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Variable acceleration

This occurs when the rate of change of velocity is not constant.

Differential calculus

Let r = displacement, v = velocity and a = acceleration and are functions of time, t .

velocity, $v = \frac{dr}{dt}$ while acceleration, $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2r}{dt^2}$

Differentiation; displacement => velocity => acceleration

Example 1

A particle moves along a straight line such that after t seconds, its displacement from a fixed point is r metres where $r = 8t^2i - t^4j$. Find

- (a) velocity after t seconds (b) velocity after 1s (c) speed after 1 s

Solution

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{d(8t^2i - t^4j)}{dt}$$

$$= (16ti - 4t^3j)ms^{-1}$$

(b) when $t = 1$

$$v_{(t=1)} = (16i - 4j)ms^{-1}$$

$$(c) \text{ speed} = |v_{(t=1)}| = \sqrt{16^2 - (-4)^2}$$

$$= 16.49ms^{-2}$$

Example 2

A particle move along a straight line such that after t seconds its displacement from a fixed point is s in metres where $s = 2sinti + 3costj$. Find

- (a) acceleration after t seconds (b) acceleration after $\frac{\pi}{2}s$ (c) magnitude of acceleration after $\frac{\pi}{2}s$

$$(a) v_{(t=t)} = \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{d(2sinti + 3costj)}{dt}$$

$$= (2costi - 3sintj)ms^{-1}$$

$$a_{(t=t)} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d(2costi - 3sintj)}{dt}$$

$$= (-2sinti - 3costj)ms^{-2}$$

$$(b) \text{ when } t = \frac{\pi}{2}s$$

$$a_{(t=\frac{\pi}{2})} = (-2\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})i - 3\cos(\frac{\pi}{2})j) = -2i \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$(c) |a_{(t=\frac{\pi}{2})}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 0^2} = 2ms^{-2}$$

Example 3

A particle moves along a straight line such that after t seconds its displacement from a fixed point is

$$s \text{ where } s = \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2t \\ t + 1 \\ \cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Find}$$

- (a) velocity when $t = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ s}$ (b) speed when $t = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ s}$ (c) acceleration when $t = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ s}$

Solution

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{d[\sin 2ti + (t+1)j + (\cos t + \sin t)k]}{dt}$$

$$= 2\cos 2ti + j + (\sin t - \cos t)k$$

When $t = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ s}$

$$v_{(t=\frac{\pi}{2})} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2}\right) i + j + \left(\sin\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos\frac{\pi}{2}\right)k$$

$$= (-2i + j - k) \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$(b) \left| v_{(t=\frac{\pi}{2})} \right| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2}$$

$$= 2.45 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$(c) a_{(t=t)} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d[2\cos 2ti + j + (\sin t - \cos t)k]}{dt}$$

$$= -4\sin 2ti + (\cos t + \sin t)k$$

$$a_{(t=\frac{\pi}{2})} = -4\sin 2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) i + \left[\cos\frac{\pi}{2} + \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\right]k$$

$$a = k \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

Example 4

A particle moves in x-y plane such that its position at any time t is given by $r = (3t^2 - 1)i + (4t^3 + t - 1)j$.

- Find (a) speed after time $t = 2$ (b) magnitude of acceleration after $t = 2 \text{ s}$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{d[(3t^2 - 1)i + (4t^3 + t - 1)j]}{dt}$$

$$= 6ti + (12t^2 + 1)j \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

when $t = 2 \text{ s}$

$$v_{(t=2)} = [6 \times 2i + (12 \times 2^2 + 1)j] \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$= [12i + 49j] \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{speed} = |v_{(t=2)}| = \sqrt{12^2 + 49^2} = 50.45 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$(b) a_{(t=t)} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d[6ti + (12t^2 + 1)j]}{dt}$$

$$= (6i + 24tj) \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

when $t = 2 \text{ s}$

$$a_{(t=2)} = 6i + (24 \times 2)j = (6i + 48i) \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$|a_{(t=2)}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 48^2} = 48 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

