Edexcel A level Maths Mechanics Kinematics



Topic assessment

1. In this question, **i** and **j** are the standard unit vectors in the Ox and Oy directions.

An object has initial position $(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$ m and velocity $(-\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$ ms⁻¹. It has a constant acceleration of $(2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j})$ ms⁻².

Calculate the object's velocity and position after four seconds. [5]

2. The position vector, \mathbf{r} , of a particle at time t is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = t^2 \mathbf{i} + (5t - 2t^2) \mathbf{j},$$

where ${\bf i}$ and ${\bf j}$ are the standard unit vectors, lengths are in metres and time is in seconds.

- (i) Find an expression for the acceleration of the particle. [4]
- (ii) Is the particle ever at rest? [2]
- 3. A particle has acceleration $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ms}^{-2}$ at time t. Initially the particle has velocity $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ms⁻¹ and is at the point (2, 0). Find the position vector of the particle at time t. [6]
- 4. A particle moves in two dimensions with constant acceleration. Initially it has position vector $3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ m and velocity $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ ms⁻¹. After 4 seconds it has position vector $7\mathbf{i} 4\mathbf{j}$ m. What is its velocity at that time? [4]
- 5. A particle has velocity $\mathbf{v} = (2t+1)\mathbf{i} (3t^2-1)\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and is initially at the origin. Find its distance from the origin after 3 seconds. [4]

Total 25 marks

