

Q1.

The body mass index (BMI) of a person is calculated in SI units using the formula:

$$\text{BMI} = \text{weight (kg)} / \text{height}^2 (\text{m}^2)$$

Find the BMI of a person (in SI units) whose weight is 160 lb (pound) and height is 70.0 inches. (1.00 inch = 2.54 cm, 1.00 lb = 454 g).

A) 23.0

B) 16.7

C) 5.45

D) 35.0

E) 45.2

Ans:

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{(160 \times 0.454)}{(70 \times 2.54 \times 10^{-2})^2} = 22.98$$

Q2.

It is observed that the frequency f (s^{-1}) of oscillations of a string depends upon its mass (M), length (L) and tension P ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}^2$) as follows:

$$f = C P^a M^b L^c$$

where C is a dimensionless constant. Find the values of the constants a , b , and c (in this order)

A) $1/2, -1/2, -1/2$

B) $1/2, 1/2, -1/2$

C) $-1/2, 1/2, 1/2$

D) $1/2, -1/2, 1/2$

E) $-1/2, -1/2, 1/2$

Ans:

$$[f] = [P]^a [m]^b [l]^c \rightarrow T^{-1} = M^a L^a T^{-2a} M^b L^c$$

$$\Rightarrow -2a = -1, a + b = 0, a + c = 0$$

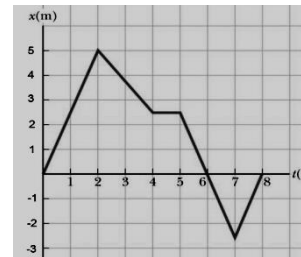
$$\rightarrow a = -1/2, b = 1/2, c = 1/2$$

Q3.

The position versus time for a certain particle moving along the x-axis is shown in **Figure 1**. The average velocity in the time interval 4.0 s to 7.0 s is:

Figure 1

- A) -1.7 m/s
- B) Zero
- C) 1.7 m/s
- D) 0.80 m/s
- E) -0.80 m/s

**Ans:**

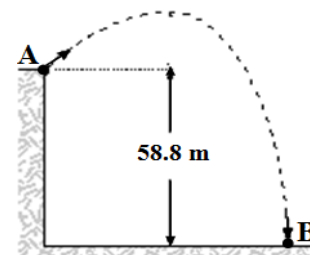
$$v = (x_2 - x_1) / (t_2 - t_1) = (-2.5 - 2.5) / 3 = -1.7 \text{ m/s}$$

Q4.

A stone is thrown outward from point A at the top of a 58.8 m high cliff with an upward velocity component of 19.6 m/s (see **Figure 2**). Assume that it lands on the ground, at point B, below the cliff, and that the ground below the cliff is flat. How long was the stone in the air? [Neglect the air resistance].

- A) 6.00 s
- B) 5.00 s
- C) 4.00 s
- D) 7.00 s
- E) 8.00 s

Figure 2

**Ans:**

Use the equation

$$y = v_{yo}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

With $v_{yo} = 19.6 \text{ m/s}$, $y = -58.8 \text{ m}$, we have the equation:

$$-58.8 = 39.2t - \frac{1}{2}9.8t^2 \text{ which has the solution}$$

$$\text{solve } [9.8t^2 - 39.2t - 117.6 = 0, \quad \{t\}]$$

$$\{\{t \rightarrow -2.\}, \{t \rightarrow 6.\}\},$$

Q5.

Figure 3 illustrates the motion of a particle starting from rest and moving along an x-axis with a constant acceleration. The figure's vertical scaling is set by $x_s = 12$ m. The particle's acceleration is

- A) 2.0 m/s^2
- B) 0.50 m/s^2
- C) -6.0 m/s^2
- D) 6.0 m/s^2
- E) -3.0 m/s^2

Ans:

$$x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} (a) t^2$$

From the figure $x_0 = -4$

at $t = 2$

$$0 - (-4) = 2v_0 + 2a$$

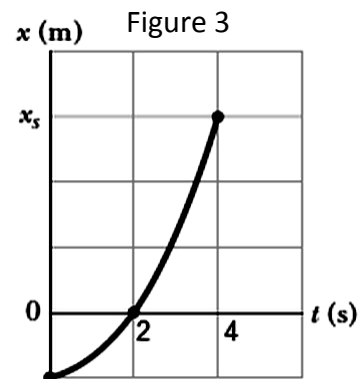
$$v_0 + a = 2 \quad (1)$$

at $t = 4$

$$12 - (-4) = 4v_0 + 8a$$

$$v_0 + 2a = 4 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1) and (2)} \quad a = 2 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad \#$$

**Q6.**

A ball is thrown directly downward from a height of 30.0 m. It takes 1.79 s to reach the ground. Find the magnitude of the initial velocity.