Revision exercise 1

- The position vector of a particle at any time (t) is given by $r(t) = [(t^2 + 4t)i + (3t - t^3)j] \text{ m}$. Find the speed of the particle at $t = 3 \text{ s}$. [26 ms^{-1}]
- The displacement of a particles after t seconds is given by $r = t^3i + 9tj$. Find the speed when $t = 2 \text{ s}$. [15 ms^{-1}]
- The displacement of a particle after t seconds is given by $s = 2\sqrt{3} \sin ti + 8\cos tj$. find the speed when $t = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ s}$. [5 ms^{-1}]
- The displacement of a particle after t seconds is given by $r = 8t^3i + 2t^2j$. Find
 - acceleration when $t = 1 \text{ s}$ [$(6i + 4j) \text{ ms}^{-2}$]
 - magnitude of the acceleration when $t = 1 \text{ s}$ [7.21 ms^{-2}]

5. The velocity of a particle after t seconds is given by $v = \sin 2t\mathbf{i} - \cos t\mathbf{j}$. Find
 - (i) acceleration when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ s [$(-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-2}$]
 - (ii) magnitude of acceleration when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ s [2.24ms^{-2}]
6. The velocity of a particle after t seconds is given by $v = 2t^2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$. find the magnitude of acceleration when $t = 3$. [12ms^{-2}]
7. A particle of mass 6kg moves such that its displacement $s = \left(\begin{matrix} t^2 - 5 \\ t^2 - 3t + 2 \end{matrix} \right)\text{m}$. Find the
 - (a) velocity after time t [$2t\mathbf{i} + (2t - 3)\mathbf{j} \text{ms}^{-1}$]
 - (b) speed of the particle at $t = 2$ s [15ms^{-1}]
 - (c) acceleration and hence determine the force acting on the particle [$2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-2}$, $(12\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j})\text{N}$]
8. A particle of mass 2kg moves such that its displacement $s = \left(\begin{matrix} t^2 - 4t - 5 \\ t^2 - 4t + 3 \end{matrix} \right)\text{m}$. Find
 - (a) speed of the particle at $t = 2$ s [0ms^{-1}]
 - (b) force acting on the particle [$(4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})\text{N}$]
9. A particle of mass 4kg moves such that its displacement $s = (t^3 - t^2 - 4t + 3)\mathbf{i} + (t^3 - 2t^2 + 3t - 7)\mathbf{j}$. Find the
 - (i) the speed of the particle at $t = 4$ s [50.21ms^{-1}]
 - (ii) magnitude of the force acting on the particle when $t = \frac{2}{3}$ s [8N]
10. A particle of mass 0.5kg moves such that its displacement $r = \left(\begin{matrix} 4\sin 2t \\ 2\cos t - 1 \end{matrix} \right)\text{m}$. Find the
 - (a) velocity of the particle after $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ s [$(4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-1}$]
 - (b) force acting on the particle at any time t [$(-8\sin 2t\mathbf{i} - \cos t\mathbf{j})\text{N}$]
11. A particle of mass 2kg moves such that its displacement $r = (2 - \cos 3t)\mathbf{i} + (6\sin 2t)\mathbf{j}$. Find the
 - (a) velocity of the particle at $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ s [$(3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-1}$]
 - (b) force acting on the particle at $t = \pi$ s [-18N]
12. A particle moves such that its displacement $s = (2\sin t + \sin 2t)\mathbf{i} + (4\cos t + \cos 2t)\mathbf{j}$. Find the
 - (a) velocity of the particle at $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$ s [$-3\sqrt{3}\mathbf{j}\text{ms}^{-1}$]
 - (b) acceleration of the particle at $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ s [$(-2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-2}$]

Integral calculus

If r , v or a are function of time t ;

velocity, $v = \int a dt + c$ and displacement, $r = \int v dt + c$

integration; acceleration \Rightarrow velocity \Rightarrow displacement

Example 5

The velocity of the particle $v = 3t^2\mathbf{i} + 10t\mathbf{j}$. Given that the displacement is $4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ at $t = 0$. Find the distance of the body from the origin when $t = 2$ s.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 r = \int v dt + c \\
 r_{(t=t)} = \int (3t^2\mathbf{i} + 10t\mathbf{j}) dt + C \\
 r_{(t=t)} = t^3\mathbf{i} + 5t^2\mathbf{j} + C \\
 \text{At } t = 0, r = 4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} \\
 4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} = 0^3\mathbf{i} + 5 \times 0^2\mathbf{j} + C \\
 c = 4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}
 \end{array}
 \left|
 \begin{array}{l}
 r_{(t=t)} = [(t^3 + 4)\mathbf{i} + (5t^2 - 4)\mathbf{j}] \\
 \text{when } t = 2\text{s} \\
 r_{(t=2)} = [(2^3 + 4)\mathbf{i} + (5 \times 2^2 - 4)\mathbf{j}] = (12\mathbf{i} + 16\mathbf{j})\text{m} \\
 |r_{(t=2)}| = \sqrt{12^2 + 16^2} = 20\text{m}
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

