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1. Answer all the questions.
2. The solution should be given explicitly for each problem.
3. No solution = no grade.
4. Check the correct answer for each question.
5. Take $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$.

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1-A car moving in a straight road with constant acceleration of 4 m/s^2 covers a distance between two points A and B, 48 m apart, in 8 seconds . Find its final velocity (in m/s) at point B.

- a) 19 b) 14 c) 24 **d) 22** e) 32 f) Other

$\Delta x = 48 \text{ m}$, $a = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$, $t = 8 \text{ s}$, $v?$

$$\Delta x = vt - \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$48 = v(8) - \frac{1}{2} (4)(8)^2$$

$$v = 22 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$v_0 = v - at$$

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$= (v - at)t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$= vt - at^2 + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

2- The position x (in m) of a particle moving along the x -axis varies with time t (in seconds) according to the equation $x = t^3 - 27t$. find the acceleration in (m/s^2) when the particle reaches its maximum x - coordinate.

- a) 72 **b) 18** c) 54 d) 22 e) 92 f) Other

$$x = t^3 - 27t$$

$$v = 3t^2 - 27 = 0 \Rightarrow t^2 = \frac{27}{3} = 9$$

$$t = 3 \text{ s}$$

$$a = 6t \Rightarrow a = 6(3) = 18 \text{ m/s}^2$$

3-A stone is thrown vertically upward from the edge of a cliff with speed of 15 m/s . It reaches the grounds 4 seconds later. Find the value of $(d - |\Delta y|)$, in m , where d is the total distance traveled by the stone and $|\Delta y|$ is magnitude of its displacement.

- a) 32 b) 12.5 c) 26.5 **d) 22.5** e) 10.2 f) Other

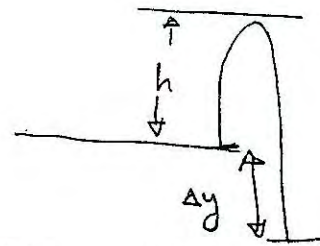
$$v_0 = 15 \text{ m/s} , t = 4 \text{ s}$$

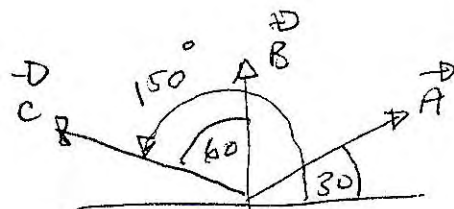
$$d - |\Delta y| = 2h \quad (h \equiv \text{height above initial position})$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 - 2gh \Rightarrow 0 = (15)^2 - 2(10)h$$

$$h = 11.25 \text{ m}$$

$$d - |\Delta y| = 2(11.25) = 22.5 \text{ m}$$





4- $A=4.0$, $B=2.0$, $C=5.0$ and

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}$$

Find the angle (in degrees) that the vector \mathbf{E} makes with respect to the positive x-axis

- a) 55 b) 71 **c) 109** d) 118 e) 145 f) Other

$$A_x = 4 \cos 30 = 3.46$$

$$A_y = 4 \sin 30 = 2$$

$$B_x = 0$$

$$B_y = 2$$

$$C_x = 5 \cos 150 = -4.33$$

$$C_y = 5 \sin 150 = 2.5$$

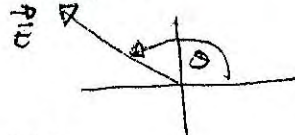
$$E_x = A_x - B_x - C_x \Rightarrow$$

$$E_x = 3.46 - 0 - 4.33 = -0.87$$

$$E_y = A_y - B_y - C_y \Rightarrow$$

$$E_y = 2 - 2 + 2.5 = 2.5$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2.5}{-0.87} \right) = -71 + 180 = 109^\circ$$



