

INSTANTANEOUS VELOCITY

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

The Velocity
in specific moment

The position of a particle moving on an x axis is given by $x = 4 + 7t - t^2$, with x in (m) and t in (s). The velocity at 3 s is:

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- A) 4 m/s
- B) 2 m/s
- C) 1 m/s
- D) 0.4 m/s

$$x = 4 + 7 - 1 = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 7 - 2t \\ &= 7 - 2(3) \\ &= 1 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

RULES FOR THE SIGN OF x -VELOCITY

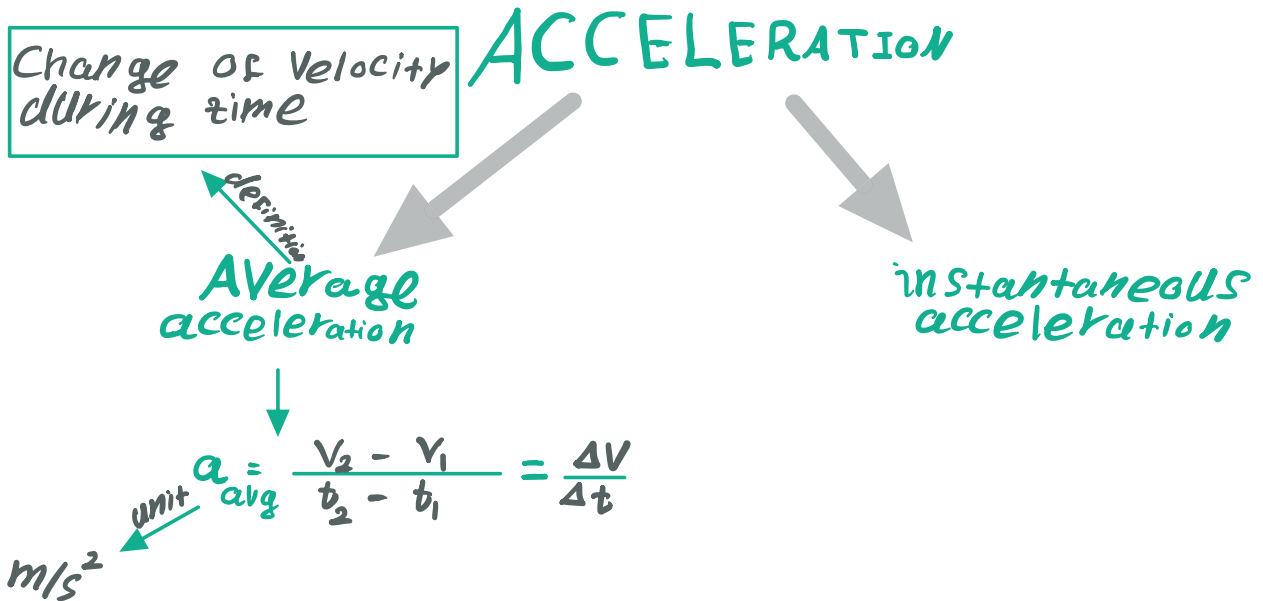
TABLE 2.1 Rules for the Sign of x -Velocity

If x -coordinate is:	... x -velocity is:
Positive & increasing (getting more positive)	Positive: Particle is moving in $+x$ -direction
Positive & decreasing (getting less positive)	Negative: Particle is moving in $-x$ -direction
Negative & increasing (getting less negative)	Positive: Particle is moving in $+x$ -direction
Negative & decreasing (getting more negative)	Negative: Particle is moving in $-x$ -direction

Note: These rules apply to both the average x -velocity v_{av-x} and the instantaneous x -velocity v_x (to be discussed in Section 2.2).

Average Velocity

$$\text{Average Velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\Delta \text{time}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$



RULES FOR THE SIGN OF X-ACCELERATION

TABLE 2.3 Rules for the Sign of x-Acceleration

If x-velocity is:	... x-acceleration is:
Positive & increasing (getting more positive)	Positive: Particle is moving in +x-direction & speeding up
Positive & decreasing (getting less positive)	Negative: Particle is moving in +x-direction & slowing down
Negative & increasing (getting less negative)	Positive: Particle is moving in -x-direction & slowing down
Negative & decreasing (getting more negative)	Negative: Particle is moving in -x-direction & speeding up

Note: These rules apply to both the average x-acceleration a_{av-x} and the instantaneous x-acceleration a_x .