



# Announcements, Goals, and Reading

## Announcements:

- HW01 due Tuesday Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 pm on Mastering Physics
- HW00 grace period ends tonight
- **Help Resources: See next page**

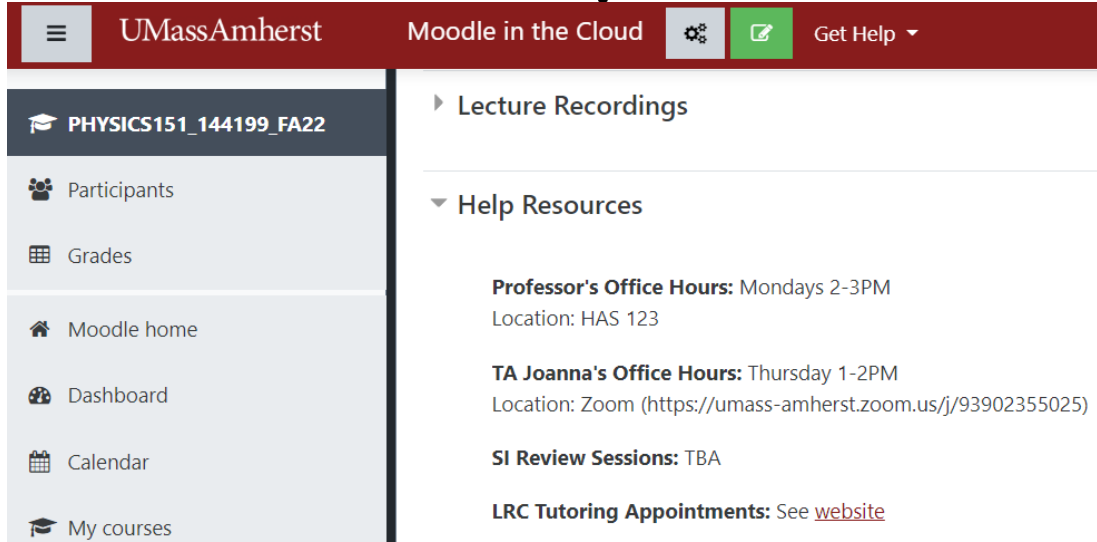
## Goals for Today:

- Motion in 1-Dimension: Uniform Motion, Piecewise motion

## Reading (Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4/e by Knight)

- Chapter 2: Kinematics in One Dimension

# Help Resources



The screenshot shows the Moodle interface for UMass Amherst. The top navigation bar is dark red with the UMass Amherst logo, the text "Moodle in the Cloud", and a "Get Help" button. The left sidebar is dark blue with a menu for "PHYSICS151\_144199\_FA22" including links for Participants, Grades, Moodle home, Dashboard, Calendar, and My courses. The main content area is white and displays "Lecture Recordings" and "Help Resources". Under "Help Resources", there are three sections: "Professor's Office Hours" (Mondays 2-3PM, Location: HAS 123), "TA Joanna's Office Hours" (Thursday 1-2PM, Location: Zoom with a URL), and "SI Review Sessions" (TBA). At the bottom, it says "LRC Tutoring Appointments: See [website](#)".

- ***Very important! These are opportunities for 1:1 instruction and tutoring that you can't always get in these big lectures.***
- ***Remember, receiving help is good! It is a skill and habit exercised by successful and smart people.***
- ***Some resources/people may be more helpful for you than others. If you don't feel sufficiently helped by one person/resource, try another. This is your learning, so you should take a level of responsibility for it.***

# Drop in help in the Physics Help Room in Hasbrouck 115

## Physics Help Room (HAS 115) - Fall 2022 Schedule

Help available for any 100-level Physics course from ANY GRADUATE TA

However, if you are looking for specific help, the course for which each TA is affiliated is listed

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9am - 10am</b>	Muldrow Etheredge 100	Esther Kalembe 131	Matthew Maroun 151	Sizhe Cheng 131	Robert Keane 151
			Siao-Fong Li 132	Nick Yazbek 131	Joanna Wuko 131
<b>10am - 11am</b>	Tao Wang 131	Jhih-Ying Su 151	Matthew Maroun 151	Sizhe Cheng 131	Robert Keane 151
	Shani Perera 151	Nick Pittman 152	Siao-Fong Li 132	Baji Jadhav 131/151	Sili Wu 151/131
<b>11am - Noon</b>		Nick Pittman 152	Yating Zhang 131	Esther Kalembe 131	Thisura 151
		Anthony Raykh 132	Joel Ponce 131/181	Prasanna More 181	Ryland Yurow 131
<b>Noon - 1pm</b>	Joel Ponce 131/181	Tanvir Ahmed Masum 131/597Q	Prasanna More 152	Joanna Wuko 131	Thisura 151
	Catherine McCarthy 131/281	Catherine McCarthy 131/281	Shani Perera 151	Sili Wu 151/131	

