

Preview

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What do you think? -

- Is the book on your instructor's desk in motion? -
 - Explain your answer.

Frame of Reference -

- Motion -
 - a change in position -
- Frame of reference -
 - A point against which position is measured -
- Example: A train traveling between stations -
 - It is in motion when measured against the track. -
 - It is stationary when measured against a seat.

Frame of Reference

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Visual Concept

Displacement (Δx)

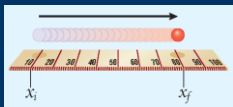
- Straight line distance from the initial position to the final position (change in position)
- Can be positive or negative

DISPLACEMENT

$$\Delta x = x_f - x_i$$

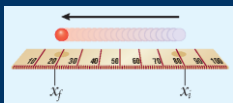
displacement = change in position = final position - initial position

Displacement



- What is the displacement for the objects shown?

• Answer: 9 cm



• Answer: -15 cm

Displacement - Sign Conventions

- Right (or east) ---> +
- Left (or west) ---> -
- Up (or north) ---> +
- Down (or south) ---> -

Average Velocity

- Average velocity is displacement divided by the time interval.

AVERAGE VELOCITY

$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_j - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

average velocity = $\frac{\text{change in position}}{\text{change in time}}$ = $\frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time interval}}$

- The units can be determined from the equation.
 - SI Units: m/s
 - Other Possible Units: mi/h, km/h, cm/year

Classroom Practice Problems

- A car travels 36 km to the north in 30.0 min. Find the average velocity in km/min and in km/h.
 - Answer: 1.2 km/min to the north or 72 km/h to the north
- A car travels 100.0 km to the east. If the first half of the distance is driven at 50.0 km/h and the second half at a 100.0 km/h, what is the average velocity?
 - Answer: 66.7 km/h to the east

Speed

$$\text{average speed} = \frac{\text{distance traveled}}{\text{time of travel}}$$

- Speed does not include direction while velocity does.
- Speed uses *distance* rather than *displacement*.
- In a round trip, the average velocity is zero but the average speed is not zero.

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Graphing Motion

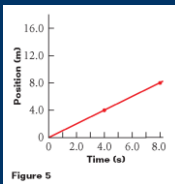


Figure 5

- How would you describe the motion shown by this graph?
 - Answer: Constant speed (straight line)
- What is the slope of this line?
 - Answer: 1 m/s
- What is the average velocity?
 - Answer: 1 m/s

<p>Slope of a Line</p> $\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\text{change in vertical coordinates}}{\text{change in horizontal coordinates}}$	<p>Average Velocity</p> $v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$
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Graphing Motion

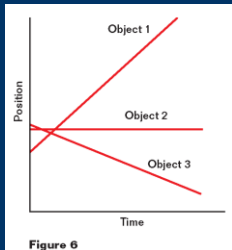


Figure 6

- Describe the motion of each object.
- Answers
 - Object 1: constant velocity to the right or upward
 - Object 2: constant velocity of zero (at rest)
 - Object 3: constant velocity to the left or downward

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Instantaneous Velocity

- Velocity at a single instant of time
 - Speedometers in cars measure instantaneous speed.
- Determined by finding the slope at a single point (the slope of the tangent)
- What is the slope of the tangent line at $t = 3.0$ s?
 - Answer: approximately 12 m/s
- What is the instantaneous velocity at $t = 3.0$ s?
 - Answer: approximately 12 m/s

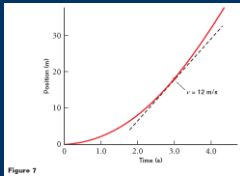


Figure 7



Now what do you think?

- Is the book on your instructor's desk in motion?
 - How does your answer depend on the frame of reference?
- What are some common terms used to describe the motion of objects?



What do you think?

- Which of the following cars is accelerating?
 - A car shortly after a stoplight turns green
 - A car approaching a red light
 - A car with the cruise control set at 80 km/h
 - A car turning a curve at a constant speed
- Based on your answers, what is *your* definition of acceleration?

