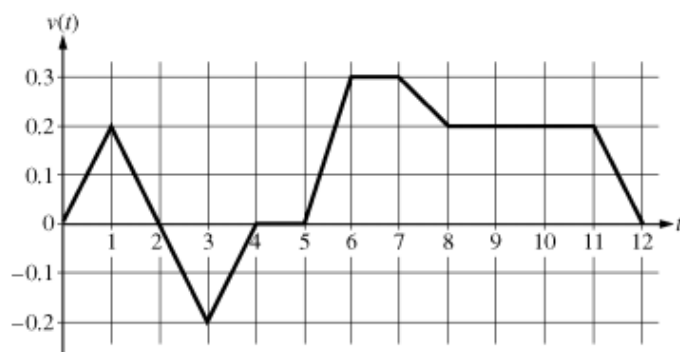Motion Homework

1.

Caren rides her bicycle along a straight road from home to school, starting at home at time $t = 0$ minutes and arriving at school at time $t = 12$ minutes. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 12$ minutes, her velocity $v(t)$, in miles per minute, is modeled by the piecewise-linear function whose graph is shown above.

(a) Find the acceleration of Caren's bicycle at time $t = 7.5$ minutes. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{12} |v(t)|\, dt$ in terms of Caren's trip. Find the value of $\int_0^{12} |v(t)|\, dt$.

(c) Shortly after leaving home, Caren realizes she left her calculus homework at home, and she returns to get it. At what time does she turn around to go back home? Give a reason for your answer.

(d) Larry also rides his bicycle along a straight road from home to school in 12 minutes. His velocity is modeled by the function w given by $w(t) = \frac{\pi}{15}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)$, where $w(t)$ is in miles per minute for $0 \le t \le 12$ minutes. Who lives closer to school: Caren or Larry? Show the work that leads to your answer.

2.

t (minutes)	0	12	20	24	40
$v(t)$ (meters per minute)	0	200	240	–220	150

Johanna jogs along a straight path. For $0 \le t \le 40$, Johanna's velocity is given by a differentiable function v. Selected values of $v(t)$, where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is measured in meters per minute, are given in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate the value of $v'(16)$.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of the definite integral $\int_0^{40} |v(t)|\, dt$ in the context of the problem. Approximate the value of $\int_0^{40} |v(t)|\, dt$ using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated in the table.

(c) Bob is riding his bicycle along the same path. For $0 \le t \le 10$, Bob's velocity is modeled by $B(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 300$, where t is measured in minutes and $B(t)$ is measured in meters per minute. Find Bob's acceleration at time $t = 5$.

(d) Based on the model B from part (c), find Bob's average velocity during the interval $0 \le t \le 10$.

3.

For $0 \le t \le 6$, a particle is moving along the x-axis. The particle's position, $x(t)$, is not explicitly given. The velocity of the particle is given by $v(t) = 2\sin\left(e^{t/4}\right) + 1$. The acceleration of the particle is given by $a(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{t/4}\cos\left(e^{t/4}\right)$ and $x(0) = 2$.

(a) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5.5$? Give a reason for your answer.

(b) Find the average velocity of the particle for the time period $0 \le t \le 6$.

(c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to $t = 6$.

(d) For $0 \le t \le 6$, the particle changes direction exactly once. Find the position of the particle at that time.