Example 6

A particle is accelerated from rest at the origin with an acceleration of $(2t + 4)\text{ms}^{-2}$. Find

(a) velocity attained after $t = 2\text{s}$

(b) distance travelled at $t = 1\text{s}$

Solution

$$v = \int a dt + c$$

$$v = \int (2t + 4) dt + c$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = 2t^2 + 4t + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, v = 0$$

$$0 = 2(0)^2 + 4(0) + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = 2t^2 + 4t$$

$$v_{(t=2)} = 2 \times 2^2 + 4 \times 2 = 12\text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$r = \int v dt + c$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \int (2t^2 + 4t) dt + c$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{t^3}{3} + 2t^2 + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, r = 0$$

$$0 = \frac{0^3}{3} + 2 \times 0^2 + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{t^3}{3} + 2t^2$$

$$r_{(t=1)} = \frac{1^3}{3} + 2 \times 1^2 = 2.33\text{m}$$

Example 7

A particle is accelerated from rest at the origin with acceleration of $(4t + 2)\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$. Find

(i) velocity attained after $t = 3\text{s}$

(ii) speed after 3s

Solution

$$v = \int a dt + c$$

$$v = \int \{(4t + 2)\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}\} dt + c$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = (2t^2 + 2t)\mathbf{i} - 3t\mathbf{j} + c$$

$$t = 0, v = 0$$

$$0 = (2 \times 0^2 + 2 \times 0)\mathbf{i} - 3 \times 0\mathbf{j} + c$$

$$c = 0$$

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

$$v_{(t=3)} = (2 \times 3^2 + 2 \times 3)\mathbf{i} - 3 \times 3\mathbf{j}$$

$$= 24\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j}$$

$$\text{Speed} = |v_{(t=3)}| = \sqrt{24^2 + (-9)^2} = 25.63\text{ms}^{-1}$$

Example 8

A particle starts from origin $(0, 0)$. Its acceleration in ms^{-2} at time t seconds is given by $a = 6t\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$.

Find its speed after $t = 2\text{s}$

$$v = \int a dt + c$$

$$v = \int (6t\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) dt + c$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = 3t^2\mathbf{i} - 4t\mathbf{j} + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, v = 0$$

$$0 = 3 \times 0^2\mathbf{i} - 4 \times 0\mathbf{j} + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = 3t^2\mathbf{i} - 4t\mathbf{j}$$

$$v_{(t=2)} = 3 \times 2^2\mathbf{i} - 4 \times 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$= 12\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$$

$$v_{(t=2)} = \sqrt{12^2 + (-8)^2} = 14.42\text{ms}^{-2}$$

Example 9

An object of mass 5kg is initially at rest at a point whose position vector is $-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$. If it is acted on by a force $F = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$. Find

(i) acceleration

$$F = ma$$

$$a_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{5}(2i + 3j - 4k)ms^{-2}$$

(ii) speed after $t = 3s$

$$v = \int a dt + c$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{5} \int (2i + 3j - 4k) + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}(2ti + 3tj - 4tk) + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, v = 0$$

(iii) its distance from the origin after 3 seconds

$$r = \int v dt + c$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{5} \int (2ti + 3tj - 4tk) + c$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{5}(t^2i + 1.5t^2j - 2t^2k) + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, r = -2i + j$$

$$-2i + j = \frac{1}{5}(0^2i + 1.5 \times 0^2j - 2 \times 0^2k) + c$$

$$c = -2i + j$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{5}(2 \times 0i + 3 \times 0j - 4 \times 0k) + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{5}(2ti + 3tj - 4tk)$$

$$v_{(t=3)} = \frac{1}{5}(2 \times 3i + 3 \times 3j - 4 \times 3k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}(6i + 9j - 12k)$$

$$|v_{(t=3)}| = \frac{1}{5} \sqrt{6^2 + 9^2 + (-12)^2} = 3.23ms^{-1}$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{5}\{(t^2 - 10)i + (1.5t^2 + 5)j - 2t^2k\}$$

$$r_{(t=3)} = \frac{1}{5}\{(3^2 - 10)i + (1.5 \times 3^2 + 5)j - 18k\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}(-i + 18.5j - 2 \times 3^2k)$$

$$|r_{(t=3)}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (18.5)^2 + 18^2} = 5.166m$$

