

## 2.6 Warmup

1. Determine  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{fg}{h} \right)$
2. Determine  $\frac{d}{dx} f^3$  (Hint: Treat  $f^3$  as  $f \cdot f \cdot f$  and use the product rule)
3. Determine  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{At-1}{A^2t} \right)$  where  $A$  is a constant.
4. If  $y = x^n$  what is  $y^{(n)}$  or  $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$  (or what is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative)?
5. If you keep on differentiating a polynomial function, will the derivative eventually become zero? Why or why not?

## Velocity and Acceleration

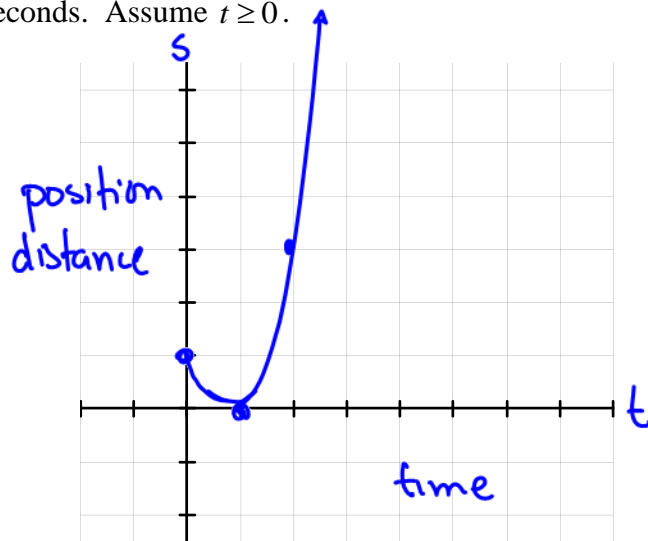
For any function  $s = f(t)$  where  $s$  = distance (or position or displacement) and  $t$  = time,  $\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$  is the average velocity,  $s'$  is the instantaneous velocity  $v(t)$ , and  $s''$  is the instantaneous acceleration. Note that the average acceleration is  $\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$  and that  $s''(t) = \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = v'(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = a(t)$ . Also speed is defined to be  $|v(t)|$

### Part One: Straight Line Motion

**Example:** A particle moves along a horizontal line according to  $s = t^3 - t^2 - t + 1$  where  $s$  is the distance in centimeters and  $t$  is the time in seconds. Assume  $t \geq 0$ .

- a) Sketch the graph of  $s = f(t)$

$t$	$s$
0	1
1	0
2	3
3	16



- b) Find the average velocity during the first 3 seconds.

$$\text{secant} = \frac{s(3) - s(0)}{3 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{16 - 1}{3}$$

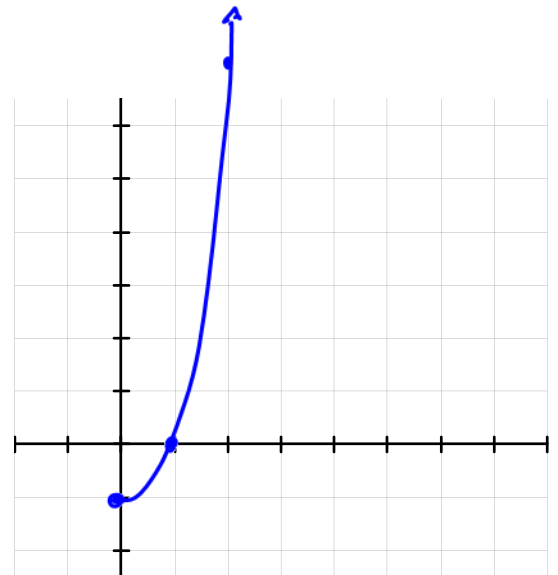
average  $\bar{v} = 5 \text{ m/s}$

- c) Find the instantaneous velocity at time  $t$  and sketch the graph of the velocity function.

$v(t) = s'(t)$  1<sup>st</sup> derivative.

$$v(t) = s'(t) = 3t^2 - 2t - 1$$

$t$	$s'(t)$
0	-1
1	0
2	7



d) Find the velocity at  $t = 2$  s

$$\begin{aligned}v(t) &= s'(2) = 3(2)^2 - 2(2) - 1 \\&= s'(2) = 7\end{aligned}$$

e) When is the velocity zero?

