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.



Example

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

 $F_1 = (2i - j + 2k) NF_2 = (-i + 3j - 3k) NF_3 = (4i - 3j - 2k) N$

- a. Find the resultant force *R* acting on the particle.
- b. Find the acceleration of the particle, giving your answer in the form (pi + qj + rk) 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.