

QUES 2

A table is given below of a particle moving along x -axis. In the table, speed of particle at different time intervals is shown.

Table 6.1

Time interval (in sec)	Speed of particle (in m/s)
0 - 2	2
2 - 5	3
5 - 10	4
10 - 15	2

Find total distance travelled by the particle and its average speed.

Solution

Distance = speed \times time

\therefore Total distance = $(2 \times 2) + (3)(3) + (5)(4) + (5)(2) = 43$ m

Total time taken is 15 s. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average speed} &= \frac{\text{Total distance}}{\text{Total time}} \\ &= \frac{43}{15} = 2.87 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$
