

## 8A Movement on a Plane

1. A particle starts from the point with position vector  $(3\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j})m$  and moves with constant velocity  $(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) ms^{-1}$ .
  - a) Find the position vector of the particle after 4 seconds

- b) Find the time at which the particle is due east of the origin

2. A particle  $P$  has velocity  $(-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at time  $t = 0$ . The particle moves with constant acceleration  $a = (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . Find the speed of the particle and the bearing on which it is travelling at time 3 seconds.

3. An ice skater is skating on a large flat ice rink. At time  $t = 0$  the skater is at a fixed point  $O$  and is skating with velocity  $(2.4\mathbf{i} - 0.6\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

At time  $t = 20$  the skater is travelling with velocity  $(-5.6\mathbf{i} + 3.4\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Relative to  $O$ , the skater has position vector  $\mathbf{s}$  at time  $t$  seconds.

Modelling the skater as having constant acceleration, find:

- a) The acceleration of the ice skater

- b) An expression for  $\mathbf{s}$  in terms of  $t$

c) Find the time at which the skater is directly north-east of  $O$

d) A second skater travels such that she has position vector  $\mathbf{r} = (1.1t - 6)\mathbf{j}$  m relative to the same point  $O$  at time  $t$ .

## 8B Projectiles with Vectors

1. A ball is struck by a racket from a point  $A$  which has position vector  $20\mathbf{j}$  m relative to a fixed origin  $O$ . Immediately after being struck, the ball has velocity  $(5\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are unit vectors horizontally and vertically respectively. After being struck, the ball travels freely under gravity until it strikes the ground at point  $B$ .
  - a) Find the speed of the ball 1.5 seconds after being struck

- b) Find an expression for the position vector,  $\mathbf{r}$  of the ball relative to  $O$  at time  $t$  seconds

c) Hence determine the distance  $OB$

## 8C Calculus in Mechanics

1. A particle is moving in a straight line with acceleration at time  $t$  seconds given by:

$$a = \cos 2\pi t \text{ ms}^{-2}, \quad t \geq 0$$

The velocity of the particle at time  $t = 0$  is  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Find:

- a) An expression for the velocity at time  $t$  seconds

b) The maximum speed of the particle

c) The distance travelled in the first 3 seconds



2. A particle of mass 6kg is moving on the positive x-axis. At time  $t$  seconds the displacement,  $s$ , of the particle from the origin is given by:

$$s = \left(2t^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{3}\right)m, \text{ where } t \geq 0$$

- a) Find the velocity of the particle when  $t = 1.5$

- b) Given that the particle is acted on by a single force of variable magnitude  $F$  N which acts in the direction of the positive x-axis, find the value of  $F$  when  $t = 2$

## 8D Differentiating Vectors

1. A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.8\text{kg}$  is acted on by a single force  $F\text{ N}$ . Relative to a fixed origin  $O$ , the position vector of  $P$  at time  $t$  seconds is  $\mathbf{r}$  metres, where:

$$\mathbf{r} = 2t^3\mathbf{i} + 50t^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{j}, \quad t \geq 0$$

Find:

- a) The speed of  $P$  when  $t = 4$

- b) The acceleration of  $P$  as a vector when  $t = 2$

c) The value of  $F$  when  $t = 2$

## 8E Integrating Vectors

1. A particle  $P$  is moving in a plane. At time  $t$  seconds, its velocity,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , is given by:

$$v = 3t\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\mathbf{j}$$

When  $t = 0$ , the position vector of  $P$  with respect to a fixed origin  $O$  is  $(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ . Find the position vector of  $P$  at time  $t$  seconds

2. A particle  $P$  is moving in a plane so that, at time  $t$  seconds, its acceleration is:

$$\mathbf{a} = (4\mathbf{i} - 2t\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-2}$$

At  $t = 3$ , the velocity of  $P$  is  $6\mathbf{i} \text{ms}^{-1}$  and the position vector of  $P$  is  $(20\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \text{m}$  with respect to a fixed origin  $O$ . Find:

- a) The angle between the direction of motion of  $P$ , and  $\mathbf{i}$ , when  $t = 2$

- b) The distance of  $P$  from  $O$  when  $t = 0$

3. The velocity of a particle at time  $t$  seconds is given by:

$$\mathbf{v} = (3t^2 - 8)\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$$

When  $t = 0$ , the position vector of  $P$  with respect to a fixed origin is  $(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})$  m

- a) Find the position vector of  $P$  after  $t$  seconds

A second particle  $Q$  moves with constant velocity  $(8\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$   $\text{ms}^{-1}$ . When  $t = 0$ , the position vector of  $Q$  with respect to the origin  $O$  is  $2\mathbf{i}$  m.

- b) Prove that  $P$  and  $Q$  collide