Motion Problems

1973 AB 28

A point moves in a straight line so that its distance at time t from a fixed point of the line is $8t - 3t^2$. What is the *total* distance covered by the point between $t = 1$ and $t = 2$?

(A) 1 (B) $\frac{4}{3}$ (C) $\frac{5}{3}$ (D) 2 (E) 5

1985 AB 11

The position of a particle moving along a straight line at any time t is given by $s(t) = t^2 + 4t + 4$. What is the acceleration of the particle when $t = 4$?

(A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 8 (E) 12

1995 AB 28

If the position of a particle on the x-axis at time t is $-5t^2$, then the average velocity of the particle for $0 \le t \le 3$ is

(A) −45 (B) −30 (C) −15 (D) −10 (E) −5

1988 AB16

A particle moves along the x-axis so that at any time $t \geq 0$ its position is given by $x(t) = t^3 - 3t^2 - 9t + 1$. For what values of t is the particle at rest?

(A) No values (B) 1 only (C) 3 only (D) 5 only (E) 1 and 3

1993 AB 26

A particle moves along a line so that at time t, where $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, its position is given by $s(t) = -4\cos t - \frac{t^2}{2} + 10$. What is the velocity of the particle when its acceleration is zero?

(A) –5.19 (B) 0.74 (C) 1.32 (D) 2.55 (E) 8.13

1998 AB14

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its position at time t is given by $x(t) = t^2 - 6t + 5$. For what value of t is the velocity of the particle zero?

(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4 (E) 5