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= 3t^2 - 2t - 1 \\&= 3t^2 - 3t + t - 1 \\&= 3t(t-1) + 1(t-1)\end{aligned}$$

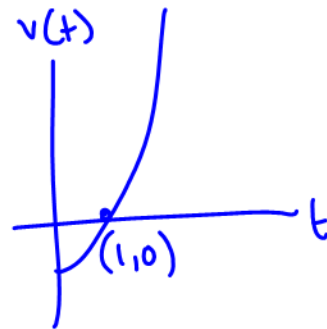
$$\begin{aligned}0 &= (3t+1)(t-1) \\&\quad \cancel{t = -\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{or} \quad t = 1\end{aligned}$$

since  $t \geq 0$

f) When is the particle moving to the left?

when  $v(t)$  is negative.

$$v(t) < 0 \quad \text{when} \quad 0 \leq t < 1$$



g) What is the acceleration at time  $t$ ? At  $t = 2$  s?

$$a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$$

$$v(t) = 3t^2 - 2t - 1$$

$$a(t) = 6t - 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}a(2) &= 6(2) - 2 \\&= 10\end{aligned}$$

h) What is the acceleration when the velocity is a minimum?

when mtan of velocity graph = 0

there will be a local maximum or minimum  
any time the derivative = 0

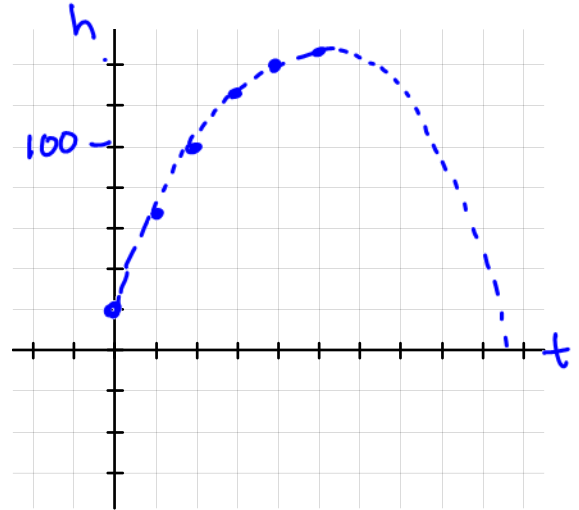
$$a = 0$$

Part Two: **Projectile Motion**

**Example:** A projectile is fired into the air from the top of a 20 m high hill. Its initial velocity is 50 m/s and its height after  $t$  seconds is given by the function  $h = -5t^2 + 50t + 20$ .

- a) Sketch the graph of  $h = f(t)$

$t$	$h$
0	20
1	65
2	100
3	125
4	140
5	145



- b) Find the velocity at time  $t$ . At  $t = 2$  s.

$$v(t) = h'(t) = -10t + 50$$

$$v(2) = -10(2) + 50$$

$$v(2) = 30$$

- c) How long will it take to reach its maximum height?

when does  $h'(t) = 0$

$$-10t + 50 = 0$$

$$10t = 50$$

$$t = 5 \text{ s}$$

- d) What is the maximum height reached?

$$h(5) = -5(5)^2 + 50(5) + 20$$

$$= 145 \text{ m}$$

e) What is the acceleration at time  $t$ ?

$$a(t) = h''(t)$$

$$\text{or } a(t) = v'(t)$$

$$v(t) = -10t + 50$$

$$a(t) = v'(t) = -10$$

f) What is the projectile's velocity when it hits the ground?

$h(t) = 0$  when it hits the ground.

need to find  $t$  when  $h = 0$

$$0 = -5t^2 + 50t + 20$$

$$0 = -5(t^2 - 10t - 4)$$

$$t = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(1)(-4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{116}}{2}$$

$$t = 10.4 \text{ or } -0.4$$

$$v(t) = -10t + 50$$

$$v(10.4) = -10(10.4) + 50$$

$$\boxed{= -54}$$