<b>1pm - 2pm</b>	Dyson Kennedy 131	Andrew Toler 151/281	Alexandria Nolan 131	Ryosuki Shiina 152	Hanzhe Xi 131
	Ed van Bruggen 151	Hannah Peltz Smalley 118	Justin Fagnoni 132	Ajit Kumar 131	Chenan Wei 131
<b>2pm - 3pm</b>	Tanvir Ahmed Masum 131/597Q	Mingyuan Wang	Ajit Kumar 131	Ryosuki Shiina 152	Hanzhe Xi 131
	Andrew Toler 151/281	Vivek Chakrabhavi 131	Justin Fagoni 132	Ajit Kumar 131	Joanna Wuko 151
<b>3pm - 4pm</b>	Chetan Yadav 131	Mingyuan Wang 131	CLOSED FOR DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIUM	Ed Van Bruggen 152	
	Hanzhe Xi 181	Aidan Morehouse 131		Owen Drescher 131	
<b>4pm - 5pm</b>	Aditya Kulkarni 131	Aiden Khelil 151		Zhiyu Yang 151	
	Chetan Yadav 131	Kripa Anand 132		Kripa Anand 132	
<b>5pm - 6pm</b>	Oluwafemi Akomolafe 132	Aiden Khelil 151		Arsh Chakraborty 132	
				Dang Tran 131	
<b>6 pm - 7pm</b>		Oluwafemi Akomolafe 132	Sofia Corba 181/132	Arsh Chakraborty 132	
			Aman Aman 131	Ryosuke Shiina 131	
<b>7pm - 8pm</b>		Sofia Corba 181/132	Kerry O'Brien 151	Ryosuke Shiina 131	
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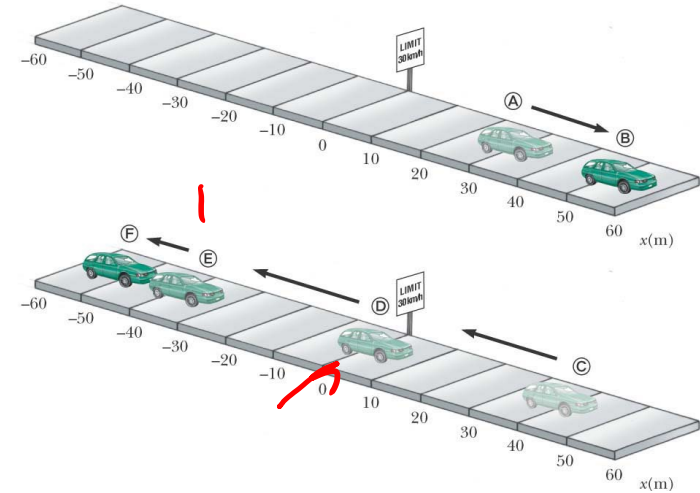
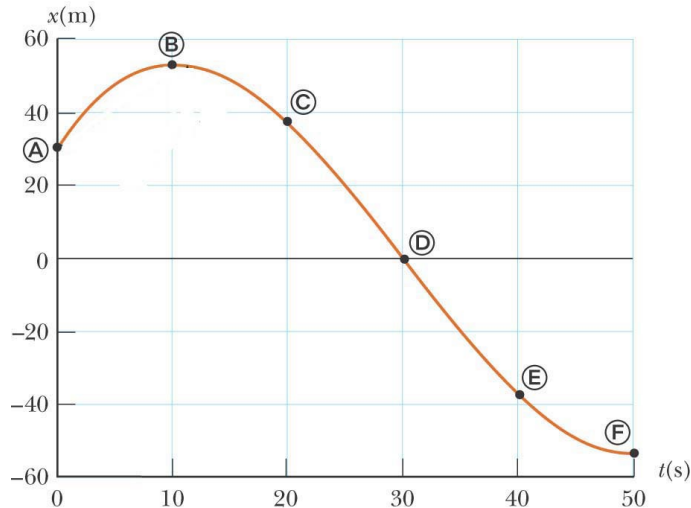
- ***Lots of Physics PhD students (experts in this material) available to help you all day, every weekday!***
- ***Our TAs will be there***
- ***This is a great opportunity that you should take advantage of.***

# Kinematics in One Dimension

Kinematics – *Mathematical* study of motion without reference to forces that cause it

Motion described by position as function of time, e.g,  $\mathbf{x(t)}$

- Car moves forward then reverses
- Positions shown are at 10s intervals



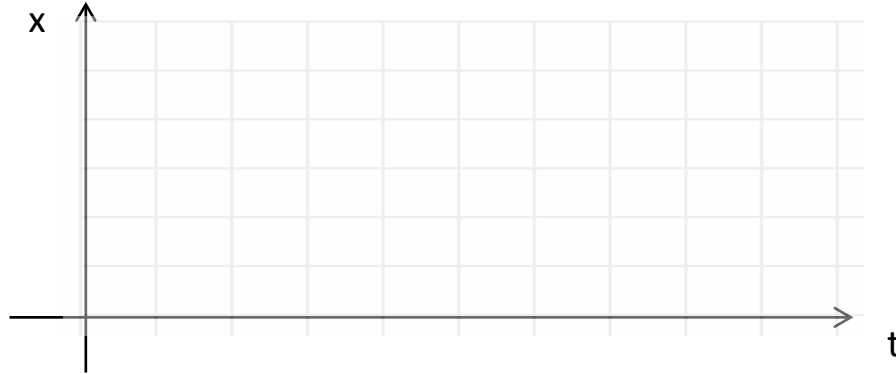
-Plot of car's motion contains more info than motion diagram