Example 10

A particle starts from rest at point $(2, 0, 0)$ and moves such that its acceleration in ms^{-2} at time t seconds is given by $a = [16\cos 4t i + 8\sin 2t j + (\sin t - 2\sin 2t)k]ms^{-2}$. Find the

(a) speed when $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

$$a = [16\cos 4t i + 8\sin 2t j + (\sin t - 2\sin 2t)k]ms^{-2}$$

$$v = \int a dt$$

$$= \int [16\cos 4t i + 8\sin 2t j + (\sin t - 2\sin 2t)k] dt$$

$$= [4\sin 4t i - 4\cos 2t j + (-\cos t + \cos 2t)k] + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0$$

$$0 = [4\sin 0i - 4\cos 0j + (-\cos 0 + \cos 0)k] + c$$

$$0 = -4j + c$$

$$c = 4j$$

$$\Rightarrow v = [4\sin 4t i + (-4\cos 2t + 4)j + (-\cos t + \cos 2t)k]$$

$$\text{At } t = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = [4\sin \pi i + (-4\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + 4)j + (-\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{\pi}{2})k]$$

$$= 4j - \cos \frac{\pi}{4} k$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{4^2 + \left(-\cos \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2} = \sqrt{16 + \frac{2}{4}} = \sqrt{16.5} = 4.062ms^{-1}$$

(b) distance from the origin when $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$s = \int v dt$$

$$= \int [4\sin 4t i + (-4\cos 2t + 4)j + (-\cos t + \cos 2t)k]$$

$$= -\cos 4t \mathbf{i} + (-2\sin 2t + 4t) \mathbf{j} + (-\sin t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t) \mathbf{k} + c$$

At $t = 0$, $s = 2\mathbf{i}$

By substitution

$$2\mathbf{i} = -\cos 0 \mathbf{i} + (-2\sin 0 + 4(0)) \mathbf{j} + (-\sin 0 + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2(0)) \mathbf{k} + c$$

$$2\mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{i} + c$$

$$c = 3\mathbf{i}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = (-\cos 4t + 3) \mathbf{i} + (-2\sin 2t + 4t) \mathbf{j} + (-\sin t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t) \mathbf{k}$$

At $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow s = (-\cos \pi + 3) \mathbf{i} + (-2\sin \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi) \mathbf{j} + (-\sin \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= 4\mathbf{i} + (\pi - 2) \mathbf{j} + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= 4\mathbf{i} + 1.416\mathbf{j} - 0.207\mathbf{k}$$

$$|s| = \sqrt{4^2 + (1.416)^2 + (-0.207)^2}$$

$$= 4.24828$$

$$= 4.248 \text{ (3D)}$$

Vector approach of finding work and power

Work done by a variable force is a dot product

$$W = F \cdot d \quad \text{or} \quad W_{(t=t)} = \int F v dt$$

Since power, $P = F \cdot v$

Example 11

A particle of mass 4kg starts from rest at the origin. It is acted on by a force $F = (2t\mathbf{i} + 3t^2\mathbf{j} + 5t\mathbf{k})\text{N}$

Find the work done by the force after 3 seconds

Solution

$$F = ma$$

$$a_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{4}(2t\mathbf{i} + 3t^2\mathbf{j} + 5t\mathbf{k})$$

$$v = \int a dt + c$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{4} \int (2t\mathbf{i} + 3t^2\mathbf{j} + 5t\mathbf{k}) dt + c$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{4}(t^2\mathbf{i} + t^3\mathbf{j} + 5t\mathbf{k}) + c$$

