


Do you understand the difference between velocity and acceleration? In each situation, state whether it  $\uparrow$ ,  $\downarrow$ , or remains constant.

I.   $\vec{v} \uparrow$   
 $\vec{a} \uparrow$

II.   $\vec{v} \uparrow$   
 $\vec{a} \downarrow$

III.   $\vec{v} \uparrow$   
 $\vec{a} \text{ const.}$

Sample Data:

t(s)	v(m/s)
0	0
1	1
2	3
3	6

t(s)	v(m/s)
0	0
1	5
2	9
3	12

t(s)	v(m/s)
0	0
1	2
2	4
3	6

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- What must I do FIRST when using a physics eqn?

- Rearrange the eqn to solve for the one unknown
- DO NOT PLUG #'S IN FIRST!
- This allows you to calculate in one step and eliminates over-rounding.
- This also lowers your chances of making errors.

Practice:

1.  $F = ma$  (solve for "a")  
 $\frac{F}{m} = \frac{F}{m}$   
 $a = \frac{F}{m}$

2.  $v = \frac{\Delta x}{t}$  (solve for "t")  $t \cdot v = \frac{\Delta x}{t} \cdot t$   $t \cdot \cancel{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\cancel{v}}$   
 $t = \frac{\Delta x}{v}$

3.  $\Delta x = vt + 0.5at^2$  (solve for "a")  
 $\cancel{vt} - \cancel{vt} = \frac{.5at^2}{.5t^2}$

$\cancel{d^2} \cdot F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{\cancel{d^2}}$  (solve for "d")  
 $a = \frac{\Delta x - vt}{.5t^2}$

$\cancel{d^2} \cdot F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}$   
 $\sqrt{d^2} = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}}$   
 $d = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}}$

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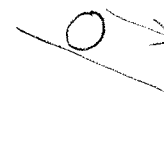
- What are some common phrases used in physics problems?
- What are the steps required to solve physics problems?

- How fast was it going?  $\Rightarrow$  means  $V_i = ?$
- How fast will it go?  $\Rightarrow$  means  $V_f = ?$
- Object starts at rest  $\Rightarrow$  means  $V_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$
- Object slows down  $\Rightarrow$  means  $a$  is negative
- Object comes to a stop  $\Rightarrow$  means  $V_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$
- Object moves at a constant velocity  $\Rightarrow$   $a = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$
- Step 1: Draw a pic and/or graph
- Step 2: List variables/given information
- Step 3: Do algebra to solve for the unknown (if anything equals 0, eliminate from the eqn before doing the algebra)
- Step 4: Plug #'s in (be consistent with units and be sure they cancel to give the appropriate unit!!)

Practice:

1. Starting from rest, a ball rolls down a hill, uniformly accelerating at  $3.2 \text{ m/s}^2$ . How long does it take the ball to roll 24 meters?


$V_f$  is not mentioned so use the eqn that doesn't have  $V_f$  in it:  
 $\Delta x = V_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$



$V_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$   
 $a = +3.2 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 $t = ?$   
 $\Delta x = +24 \text{ m}$   
 $\Delta x = V_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$   
 $\frac{1}{2} a t^2 = \Delta x$   
 $t^2 = \frac{2 \Delta x}{a}$   
 $t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \Delta x}{a}}$   
 $t = \sqrt{\frac{2(24 \text{ m})}{3.2 \text{ m/s}^2}} = 3.87 \text{ s}$

2. Skid marks at the scene of an accident show that Justin Time's car moved 64 m before it stopped. If the car decelerated at a rate of  $8.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ , how fast was Justin driving before he applied the brakes?

$t$  isn't mentioned so use the eqn that doesn't have  $t$  in it:  
 $V_f^2 = V_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$



$\Delta x = +64 \text{ m}$   
 $V_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$   
 $a = -8 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 $V_i = ?$

$0 = V_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$   
 $\sqrt{-2a\Delta x} = V_i$   
 $V_i = \sqrt{-2a\Delta x}$   
 $V_i = \sqrt{-2(-8 \text{ m/s}^2)(64 \text{ m})}$   
 $V_i = 32 \text{ m/s}$

More on your own:

1.  $KE = 0.5mv^2$  (solve for "m")
2. solve #1 for v
3.  $V_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$  (solve for " $\Delta x$ ")
4. solve # 3 for  $v_i$

skipped  
these  
in  
class

- How do I know what symbol I am solving for?

- "How far?" means solve for  $\Delta x$
- "How fast?" means solve for  $v$
- "How long?" means solve for  $t$

Uniform Motion Review Problem:

Anita Break and Earl E. Byrd drive 48 km east.

