

# Lecture 03 Motion in One Dimension

This lecture gives you the same content as that in [Chapter 02 in Serway/Jewett's](#) textbook of "Physics for Scientists and Engineers with Modern Physics".

Particle model: a particle is a point-like object, that is, an object that has mass but is of infinitesimal size

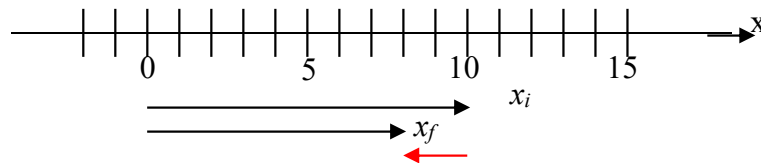
## 3.1 Position, Velocity, and Speed

A vector quantity requires the specifications of both direction and magnitude

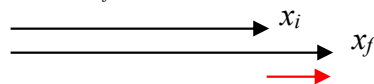
**vector:** displacement:  $\Delta \vec{x} = \vec{x}_f - \vec{x}_i$



nonsymmetry nature

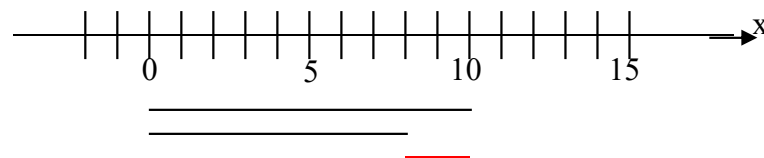


$$\vec{x}_i = 10\hat{i}, \quad \vec{x}_f = 8\hat{i} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta \vec{x} = \vec{x}_f - \vec{x}_i = 8\hat{i} - 10\hat{i} = -2\hat{i}$$

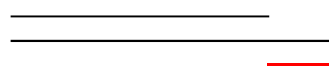


$$\vec{x}_i = 8\hat{i}, \quad \vec{x}_f = 10\hat{i} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta \vec{x} = \vec{x}_f - \vec{x}_i = 10\hat{i} - 8\hat{i} = 2\hat{i}$$

**scalar:** distance:  $|\Delta \vec{x}| = |\vec{x}_f - \vec{x}_i|$  (no negative sign)



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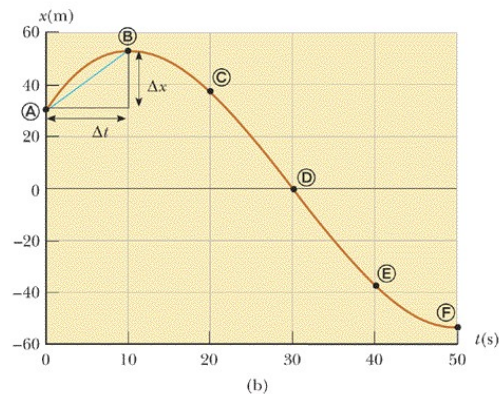


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**vector:** average velocity:  $\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta\vec{x}}{\Delta t}$

**scalar:** average speed:  $v_{avg} = \frac{|\Delta\vec{x}|}{\Delta t}$ ,  $Average\_Speed = \frac{total\_distance}{total\_time}$

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Figure 2.1b



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Example: A particle moving along the x axis is located at  $x_i = 12$  m at  $t_i = 1$  s and  $x_f = 4$  m at  $t_f = 3$  s. Find its displacement and average velocity during this time interval.

Displacement:  $\Delta\vec{x} = 4 - 12 = -8$  m, distance:  $\Delta x = |\Delta\vec{x}| = |4 - 12| = 8$  m

Average velocity:  $\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{4 - 12}{3 - 1} = -4$  m/s, Average speed: 4 m/s

What is position?

