

Position (x) of an object is related to time (t) as $x = t^3 - 12t$ where (x) is in metre and (t) in second. Find the acceleration of the object when its velocity is zero.

$$x = t^3 - 12t$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (t^3 - 12t)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} t^3 - \frac{d}{dt} 12t$$

$$= \underline{\underline{3t^2 - 12}}$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (3t^2 - 12)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} 3t^2 - \frac{d}{dt} (12)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{6t}}$$

$$6t = 0$$

$$a = 6t$$

substituting

$$t = 2$$

$$a = 6 \times 2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{12 \text{ ms}^{-2}}}$$