At $t = 0$, $v = 0$

$$0 = \frac{1}{4}(0^2\mathbf{i} + 0^3\mathbf{j} + 5 \times 0\mathbf{k}) + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{4}(t^2\mathbf{i} + t^3\mathbf{j} + 5t\mathbf{k})$$

$$v_{(t=3)} = \frac{1}{4}(3^2\mathbf{i} + 3^3\mathbf{j} + 5 \times 3\mathbf{k})$$

$$v_{(t=3)} = \frac{1}{4}(9\mathbf{i} + 27\mathbf{j} + 15\mathbf{k})$$

$$|v_{(t=3)}| = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{9^2 + 27^2 + 15^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{1,025} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$W_{(t=0 \text{ and } t=3)} = \frac{1}{2} m (v_{t=3}^2 - v_{t=0}^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \left(\frac{1}{16} \times 1,025 - 0 \right) = 129.375 \text{J}$$

Alternatively

$$P_{(t=t)} = F \cdot v$$

$$P_{(t=t)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 3t^2 \\ t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} t^2 \\ t^3 \\ 5t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} (2t^3 + 3t^5 + 5t^2)$$

$$W_{(t=0 \text{ and } t=3)} = \int_0^3 F \cdot v dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^3 (2t^3 + 3t^5 + 5t^2) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{2} t^4 + \frac{1}{2} t^6 + \frac{25}{2} t^2 \right]_0^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 3^4 + \frac{1}{2} \times 3^6 + \frac{25}{2} \times 3^2 \right) - 0 \right\} \\ &= 129.375\text{J} \end{aligned}$$

Example 12

A particle of mass 3kg moves along a straight line such that after t seconds its position vector is s

metres where $s = \begin{pmatrix} 25t + 4t^2 \\ 50 + 2t^2 \\ 15 + 3t^2 \end{pmatrix}$. Find

(a) Magnitude of force

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} 25t + 4t^2 \\ 50 + 2t^2 \\ 15 + 3t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 25 + 8t \\ 4t \\ 6t \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$a_{(t=t)} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} 25 + 8t \\ 4t \\ 6t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 3 \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} \\ |F| &= \sqrt{12^2 + 12^2 + 18^2} \\ &= 32.31\text{N} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Power when t = 2s

$$P_{(t=t)} = F \cdot v$$

$$v_{t=2} = \begin{pmatrix} 25 + 8 \times 2 \\ 4 \times 2 \\ 6 \times 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 41 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$P_{(t=2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 41 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = 1,296\text{ms}^2$$

(c) Work done on the particle between t = 1s and t=2s

$$W_{(t=1 \text{ and } t=2)} = \frac{1}{2} m (v_{t=2}^2 - v_{t=1}^2)$$

$$v_{(t=1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 25 + 8 \times 1 \\ 4 \times 1 \\ 6 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 33 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$|v_{(t=1)}| = \sqrt{33^2 + 4^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{1141} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$|v_{(t=2)}| = \sqrt{41^2 + 8^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{1889} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$W_{(t=1 \text{ and } t=2)} = \frac{1}{2} m (v_{t=2}^2 - v_{t=1}^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 3 (1889 - 1141) = 1122\text{J}$$

Alternatively

$$P_{(t=1)} = F \cdot v$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 25 + 8t \\ 4t \\ 6t \end{pmatrix} = (600 + 348t)$$

$$W_{(t=1 \text{ and } t=2)} = \int_1^2 F \cdot v dt$$

$$= \int_1^2 (600 + 348t) dt$$

$$[600t + 174t^2]_1^2$$

$$= (12000 + 696) - (6000 + 174)$$

$$= 1122\text{J}$$

Example 13

A particle of mass 10kg starts from rest at a point A with position vector $(4i + 3j + 2k)m$. It is acted on by a constant force, $F = (8i + 4j + 6k)N$ causing it to accelerate to B after 4s. Find the

(a) Magnitude of acceleration

$$F = ma$$

$$a_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10}((8i + 4j + 6k))ms^{-2}$$

$$|a_{(t=t)}| = \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{8^2 + 4^2 + 6^2} = 1.077ms^{-2}$$

(b) velocity at any time t

$$v_{(t=t)} = \int a dt + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \int (8i + 4j + 6k) dt$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10}(8ti + 4tj + 6tk) + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0; v = 0$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{10}(8 \times 0i + 4 \times 0j + 6 \times 0k) + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10}(8ti + 4tj + 6tk)$$

