

Exercise 3D

1 a $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 3\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i}$ and $t = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= 3\mathbf{j} + 4(2\mathbf{i}) \\ &= 8\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

b $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3(-2\mathbf{j}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

c $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = -3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 6$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 6(-3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \\ &= -17\mathbf{i} + 16\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

d $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = -3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= -3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) \\ &= 7\mathbf{i} - 13\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

2 a $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}{t}$

when $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = 6\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= \frac{6\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j} - (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})}{2} \\ &= \frac{4\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}}{2} \\ &= 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

b $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}{t}$

when $\mathbf{a} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = 9\mathbf{i} + 16\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= \frac{9\mathbf{i} + 16\mathbf{j} - (4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})}{5} \\ &= \frac{5\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j}}{5} \\ &= \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

$$2 \quad c \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}{t}$$

when $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = 9\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{9\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} - (3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j})}{3} \\ &= \frac{6\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}}{3} \\ &= 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$d \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}{t}$$

when $\mathbf{a} = -2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = 4\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{4\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} - (-2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j})}{3} \\ &= \frac{6\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j}}{3} \\ &= 2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$e \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}{t}$$

when $\mathbf{a} = -4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = -12\mathbf{i} - 19\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{-12\mathbf{i} - 19\mathbf{j} - (-4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})}{4} \\ &= \frac{-8\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j}}{4} \\ &= -2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$3 \quad a \quad \text{When } v = 10, \mathbf{d} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is $\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2} = 5$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is $\frac{1}{5}(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})$

The velocity of the particle is $\mathbf{v} = 10 \times \frac{1}{5}(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})$
 $= 6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$

$$b \quad \text{When } v = 15, \mathbf{d} = -4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is $\sqrt{(-4)^2 + 3^2} = 5$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is $\frac{1}{5}(-4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$

The velocity of the particle is $\mathbf{v} = 15 \times \frac{1}{5}(-4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$
 $= -12\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}$

3 c When $v = 7.5$, $\mathbf{d} = -6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is $\sqrt{(-6)^2 + 8^2} = 10$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is $\frac{1}{10}(-6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$

The velocity of the particle is $\mathbf{v} = 7.5 \times \frac{1}{10}(-6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$
 $= -4.5\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$

d When $v = 5\sqrt{2}$, $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$

The velocity of the particle is $\mathbf{v} = 5\sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$
 $= 5\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$

e When $v = 2\sqrt{13}$, $\mathbf{d} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is

$$\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{13}}(-2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$

The velocity of the particle is $\mathbf{v} = 2\sqrt{13} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}}(-2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$
 $= -4\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$

f When $v = \sqrt{68}$, $\mathbf{d} = 3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is

$$\sqrt{3^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{34}$$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{34}}(3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j})$$

The velocity of the particle is $\mathbf{v} = \sqrt{68} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{34}}(3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j})$
 $= 3\sqrt{2}\mathbf{i} - 5\sqrt{2}\mathbf{j}$

3 g When $v = \sqrt{60}$, $\mathbf{d} = -4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is

$$\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{20}$$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(-4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The velocity of the particle is } \mathbf{v} &= \sqrt{60} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(-4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \\ &= -4\sqrt{3}\mathbf{i} - 2\sqrt{3}\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

h When $v = 15$, $\mathbf{d} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of \mathbf{d} is

$$\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

So the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{d} is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The velocity of the particle is } \mathbf{v} &= 15 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \\ &= -3\sqrt{5}\mathbf{i} + 6\sqrt{5}\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

4 a $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 2\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= 2\mathbf{i} + 4(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \\ &= 6\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

b $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $t = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 5(-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \\ &= -7\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

c $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{r}_0 + 3(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \\ \mathbf{r}_0 &= 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \\ \mathbf{r}_0 &= -2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

d $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r} = -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{r}_0 + 6(-2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \\ \mathbf{r}_0 &= -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 6(-2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \\ \mathbf{r}_0 &= 10\mathbf{i} - 13\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

e $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{r} = 8\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} 8\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} &= 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{v} \\ 3\mathbf{v} &= 6\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v} &= 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