-Shows position at all times  
 $0s < t < 50s$

## Uniform Motion in 1D

Don't need full vector notation

Plot of  $x(t)$  (position vs time) for motion with **constant speed** and **velocity > 0**



Plot of  $x(t)$  (position vs time) for motion with **constant speed** and **velocity < 0**

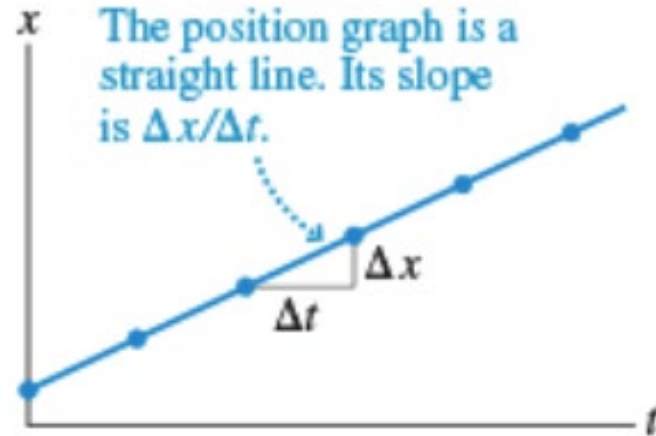


# Constant velocity: Motion Diagram vs graphical representation

Motion diagram



Position vs Time graph



*What about velocity vs time?*

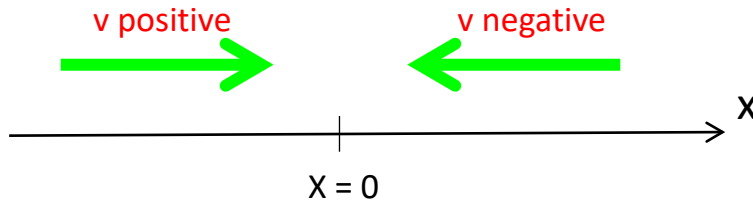
## Uniform Motion in 1D

Motion with constant speed and velocity

Direction of motion indicated by sign of velocity

Motion to left  v negative

Motion to right  v positive



For example, an object has speed 5 m/s

Can have two possible velocities

$$v = +5\text{m/s}$$

or

$$v = -5\text{m/s}$$

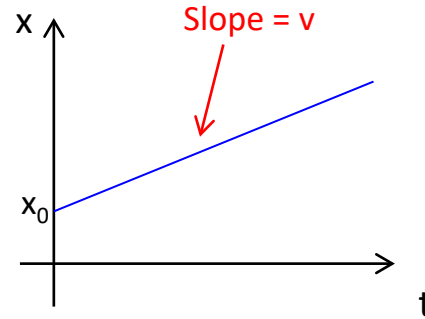
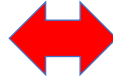


## Uniform Motion in 1D

Motion with **constant speed** and **velocity**

Constant velocity motion is straight line motion on plot of position vs. time

$$x(t) = x_0 + vt$$



Initial  
position

$$t=0 \rightarrow x(0) = x_0$$

Compute average velocity between times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$

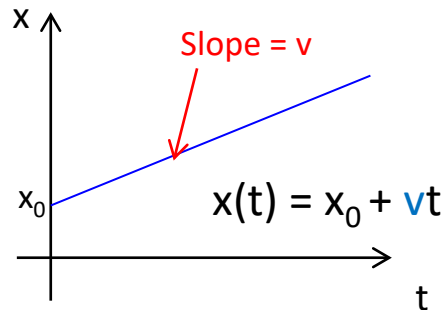
$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1}$$

## Computing Average Velocity

$$x(t) = x_0 + vt$$

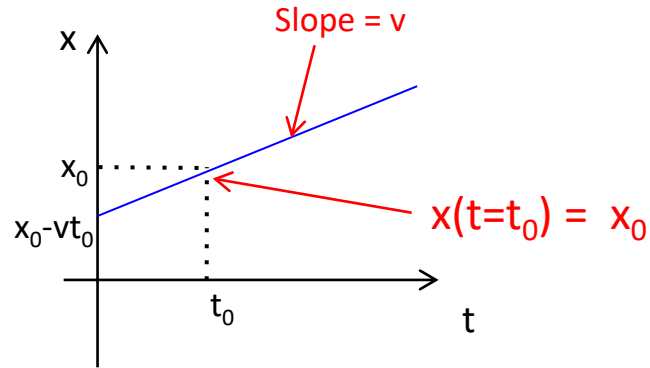
Compute average velocity between times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{avg} &= \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} \\ &= \frac{(\cancel{x_0} + vt_2) - (\cancel{x_0} + vt_1)}{t_2 - t_1} \\ &= \frac{vt_2 - vt_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{v(t_2 - t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} \\ &= v \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$



