



Chapter 2: 1-D Kinematics

The study of motion
without regard to the
cause.

- average velocity
- instantaneous velocity
- derivatives
- integrals
- average acceleration
- instantaneous acceleration
- Free Fall in gravity

Aristotle: (384 - 322 B.C.)

- All earthly objects tend to rest - their "natural state."
- All heavenly objects remain in circular motion forever.

Demo: Sliding block

- Heavier objects fall faster than light ones, in proportion to their weight.

twice as heavy \Rightarrow twice as fast

ten times as heavy \Rightarrow ten times as fast

Demo: Falling masses - 100g and 1000g

No experimental verification!

If it doesn't match the real world,
it ain't physics.

Demo: Gedanken (thought) experiment

Galileo Galilei : (1564 - 1642)

- did not invent the telescope!

but he did change our view
of the world.

- "dilated" gravity Demo: - Ramp

- used mathematics

- excellent observations

- resolution of the sliding block puzzle - friction

Demo: Book Lip

- point particles

Last time

Displacement vector: $\vec{r}_f - \vec{r}_i$

Notation

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}_f - \vec{r}_i \quad (\Delta \Theta = \Theta_f - \Theta_i)$$

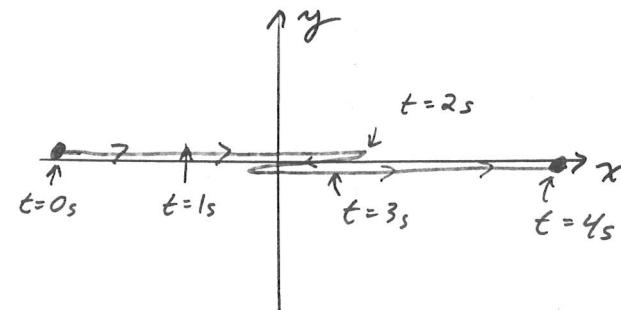
1 Dimension

- Choose an origin.
- Choose a direction for positive.
- Let \vec{x} be the displacement from the origin.

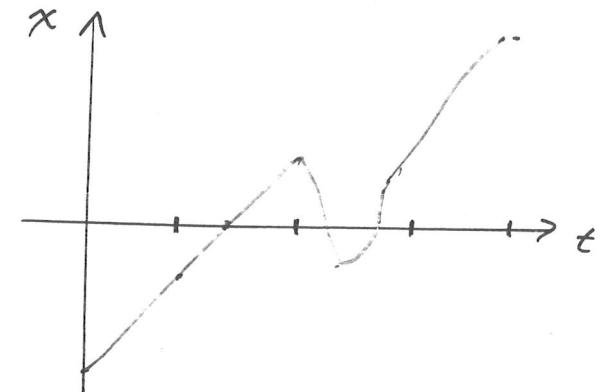
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Path

Ex. 1-D path



Position vs. Time Graph



Average Velocity

$$\bar{v} = v_{\text{Avg}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

The displacement of a particle in a certain time interval divided by that time interval.

Not the total distance traveled ...

Demo: End at starting point.

Demo: Two paths, same start + end.

Ex. The position of a particle at time t is given by

$$x(t) = 2t^2 - 3t + 1$$

where x is in meters and t is in seconds. What is the average velocity between 2 s and 3 s?

$$t_f = 3\text{s}, \quad t_i = 2\text{s} \quad \Delta t = 1\text{s}$$

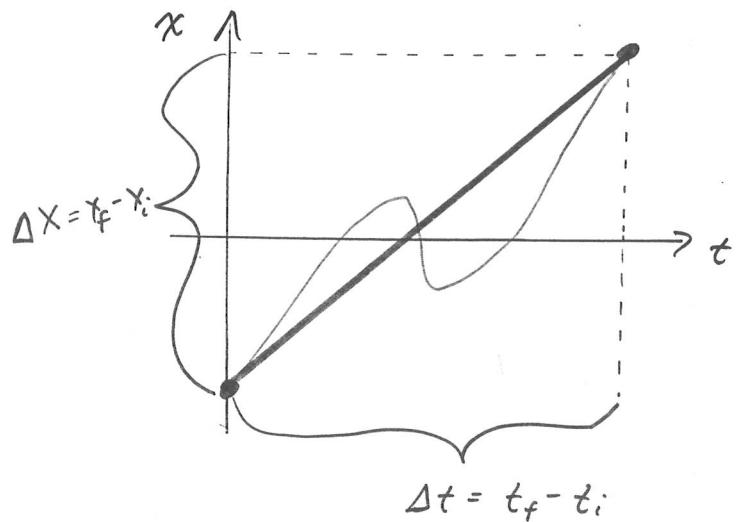
$$x_f = x(3\text{s}) = 10\text{ m}$$

$$x_i = x(2\text{s}) = 3\text{ m}$$

$$\Delta x = x_f - x_i = 7\text{ m}$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{7\text{m}}{1\text{s}} = \boxed{7\text{ m/s}}$$