Anita drives at a constant 88 km/hr while Earl drives at a constant 92 km/h. How long will Earl have to wait on Anita at their destination?

I skipped this  
problem in  
the notes.

- What are the kinematic eqns for uniformly accelerated motion? (Write these in your gems of wisdom)

Acceleration Eqn	Missing variable
$v_f = v_i + at$	$\Delta x$
$\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$	$v_f$
$\Delta x = v_f t - \frac{1}{2} at^2$	$v_i$
$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$	$t$
$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (v_f + v_i) t$	$a$

That  
is a " $v_f$ "  
↓  
Final  
velocity

\*There are 5 possible variables:  $\Delta x$ ,  $v_i$ ,  $v_f$ ,  $a$ ,  $t$

\*A typical problem won't mention one of these

\*Find this "missing variable" in the table to determine the eqn you will use.

\*Note: We will assume direction of motion is always positive unless otherwise stated.

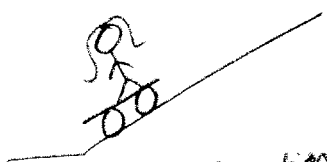
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\* Solve it 2 ways:

① Use algebra

② Use a v-t graph

Algebra method



changes direction  
at the top of the  
ramp  $\Rightarrow v_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$

$$v_i = +1.75 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = -.2 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$t = ?$$

This problem did not  
mention  $\Delta x$ :

$$v_f = v_i + at$$

$$0 = v_i + at$$

$$-v_i = at$$

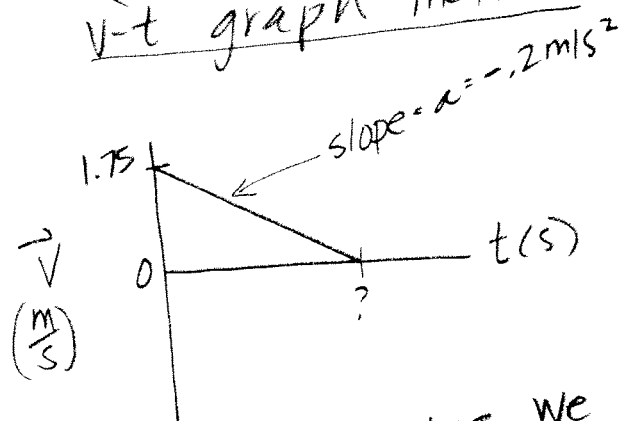
$$t = \frac{-v_i}{a}$$

$$t = \frac{-1.75 \text{ m/s}}{-.2 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$\boxed{t = 8.75 \text{ s}}$$

(You should get the  
same answer  
both ways)

v-t graph method

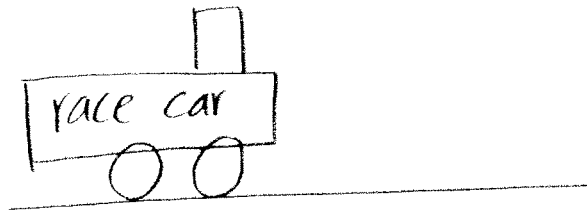


We know rise & slope. We  
need to solve for "run".  
That will be the time.

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

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→ slowing down



$$\vec{v}_i = +44 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = +22 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t = 11 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta \vec{x} = ?$$

Algebra method

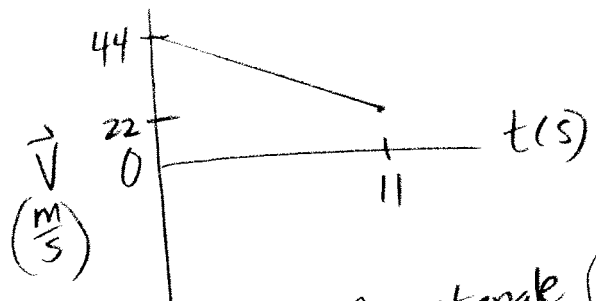
$$\Delta \vec{x} = \frac{1}{2} (v_f + v_i) t$$

$$\Delta \vec{x} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 22 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} + 44 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right) (11 \text{ s})$$

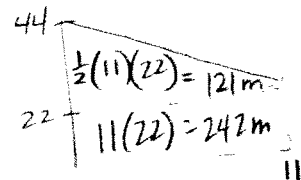
$$\boxed{\Delta \vec{x} = +363 \text{ m}}$$

V-t graph method

$$\Delta x = \text{area} = ?$$



Area = area of rectangle ( $b \cdot h$ )  
+  
area of triangle ( $\frac{1}{2}bh$ )



$$\Delta \vec{x} = \text{area} = 121 \text{ m} + 242 \text{ m}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta \vec{x} = 363 \text{ m}}$$