(c) position vector point B

$$r_{(t=t)} = \int v dt + c$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10} \int (8ti + 4tj + 6tk) dt + c$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10}(4t^2i + 2t^2j + 3t^2k) + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, OA = (4i + 3j + 2k)$$

$$(2i + 3j + 2k) = \frac{1}{10}(4 \times 0^2i + 2 \times 0^2j + 3 \times 0^2k) + c$$

$$c = (4i + 3j + 2k)$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10}(4t^2i + 2t^2j + 3t^2k) + (4i + 3j + 2k)$$

$$r_{(t=t)} = \frac{1}{10}\{(4t^2 + 40)i + (2t^2 + 30)j + (3t^2 + 20)k\}$$

(d) the displacement vector AB

$$OB_{(t=4)} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \times 4^2 + 40 \\ 2 \times 4^2 + 30 \\ 3 \times 4^2 + 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10.4 \\ 3.2 \\ 6.8 \end{pmatrix} m$$

$$\overline{AB} = OB - OA = \begin{pmatrix} 10.4 \\ 3.2 \\ 6.8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6.4 \\ 3.2 \\ 4.8 \end{pmatrix} m$$

(e) work done by the force F after 4s.

$$W_{(t=4)} = F \cdot r = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 6.4 \\ 3.2 \\ 4.8 \end{pmatrix} = 92.8J$$

Alternative 1

$$v_{(t=4)} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \times 4 \\ 4 \times 4 \\ 6 \times 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 \\ 1.6 \\ 2.4 \end{pmatrix} ms^{-1}$$

$$v_{(t=4)} = \sqrt{3.2^2 + 1.6^2 + 2.4^2} = \sqrt{18.56}ms^{-1}$$

$$W_{(t=0 \text{ and } t=4)} = \frac{1}{2}m(v_{(t=4)}^2 - v_{(t=0)}^2) = \frac{1}{2} \times 10(18.56 - 0) = 92.8J$$

Alternative 2

$$P_{(t=t)} = F \cdot v$$

$$P_{(t=t)} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 8t \\ 4t \\ 6t \end{pmatrix} = 11.6t$$

$$W_{(t=0 \text{ and } t=4)} = \int F \cdot v dt = \int_0^4 11.6t dt = [5.8t^2]_0^4 = [5.8 \times 4^2 - 0] = 92.8J$$

Example 14

A particle move along a curve such that after t seconds its position vector is r where $r = \begin{pmatrix} t + 1 \\ \frac{10}{3}t^3 - 6 \\ 4 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 \end{pmatrix}$.

The particle is acted on by a force $F = (2t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} - 2t\mathbf{k})\text{N}$. Find

(a) Power at any time t .

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} t + 1 \\ \frac{10}{3}t^3 - 6 \\ 4 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10t^2 \\ -3t \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$P_{(t=t)} = F \cdot v = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ t^2 \\ -2t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10t^2 \\ -3t \end{pmatrix} = 2t + 10t^4 + 6t^2$$

(b) work done by the force in the interval $t = 1\text{s}$ and $t = 3\text{s}$

$$W_{(t=1 \text{ and } t=3)} = \int_1^3 F \cdot v dt = \int_1^3 2t + 10t^4 + 6t^2 dt$$

$$= [t^2 + 2t^3 + 2t^5]_1^3$$

$$W = (9 + 54 + 486) - (1 + 2 + 2) = 544\text{J}$$

Example 15

A particle of mass 2kg has a displacement vector $s = \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 \\ 4t \\ 8t^3 \end{pmatrix}\text{m}$ and a force $F = \begin{pmatrix} 3t \\ 4t^3 \\ 5t \end{pmatrix}\text{N}$. Find

(a) work done at $t = 2\text{s}$

$$W = F \cdot v$$

$$W_{(t=t)} = \begin{pmatrix} 3t \\ 4t^3 \\ 5t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 \\ 4t \\ 8t^3 \end{pmatrix} = (6t^3 + 56t^4)\text{J}$$

$$W_{(t=2)} = (6 \times 2^3 + 56 \times 2^4) = 944\text{J}$$

(b) Power when $t = 4\text{s}$

$$v_{(t=t)} = \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 \\ 4t \\ 8t^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4t \\ 4 \\ 24t^2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$P_{(t=t)} = F \cdot v = \begin{pmatrix} 3t \\ 4t^3 \\ 5t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4t \\ 4 \\ 24t^2 \end{pmatrix} = (12t^2 + 136t^3)\text{W}$$

$$P_{(t=4)} = (12 \times 4^2 + 136 \times 4^3)\text{W} = 8,896\text{W}$$

Example 16

1. A force $F = (2t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3t\mathbf{k})\text{N}$ acts on a particle of mass 2kg . The particle is initially at a point $(0,0,0)$ and moving with a velocity $(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})\text{ms}^{-1}$. Determine the:

