

# HW #6

①  $f(x) = (x^3+1)(5-x) - 5 =$  the displacement function (time is  $x$  here)

$f(0) = 0$        $f(2) = 22$

$f(1) = 3$        $f(4.95) = 1.11436875$

②  $f'(x) = (3x^2)(5-x) + (x^3+1)(-1) + 0 =$  velocity function

$= 15x^2 - 3x^3 - x^3 - 1$

$= -4x^3 + 15x^2 - 1$

$f'(0) = -1$        $f'(2) = 27$

$f'(1) = 10$        $f'(4.95) = -118.612$

③ Solve  $-4x^3 + 15x^2 - 1 = 0$  using 2<sup>nd</sup> TRACE intersect to obtain:

$x = 3.732050808$

$x = 0.2679491924$

$x = -0.25$  ← Since  $x$  represents time and time is never negative we eliminate this possibility.

Also  $-4x^3 + 15x^2 - 1 = 0$  if and only if  $4x^3 - 15x^2 + 1 = 0$ . This can be factored into:

$$(4x+1)(x^2-4x+1) = 0$$

This factorization works because of the rational roots theorem and synthetic division.

i.e.

	4	-15	0	1	
$-\frac{1}{4}$		-1	4	-1	
	4	-16	4	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</span>	← remainder

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) (4x^2 - 16x + 4) = 0$$

Now factor out a 4 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> factor and mult. the 1<sup>st</sup> factor by 4 to get  $(4x+1)(x^2-4x+1) = 0$

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Set each factor equal to zero to obtain:  $4x+1=0$  and  $x^2-4x+1=0$

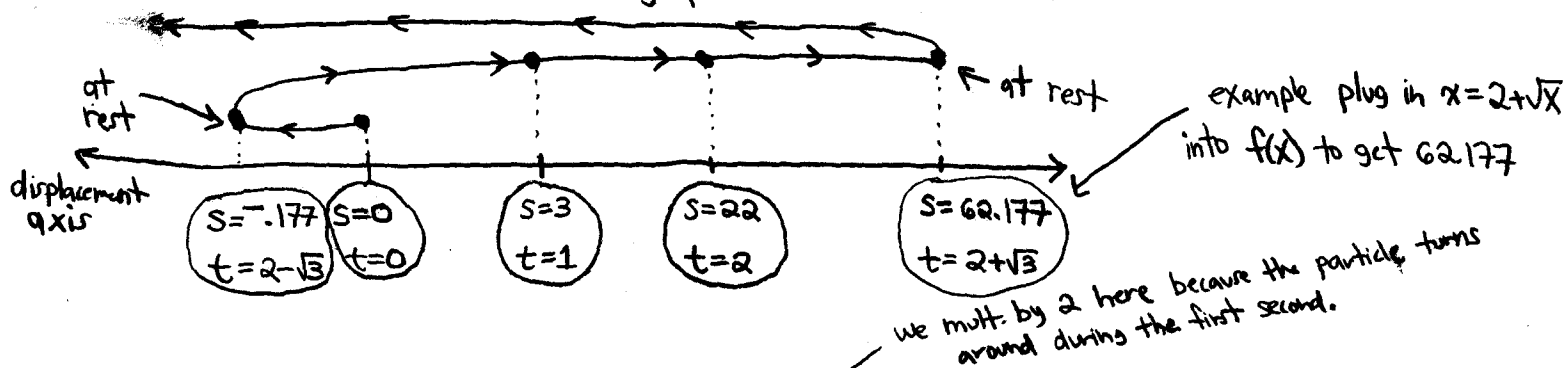
The first factor yields  $x = -\frac{1}{4}$  while the second yields  $x = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$  by the quadratic formula

These numbers are the exact answers. Notice that  $2 + \sqrt{3} \approx 3.732050808$   
 and  $2 - \sqrt{3} \approx 0.2679491924$   
 and  $-\frac{1}{4} = -0.25$

Thus the particle is at rest when  $x = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$  since we eliminate  $-\frac{1}{4}$  as time is never negative.