Acceleration

AVERAGE ACCELERATION

$$a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

average acceleration = $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time required for change}}$

- Rate of change in velocity
- What are the units?
 - SI Units: (m/s)/s or m/s²
 - Other Units: (km/h)/s or (mi/h)/s
- Acceleration = 0 implies a constant velocity (or rest)

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Classroom Practice Problem

- Find the acceleration of an amusement park ride that falls from rest to a velocity of 28 m/s downward in 3.0 s.
 - Answer: 9.3 m/s² downward

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Direction of Acceleration

Describe the motion of an object with v_i and a as shown to the left.

v_i	a
+	+
+	-
-	-
-	+

- Moving right as it speeds up
- Moving right as it slows down
- Moving left as it speeds up
- Moving left as it slows down

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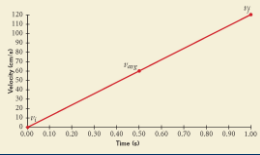
Acceleration

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Graphing Velocity

- The slope (rise/run) of a velocity/time graph is the acceleration.
 - Rise is change in v
 - Run is change in t
- This graph shows a constant acceleration.
- Average speed is the midpoint.



$$v_{avg} = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}$$

Graph of v vs. t for a train

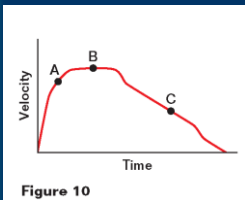


Figure 10

- Describe the motion at points A, B, and C.
- Answers
 - A: accelerating (increasing velocity/slope) to the right
 - B: constant velocity to the right
 - C: negative acceleration (decreasing velocity/slope) and still moving to the right

Useful Equations ▾

1. $v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$ ▾

2. $a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$ $v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$ ▾

3. $v_{avg} = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}$ ▾

4. $\Delta x = v_i\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}a\Delta t^2$ ▾

5. $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$

Classroom Practice Problems ▾

- A bicyclist accelerates from 5.0 m/s to 16 m/s in 8.0 s. Assuming uniform acceleration, what distance does the bicyclist travel during this time interval? ▾
 - Answer: 84 m ▾
- An aircraft has a landing speed of 83.9 m/s. The landing area of an aircraft carrier is 195 m long. What is the minimum uniform acceleration required for safe landing? ▾
 - Answer: -18.0 m/s²



Now what do you think? ▾

- Which of the following cars is accelerating? ▾
 - A car shortly after a stoplight turns green ▾
 - A car approaching a red light ▾
 - A car with the cruise control set at 80 km/h ▾
 - A car turning a curve at a constant speed ▾
- Based on your answers, what is the definition of acceleration? ▾
 - How is acceleration calculated? ▾
 - What are the SI units for acceleration?



What do you think? ▾

- Observe a metal ball being dropped from rest. ▾
 - Describe the motion in words. ▾
 - Sketch a velocity-time graph for this motion. ▾
- Observe the same ball being tossed vertically upward and returning to the starting point. ▾
 - Describe the motion in words. ▾
 - Sketch a velocity-time graph for this motion.

Free Fall ▾

- Assumes no air resistance ▾
- Acceleration is constant for the entire fall ▾
- Acceleration due to gravity (a_g or g) ▾
 - Has a value of -9.81 m/s^2 ▾
 - Negative for downward ▾
 - Roughly equivalent to -22 (mi/h)/s

Free Fall ▾

- For a ball tossed upward, make predictions for the sign of the velocity and acceleration to complete the chart. ▾

	Velocity (+, -, or zero)	Acceleration (+, -, or zero)
When halfway up	+	-
When at the peak	zero	-
When halfway down	-	-

Free Fall

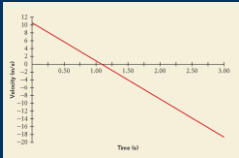
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Graphing Free Fall

- Based on your present understanding of free fall, sketch a velocity-time graph for a ball that is tossed upward (assuming no air resistance).
 - Is it a straight line?
 - If so, what is the slope?
- Compare your predictions to the graph to the right.



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Velocity and Acceleration of an Object at its High Point

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Classroom Practice Problem

A ball is thrown straight up into the air at an initial velocity of 25.0 m/s upward. Create a table showing the ball's position, velocity and acceleration each second for the first 5 s.

t (s)	y (m)	v (m/s)	a (m/s ²)
1.00	20.1	+15.2	-9.81
2.00	30.4	+5.4	-9.81
3.00	30.9	-4.4	-9.81
4.00	21.6	-14.2	-9.81
5.00	2.50	-24.0	-9.81

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 **Now what do you think?**

Review the descriptions and graphs you created at the beginning of the presentation.

- Do you want to make any modifications?
- For the second graph, circle the point representing the highest point of the toss.

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