(a) Magnitude of the acceleration of the particle after 2 seconds (04marks)

$$F = (2t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3t\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 1 \\ -3t \end{pmatrix}\text{N}$$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 1 \\ -3t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0.5 \\ -1.5t \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

At $t = 2\text{s}$

$$\underline{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 0.5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$|\underline{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 0.5^2 + (-3)^2} = 3.64 \text{ms}^{-2}$$

(b) Velocity of the particle after 2 seconds (04marks)

$$\underline{v} = \int \underline{a} dt = \int \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0.5 \\ -1.5t \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5t^2 \\ 0.5t \\ -7.5t^2 \end{pmatrix} + C$$

At $t = 0$ initial velocity = $(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C \Rightarrow C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5t^2 + 1 \\ 0.5t + 2 \\ -7.5t^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

At $t = 2\text{s}$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5(2)^2 + 1 \\ 0.5(2) + 2 \\ -7.5(2)^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

(c) Displacement of the particle after 2 seconds (04marks)

$$\underline{r} = \int \underline{v} dt = \int \begin{pmatrix} 0.5t^2 + 1 \\ 0.5t + 2 \\ -7.5t^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{t^3}{6} + t \\ \frac{t^2}{4} + 2t \\ -t - \frac{t^3}{4} \end{pmatrix} + C$$

$$\text{At } t = 0; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{t^3}{6} + t \\ \frac{t^2}{4} + 2t \\ -t - \frac{t^3}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

At $t = 2\text{s}$

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2^3}{6} + 2 \\ \frac{2^2}{4} + 2 \times 2 \\ -2 - \frac{2^3}{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{10}{3} \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \text{m}$$

Example 17

1. A particle of mass 4kg starts from rest at point $(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})\text{m}$. it moves with acceleration $\underline{a} = (4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})\text{ms}^{-2}$ when a constant force \underline{F} acts on it.

Find the:

(a) Force \underline{F} (02marks)

$$\underline{F} = m\underline{a}$$

$$= 4 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 8 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \text{N or } \underline{F} = (16\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} - 12\mathbf{k})\text{N}$$

(b) Velocity at any time t . (04marks)

$$\underline{v} = \int \underline{a} dt$$

$$\underline{v} = \underline{at} + \underline{c}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} t + \underline{c}$$

$$\text{At time } t = 0, \underline{v} = \underline{u} = \underline{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substituting for \underline{c}

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} t = \begin{pmatrix} 4t \\ 2t \\ -3t \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{or } \underline{v} = (4t\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} - 3t\mathbf{k})\text{ms}^{-1}$$

(c) Work done by the force \underline{F} after 6 seconds (06marks)

$$\text{Work done} = \text{force } (\underline{F}) \times \text{distance } (\underline{r})$$

$$\underline{r} = \int v dt = \int \begin{pmatrix} 4t \\ 2t \\ -3t \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 \\ t^2 \\ -1.5t^2 \end{pmatrix} + c$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, \underline{r} = c = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 \\ t^2 \\ -1.5t^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

After time $t = 6$ seconds

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(6)^2 \\ (6)^2 \\ -1.5(6)^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 74 \\ 33 \\ -53 \end{pmatrix}$$

Work done = force (F) x distance (\underline{r})

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 8 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 74 \\ 33 \\ -53 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 1184 + 264 + 636 = 2,084\text{J}$$