- (1) Velocity is constant here (choice of  $t_2$  and  $t_1$  doesn't matter)
- (2) Average velocity equals slope  $v$

## Alternative form for line equation



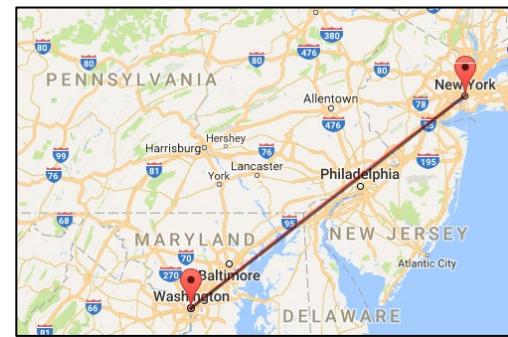
$$x(t) = x_0 + v (t - t_0)$$

Equation is in Point-Slope form  
Goes through point  $(t_0, x_0)$  with slope  $v$   
**Most general equation to remember**

### Example...

Straight line distance from New York City to Washington DC is  $d=200$  miles. Alice drives straight from NYC to DC at 50 miles/hour. Bob leaves 2 hours after Alice and drives along the same route at 75 miles/hour

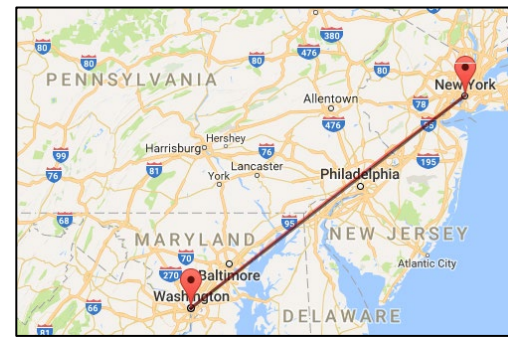
- Will Bob catch up with Alice before she reaches DC?
- If so, at what time?
- At what distance from NYC?



*First step: Make formulas for Alice and Bob's position vs time*      $x(t) = x_0 + v(t - t_0)$

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- At what distance from NYC?

**Applications:** defend Earth from planet-killing asteroids, missile defense, car collision avoidance systems, ....

Start by writing formulas for Alice's and Bob's motions  $x = x_0 + v(t - t_0)$

$$x_A = v_A t$$

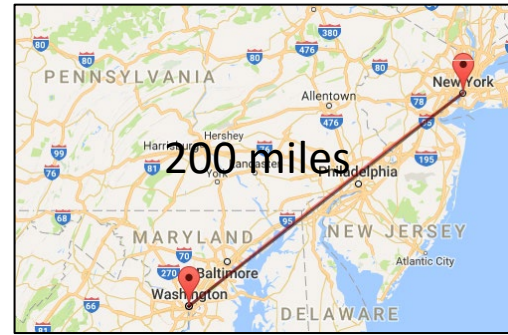
$$x_B(t) = v_B(t - t_0)$$

- Let  $x$  be distance from NYC;  $x_0 = 0$
- Assume Alice starts at  $t=0$ ; for Alice  $t_0 = 0$
- For Bob  $t_0 = 2$  hour

Example...

- Will their paths cross before Alice reaches DC?
- If so, then at what time?
- And at what distance from NYC?

$$x_A = v_A t \quad x_B(t) = v_B (t - t_0)$$



When will Alice get to DC?

$$v_A t = d \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = d / v_A = 200 \text{ mi} / 50 \text{ mph} = 4 \text{ hours}$$

$d = 200 \text{ miles}$

$v_A = 50 \text{ mph}$

$v_B = 75 \text{ mph}$

Assume A's & B's paths  $\Rightarrow x_A(T) = x_B(T)$

cross at time  $t = T$

$$\Rightarrow v_A T = v_B (T - t_0)$$

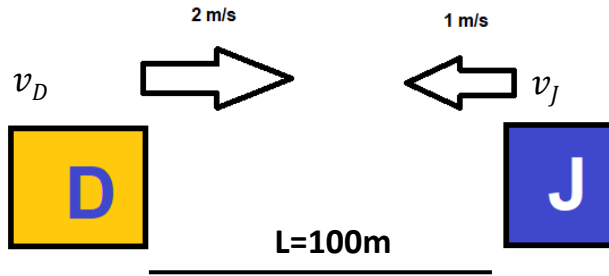
$$\Rightarrow (v_B - v_A) T = v_B t_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = (75/25) t_0 = 6 \text{ hours}$$

But Alice has already reached Washington DC by then!