4 f $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 10\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{r} = -2\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}$

and $t = 4$

$$-2\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} = 10\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{v}$$

$$4\mathbf{v} = -12\mathbf{i} + 14\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = -3\mathbf{i} + 3.5\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3.5^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{85}}{2}$$

$$= 4.61 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

g $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{r} = 12\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j}$

and $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$

$$12\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + t(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$$

$$t(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) = 8\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j}$$

$$t = 4 \text{ s}$$

h $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

when $\mathbf{r}_0 = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{r} = 6\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$

and $v = 4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$$6\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{v}$$

$$t\mathbf{v} = 8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$$

$$t|\mathbf{v}| = |8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}|$$

$$4t = \sqrt{8^2 + (-6)^2}$$

$$= 10$$

$$t = 2.5 \text{ s}$$

5 a $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$

when $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 4$

$$\mathbf{v} = 5\mathbf{i} + 4(3\mathbf{j})$$

$$= (5\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2}$$

$$= 13 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

b $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$

when $\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$$

$$= (6\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{6^2 + (-5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{61}$$

$$= 7.81 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

5 c $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$

when $\mathbf{u} = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 2$

$$\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$$

$$= (2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{29}$$

$$= 5.39 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

d $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$

when $\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{i}$ and $t = 6$

$$\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 6(-\mathbf{i})$$

$$= (-3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{13}$$

$$= 3.61 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

e $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$

when $\mathbf{u} = -3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $t = 5$

$$\mathbf{v} = -3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 5(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$$

$$= (7\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{7^2 + 9^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{130}$$

$$= 11.4 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

6 $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$

when $\mathbf{u} = 0$, $\mathbf{v} = 6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 5$

$$6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} = 5\mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = 1.2\mathbf{i} - 1.6\mathbf{j}$$

By Newton's 2nd law $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$

$$\mathbf{F} = 4(1.2\mathbf{i} - 1.6\mathbf{j})$$

$$= (4.8\mathbf{i} - 6.4\mathbf{j}) \text{ N}$$

7 By Newton's 2nd law $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$

$$2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} = 2\mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - 0.5\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u}t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}t^2$$

when $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\mathbf{s} = 3(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + \frac{9}{2}(\mathbf{i} - 0.5\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 7.5\mathbf{i} + 6.75\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{s}| = \sqrt{7.5^2 + 6.75^2}$$

$$= 10.1 \text{ m (3 s.f.)}$$

8 $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}t$

For P , $\mathbf{r}_0 = 4\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$

$$\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + t(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \quad (1)$$

For Q , $\mathbf{r}_0 = -3\mathbf{j}$

$$\mathbf{r} = -3\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{v} \quad (2)$$

Since the particles meet at $t = 8$

$$4\mathbf{i} + 8(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) = -3\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{v}$$

$$8\mathbf{v} = 12\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = 1.5\mathbf{i} + 1.375\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{1.5^2 + 1.375^2}$$

$$= 2.03 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

9 Taking the observation point as the origin:

a $\mathbf{r} = -500\mathbf{j} + t(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$
 $= 2t\mathbf{i} + (3t - 500)\mathbf{j}$

b At 2:05 pm $t = 300$ s, therefore

$$\mathbf{r} = 2(300)\mathbf{i} + (3(300) - 500)\mathbf{j}$$

$$= 600\mathbf{i} + 400\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{600^2 + 400^2}$$

$$= 721 \text{ m (3 s.f.)}$$

10 a For F

$$\mathbf{r} = 400\mathbf{j} + t(7\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 7t\mathbf{i} + (7t + 400)\mathbf{j}$$

For S

$$\mathbf{r} = 500\mathbf{i} + t(-3\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j})$$

$$= (500 - 3t)\mathbf{i} + 15t\mathbf{j}$$

b If F and S collide then

$7t = 500 - 3t$ and $15t = 7t + 400$ will give the same value of t .

$$10t = 500 \quad \text{and} \quad 8t = 400$$

$$t = 50 \quad \text{and} \quad t = 50$$

So the ferry and the speedboat will collide 50 seconds after noon.