Revision exercise

- A particle of mass 3kg is acted on by a force $F = (24t^3i + (36t - 16)j + 12k)\text{N}$ at time t . At time $t = 0$, the particle is at the point with position vector $(3, -1, 4)$ and moving with velocity $(16i + 15j - 8k)\text{ms}^{-1}$. Determine the
 - acceleration of the particle at time $t = 2\text{s}$. $[28.4253\text{ms}^{-2}]$
 - speed of the particle at $t = 2\text{s}$ $[42.9534\text{ms}^{-1}]$
 - distance of the particle from the origin at $t = 2\text{s}$ $[56.5155\text{m}]$
- A particle of mass 4kg is acted on by a force $F = (6i - 36t^2j + 54tk)\text{N}$ at time t . At time $t = 0$, the particle is at the point with position vector $(i - 5j - k)$ and its velocity is $(3i + 3j)\text{ms}^{-1}$. Determine the
 - position vector of the particle at time $t = 1\text{s}$. $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\text{m}$.
 - Distance of the particle from the origin at time $t = 1\text{s}$ $[6.1644\text{m}]$
- The acceleration of a particle is $6ti + 2j$. Given that the velocity is $(4i - j)\text{ms}^{-1}$ and displacement is $(2i + 3j)\text{m}$ when $t = 1\text{s}$. Find the displacement when $t = 3\text{s}$ $[(30i + 5j)\text{m}]$
- If the velocity of a particle is $4\cos 2ti + 2\sin 2tj$, given the displacement is $6i - 2j$ when $t = \frac{\pi}{4}\text{s}$. Find the distance of the body from the origin when $t = \pi\text{s}$. $[5\text{m}]$
- If the acceleration of a particle is $9\sin 3ti + 2\cos tj$ and the body is initially at rest. Find its velocity when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}\text{s}$. $[(3i + j)\text{ms}^{-1}]$
- If the acceleration of a particle is $6\sin 6ti + 9\cos 3tj$, given that the velocity is $(i + 3j)\text{ms}^{-1}$ and displacement is $(5i + 2j)\text{m}$ when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}\text{s}$. Find the displacement when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}\text{s}$. $[(5i + 3j)\text{m}]$
- If the acceleration of the particle is $6ti + 6j - 2k$, given that the velocity is $(3i + 6j - 3k)\text{ms}^{-1}$ and displacement is $(2i + 5j - 2k)\text{m}$ when $t = 1\text{s}$. Find
 - velocity when $t = 2\text{s}$ $[(12i + 12j - 5k)\text{ms}^{-1}]$
 - displacement when $t = 3\text{s}$ $[(28i + 29j - 12k)\text{m}]$
- If the acceleration of a particle is $2i + 6j + 12t^2k$, given that the velocity is $(3i + k)\text{ms}^{-1}$ and displacement is $(-i + k)\text{m}$ when $t = 1\text{s}$. Find the
 - velocity when $t = 2\text{s}$ $[(-i + 3j + 5k)]$
 - displacement when $t = 2\text{s}$ $[(-3i + 8j + 19k)\text{m}]$
- If the acceleration of a particle is $(6ti - 2k)\text{ms}^{-2}$, given that the velocity is $(i + 12j - 4k)\text{ms}^{-1}$ and the displacement is $(3i + 6j)\text{m}$ when $t = 2\text{s}$, Find the
 - velocity when $t = 4\text{s}$ $[37i + 12j - 8k]\text{ms}^{-1}$
 - displacement when $t = 3\text{s}$ $[11i + 18j - 5k]\text{m}$

10. The velocity of a particle $v = 4t^3i + 6tj - 3t^2k$. Given that the displacement is $14i + 6j - 3k$ at $t = 1s$. Find the
- acceleration when $t = 5s$ $[(108i + 6j - 18k)ms^{-2}]$
 - displacement when $t = 0$ $[(13i + 3j - 2k)m]$
11. The velocity of a particle $v = (3t^2i - 10t)j + 2j - 6tk$. Given that the displacement is $-9i + 3j - 13k$ at $t = 2s$. Find the
- acceleration when $t = 5s$ $[(20i - 6k)ms^{-2}]$
 - displacement when $t = 3s$ $[15i + 5j - 28k)m]$
12. The particle starts from rest at the origin moving with velocity of $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos 2t + 11 \\ 3\sin 3t \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the
- speed when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}s$. $[13ms^{-1}]$
 - displacement when $t = \frac{\pi}{2}s$. $[(1.5\pi i + j - 2\pi k)m]$
 - acceleration when $t = \pi s$ $[9jms^{-2}]$

Thank you

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