If they kept going, they would meet at  $x_A(T) = v_A T = 300 \text{ miles}$

## Another Example...

- Initial straight line distance  $L$  from Dio (left) to Jotaro (right) is 100m.
- At  $t_0 = 0s$ , Jotaro approaches Dio at  $v_J = -1 \frac{m}{s}$
- Dio walks briskly rightward toward Jotaro 10 seconds after Jotaro and approaches at  $v_D = +2 \frac{m}{s}$  until they collide for a friendly handshake.



- Who will travel more distance by the time they collide?
- How long will this take?

Start by writing formulas for Jotaro's and Dio's motions

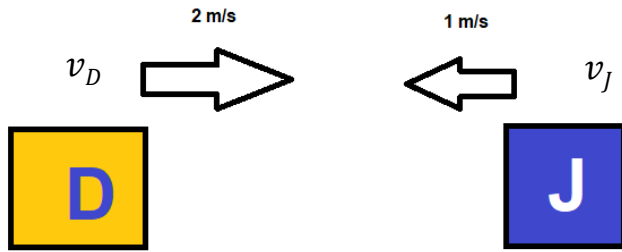
$$x_J(t) = L + v_J t = 100m + \left(-1 \frac{m}{s}\right) * t$$

$$x_D(t) = v_D(t - 10s) = 2 \frac{m}{s} (t - 10s) \\ [when t \geq 10s]$$

$$x(t) = x_0 + v(t-t_0)$$

### Notes...

- Let  $x$  be distance from Dio's starting position
- Jotaro starts from  $x_0=L=100m$  at  $t_0=0$
- Dio starts from  $x_1=0$  at  $t_1=10s$



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[when  $t \geq 10s$ ]



- Who will travel more distance by the time they collide?
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The time of collision  $t_c$  is where  $x_J(t_c) = x_D(t_c)$ : the time where they inhabit the same spatial position.\*

Step 1: Set positions equal to one another

$$x_J(t_c) = x_D(t_c) \Rightarrow L + v_J t_c = v_D(t_c - t_1)$$

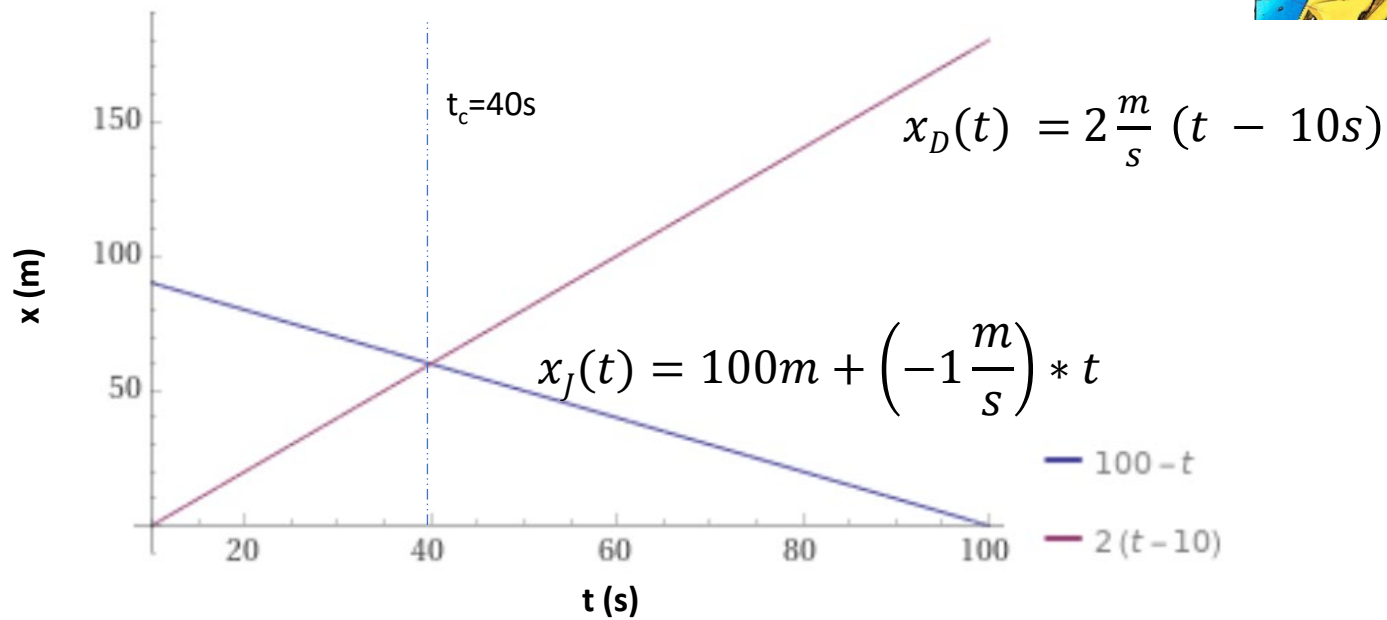
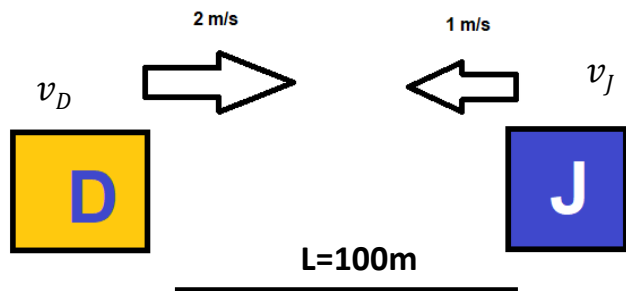
Step 2: Solve for  $t_c$

