

DCM 1.3 Need to show that

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$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}^0 + (t-t^0)\vec{v}^0 + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t^0}^t dt' (t-t') \vec{F}(t') \quad \star$$

satisfies $m \ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{F}(t)$ with the initial

conditions $\vec{r}(t^0) = \vec{r}^0$ and $\dot{\vec{r}}(t^0) = \vec{v}^0$.

Note that \star involves only one integration, and not two, as expected!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) Evidently } \vec{r}(t^0) &= \vec{r}^0 + (t^0-t^0)\vec{v}^0 + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t^0}^{t^0} dt' (t-t') \vec{F}(t') \\ &\quad \quad \quad \parallel \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\qquad \qquad \qquad}_{\parallel} \\ &\quad \quad \quad 0 \quad \quad \quad 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r}(t^0) &= \vec{r}^0. \end{aligned}$$

ii) Differentiating $\star \Rightarrow$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \vec{v}^0 + \frac{1}{m} \underbrace{(t-t)}_0 \vec{F}(t) + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t^0}^t dt' \vec{F}(t')$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}^0 + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t^0}^t dt' \vec{F}(t') \quad \star \star$$

$$\vec{v}(t^0) = \vec{v}^0$$

iii) Differentiating $\star \star \Rightarrow$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}(t) \Rightarrow m \ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{F}$$