Math 251

Velocity-Position Questions

AP2013 ab2:

A particle moves along a straight line. For $0 \le t \le 5$, the velocity of the particle is given by $v(t) = -2 + \left(t^2 + 3t\right) - t^3$, and the position of the particle is given by s(t). It is known that s(0) = 10.

- (a) Find all values of t in the interval $2 \le t \le 4$ for which the speed of the particle is 2.
- (b) Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position s(t). Use this expression to find the position of the particle at time t = 5.
- (c) Find all times t in the interval $0 \le t \le 5$ at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.
- (d) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time t = 4? Give a reason for your answer.