$$\Rightarrow t_c = \frac{L + v_D t_1}{v_D - v_J} = \frac{100m + 2 \frac{m}{s} * 10s}{2 \frac{m}{s} - (-1 \frac{m}{s})} = \frac{120m}{3 m/s} = 40s$$

Step 3: Find the position at  $t = t_c = 40s$   $x_J(40s) = 100m - 40m = 60m$

**Dio** will have traveled more distance from his initial position when they collide.





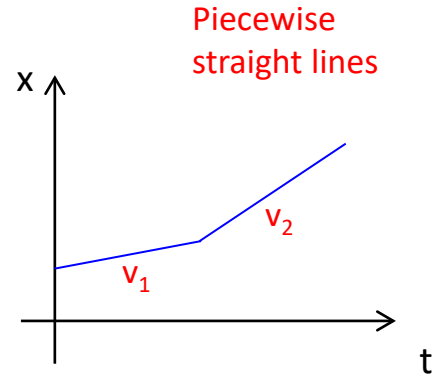
## Slightly more complicated motion...

Consider trips made up of multiple constant velocity segments

For example

A car drives for time  $t_1$  with velocity  $v_1$  then speeds up to velocity  $v_2$  until it stops at time  $t_2$

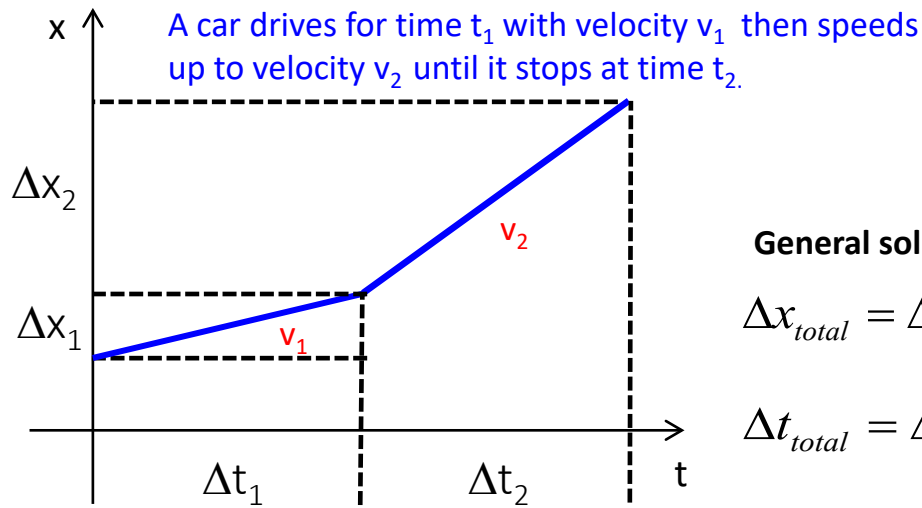
Note: A car can't speed up instantaneously.  
This is an idealization of a very short, but finite acceleration period



Looks innocent/innocuous

But leads to surprisingly tricky physics problems!

What is the average velocity for this trip?  $\Rightarrow v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x_{total}}{\Delta t_{total}}$



$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x_{total}}{\Delta t_{total}}$$

**General solution**

$$\Delta x_{total} = \Delta x_1 + \Delta x_2 = v_1 \Delta t_1 + v_2 \Delta t_2$$

$$\Delta t_{total} = \Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2$$

$$v_{avg} = \frac{v_1 \Delta t_1 + v_2 \Delta t_2}{\Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2}$$

**Example:** A car travels for time  $T/2$  at velocity  $v_1$  and then for time  $T/2$  at velocity  $v_2$ . What is the average velocity?

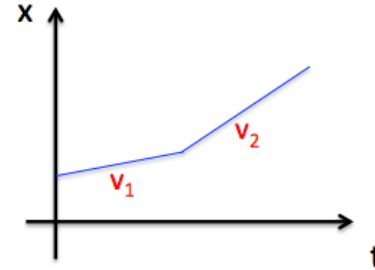
$$\Delta t_1 = \Delta t_2 = T / 2 \qquad v_{avg} = \frac{v_1 T / 2 + v_2 T / 2}{T} = \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}$$

Simple average of  
two velocities

## Trips with multiple constant velocity segments

Compute average velocity for trip?