5- If $\mathbf{A} = 3.0\mathbf{i} + 4.0\mathbf{j} + 6.0\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{B} = 2.0\mathbf{i} + 5.0\mathbf{j} - 3.0\mathbf{k}$

find $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})$

- a) 69**
e) 18

b) $-42\mathbf{i} + 21\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$

c) 49

d) $-42\mathbf{i} + 16\mathbf{k}$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = 5\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C} = A_x C_x + A_y C_y + A_z C_z$$

$$= 3(5) + 4(9) + 6(3) = 69$$

$$B = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (0.67)^2} = 2.3$$

6- Let $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ where $\mathbf{C} = 4.0\mathbf{i} - 6.0\mathbf{j} - 8.0\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{A} = 2.0\mathbf{i} - 3.0\mathbf{j} + 6.0\mathbf{k}$ and $B_x = 2B_y$

Find the magnitude of the vector \mathbf{B}

- a) 4.3 b) 6.0 **c) 2.3** d) 5.4 e) 18 f) Other

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 6 \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = (-3B_z - 6B_y)\hat{i} - (2B_z - B_x)\hat{j} + (2B_y + 3B_x)\hat{k}$$

$$2B_y + 3B_x = C_z \Rightarrow B_x + 3B_x = -8 \Rightarrow B_x = -2$$

$$2B_y - 3B_z - 6(-1) = 4 \Rightarrow B_z = 0.67$$

7- A particle moves from the point (2,5) to the point (4,3) in 2.0 seconds. If its initial velocity is $v_0 = 2.0 \hat{i} - \hat{j}$, find the magnitude of its acceleration. (in m/s^2)

- a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4 e) 0 f) Other

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

$$\Delta x \hat{i} + \Delta y \hat{j} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j})2 + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} (2)^2$$

$$(4-2)\hat{i} + (3-5)\hat{j} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\vec{a}$$

$$2\vec{a} = -2\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{a} = -\hat{i}$$

$$a = 1$$

8- A projectile is thrown horizontally with a speed of 20 m/s from the top of a cliff. It strikes the ground with a speed of 25 m/s. Find the time (in seconds) during which the projectile is in the air.

- a) 2.2 b) 3.2 c) 4.5 d) 5.0

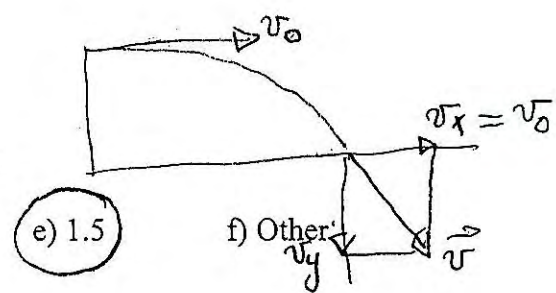
e) 1.5 f) Other

$$v_x = 20 \text{ m/s} \quad v = 25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2$$

$$(25)^2 = (20)^2 + v_y^2 \Rightarrow v_y = -15 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_y = v_{0y} - g t \Rightarrow -15 = 0 - 10 t \Rightarrow t = 1.5 \text{ s}$$



9- The pilot of an airplane (P) flies due north relative to the ground (G) in an air blowing relative to the ground at 35 km/h toward the east. If the speed of the airplane relative to air (A) is 70 km/h, find the speed (in km/h) of the airplane relative to the ground .

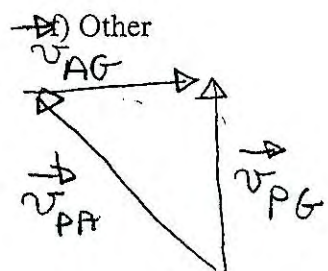
- a) 75 b) 61 c) 25 d) 81 e) 44 f) Other

$$v_{PA} = 70 \text{ km/h}$$

$$v_{AG} = 35 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\vec{v}_{PG} = \vec{v}_{PA} + \vec{v}_{AG}$$

$$v_{PG} = \sqrt{v_{PA}^2 - v_{AG}^2}$$



$$= \sqrt{(70)^2 - (35)^2} = 60.6 = 61$$