FRQ Packet #5 - Velocity and Acceleration

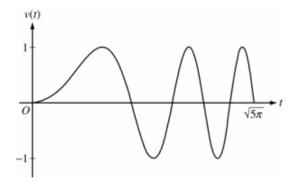
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2007 AP Calculus AB FRQ (Form B) Question 2

Calculator - In Class

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity v at time $t \ge 0$ is given by $v(t) = \sin(t^2)$. The graph of v is shown above for $0 \le t \le \sqrt{5\pi}$. The position of the particle at time t is x(t) and its position at time t = 0 is x(0) = 5.

- (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time t = 3.
- (b) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time t = 0 to t = 3.
- (c) Find the position of the particle at time t = 3.
- (d) For $0 \le t \le \sqrt{5\pi}$, find the time t at which the particle is farthest to the right. Explain your answer.



2004 AP Calculus AB FRQ (Form A) Question 3

Calculator - In Class

A particle moves along the y-axis so that its velocity v at time $t \ge 0$ is given by $v(t) = 1 - \tan^{-1}(e^t)$.

At time t = 0, the particle is at y = -1. (Note: $tan^{-1}x = arctan x$)

- (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time t = 2.
- (b) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time t = 2? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) Find the time $t \ge 0$ at which the particle reaches its highest point. Justify your answer.
- (d) Find the position of the particle at time t = 2. Is the particle moving toward the origin or away from the origin at time t = 2? Justify your answer.

2006 AP Calculus AB FRQ (Form B) Question 6

No Calculator - HW Not Timed

t (sec)	0	15	25	30	35	50	60
v(t) (ft/sec)	-20	-30	-20	-14	-10	0	10
a(t) (ft/sec ²)	1	5	2	1	2	4	2

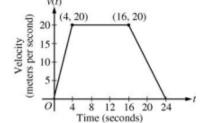
A car travels on a straight track. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 60$ seconds, the car's velocity v, measured in feet per second, and acceleration a, measured in feet per second per second, are continuous functions. The table above shows selected values of these functions.

- (a) Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of $\int_{30}^{60} |v(t)| dt$ in terms of the car's motion. Approximate $\int_{30}^{60} |v(t)| dt$ using a trapezoidal approximation with the three subintervals determined by the table.
- (b) Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{30} a(t) dt$ in terms of the car's motion. Find the exact value of $\int_0^{30} a(t) dt$.
- (c) For 0 < t < 60, must there be a time t when v(t) = -5? Justify your answer.
- (d) For 0 < t < 60, must there be a time t when a(t) = 0? Justify your answer.

2005 AP Calculus AB FRQ (Form A) Question 5

No Calculator - HW Timed 15 minutes

A car is traveling on a straight road. For $0 \le t \le 24$ seconds, the car's velocity v(t), in meters per second, is modeled by the piecewise-linear function defined by the graph above.



- (a) Find $\int_0^{24} v(t) dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{24} v(t) dt$.
- (b) For each of v'(4) and v'(20), find the value or explain why it does not exist. Indicate units of measure.
- (c) Let a(t) be the car's acceleration at time t, in meters per second per second. For 0 < t < 24, write a piecewise-defined function for a(t).
- (d) Find the average rate of change of v over the interval $8 \le t \le 20$. Does the Mean Value Theorem guarantee a value of c, for 8 < c < 20, such that v'(c) is equal to this average rate of change? Why or why not?

2003 AP Calculus AB FRQ (Form A) Question 2

Calculator - HW Timed 15 minutes

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity at time t is given by

$$v(t) = -(t+1)\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right).$$

At time t = 0, the particle is at position x = 1.

- (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time t = 2. Is the speed of the particle increasing at t = 2?

 Why or why not?
- (b) Find all times t in the open interval 0 < t < 3 when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer
- (c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time t = 0 until time t = 3.
- (d) During the time interval 0 ≤ t ≤ 3, what is the greatest distance between the particle and the origin? Show the work that leads to your answer.