- A) 7.99 m/s
- B) 1.66 m/s
- C) 10.0 m/s
- D) 2.00 m/s
- E) 3.75 m/s

Ans: $t = 1.79 \text{ s}$

Solve the equation for v_0

$$y - 30 = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} (9.80) t^2$$

for v_0 , one finds

$$v_0 = 7.99 \text{ m/s} \quad \#$$

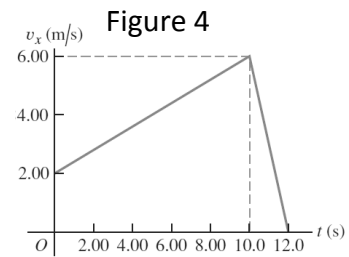
$$\text{solve}[9.8 \times 1.79^2 / 2 - v_0 1.79 - 30 = 0, \{v_0\}]$$

$$\{\{v_0 \rightarrow -7.98878\}\}$$

Q7.

A man is running in a straight line (along the x-axis). The graph in **Figure 4** shows the man's velocity as a function of time. During the first 12.0 s, the total distance traveled is

- A) 46.0 m
- B) Zero
- C) 40.0 m
- D) 8.00 m
- E) 72.0 m

**Ans:**

$$\text{Area} = 2 \times 10 + \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 4 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 6 = 46 \text{ m}$$

Another solution

In the first 10 s

$$a = 0.4 \text{ m/s}^2, x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

$$x - x_0 = 2 \times 10 + \frac{1}{2} (0.4) 100 = 40 \text{ m}$$

during the interval 10 to 12 s, the acceleration is $-6/2 = -3 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$x - x_0 = 6 \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} (3) 4 = 6$$

The total distance travelled is $40+6=46$

Q8.

If $\vec{A} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\vec{B} = 3.0\hat{i} + 2.0\hat{j}$, what is the angle between the two vectors? [\hat{i} , \hat{j} and \hat{k} are the unit vectors in the x, y and z-direction, respectively]

- A) 79°
- B) 41°
- C) 90°
- D) 19°
- E) 26°

Ans:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |A||B|\cos\psi$$

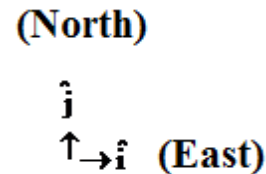
$$\therefore (1 - 3 - 1 \times 2) = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{13} \cos\psi \Rightarrow \psi = 79^\circ$$

Q9.

A boat is sailing due East at a speed of 6.0 m/s relative to the water of a river. The water is moving due south at a speed of 5.0 m/s relative to the ground. What is the velocity of the boat relative to the ground in unit vectors? See **Figure 5**. [\hat{i} , \hat{j} and \hat{k} are the unit vectors in the x, y and z-direction, respectively]

- A) $\vec{V}_{bg} = 6.0\hat{i} - 5.0\hat{j}$
 B) $\vec{V}_{bg} = 3.0\hat{i} - 4.0\hat{j}$
 C) $\vec{V}_{bg} = 8.0\hat{i} - 5.0\hat{j}$
 D) $\vec{V}_{bg} = 6.0\hat{i} - 8.0\hat{j}$
 E) $\vec{V}_{bg} = 5.0\hat{i} - 4.0\hat{j}$

Figure 5

**Ans:**

$$V_{bw} = 6.0\hat{i}$$

$$V_{wg} = -5.0\hat{j}$$

$$V_{bg} = V_{bw} + V_{wg}$$

$$V_{bg} = 6.0\hat{i} - 5.0\hat{j}$$

Q10.

