\right) m s^{-2}$ |  |
| Displacement | $\left(\begin{array}{c}12 \\ 3 \\ 4\end{array}\right) m$ |  |
| Velocity | $\left(\begin{array}{l}0 \\ 4 \\ 3\end{array}\right) m s^{-1}$ |  |

## Example

[Textbook] A particle of mass 0.5 kg is acted on by three forces.

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F_{1}=(2 i-j+2 k) N F_{2}=(-i+3 j-3 k) N F_{3}=(4 i-3 j-2 k) N
$$

a. Find the resultant force $R$ acting on the particle.
b. Find the acceleration of the particle, giving your answer in the form $(p i+q j+r k) \mathrm{ms}^{-2}$.
c. Find the magnitude of the acceleration.

Given that the particle starts at rest,
d. Find the distance travelled by the particle in the first 6 seconds of its motion.

