

A particle P moves with acceleration $(4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j})\text{ m s}^{-2}$

At time $t = 0$, P is moving with velocity $(-2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})\text{ m s}^{-1}$

(a) Find the velocity of P at time $t = 2$ seconds.

(2)

At time $t = 0$, P passes through the origin O .

At time $t = T$ seconds, where $T > 0$, the particle P passes through the point A .

The position vector of A is $(\lambda\mathbf{i} - 4.5\mathbf{j})\text{ m}$ relative to O , where λ is a constant.

(b) Find the value of T .

(4)

(c) Hence find the value of λ

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v} &= -2\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} \text{ m s}^{-1} & \underline{v} &= \underline{u} + \underline{a}t \\ \underline{a} &= 4\underline{i} - 5\underline{j} \text{ m s}^{-2} & \underline{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ t &= 2 & \underline{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 + 8 \\ 2 - 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} \\ & & \underline{v} &= 6\underline{i} - 8\underline{j} \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \underline{s} &= \lambda\underline{i} - 4.5\underline{j} \\ \underline{v} &= -2\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} \\ \underline{a} &= 4\underline{i} - 5\underline{j} \\ t &= T \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{s} = \underline{u}t + \frac{1}{2}\underline{a}t^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ -4.5 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}T^2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i components } \lambda &= -2T + 2T^2 & \textcircled{1} \\ \text{j components } -4.5 &= 2T - 2.5T^2 & \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ gives } 2.5T^2 - 2T - 4.5 = 0$$

Using calculator to solve quadratic

$$T = 1.8 \text{ or } T = -1$$

b) as $T > 0$, $T = 1.8$

c) in $\textcircled{1}$

$$\lambda = -2 \times 1.8 + 2 \times 1.8^2$$

$$\lambda = 2.88$$

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[In this question \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are horizontal unit vectors due east and due north respectively and position vectors are given relative to the fixed point O .]

A particle P moves with constant acceleration.

At time $t = 0$, the particle is at O and is moving with velocity $(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})\text{m s}^{-1}$

At time $t = 2$ seconds, P is at the point A with position vector $(7\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j})\text{m}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \underline{s} &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} \\ t &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

(a) Show that the magnitude of the acceleration of P is 2.5m s^{-2}

At the instant when P leaves the point A , the acceleration of P changes so that P now moves with constant acceleration $(4\mathbf{i} + 8.8\mathbf{j})\text{m s}^{-2}$

At the instant when P reaches the point B , the direction of motion of P is north east.

$$\underline{v} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Find the time it takes for P to travel from A to B .

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{s} &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} & (4) \\ \underline{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \underline{a} &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ t &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{s} = \underline{v}t + \frac{1}{2}\underline{a}t^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \times 2^2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$7 - 4 = 2x$$

$$3 = 2x$$

$$x = 1.5$$

$$-10 = -6 + 2y$$

$$-4 = 2y$$

$$y = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\underline{a}| = \sqrt{1.5^2 + (-2)^2} = 2.5\text{m s}^{-2}$$

as required

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