Problem set 2

Instantaneous Velocity

Ran leaves her office and walks along the sidewalk toward Colonial Williamsburg Merchants Square. After 5 minutes it starts to rain, and she returns to the office. Her distance from her office as a function of time is shown in Fig. P2.1. At which of the labeled points is her velocity

x(m)

- a) Zero?
- b) Constant and positive?
- c) Constant and negative?
- d) Increasing in magnitude?
- e) Decreasing in magnitude?
- 400 Ш 300 200 100 Fig. P2.1 5 0 6

IV

Motion with constant acceleration

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A small rock is thrown vertically upward with 22.0 m/s from the edge of the roof of a 30.0-m-tall building. The rock doesn't hit the building on its way back down and lands on the street below. Ignore air resistance.

- a) What's the speed of the rock just before it hits the street?
- b) How much time elapses from when the rock is thrown until it hits the street?
- Position and Velocity Vectors

A web page designer creates an animation in which a dot on a computer screen has position

$$\vec{r} = \left[4.0 \ cm + (2.5 \ \frac{cm}{s^2})t^2\right]\hat{\iota} + \left(5.0 \ \frac{cm}{s}\right)t\hat{j}$$

- a) Find the magnitude and direction of the dot's average velocity between t= 0 and t= 2.0 s.
- b) Find the magnitude and direction of the instantaneous velocity at t = 0, t = 1.0 s, and t = 2.0 s.
- **Projectile Motion**

My buddy Duffy did daredevil stunts in his spare time. His last stunt was an attempt to jump across a river on a motorcycle (Fig. P2.2). The takeoff ramp was inclined at 53.0°, the river was 40.0 m wide, and the far bank was 15.0 m lower than the top of the ramp. The river itself was 100 m below the ramp. Ignore air resistance.

- a) What should Duffy's speed have been at the top of the ramp to have just made it to the edge of the far bank?
- b) If his speed was only half the value found in part (a), where did he land?

