Position/Velocity/Acceleration vs Time Practice



Position vs Time

note: the graph is parabolic from 2 to 4 seconds and 5 to 7 seconds

- 1) During which intervals is the acceleration zero? (0,1) (1,2) (4,5) (7,8) (8,9) {*Any interval that is not parabolic.*}
- 2) Is the final position positive or negative? Zero! Just look at the final position at 9 seconds.
- 3) When is the velocity negative while the position is positive? (2,4) (4,5) (8,9) {Determined from slopes.}
- 4) When is the maximum speed achieved? Biggest slope is approaching 7 from left.
- 5) When is the acceleration positive and finite? (5,7)
- 6) When is the acceleration negative infinity? at 2, at 7 and at 8 {*The velocity (slope) instantaneously decreases.*}
- 7) How should the graph be drawn to prevent infinite accelerations? No sharp cusps. {*I would have to go back and round out the points.*}

Velocity vs Time



- 8) When is the object at rest? at 1, at 3 and at 7
- 9) When is the acceleration zero? (1,2)
- 10) When is the acceleration positive? (0,1) (4,7)
- 11) Is the final position positive or negative? *checking area*... zero. {*The positive area cancels the negative area exactly so that the object ends back at zero.*}

Acceleration vs Time



- 12) When is the velocity constant? (2,4)(6,7)
- 13) When is the velocity positive? (0,2)(2,4)(4,6)
- 14) When is the velocity zero? (6,7)
- 15) Is the final position positive or negative? ? checking area . . . positive. {The positive area cancels the negative exactly so that the velocity was never negative. If the object only ever had positive velocities, it could only have gone forward.}