## 3.2 Instantaneous Velocity and Speed

**vector:** velocity:  $\vec{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{x}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}$

**scalar:** speed:  $|\vec{v}| = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta\vec{x}|}{\Delta t} = \left| \frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} \right|$

Example: The position of a particle moving along x axis varies in time according to the expression  $\vec{x} = 3t^2\hat{i}$ , where x is in meters and t is in seconds. Find the velocity in terms of t at any time. Find the average velocity in the intervals  $t = 0$  s to  $t = 2$  s.

$$\vec{x}_i = \vec{x}(t) = 3t^2\hat{i}, \quad \vec{x}_f = \vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = 3(t + \Delta t)^2\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{x}_f - \vec{x}_i}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{3t^2 + 6t\Delta t + 3(\Delta t)^2 - 3t^2}{\Delta t} \hat{i} = 6t\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{x}(t_2) - \vec{x}(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{3 * 2^2 - 3 * 0^2}{2 - 0} \hat{i} = 6 \text{ m/s}$$

### 3.3 Analysis Model: The Particle Under Constant Velocity

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \vec{x} = \vec{v}_0 = v_0\hat{i}$$

$$d(\vec{x}) = v_0 dt\hat{i}$$

$$\int d(\vec{x}) = \hat{i}v_0 \int dt$$

$$\int_{\vec{x}_0}^{\vec{x}(t')} d(\vec{x}) = \hat{i}v_0 \int_0^{t'} dt$$

$$[\vec{x}]_{\vec{x}_0}^{\vec{x}(t')} = \hat{i}v_0[t]_0^{t'}$$

$$\vec{x}(t') - \vec{x}_0 = \hat{i}v_0(t' - 0)$$

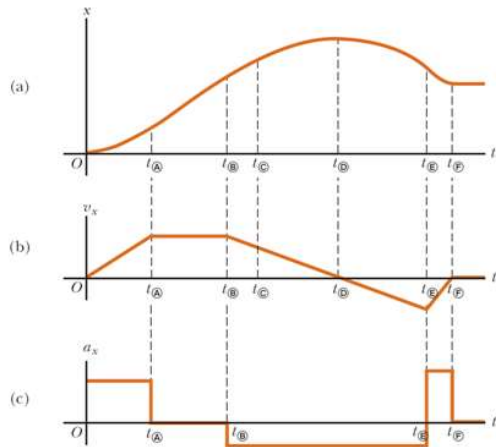
$$\vec{x}(t') = \vec{x}_0 + \hat{i}v_0 t'$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t$$

Example: A particle move at a constant velocity  $\vec{v} = 5 \cdot \hat{i} (m/s)$ , the initial position  $x_i = 10$  m, find the final position after a time interval of  $t = 10$  s.

$$\vec{x}_f = \vec{x}_i + \vec{v}t \quad \rightarrow \quad \vec{x}_f = (10 + 5 * 10)\hat{i} = 60\hat{i} (m)$$

### 3.4 Acceleration



a: Position, b: velocity, c: acceleration

**vector:** average acceleration:  $\vec{a}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$

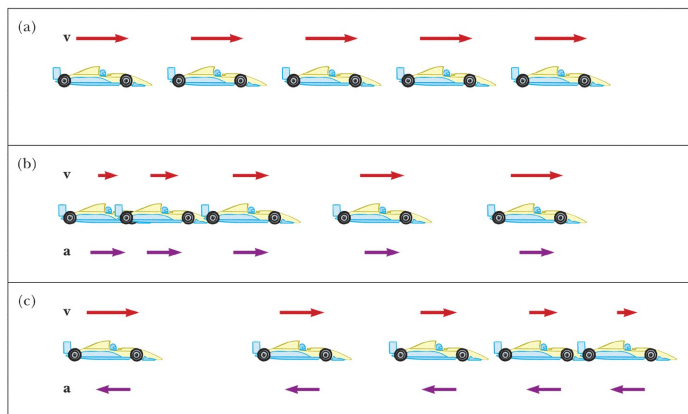
**vector:** instantaneous acceleration:  $\vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}\right) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{x}$

Example: A particle's position on the x axis is given by  $x = 4 - 27t + t^3$  with x in meters and t in seconds. (a) Find the particle's velocity function v(t) and acceleration function a(t).

$$v(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = 0 - 27 + 3t^2 \quad , \quad a(t) = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = 6t$$

### 3.5 Motion Diagrams

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Figure 2.11



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### 3.6 Motion Under Constant Acceleration

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{a}_0 = \vec{a}_{avg}$$

$$\vec{a}_0 = \vec{a}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}_0}{t - 0}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}_0 t$$

**- The 1<sup>st</sup> formula**

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}_0 t$$

$$d\vec{x} = (\vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}_0 t) dt$$

$$\int_{\vec{x}_0}^{\vec{x}(t')} d(\vec{x}) = \int_0^{t'} (\vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}_0 t) dt$$

$$\vec{x}(t') - \vec{x}_0 = \vec{v}_0 t' + \vec{a}_0 (t'^2 / 2)$$

**- The 2<sup>nd</sup> formula**

Use the first formula,  $\vec{a}_0 t = \vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}_0$ .