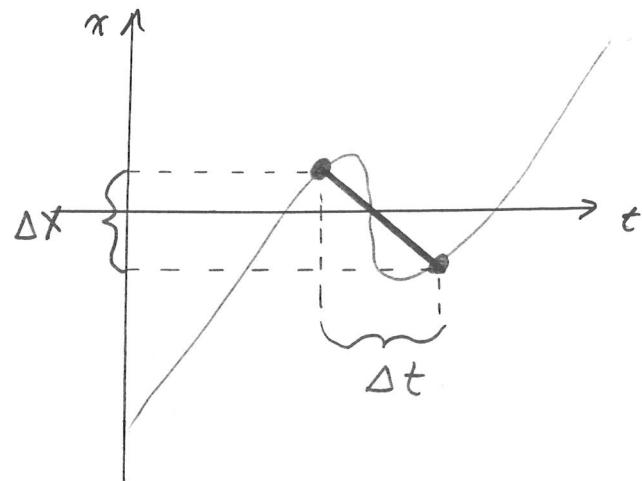
Graphically



$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \text{slope}$$

= slope of the line connecting the start and end points.

For a different time interval, the average velocity will be different.



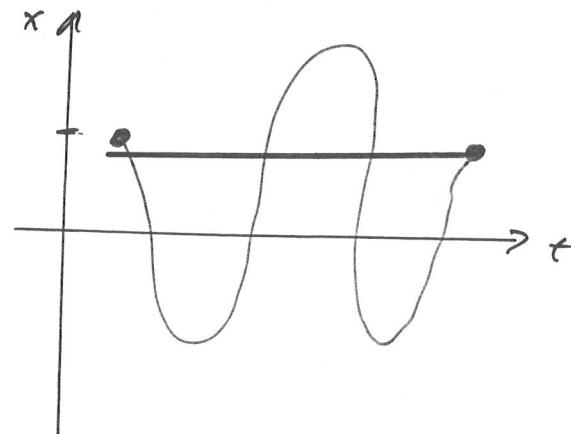
In this case the slope is negative $\Rightarrow \bar{v}$ is negative.

How did this happen?

$\Delta x = x_f - x_i$ is negative.

Δt always positive.

Graph of a particle returning to its starting point.



$$\Delta x = 0$$

Δt is non-zero

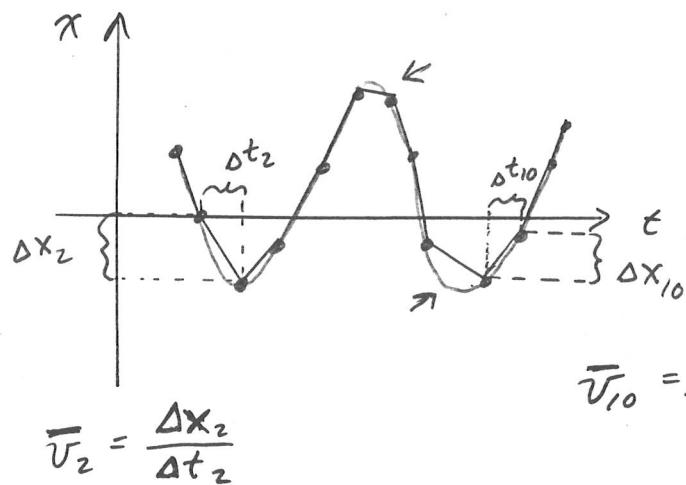
$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = 0 \quad \text{slope} = 0$$

The concept of average velocity only makes sense over some non-zero time interval.

If the average velocity changes quite a bit over a time interval (see previous graph) then the average velocity may not accurately represent what is happening.

How can we improve our description?

Make the time interval Δt smaller.



How far can we take
this process?