$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$



**Harder example:** A car makes a trip of total distance  $D$ .  
For the first  $D/2$ , it travels at  $v_1$  and for the second  $D/2$  it travels at  $v_2$

$\Delta x = D$  No problem! But what is  $\Delta t$ ?      velocity =  $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$   $\longleftrightarrow$  time =  $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{velocity}}$

$$\Delta t_1 = \frac{D/2}{v_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta t_2 = \frac{D/2}{v_2}$$

Here  $\Delta t = \text{sum of } (\Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2)$        $v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

$$\Delta t = \frac{D}{2} \left( \frac{1}{v_1} + \frac{1}{v_2} \right) = \frac{D}{2} \frac{v_1 + v_2}{v_1 v_2} \quad \rightarrow \quad v_{avg} = \frac{2v_1 v_2}{v_1 + v_2}$$

A car makes a trip of total distance  $D$ .

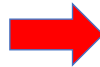
For the first  $D/2$ , it travels at  $v_1$  and for the second  $D/2$  it travels at  $v_2$

$$v_{avg} = \frac{2v_1v_2}{v_1 + v_2}$$

Check to see that it makes sense.

A scientist has to check a complicated answer  
whether it makes sense in simple limited  
cases!

What if  $v_1 = v_2 = v$ . We expect the final answer to be  $v$  as well.  
Plugging into our results gives...



$$v_{avg} = v$$



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What if  $v_1$  goes to zero? It will never get to halfway point.

$$\Delta t_1 = \frac{D/2}{v_1}$$

Expect  $\lim_{v_1 \rightarrow 0} v_{avg} = 0$

$$\lim_{v_1 \rightarrow 0} \Delta t = \infty$$

Both easily checked from results!

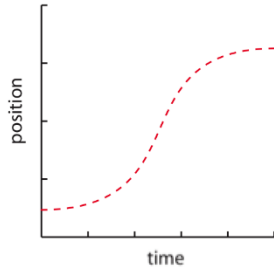
$$v_{avg} = \frac{2v_1v_2}{v_1 + v_2}$$

*(Note: In the original image, the  $v_1$  in the denominator is crossed out with a red line, and a red arrow points to a red '0' below it, indicating a limit process.)*

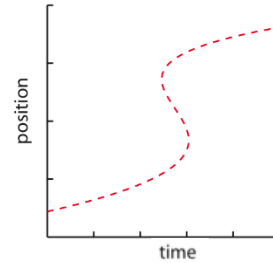


## Position vs. time plots (not every plot is legitimate!)

Which of these graphs might represent the motion of a real object (e.g. a bike)?

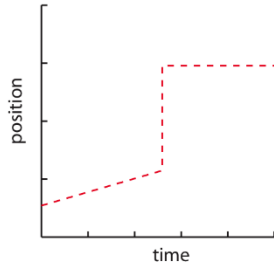


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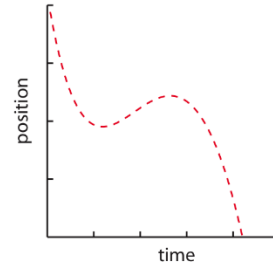
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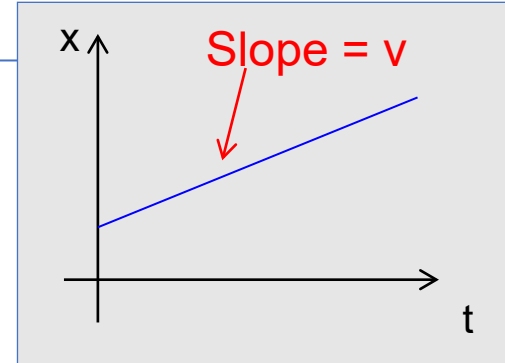


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# 1D motion non-constant velocity → Instantaneous velocity

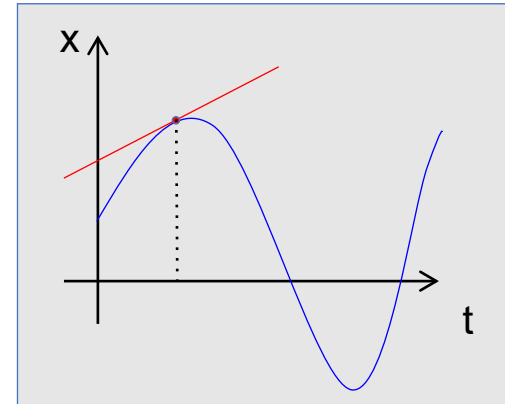
Constant velocity motion

- Straight line motion diagram
- Velocity equals slope of line



More generally

- Velocity changes with time
- **Instantaneous velocity** is slope of line tangent to curve
- Can compute this slope by taking limit of average velocity over shorter and shorter time intervals
- Velocity is the **derivative** of the position curve





