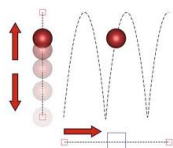


## Motion: Acceleration



How do we change velocity? How can we describe changes in velocity?

### Day 3:

- Get your clickers ready!
- Motion
  - Position, velocity
  - Acceleration

Reminders:  
HW 1 due tonight  
Helproom today, Ths and Mon  
Next up: finish acceleration,  
move on to force

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## Summary

### Last time:

- **Scalars:** Distance and Speed
  - **Vectors:** Position and velocity
- Speed = Distance covered/Time taken

$$\text{Velocity: } \underline{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Graphs: x vs t and v vs t

### Today:

- Graphs: relationship between position and velocity graphs
- Acceleration
- Equations of motion
  - Constant velocity
  - Constant acceleration
- Changing units

## Speed and velocity question

1. You are driving 60 miles per hour north.
2. You are driving 60 miles per hour.

- a. both give your speed, can't tell your velocity.
- b. 2. gives speed, 1. gives velocity.
- c. both are giving your velocity.
- d. 2 gives velocity, 1. gives your speed.

ans. b. 1. gives speed and direction = velocity. 2. gives only your speed, but since direction not specified, do not know velocity.

if speed is constant 60 mph, can velocity be changing?

**yes! driving in circle. direction changing = velocity changing = accelerating!**

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Hint: Average  $v = \Delta x / \Delta t$   
=  $(x_f - x_i) / \Delta t$   
= 0

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Person #1 moves away from the origin as shown. Sketch **position vs. time** and **velocity vs. time** graphs for person #2 moving **away** from origin (motion detector) at **twice** the velocity of person #1

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Pasco demo

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Velocity vectors

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= slope of the position/time graph

man walking, web demo.

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Velocity (m/s)

time (s)

+ 0.25 m/s

**Equations of motion**

Several ways to describe motion so far:

1. Words
2. Arrows (vectors) and numbers (scalars)
3. Graphs
4. Equations

Velocity (v) =  $\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$

Rearrange:

$$x_f - x_i = v(t_f - t_i)$$

$$x_f = x_i + v(t_f - t_i)$$

Now let  $t_i = 0\text{s}$  and so  $x_i = x_0$

$$x_f = x_0 + v t_f$$

The subscript f is now unnecessary so we can write:

**$x = x_0 + v t$**

**Motion at constant velocity**

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your position at time t depends on:

- Where you started,
- How fast and in what direction you're going,
- How long you've been going

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 $= 7\text{m}$

## Break to discuss units

If you drive 60 miles/hour, that's a speed.  
It's also 1 mile/minute  
It's also 1/60 mile/s

"Physics" units: meters/second (m/s)

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- c) 27 m/s
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  - Multiply any answer by 1 and it doesn't change
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- We have speed in mi/hr, we want m/s so:

$$\text{Speed} = \left( \frac{60\text{mi}}{\text{hr}} \right)$$

↖ First change miles to meters  
↖ Then change hours to seconds

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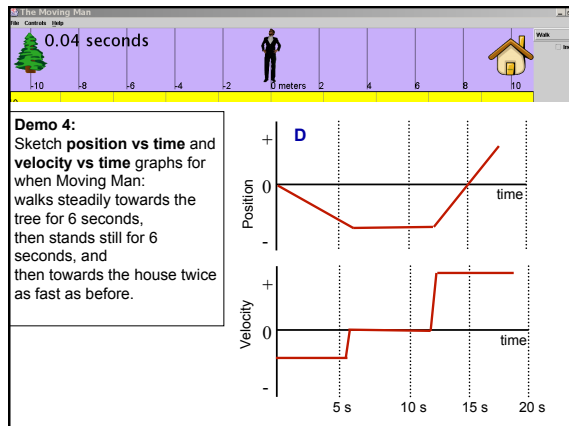
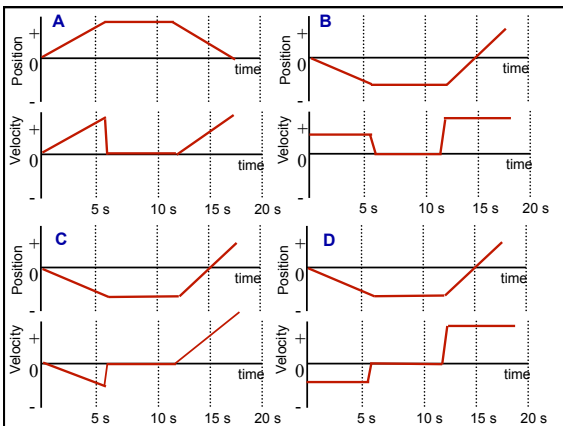
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You will convert between different units of distance, time, mass, energy etc etc throughout the course. This method always works!

**0.04 seconds**

**Demo 4:** Sketch position vs time and velocity vs time graphs for when Moving Man: walks steadily towards the tree for 6 seconds, then stands still for 6 seconds, and then towards the house twice as fast as before for 6 seconds.

(start at v = -0.8 m/s)



Walking man moves according to the position-time graph, below. At which time is Walking Man slowing down (**speed** getting smaller)?

a) A only  
 b) B only  
 c) C only  
 d) A and C  
 e) A, B, and C

Answer a: slope is getting smaller with time.

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