Motion Analysis Classwork

1.

A particle moves on the x-axis so that its position at any time $t \ge 0$ is given by $x(t) = 2te^{-t}$.

- (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at t = 0.
- (b) Find the velocity of the particle when its acceleration is 0.
- (c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from t=0 to t=5.

2.

Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = k\sqrt{x} - \ln x$ for x > 0, where k is a positive constant.

- (a) Find f'(x) and f''(x).
- (b) For what value of the constant k does f have a critical point at x = 1? For this value of k, determine whether f has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither at x = 1. Justify your answer.
- (c) For a certain value of the constant k, the graph of f has a point of inflection on the x-axis. Find this value of k.

3.

The twice-differentiable function f is defined for all real numbers and satisfies the following conditions: f(0) = 2, f'(0) = -4, and f''(0) = 3.

- (a) The function g is given by $g(x) = e^{ax} + f(x)$ for all real numbers, where a is a constant. Find g'(0) and g''(0) in terms of a. Show the work that leads to your answers.
- (b) The function h is given by $h(x) = \cos(kx) f(x)$ for all real numbers, where k is a constant. Find h'(x) and write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of h at x = 0.