

**Problem statement** A charged particle moves along the  $x$ -axis under the influence of an electric field. The field strength varies with time, and as a result the velocity of the particle is complicated. The position of the particle at time  $t$  is written as  $x = x(t)$  and the velocity of the particle at time  $t$  is written as  $v = v(t)$ . Suppose we know that  $x(0) = 0$ , and also that

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 2t - 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 4t - 3, & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ 6t - 7, & \text{if } 2 \leq t \leq 3 \end{cases} .$$

What is  $x(1)$ ? What is  $x(2)$ ? What is  $x(3)$ ? Sketch the graphs of  $x = x(t)$  and  $v = v(t)$ .