We can let $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

Wait a minute! If $\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$
won't we be dividing by zero?

As $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, the displacement
over that very short time
interval also shrinks to zero

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

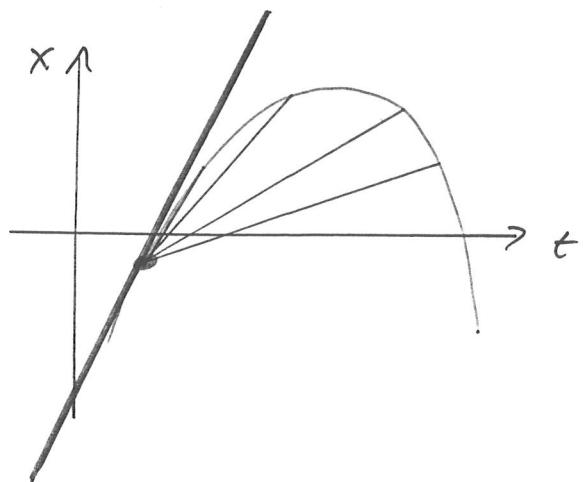
but the ratio $\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$ approaches
some number.

Instantaneous Velocity

$$v = v_{\text{inst}} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Definition of calculus derivative.

Graphically



The instantaneous velocity at a point is the slope of the line tangent to the graph at that point.

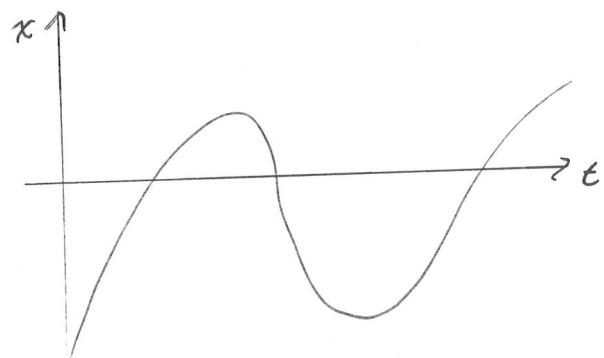
Derivatives

(Calculus in one minute)

If A is a constant, then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(At^n) = nAt^{n-1}$$

What is the sign of the instantaneous velocity at various points?



$$\text{Ex } x(t) = 2t^2 - 3t + 1$$

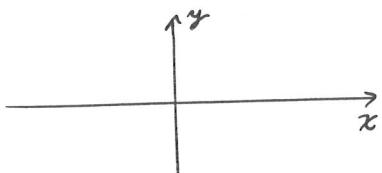
x in meters, t in seconds

What is the instantaneous

velocity at 2s? At 3s?

Average Velocity and Average Speed

Ex A motorist travels West at 60 mph for 1 hr, remains at rest for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr, then travels East at 40 mph for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

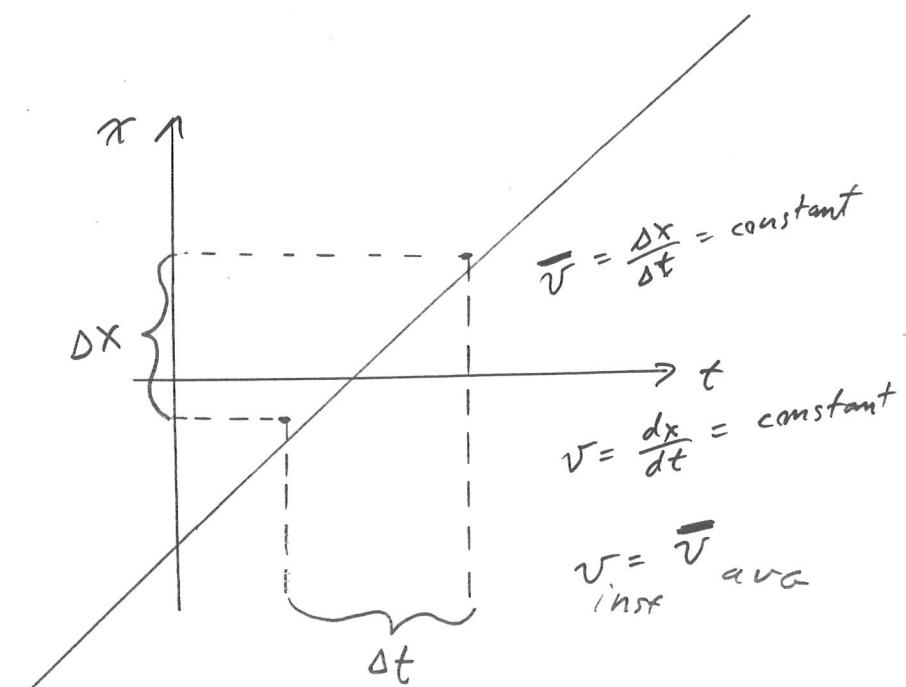


$$\text{Avg. Velocity} =$$

$$\text{Avg. Speed} =$$

A special case:

