

Chapter 4 Problem 91 †

Given

$$\vec{v}(t) = 250.0 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = (3.0 \hat{i} + 4.0 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}^2$$

Solution

What is the velocity 5 s after the rockets fire?

Although the acceleration is a vector, it is constant. Therefore, the vector form of the kinematic equations apply. Using the first kinematic equation gives

$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t$$

$$\vec{v}_f = (250.0 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}) + (\{3.0 \hat{i} + 4.0 \hat{j}\} \text{ m/s}^2)(5.0 \text{ s})$$

$$\vec{v}_f = (250.0 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}) + \{15.0 \hat{i} + 20.0 \hat{j}\} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = \{265.0 \hat{i} + 20.0 \hat{j}\} \text{ m/s}$$

†Problem from University Physics by Ling, Sanny and Moebs (OpenStax)