Multiply the second formula by dot product with  $\vec{a}_0$

$$\vec{a}_0 \cdot (\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}_0) = \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{a}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{a}_0 t) \cdot (\vec{a}_0 t)$$

$$\vec{a}_0 \cdot (\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}_0) = \vec{v}_0 \cdot (\vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}_0) \cdot (\vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}_0)$$

$$\vec{a}_0 \cdot (\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}_0) = \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{v}(t) - v_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \frac{1}{2} v_0^2$$

$$\vec{a}_0 \cdot (\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}_0) = \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{1}{2} v_0^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2\vec{a}_0 \cdot (\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}_0)$$

**- The 3<sup>rd</sup> formula**

Example: Spotting a police car, you brake a Porsche from a speed of 100 km/h to a speed of 80.0 km/h during a displacement of 88.0 m, at a constant acceleration. (a) What is that acceleration? (b) How much time is required for the given decrease in speed?

$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t, \quad \vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}t^2, \quad v^2 = v_0^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \Delta\vec{x}$$

$$v_f = 80 \frac{km}{h} = 1000 \frac{m}{km} \frac{1}{3600} \frac{h}{s} = 22.2 \text{ m/s}, \quad v_i = 100 \frac{1000}{3600} = 27.8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta\vec{x} = 88 \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{choose the 3rd formula, } 22.2^2 = 27.8^2 + 2 * a * 88, \quad a = -1.6 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Example: Accelerating an Electron

An electron in the cathode-ray tube of a television set enters a region in which it

accelerates uniformly in a straight line from a speed of  $3 \times 10^4$  m/s to a speed of  $5 \times 10^6$  m/s in a distance of 2 cm. For what length of time is the electron accelerating?

Choose the 3rd formula:  $(5 \times 10^6)^2 = (3 \times 10^4)^2 + 2a * \frac{2}{100}$ ,  $a = 6.2 \times 10^{14}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>

Choose the 1st formula:  $\Delta t = \frac{5 \times 10^6 - 3 \times 10^4}{6.2 \times 10^{14}} = 8.0 \times 10^{-9}$  s

Example: A car traveling at a constant speed of 45.0 m/s passes a trooper on a motorcycle hidden behind a billboard. One second after the speeding car passes the billboard, the trooper sets out from the billboard to catch the car, accelerating at a constant rate of 3.00 m/s<sup>2</sup>. How long does it take her to overtake the car?

$$45 + 45t = \frac{1}{2}3t^2$$

### 3.7 Freely Falling Objects

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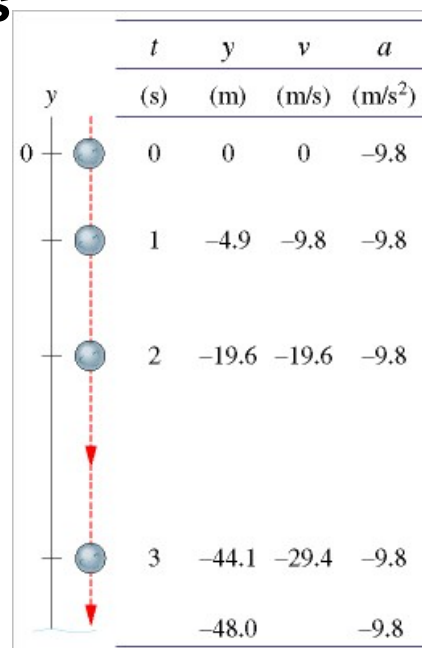
$$\bar{a} = -g = -9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

