

Physics 2110 - Quiz 2

Name _____

The position of a spaceship follows the function

$$x = A \sin Bt + Ct^3$$

where,

$$A = 3500 \text{ m/s (There is an error in this unit. It should be m.)}$$

$$B = 0.00800 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$C = 0.00250 \text{ m/s}^3$$

(Note: All numbers are good to 3 significant digits.)

a) What is the velocity function of this spaceship?

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(A \sin Bt + Ct^3) = AB \cos Bt + 3Ct^2$$

$$v = (3500 \text{ m})(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}) \cos\left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} t\right) + 3(0.00250 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^3})t^2$$

$$v = (28.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) \cos\left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} t\right) + (0.00750 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^3})t^2$$

b) What is the acceleration function of this spaceship?

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(AB \cos Bt + 3Ct^2) = -AB^2 \sin Bt + 6Ct$$

$$a = -(3500 \text{ m}) \left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \sin\left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} t\right) + 6(0.00250 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^3})t$$

$$a = -\left(0.224 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) \sin\left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} t\right) + (0.0150 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^3})t$$

c) What is the instantaneous velocity of this spaceship at $t = 90.0 \text{ s}$?

$$v = (28.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) \cos\left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} (90.0 \text{ s})\right) + (0.00750 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^3})(90.0 \text{ s})^2$$

$$v = \left(21.1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right) + \left(60.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right) = 81.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

d) What is the instantaneous acceleration of this spaceship at $t = 90.0 \text{ s}$?

$$a = -\left(0.224 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) \sin\left(0.00800 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} (90.0 \text{ s})\right) + (0.0150 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^3})(90.0 \text{ s})$$

$$a = -\left(0.148 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) + \left(1.350 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) = 1.20 \text{ m}$$