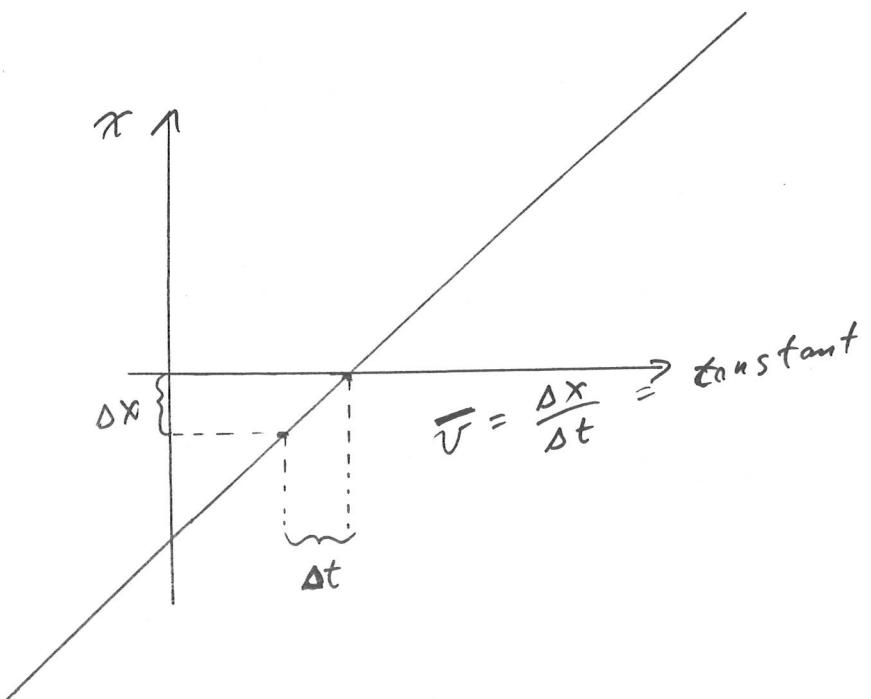
positive Constant Velocity



A special case:

positive

Constant¹ Velocity



Velocity vs. time graph

(for constant positive velocity)



$$v = \bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

start at $t_i = 0$

and call t_f just plain old t

$$v = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t}$$

$$x_f = x_i + v t$$

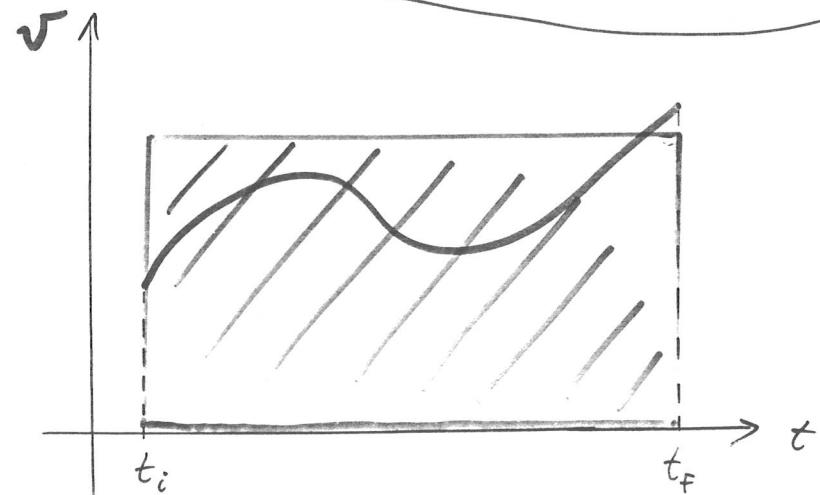
valid for
 $v = \text{constant}$
only !!!