Point of collision is position of F and S at $t = 50$

$$\mathbf{r} = 7(50)\mathbf{i} + (7(50) + 400)\mathbf{j} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{r} = (500 - 3(50))\mathbf{i} + 15(50)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\text{So, point of collision} = 350\mathbf{i} + 750\mathbf{j}$$

11 a $\mathbf{r}_A = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{r}_B = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$

$$\mathbf{v}_A = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_B = -\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$$

For ship A

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + t(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$$

$$= (2t + 1)\mathbf{i} + (3 - t)\mathbf{j}$$

For ship B

$$\mathbf{r} = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + t(-\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$$

$$= (5 - t)\mathbf{i} + (4t - 2)\mathbf{j}$$

11 b The position of B relative to A is

$$(5 - t)\mathbf{i} + (4t - 2)\mathbf{j} - ((2t + 1)\mathbf{i} + (3 - t)\mathbf{j}) \\ = ((4 - 3t)\mathbf{i} + (5t - 5)\mathbf{j}) \text{ km as required}$$

c If A and B collide then the position of B relative to A will be $0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j}$ so $(4 - 3t)\mathbf{i} + (5t - 5)\mathbf{j}$ must equal $0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j}$ for some value of t . However, there is no value of t for which $(4 - 3t) = 0$ **and** $(5t - 5) = 0$. Therefore the ships will not collide.

d At 10 am $t = 2$, so the position of B relative to A is

$$(4 - 3(2))\mathbf{i} + (5(2) - 5)\mathbf{j} = -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} \\ |-2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 5^2} \\ = \sqrt{29} \\ = 5.39 \text{ km (3 s.f.)}$$

12 a $\mathbf{u}_A = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{a}_A = 2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\mathbf{u}_B = \mathbf{i}$$
, $\mathbf{a}_B = 2\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

For A

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{u}_A + \mathbf{a}_A t \\ = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \\ = 5\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}_A| = \sqrt{5^2 + (-11)^2} \\ = \sqrt{146} \\ = 12.1 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

For B

$$\mathbf{v}_B = \mathbf{u}_B + \mathbf{a}_B t \\ = \mathbf{i} + 3(2\mathbf{j}) \\ = \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}_B| = \sqrt{1^2 + 6^2} \\ = \sqrt{37} \\ = 6.08 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

b $\mathbf{u}_A = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{a}_A = 2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\mathbf{s}_A = \mathbf{u}_A t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_A t^2 \\ = 3(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + \frac{9}{2}(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \\ = 6\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j}$$

A has initial position vector $12\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$, therefore the particles collide at

$$\mathbf{r} = 12\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j} \\ = 18\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$$

12 c $\mathbf{u}_B = \mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{a}_B = 2\mathbf{j}$ and $t = 3$

$$\mathbf{s}_B = \mathbf{u}_B t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_B t^2$$

$$= 3\mathbf{i} + \frac{9}{2}(2\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 3\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}$$

The particles collide at $\mathbf{r} = 18\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$.

So B has starting position

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_B &= 18\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - (3\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}) \\ &= 15\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

Challenge

Let the two aeroplanes be A and B

$$\mathbf{u}_A = 20\mathbf{i} - 100\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{a}_A = 6\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_B = 70\mathbf{i} + 40\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{a}_B = -8\mathbf{j}$$

Let the time between plane B flying over the control tower and the two planes passing over one another be t_1 . When the planes pass directly over each other:

$$\mathbf{s}_A = \mathbf{u}_A T + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_A T^2$$

$$= (20\mathbf{i} - 100\mathbf{j})(t + t_1) + \frac{1}{2}(t + t_1)^2 (6\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 20(t + t_1)\mathbf{i} - 100(t + t_1)\mathbf{j} + 3(t + t_1)^2 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{s}_B = \mathbf{u}_B T + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}_B T^2$$

$$= (70\mathbf{i} + 40\mathbf{j})t_1 + \frac{1}{2}t_1^2 (-8\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 70t_1\mathbf{i} + 40t_1\mathbf{j} - 4t_1^2\mathbf{j}$$

Since the aeroplanes pass directly over one another, $\mathbf{s}_A = \mathbf{s}_B$.

$$20(t + t_1) = 70t_1$$

$$50t_1 = 20t$$

$$t_1 = 0.4t$$

and

$$40t_1 - 4t_1^2 = -100(t + t_1) + 3(t + t_1)^2$$

So

$$40 \times 0.4t - 4(0.4t)^2 = -100(1.4t) + 3(1.4t)^2$$

$$16t - 0.64t^2 = -140t + 5.88t^2$$

$$6.52t^2 - 156t = 0$$

$$t(6.52t - 156) = 0$$

$$t \neq 0 \text{ so } t = \frac{156}{6.52}$$

$$t = 23.9 \text{ s (3 s.f.)}$$