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#### **Exercise 2D**

1 a 
$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = 3\mathbf{i} + (3t^2 - 4)\mathbf{j}$$
  
When  $t = 3$ ,  
 $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} + 23\mathbf{j}$ 

The velocity of P when t = 3 is  $(3\mathbf{i} + 23\mathbf{j})$  m s<sup>-1</sup>

**b** 
$$\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 6t \,\mathbf{j}$$
  
When  $t = 3$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = 18 \,\mathbf{j}$ 

The acceleration of *P* when t = 3 is  $18 \text{ jm s}^{-2}$ 

2 
$$m = 3$$
 g = 0.003 kg,  $\mathbf{v} = (t^2\mathbf{i} + (2t - 3)\mathbf{j})$  m s<sup>-1</sup>,  $t = 4$  s,  $\mathbf{F} = ?$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = 2t\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$   
When  $t = 4$  s,  $\mathbf{a} = 8\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$   
 $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$   
 $\mathbf{F} = 0.003 \times (8\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$   
 $= 0.024\mathbf{i} + 0.006\mathbf{j}$   
The force  $\mathbf{F}$  is  $(0.024\mathbf{i} + 0.006\mathbf{j})$  N.

3 
$$\mathbf{r} = 5e^{-3t}\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} \text{ m}$$

**a** When P is directly north-east of O, coefficients of **i** and **j** are identical.

$$5e^{-3t} = 2$$

$$e^{-3t} = 0.4$$

$$-3t = \ln 0.4$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 0.4}{-3} = 0.30543...$$

P is directly north-east of O at t = 0.305 s (3 s.f.).

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}$$
$$\mathbf{v} = -15e^{-3t}\mathbf{i}$$

However, when particle is north-east of O, by part  $\mathbf{a}$  we see that  $e^{-3t} = 0.4$  Hence

$$\mathbf{v} = -(15 \times 0.4)\mathbf{i} = 6\mathbf{i}$$

The speed at this time is 6 m s<sup>-1</sup>

**c** The velocity vector has a single component in the direction of **i** and the coefficient is always negative (since  $e^{-3t}$  is always positive) so P is always moving west.

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4 **a** 
$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = 8t \, \mathbf{i} + (24 - 6t) \, \mathbf{j}$$
  
When  $t = 2$ ,  
 $\mathbf{v} = (16\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j})$   
 $|\mathbf{v}|^2 = 16^2 + 12^2 = 400$   
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{400} = 20$ 

The speed of P when t = 2 is  $20 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$ 

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$$

Neither component is dependent on *t*, hence the acceleration is a constant.

$$|\mathbf{a}|^2 = 8^2 + (-6)^2 = 100$$
  
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{100} = 10$ 

The magnitude of the acceleration is  $10\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ 

5 **a** 
$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (3t^2 - 12)\mathbf{i} + (8t - 6)\mathbf{j}$$
  
When  $t = 0$ ,  
 $\mathbf{v} = -12\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$   
 $|\mathbf{v}|^2 = (-12)^2 + (-6)^2 = 180$   
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{180} = 6\sqrt{5}$ 

The speed of projection is  $6\sqrt{5} \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$ 

**b** When P is moving parallel to **j** the velocity has no **i**-component.

$$3t^{2} - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^{2} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 2 \text{ (since } t \ge 0\text{)}$$

**c** When t = 2

$$\mathbf{r} = (2^3 - 12 \times 2)\mathbf{i} + (4 \times 2^2 - 6 \times 2)\mathbf{j} = -16\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$$

The position vector of P at the instant when P is moving parallel to  $\mathbf{j}$  is  $(-16\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$ m.

d 
$$\mathbf{r} = (t^3 - 12t)\mathbf{i} + (4t^2 - 6t)\mathbf{j}$$
 m,  $t = 5$  s,  $m = 0.5$  kg,  $\mathbf{F} = ?$   
 $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (3t^2 - 12)\mathbf{i} + (8t - 6)\mathbf{j}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 6t\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$   
When  $t = 5$  s,  $\mathbf{a} = 30\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$   
Hence,  $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$   
 $= 0.5(30\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$   
 $\mathbf{F} = 15\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$   
 $|\mathbf{F}| = \sqrt{15^2 + 4^2}$ 

=15.524...

The magnitude of the force acting on P at t = 5 s is 15.5 N (3 s.f.).