Ex. I drive at 60 mph for 2 hr.
in a straight line. How far
do I go?

What if the velocity is
not constant in time?

How do we "undo" $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$
to get x as a function of
time?

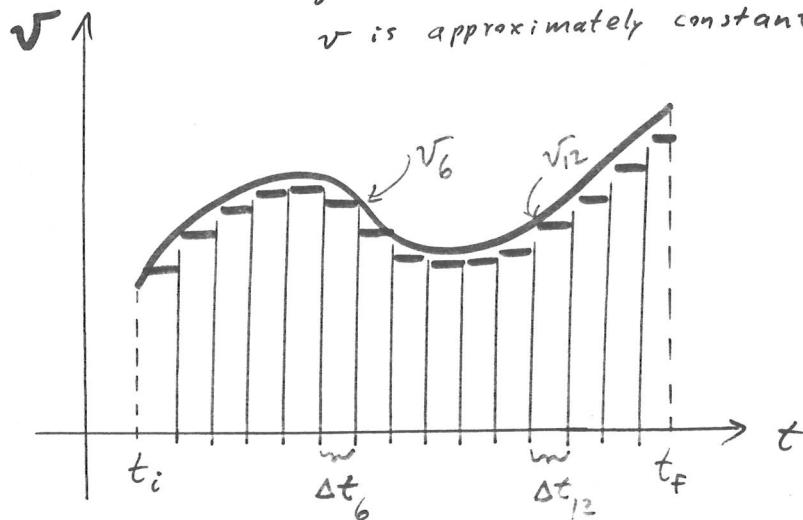
If $v = \text{constant}$
 $x_f = x_i + v(t_f - t_i)$



What if the velocity is not constant in time?

How do we "undo" $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$ to get x as a function of time?

Next best idea: use smaller time intervals, where v is approximately constant.



$$\Delta x_6 \approx v_6 \Delta t_6$$

$$\Delta x_{12} \approx v_{12} \Delta t_{12}$$

$$\text{Or in general: } \Delta x_n = v_n \Delta t_n$$

How does one find the total displacement $x_f - x_i$?

Add up all the skinny rectangles.

$$x_f - x_i \approx v_1 \Delta t_1 + v_2 \Delta t_2 + \dots + v_n \Delta t_n \\ = \sum_n v_n \Delta t_n$$

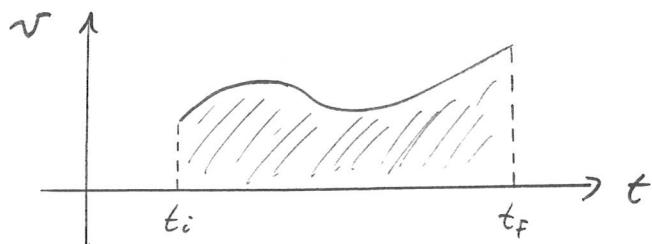
How can we get more accuracy?

Let the time intervals Δt_n shrink to zero width.

$$x_f - x_i = \sum_n v_n \Delta t_n \rightarrow \int_{t_i}^{t_f} v(t) dt$$

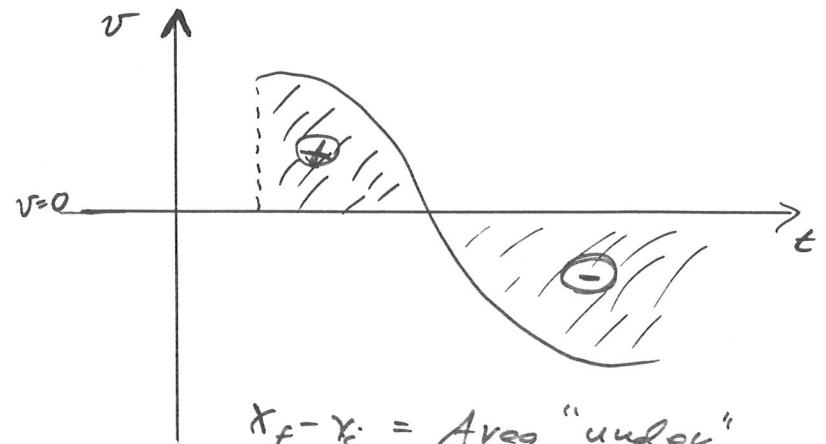
Definition of calculus integral.

Graphically



$x_f - x_i$ is the area under the velocity vs. time graph.

