Worksheet - Kinematics



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Answer the following questions :-

1. The main runway at *Concordville* airport is 2 km long. An airplane, landing at *Concordville*, touches down at point T, and immediately starts to slow down. The point A is at the southern end of the runway. A marker is located at point P on the runway.

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As the airplane slows down, its distance, *s*, from A, is given by

 $s = c + 100t - 4t^2$,

where t is the time in seconds after touchdown, and c metres is the distance of T from A.

- (a) The airplane touches down 800 m from A, (*ie* c = 800).
 - (i) Find the distance travelled by the airplane in the first 5 seconds after touchdown.
 - (ii) Write down an expression for the velocity of the airplane at time *t* seconds after touchdown, and hence find the velocity after 5 seconds.

The airplane passes the marker at P with a velocity of 36 m s^{-1} . Find

- (iii) how many seconds after touchdown it passes the marker;
- (iv) the distance from P to A.
- (b) Show that if the airplane touches down before reaching the point P, it can stop before reaching the northern end, B, of the runway.
- 2. A rock-climber slips off a rock-face and falls vertically. At first he falls freely, but after 2 seconds a safety rope slows him down. The height h metres of the rock-climber after t seconds of the fall is given by:

$$h = 50 - 5t^2$$
, $0 \le t \le 2$
 $h = 90 - 40t + 5t^2$, $2 \le t \le 5$

- (a) Find the height of the rock-climber when t = 2.
- (b) Sketch a graph of *h* against *t* for $0 \le t \le 5$.
- (c) Find $\frac{dh}{dt}$ for:



- (i) $0 \le t \le 2$ (ii) $2 \le t \le 5$
- (d) Find the velocity of the rock-climber when t = 2.
- (e) Find the times when the velocity of the rock-climber is zero.
- (f) Find the minimum height of the rock-climber for $0 \le t \le 5$.
- 3. A ball is thrown vertically upwards into the air. The height, h metres, of the ball above the ground after t seconds is given by

$$h = 2 + 20t - 5t^2, t \ge 0$$

- (a) Find the **initial** height above the ground of the ball (that is, its height at the instant when it is released).
- (b) Show that the height of the ball after one second is 17 metres.
- (c) At a later time the ball is **again** at a height of 17 metres.
 - (i) Write down an equation that *t* must satisfy when the ball is at a height of 17 metres.
 - (ii) Solve the equation **algebraically**.

(d) (i) Find
$$\frac{dh}{dt}$$
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- (ii) Find the **initial** velocity of the ball (that is, its velocity at the instant when it is released).
- (iii) Find **when** the ball reaches its maximum height.
- (iv) Find the maximum height of the ball.
- 4. A ball is dropped vertically from a great height. Its velocity *v* is given by

$$v = 50 - 50e^{-0.2t}, t \ge 0$$

where v is in metres per second and t is in seconds.

(a) Find the value of *v* when

(i) t = 0; (ii) t = 10.

- (b) (i) Find an expression for the acceleration, a, as a function of t.
 - (ii) What is the value of *a* when t = 0?
- (c) (i) As *t* becomes large, what value does *v* approach?
 - (ii) As *t* becomes large, what value does *a* approach?
 - (iii) Explain the relationship between the answers to parts (i) and (ii).



- (d) Let *y* metres be the distance fallen after *t* seconds.
 - (i) Show that $y = 50t + 250e^{-0.2t} + k$, where k is a constant.
 - (ii) Given that y = 0 when t = 0, find the value of k.
 - (iii) Find the time required to fall 250 m, giving your answer correct to **four** significant figures.
- 5. In this question, *s* represents displacement in metres, and *t* represents time in seconds.
 - (a) The velocity $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ of a moving body may be written as $v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 30 at$, where a is a constant. Given that s = 0 when t = 0, find an expression for s in terms of a and t.

Trains approaching a station start to slow down when they pass a signal which is 200 m from the station.

- (b) The velocity of Train 1 t seconds after passing the signal is given by v = 30 5t.
 - (i) Write down its velocity as it passes the signal.
 - (ii) Show that it will stop before reaching the station.
- (c) Train 2 slows down so that it stops at the station. Its velocity is given by $v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 30 - at$, where *a* is a constant.
 - (i) Find, in terms of *a*, the time taken to stop.
 - (ii) Use your solutions to parts (a) and (c)(i) to find the value of a.
- 6. An aircraft lands on a runway. Its velocity $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ at time *t* seconds after landing is given by the equation $v = 50 + 50e^{-0.5t}$, where $0 \le t \le 4$.
 - (a) Find the velocity of the aircraft
 - (i) when it lands;
 - (ii) when t = 4.
 - (b) Write down an integral which represents the distance travelled in the first four seconds.
 - (c) Calculate the distance travelled in the first four seconds.

After four seconds, the aircraft slows down (decelerates) at a constant rate and comes to rest when t = 11.

(d) **Sketch** a graph of velocity against time for $0 \le t \le 11$. Clearly label the axes and mark on the graph the point where t = 4.



- (e) Find the constant rate at which the aircraft is slowing down (decelerating) between t = 4 and t = 11.
- (f) Calculate the distance travelled by the aircraft between t = 4 and t = 11.