

Distance

- The total length of the path traveled by an object.
- Does not depend upon direction (scalar).

Displacement

- The change in position of an object.
- Depends only on the initial and final positions, not on path.
- Includes direction (vector).
- Represented by  $\Delta x$ .

***Problem: Distance versus Displacement***

1. A hiker hikes 25 miles due north and then all the way back to the starting point.

a) How far does the hiker hike? **Show your work.**

b) What is the hiker's displacement? **Show your work.**

Average speed

- $s_{\text{ave}} = d/t$   
 $d = \text{distance}$   
 $t = \text{elapsed time}$

Average Velocity

- $v_{\text{ave}} = \Delta x/t$   
 $\Delta x = \text{displacement } (x-x_0)$   
 $t = \text{elapsed time}$

***Problem: Average Velocity (1988)***

62. A truck traveled 400 meters north in 80 seconds, and then it traveled 300 meters east in 70 seconds. The magnitude of the average velocity of the truck was most nearly

- (A) 1.2 m/s
- (B) 3.3 m/s
- (C) 4.6 m/s
- (D) 6.6 m/s
- (E) 9.3 m/s

**Show your work:**

Acceleration

- A change in velocity.
- Acceleration can be speeding up, slowing down, or turning.
- The SI unit for acceleration is  $\text{m/s}^2$ .
- If the sign of the velocity and the sign of the acceleration is the same, the object speeds up.
- If the sign of the velocity and the sign of the acceleration are different, the object slows down.

Uniformly Accelerated Motion

- $a_{\text{ave}} = \Delta v/t$   
 $\Delta v = \text{change in velocity } (v-v_0)$   
 $t = \text{elapsed time}$

***Problem: Acceleration (1993)***

1. In which of the following situations would an object be accelerated?

- I. It moves in a straight line at constant speed.
- II. It moves with uniform circular motion.
- III. It travels as a projectile in a gravitational field with negligible air resistance.

- (A) I only    (B) III only    (C) I and II only
- (D) II and III only    (E) I, II, and III

**Explain your answer:**

Kinematic Equations (star equations)

$$* v = v_0 + at$$

$$** \Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$*** v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

**Problem: Kinematic Equations (1984)**

65. A body moving in the positive  $x$  direction passes the origin at time  $t = 0$ . Between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$  second, the body has a constant speed of 24 meters per second. At  $t = 1$  second, the body is given a constant acceleration of 6 meters per second squared in the negative  $x$  direction. The position  $x$  of the body at  $t = 11$  seconds is  
 (A) +99 m (B) +36 m (C) -36 m (D) -75 m (E) -99 m

Show your work:

Kinematic Graphs

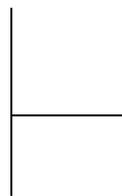
- Stationary particle



$x$  vs  $t$



$v$  vs  $t$



$a$  vs  $t$

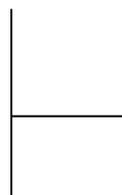
- Particle moving with constant velocity



$x$  vs  $t$

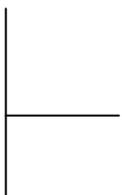


$v$  vs  $t$

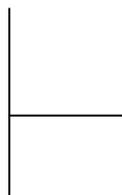


$a$  vs  $t$

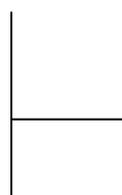
- Particle moving with constant non-zero acceleration



$x$  vs  $t$



$v$  vs  $t$



$a$  vs  $t$

Position-time graph

- Slope = velocity

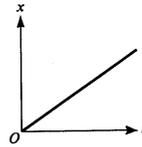
Velocity-time graph

- Slope = acceleration
- Area under = displacement

Acceleration-time graph

- Area under = change in velocity

**Problem: Kinematic Graphs (1988)**

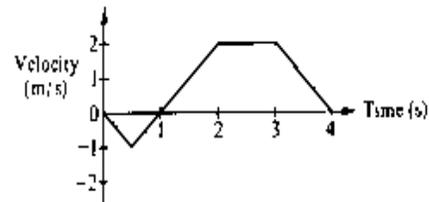


1. The displacement  $x$  of an object moving along the  $x$  axis is shown above as a function of time  $t$ . The acceleration of this object must be

- (A) zero
- (B) constant but not zero
- (C) increasing
- (D) decreasing
- (E) equal to  $g$

Explain your answer:

**Problem: Kinematic Graphs (1984)**



3. The graph shows the velocity versus time for an object moving in a straight line. At what time after time  $= 0$  does the object again pass through its initial position?
- (A) Between 0 and 1 s
  - (B) 1 s
  - (C) Between 1 and 2 s
  - (D) 2 s
  - (E) Between 2 and 3 s

Show your work:

Free Fall

- Occurs when an object falls unimpeded.
- Gravity accelerates the object toward the earth.
- $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  downward.
- $a = -g$  if up is positive.
- acceleration is down when ball is thrown up  
EVERYWHERE in the balls flight.

***Problem: Free Fall (1993)***

5. An object is released from rest on a planet that has no atmosphere. The object falls freely for 3.0 meters in the first second. What is the magnitude of the acceleration due to gravity on the planet?

- (A) 1.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>
- (B) 3.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>
- (C) 6.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>
- (D) 10.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>
- (E) 12.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>

**Show your work:**

Symmetry in Free Fall

- When something is thrown upward and returns to the thrower, this is very symmetric.
- The object spends half its time traveling up; half traveling down.
- Velocity when it returns to the ground is the opposite of the velocity it was thrown upward with.
- Acceleration is  $-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  everywhere!