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**Physics Topic 4B – Horizontal Motion in One Dimension with Calculus**

**Answer the following questions. The solutions to this worksheet can be found on the YouTube channel Go Physics Go.**

1. The position of Kenny's Porsche as he zooms down the x-axis is given by the function  $x(t) = 5t^3 + 4t^2 + 3t + 6$ .
  - a. Find formulas for his velocity and for his acceleration as functions of time.
  - b. Find his initial position, velocity, and acceleration.
  - c. Find his average velocity for the first three seconds.

2. The acceleration of Oliver's BMW as he zooms down the x-axis is given by the equation  $a = 42t$ . At  $t = 2$  his velocity is  $v = 144$  and his position is  $x = 200$ .
- a. Find formulas for his velocity and for his position as functions of time.
- b. With time on the horizontal axis sketch graphs of  $x$ ,  $v$ , and  $a$  versus  $t$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

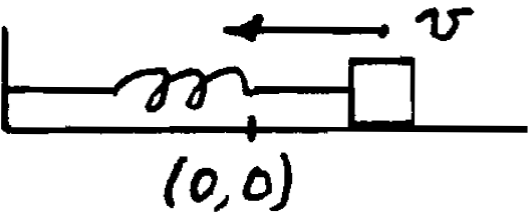
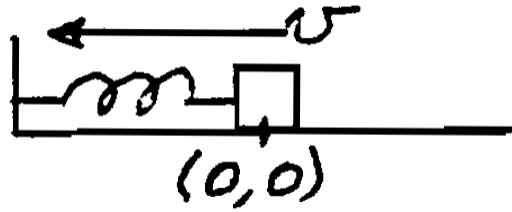
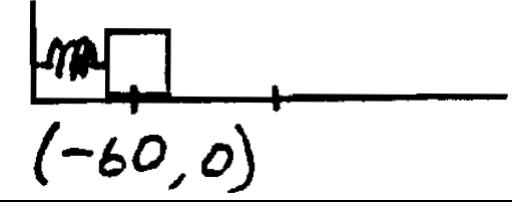
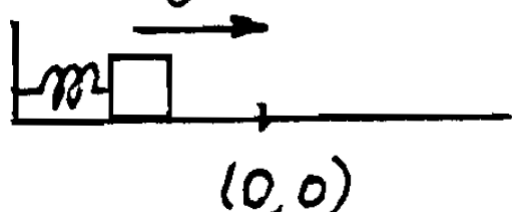
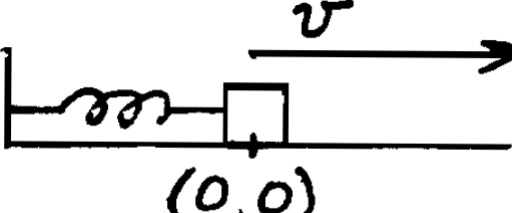
3. The bell rings and Mr. Harvie dashes out the door of room 25. However, he is attached to his desk by a bungee cord. His position along the x-axis is given by the function  $x(t) = 60t^2 - 5t^3$ .
- Find formulas for his velocity and for his acceleration as functions of time.
  - At what time is his position zero?
  - At what time is his velocity zero?
  - At what time is his acceleration zero?
  - During what time interval is his position positive; is his velocity positive; is his acceleration positive?
  - Sketch a graph of his motion on the x-y axis.

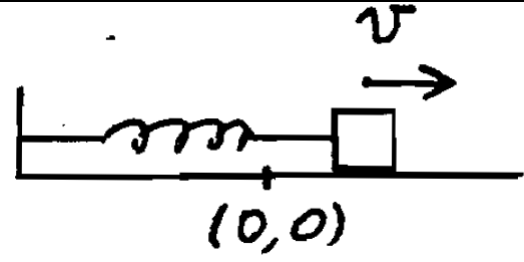
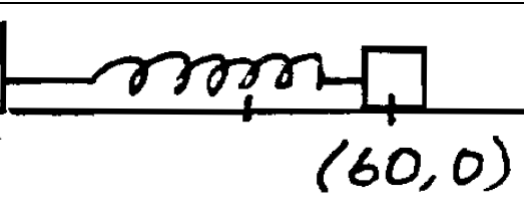
- g. Sketch  $x-t$ ,  $v-t$ , and  $a-t$  curves.
- h. Find his location at  $t = 1$  and at  $t = 10$ .
- i. Find his average velocity from  $t = 1$  to  $t = 10$ .
- j. Find his average speed from  $t = 1$  to  $t = 10$ .

- k. Find his average velocity and average speed from  $t = 1$  to  $t = 13$ .

4. A space shuttle accelerates non-uniformly with  $a(t) = 25(1 - e^{-t})$ .
- Find its acceleration at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = \infty$ .
  - The shuttle's initial velocity is zero. Find a formula for its velocity as a function of time.
  - The shuttle's initial position is zero. Find a formula for its position as a function of time.
  - Sketch  $a$ - $t$  and  $v$ - $t$  curves.

5. A particle attached to a spring is confined to move back and forth on the horizontal axis between  $x = -60$  cm and  $x = 60$  cm. There is no friction. The origin is the equilibrium position. The position of the particle is given by the function  $x(t) = A \cos \omega t = (60 \text{ cm}) \times \cos(0.523597756t)$  where  $\omega$  is given in radians per second.
- a. For each of the following determine if  $x$ ,  $v$ , and  $a$  are positive, negative, or zero.

- b. Find a formula for the particles velocity and acceleration.



- c. At  $t = 0, 3, 6, 9$ , and  $12$  s calculate the particles position, velocity, and acceleration. Please set your calculator to radians.

	0 s	3 s	6 s	9 s	12 s
$\vec{x}$					
$\vec{v}$					
$\vec{a}$					

d. Calculate the particles average velocity  $\bar{v}$  for the following time intervals:

	$\bar{v}$
$t = 0$ to $t = 12$ s	
$t = 0$ to $t = 3$ s	
$t = 0$ to $t = 6$ s	
$t = 6$ to $t = 9$ s	
$t = 6$ to $t = 12$ s	
$t = 3$ to $t = 12$ s	

- e. Calculate the particles average speed  $\bar{v}$  for the same time intervals.

	$\bar{v}$
$t = 0$ to $t = 12$ s	
$t = 0$ to $t = 3$ s	
$t = 0$ to $t = 6$ s	
$t = 6$ to $t = 9$ s	
$t = 6$ to $t = 12$ s	
$t = 3$ to $t = 12$ s	

- f. When  $x = 30$  calculate  $t$ ,  $v$ , and  $a$ .

Take a break and play this video game:

<https://universeandmore.com/motion-mapper/>