t

$$a = a_0$$

$$v = v_0 + at = a_0t$$

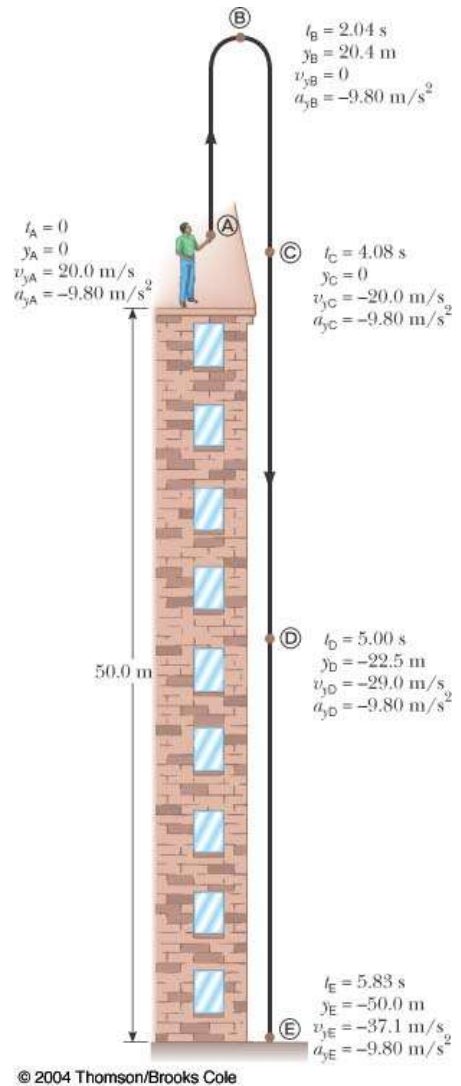
$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = \frac{1}{2}a_0t^2$$



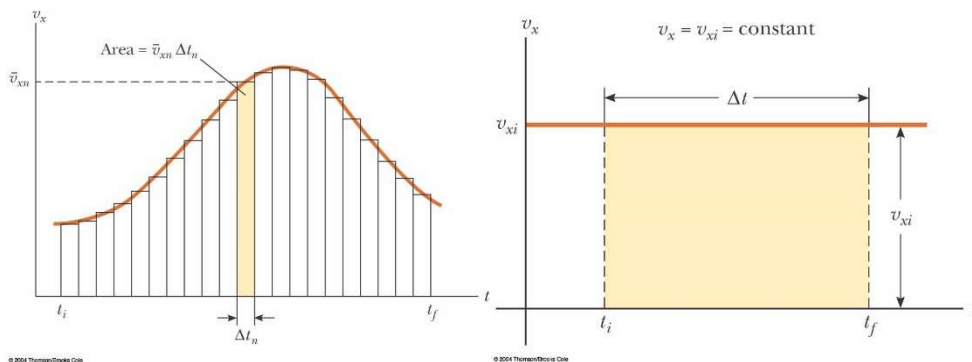
The diagram shows a vertical y-axis with a red dashed line representing the path of a falling object. A red arrow points downwards from the origin. Four blue spheres represent the object at different times. To the right of the diagram is a table with columns for time (t), position (y), velocity (v), and acceleration (a).

|   | t   | y     | v     | a                   |
|---|-----|-------|-------|---------------------|
|   | (s) | (m)   | (m/s) | (m/s <sup>2</sup> ) |
| 0 | 0   | 0     | 0     | -9.8                |
| 1 | 1   | -4.9  | -9.8  | -9.8                |
| 2 | 2   | -19.6 | -19.6 | -9.8                |
| 3 | 3   | -44.1 | -29.4 | -9.8                |
|   |     | -48.0 |       | -9.8                |

Example: A stone thrown from the top of a building is given an initial velocity of 20.0 m/s straight upward. The building is 50.0 m high, and the stone just misses the edge of the roof on its way down, as shown in Fig. 2.14. Using  $t_A = 0$  as the time the stone leaves the thrower's hand at position A, determine (A) the time at which the stone reaches its maximum height, (B) the maximum height, (C) the time at which the stone returns to the height from which it was thrown, (D) the velocity of the stone at this instant, and (E) the velocity and position of the stone at  $t = 5.00$  s.



### 3.8 Kinematic Equations Derived from Calculus



$$\Delta x = \sum_n \bar{v}_{xn} \Delta t_n = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum_n \bar{v}_{xn} \Delta t_n = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} v_x(t) dt \quad (\text{What's definite \& indefinite integral ?})$$

$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \rightarrow \quad dx = v_x dt \quad \rightarrow \quad \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v_x dt$$

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} \quad \rightarrow \quad v_{xf} - v_{xi} = \int_0^t a_x dt$$

For the case of constant acceleration, we can derive the kinematic equations:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = a_0 = \text{const.} \quad \rightarrow \quad v = v_0 + at$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = v_0 + at \quad \rightarrow \quad x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$