Area Under the Curve



$$x_f - x_i = \text{Area "under" curve} = 0$$

Integration

(more calculus in another minute)

If B is a constant, then

$$\int (Bt^n) dt = \frac{Bt^{n+1}}{n+1} + \text{const.}$$

$\text{not } n = -1$

Definite Integrals

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_f} (Bt^n) dt = \frac{B t^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_{t_i}^{t_f}$$

$$= \frac{B(t_f)^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{B(t_i)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

constant cancels.

$$\text{Ex. } \int_{1}^{3} 4t^2 dt = \frac{4}{3} t^3 \Big|_1^3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}(3)^3 - \frac{4}{3}(1)^3$$

$$= \frac{104}{3}$$

Derivation and Integration
are inverse operations.

If C is a constant, then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(Ct^n) = nCt^{n-1}$$

$$\int(nCt^{n-1})dt = Ct^n + \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = v_{\text{inst}}$$

$$\int v(t) dt = x(t) + \text{const.}$$

Area
under V v.s. t

Ex. The velocity of a particle varies
with time according to

$$v(t) = 4t^3 + 2$$

where v is in m/s and t is in seconds.
What is the particle's displacement
from $t_i = 2\text{s}$ to $t_f = 4\text{s}$?

Last Time

$$\bar{v} = v_{\text{AVG}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

$$v = v_{\text{INST}} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(At^n) = nAt^{n-1}$$

v_{INST} is the slope of the tangent line on a position vs. time graph.

$$\int (Bt^n) dt = \left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) Bt^{n+1} + \text{constant}$$

x is the area under the curve of a velocity vs. time graph.

If $v(t)$ is a constant, then

$$x(t) = x_i + vt$$

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Average Acceleration

$$\bar{a} = a_{\text{AVG}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

the change in a particle's velocity during a certain time interval divided by that time interval.

Instantaneous Acceleration

$$a = a_{\text{INST}} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\text{but } v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\text{so } a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$

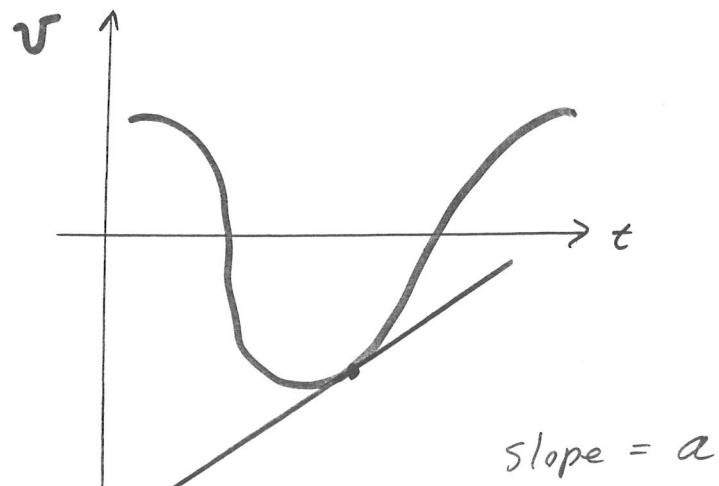
Instantaneous

Acceleration is the slope of the tangent line on a velocity vs. time graph.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad x(t) = 3t^4 + 5t^2 + 10$$

x in meters, t in seconds

What is the instantaneous acceleration at $t=0\text{s}$? at $t=1\text{s}$?



How do we invert $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$?

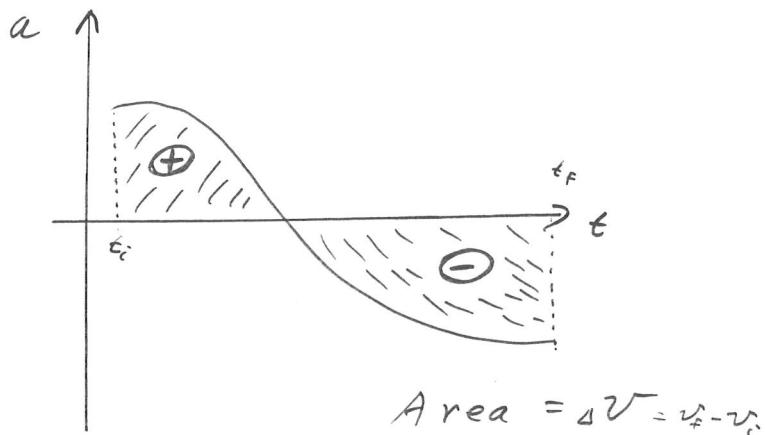
$$v(t) = \int a(t) dt$$

What is the average acceleration between $t=0s$ and $t=1s$?

$$x(t) = 3t^4 + 5t^2 + 10$$

$$v(t) = 12t^3 + 10t$$

Velocity is the area under the curve on an acceleration vs. time plot.