The particle is moving forward when  $f'(x) = -4x^3 + 15x^2 - 1 > 0$  this happens when  $2 - \sqrt{3} < x < 2 + \sqrt{3}$  as seen from the graph of  $y = f'(x)$  on the graphing calc.

④ Here is a picture of the moving particle in one dimension:

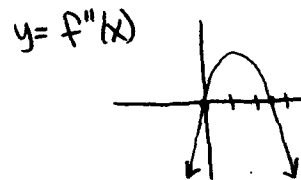


The particle traveled  $(0.1769145362) \cdot 2 + 3 = 3.353829072 \text{ ft.}$  during the 1<sup>st</sup> second.

The particle traveled  $22 - 3 = 19 \text{ ft.}$  between seconds 1 and 2 because the particle had a higher average velocity between seconds 1 and 2 than it did during the first sec. thus it was able to cover a greater distance in the same amount of time.

⑤  $f''(x) = -12x^2 + 30x =$  the acceleration function.

Note:  $-12x^2 + 30x = 0$   
 $2x(-6x + 15) = 0$  so  $x = 0$  or  $x = \frac{5}{2}$

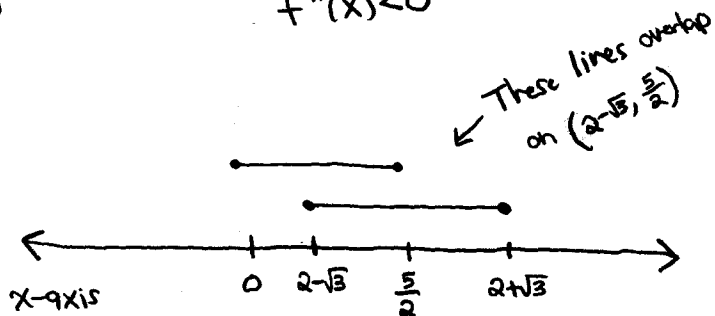


⑥ HW #6 continued...

The particle speeds up when  $f'(x) > 0$  and  $f''(x) > 0$  OR when  $f'(x) < 0$  and  $f''(x) < 0$

I  $f'(x) > 0$  when  $2 - \sqrt{3} < x < 2 + \sqrt{3}$

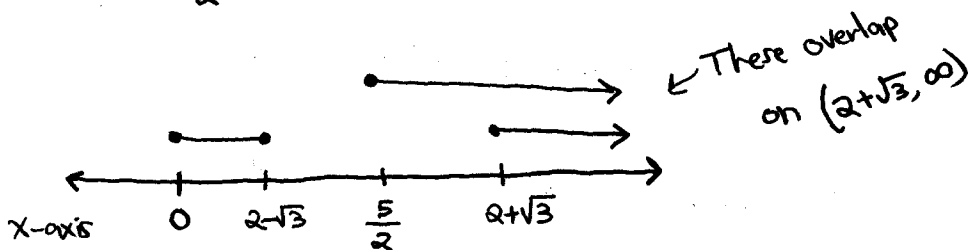
I  $f''(x) > 0$  when  $0 < x < \frac{5}{2}$



★ The particle speeds up on the interval(s) where the two line segments overlap. ★

II  $f'(x) < 0$  when  $0 < x < 2 - \sqrt{3}$  OR  $x > 2 + \sqrt{3}$

II  $f''(x) < 0$  only when  $x > \frac{5}{2}$  since time is never negative.



The particle is speeding up on  $(2 - \sqrt{3}, \frac{5}{2}) \cup (2 + \sqrt{3}, \infty)$

The particle is slowing down when it is not speeding up nor at rest. This happens on the interval  $(0, 2 - \sqrt{3}) \cup (\frac{5}{2}, 2 + \sqrt{3})$ .