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6 **a** 
$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (6t - 6)\mathbf{i} + (3t^2 + 2kt)\mathbf{j}$$
  
When  $t = 3$ ,  
 $\mathbf{v} = 12\mathbf{i} + (27 + 6k)\mathbf{j}$   
 $(12\sqrt{5})^2 = |\mathbf{v}|^2$   
 $720 = 12^2 + (27 + k)^2$   
 $720 = 144 + 729 + 324k + 36k^2$   
 $0 = 36k^2 + 324k + 153$   
 $0 = (2k + 1)(2k + 17)$   
 $k = -0.5, -8.5$ 

b If 
$$k = -0.5$$
  
 $\mathbf{v} = (6t - 6)\mathbf{i} + (3t^2 - t)\mathbf{j}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 6\mathbf{i} + (6t - 1)\mathbf{j}$   
When  $t = 1.5$ ,  
 $\mathbf{a} = 6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$   
 $|\mathbf{a}|^2 = 6^2 + 8^2 = 100$   
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}| = 10$   
If  $k = -8.5$   
 $\mathbf{v} = (6t - 6)\mathbf{i} + (3t^2 - 17t)\mathbf{j}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 6\mathbf{i} + (6t - 17)\mathbf{j}$   
When  $t = 1.5$ ,  
 $\mathbf{a} = 6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$   
 $|\mathbf{a}|^2 = 6^2 + (-8)^2 = 100$   
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}| = 10$ 

For both of the values of k the magnitude of the acceleration of P when t = 1.5 is  $10 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-2}}$ 

7 **a** 
$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = 12t\,\mathbf{i} + \frac{5}{2}t^{\frac{3}{2}}\,\mathbf{j}$$
When  $t = 4$ ,
$$\mathbf{v} = 48\,\mathbf{i} + \frac{5}{2} \times 4^{\frac{3}{2}}\,\mathbf{j}$$

$$= 48\,\mathbf{i} + 20\,\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}|^2 = 48^2 + 20^2 = 2704^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{2704} = 52$$

The speed of *P* when t = 4 is  $52 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$ 

**b** 
$$\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 12\mathbf{i} + \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{j} = 12\mathbf{i} + \frac{15}{4} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{j}$$

You need to know that  $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}$ 

When  $t = 4$ 

$$\mathbf{a} = 12\mathbf{i} + \frac{15}{4} \times 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{j} = 12\mathbf{i} + \frac{15}{2} \mathbf{j}$$

The acceleration of  $P$  when  $t = 4$  is  $\left(12\mathbf{i} + \frac{15}{2}\mathbf{j}\right)$  m s<sup>-2</sup>

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8 **a** 
$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (18 - 12t^2)\mathbf{i} + 2ct\,\mathbf{j}$$
  
When  $t = 1.5$ ,  
 $\mathbf{v} = (18 - 12 \times 1.5^2)\mathbf{i} + 3c\,\mathbf{j}$   
 $= -9\,\mathbf{i} + 3c\,\mathbf{j}$   
 $15^2 = |v|^2$   
 $15^2 = (-9)^2 + (3c)^2$   
 $9c^2 = 15^2 - 9^2$   
 $9c^2 = 144$   
 $\Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{144}{9} = 16$ 

As c is positive, c = 4

**b** 
$$\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = -24t \, \mathbf{i} + 2c \, \mathbf{j}$$
  
Using  $c = 4$  and  $t = 1.5$   
 $\mathbf{a} = -36 \, \mathbf{i} + 8 \, \mathbf{j}$ 

The acceleration of *P* when t = 1.5 is  $(-36\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$ m s<sup>-2</sup>

Acceleration is a vector and the answer should be given in vector form.

9 
$$\mathbf{r} = (2t^2 - 3t)\mathbf{i} + (5t + t^2)\mathbf{j}$$
 m  
 $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (4t - 3)\mathbf{i} + (5 + 2t)\mathbf{j}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$   
 $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = 2\sqrt{5}$ 

The acceleration is constant because the expression for it does not contain t, and it has a magnitude of  $2\sqrt{5}$  m s<sup>-2</sup>

10 a 
$$\mathbf{r} = (20t - 2t^3)\mathbf{i} + kt^2\mathbf{j} \text{ m}, t = 2 \text{ s}, |\mathbf{v}| = 16 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (20 - 6t^2)\mathbf{i} + 2kt\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v}(2) = (20 - 24)\mathbf{i} + 4k\mathbf{j}$$

$$= -4\mathbf{i} + 4k\mathbf{j}$$

$$16^2 = |\mathbf{v}(2)|^2 = (-4)^2 + (4k)^2$$

$$256 = 16 + 16k^2$$

$$k^2 = \frac{256 - 16}{16} = 15$$

$$k = \sqrt{15}$$

The value of k is  $\sqrt{15}$ .

# **Mechanics 2**

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10 b When P is moving parallel to j, the coefficient of the i component of velocity is zero. From part a, since  $\mathbf{v} = (20 - 6t^2)\mathbf{i} + 2kt\mathbf{j}$ , P is moving parallel to j when:

$$20 - 6t^2 = 0$$

$$t^2 = \frac{20}{6}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}$$

Now 
$$\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = -12t\mathbf{i} + 2\sqrt{15}\mathbf{j}$$

At 
$$t = \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}$$
 s, the acceleration is given by:

$$\mathbf{a} = -12\sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}\mathbf{i} + 2\sqrt{15}\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = -4\sqrt{30}\mathbf{i} + 2\sqrt{15}\mathbf{j}$$

When P is moving parallel to **j** its acceleration is  $(-4\sqrt{30}\mathbf{i} + 2\sqrt{15}\mathbf{j})$  m s<sup>-2</sup>