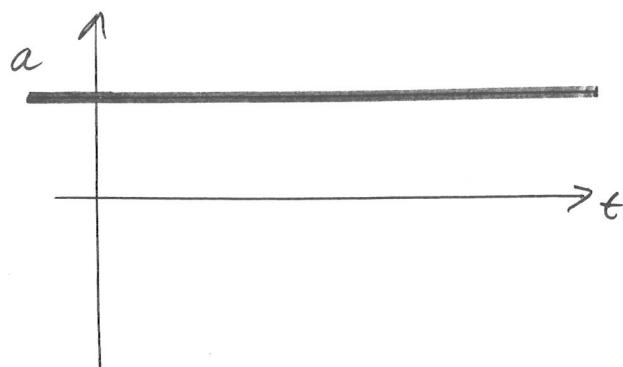


Is \bar{a} just $\frac{a(0) + a(1)}{2}$?

A Special Case: Constant Acceleration

Why?

Gravity provides a nearly constant acceleration at the Earth's surface.



For constant acceleration

$$a(t) = a \quad (\text{no time dependence})$$

$$v_{\text{inst}}(t) = \int a \, dt = at + C_1 \quad \text{arbitrary constant}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\text{inst}}(t) &= \int v(t) \, dt \\ &= \int [at + C_1] \, dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2}at^2 + C_1 t + C_2 \quad \text{a different arbitrary constant} \end{aligned}$$

What are C_1 and C_2 ?

What is the velocity at $t=0s$?

$$v(0) = a \cdot 0 + C_1 = C_1$$

$$C_1 = v(0) \equiv v_0 \quad (\text{constant!})$$

What is the displacement at $t=0s$?

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0 t + C_2$$

$$x(0) = \frac{1}{2}a \cdot 0^2 + v_0 \cdot 0 + C_2 = C_2$$

$$C_2 = x(0) \equiv x_0 \quad (\text{constant!})$$

Master Equations for constant acceleration

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v(t) = v_0 + at$$

The second is the time derivative
of the first!

Two other equations

Solve the second for t

$$t = \frac{v - v_0}{a}$$

Substitute this value in the first.

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_0 \left(\frac{v - v_0}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{2} a \left(\frac{v - v_0}{a} \right)^2$$

Simplify

$$\boxed{x_0 + [v(t)]^2 = v_0^2 + 2a[x(t) - x_0]}$$

or Solve the second for a

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t}$$

Plug into the first.

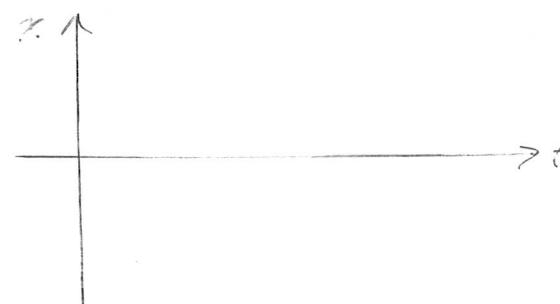
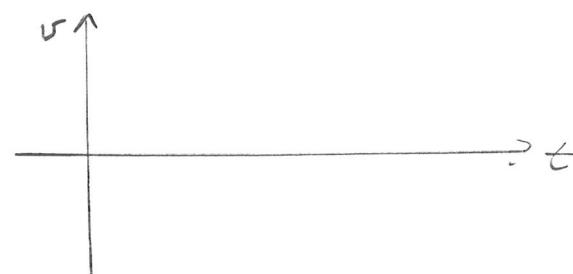
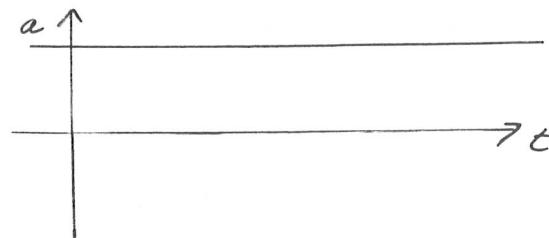
$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v - v_0}{t} \right) t^2$$