A vector in the xy plane has a magnitude of 25 and the magnitude of its x -component is 12. The angle this vector makes with the positive y -axis is:

- A) 29°
 B) 64°
 C) 61°
 D) 24°
 E) 41°

Ans:

$$A_x = 12 = x \cos \psi = 25 \cos \psi$$

$$\cos \psi = \frac{12}{25} \Rightarrow \psi = 61.3^\circ$$

$$\text{Then } 90 - \psi \approx 29^\circ$$

Q11.

The vectors \mathbf{X} , \mathbf{Y} , and \mathbf{Z} are related by $\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$. Which diagram in **Figure 6** illustrates this relationship?

Figure 6

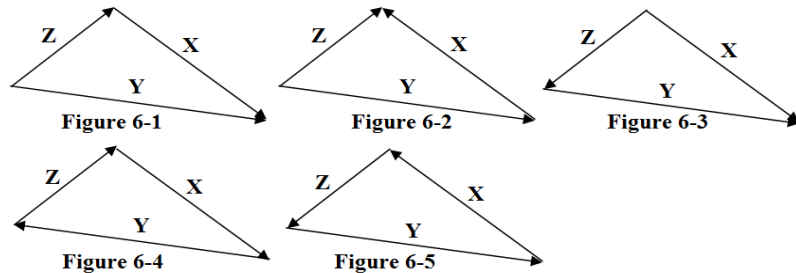
A) Figure 6-1

B) Figure 6-2

C) Figure 6-3

D) Figure 6-4

E) Figure 6-5



Ans:

Figure 6-1

Q12.

The result of $(\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) \times (\hat{k} \times \hat{i})$ is:

[\hat{i} , \hat{j} and \hat{k} are the unit vectors in the x, y and z-direction, respectively]

A) \hat{k}

B) 0

C) \hat{i} D) \hat{j} E) $-\hat{k}$

Ans:

$$(\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) \times (\hat{k} \times \hat{i}) = \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

Q13.

A particle undergoes a displacement, $\Delta \vec{r} = 2.0\hat{i} - 3.0\hat{j} + 6.0\hat{k}$, ending with the position vector, $\vec{r} = 3.0\hat{j} - 4.0\hat{k}$ in meters. What was the particle's initial position vector? [\hat{i} , \hat{j} and \hat{k} are the unit vectors in the x, y and z-direction, respectively]

A) $-2.0\hat{i} + 6.0\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$ B) $6.0\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ C) $2.0\hat{i} + 3.0\hat{k}$ D) $2.0\hat{k}$ E) $-2.0\hat{i} + 3.0\hat{j} - 9.0\hat{k}$

Ans:

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}_f - \vec{r}_i = \Delta \vec{r} = 2.0\hat{i} - 3.0\hat{j} + 6.0\hat{k} = (3.0\hat{j} - 4.0\hat{k}) - \vec{r}_i$$

$$\vec{r}_i = 2.0\hat{i} + 6.0\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$$

Q14.

A stone is tied to a string and rotated in a circle of radius 4 m at a constant speed. If the magnitude of its acceleration is 16 m/s^2 , what is the period of the motion?

- A) $\pi \text{ s}$
- B) $2\pi \text{ s}$
- C) $3\pi \text{ s}$
- D) $\pi/2 \text{ s}$
- E) $4\pi \text{ s}$

Ans:

$$V = \sqrt{R \cdot a} = \sqrt{(4.0 \text{ m} \times 16 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 8.0 \text{ m/s}$$
$$T = 2\pi R/v = (2\pi \times 4.0 \text{ m}) / (8.0 \text{ m/s}) = \pi \text{ s}$$

Q15.

The minimum speed of a projectile during the whole flight is 5.0 m/s. It takes 4.0 s to reach its horizontal range. What is the horizontal range of the projectile?

- A) 20 m
- B) 30 m
- C) 40 m
- D) 50 m
- E) 10 m

Ans:

The minimum speed of the projectile motion is at the highest point, when $V_y = \text{zero}$.
So minimum speed = V_x

$$\text{Horizontal range} = V_x \times t = 5 \text{ m/s} \times 4 \text{ s} = 20 \text{ m}$$