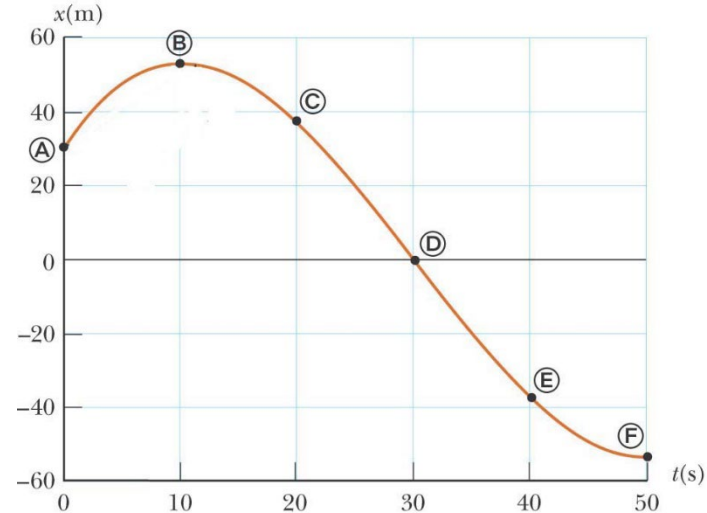
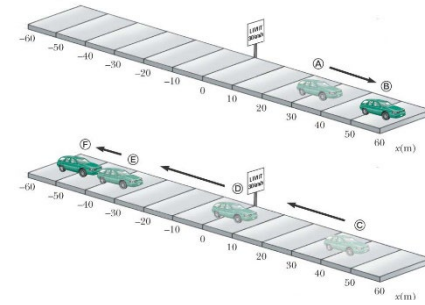
# 1D motion with non-constant velocity

Before “instantaneous velocity” return to...

Average velocity vs. Average speed

The relationship becomes more important when you can back up...  
Cover more distance, without necessarily getting anywhere

Is the velocity zero anywhere? How can you tell?  
Where is the velocity the greatest? How can you tell?

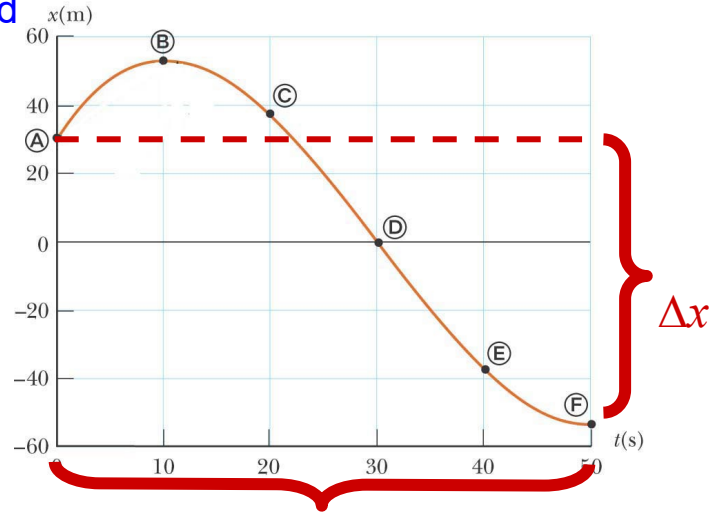


Average Velocity: based on...

Displacement = **Net distance** traveled

Position of the Car at Various Times		
Position	$t(s)$	$x(m)$
(A)	0	30
(B)	10	52
(C)	20	38
(D)	30	0
(E)	40	-37
(F)	50	-53

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$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x(t_f) - x(t_i)}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{-53\text{ m} - 30\text{ m}}{50\text{ s} - 0\text{ s}} = -1.7\text{ m/s}$$

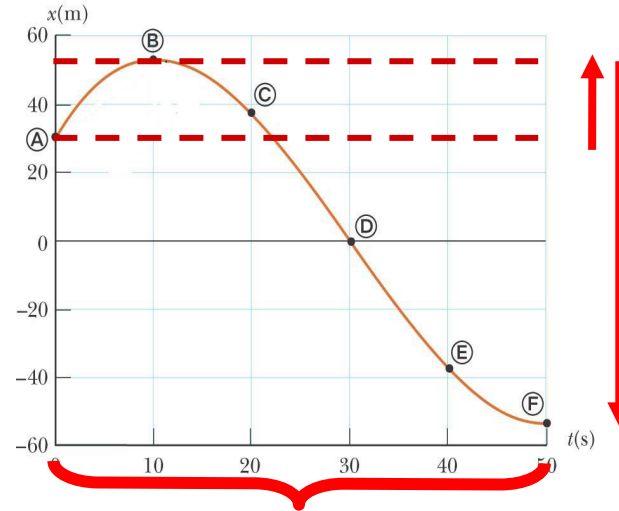
Magnitude is 1.7 m/s; direction is -x

## Average Speed:

Based on **total distance** travelled

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$$s_{avg} = \frac{\text{total distance}}{\text{total time}} = \frac{22m + 105m}{50s} = 2.5m/s$$

No direction and no sign associated with speed.  
Never negative, or smaller than  $|v|$ .