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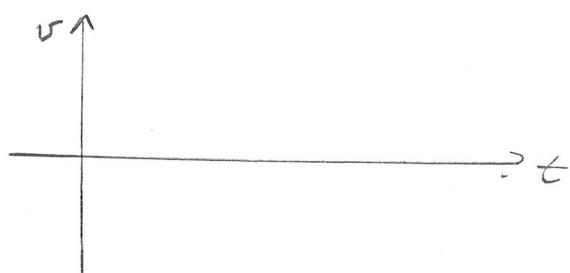
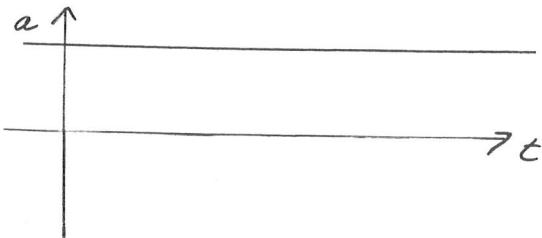
$$\boxed{x(t) - x_0 = \frac{1}{2} (v + v_0) t}$$

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Graphically



Graphically



Gravity

Near the Earth's surface,
and neglecting air resistance,
all objects experience the
same constant acceleration
toward the center of the Earth.

$$\underline{\text{Magnitude}} \quad g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = 32 \text{ ft/s}^2$$

The velocity of an object in free-fall
will change by 9.8 m/s every second.

Be Careful!

The acceleration is \vec{a} vector.

It has magnitude and direction.

An object in free-fall has an acceleration of magnitude

$$g = +9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad (g \text{ is positive, no direction})$$

The direction of \vec{a} is downward.

$$\vec{a} = g \text{ downward}$$

The choice for positive direction is in your hands!

If you choose up to be the positive direction, then

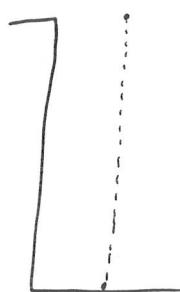
$$\vec{a} = -g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

But, if you choose down to be the positive direction, then

$$\vec{a} = +g = +9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Ex How long does it take a particle to fall 8 cm in Earth's gravity from rest?

Ex A ball is thrown downward with an initial speed of 10 m/s from a cliff 50 m high. How long does it take to reach the ground?



1) Choose an origin of coordinates

2) Choose a direction for positive.

3) With these choices:

$$y_f =$$

$$y_0 =$$

$$v_0 =$$

$$a =$$

Demo: Dollar Drop

$$y_f = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$0 = 50 - 10t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)t^2$$

Rearrange:

$$\frac{1}{2}(9.8)t^2 + 10t - 50 = 0$$

Quadratic Equation:

$$At^2 + Bt + C = 0$$

has the two solutions:

$$t = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

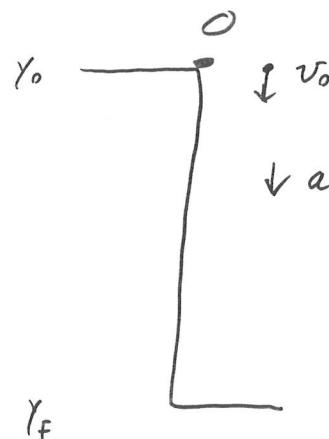
$$A = 4.9$$

$$B = 10$$

$$C = -50$$

$$t = 2.33s \quad \underline{\approx} \quad -4.37s$$

One more time with different choices.



- 1) Choose an origin
- 2) Positive direction



3) with these choices:

$$y_f = +50m$$

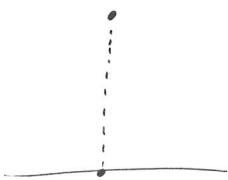
$$y_0 = 0m$$

$$v_0 = +10 m/s$$

$$a = +9.8 m/s^2$$

Same solution: $t = 2.33s$!

Ex A ball is thrown upward with an initial speed of 10 m/s . How high does it rise?



- 1) Choose an origin
- 2) Choose positive direction

3) with these choices

$$y_0 =$$

$$y_f =$$

$$v_0 =$$

$$\alpha =$$