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# ARITHMETIC

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# 1. TIME AND WORK (& PIPES AND CISTERNS)

## 1.1 Teams of People Working

### Man-Days

We begin with the simplest variety of questions.

If some people are working on a project, the time taken for the project is inversely proportional to the number of workers working on it.

$$\text{Time} \propto \frac{1}{\text{Workers}}$$

We can write this in an equation as:

$$\text{Time} = \frac{k}{\text{Workers}}$$

Or:

$$\text{Time} \times \text{Workers} = k$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

Instead of  $k$ , we generally use the terms Man-Days and write:

$$\text{Man-days} = \text{No. of People} \times \text{No. of Days Worked}$$

### Days Required

= Man-Days / Number of People Working

### People Required

= Man-Days / No. of Days Worked

The interpretation of People and Days is flexible:

- Instead of Man, we can have Women, Children, Machines, Computers, etc
- Instead of Days, we can have weeks, hours, minutes, years, etc

### Example 1.1

Answer the questions using the information given below

A monument is to be built by  $x$  machines in  $y$  days. Unless otherwise mentioned, these are the only parameters important in completing the monument.

**Q1:** If the number of machines increases, the time taken to finish the monument will:

- A. increase
- B. decrease
- C. remain constant
- D. either increase or decrease

**S1:** Option B

**Q2:** If the number of days available to build the monument decreases, the number of machines required will:

- A. increase
- B. decrease
- C. remain constant
- D. either increase or decrease

**S2:** Option A

**Q3 :** State True or False for the following statements:

- A. If the number of machines doubles, the number of days will halve.
- B. If the number of machines increases by two, the number of days will decrease by two.
- C. If the number of machines becomes one-third, the number of days will increase by two times the

current number of days.

S3: T, F, T

## A. Calculating Time Required

### Example 1.2

If seven people working together can finish a project in five days, how long will it take a single person to finish the work?

$$\text{Number of Days} = \text{No. of Man-Days} = \text{No. of People} \times \text{No. of Days Worked} = 7 \times 5 = 35$$

### Example 1.3

If twelve men working together can finish a project in seven days, how long will it take three men to finish the work?

$$(12 \times 7) / 3 = 28$$

Alternate:

$$\text{People} \div 4 \Rightarrow \text{Days} \times 4 = 7 \times 4 = 28$$

$$\text{No. of Man - Days} = 12 \text{ Men} \times 7 \text{ Days} = 84 \text{ Man - Days}$$

$$\frac{84 \text{ Man - Days}}{3 \text{ Man}} = 28 \text{ Days}$$

## B. Calculating People Required

### Example 1.4

If eighteen people can complete a project in 12 days, how many people will be required to complete the project in two days?

$$\text{Effort} = 18 \text{ People} \times 12 \text{ Days} = (18 \times 12) \text{ People - Days}$$

$$\text{No. of People} = \frac{(18 \times 12) \text{ People - Days}}{2 \text{ Days}} = 108 \text{ People}$$

$$\text{Days} \div (12/2) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{People} \times 6 = 18 \times 6 = 108$$

### Example 1.5

If sixteen people can complete a project in 9 days, how many fewer people will be required if the project can be completed in thirty-six days?

$$\text{Days} \times (36/9) = 4 \Rightarrow \text{People} \div 4 = 16 \div 4 = 4 \text{ Fewer people} = 16 - 4 = 12$$

## C. Proportion of Work Completed

### Example 1.6

If six masons working for fifteen weeks can build a wall, then what proportion of the wall will be completed if one mason does not join the work, and the masons leave work one week early?

$$\text{Proportion of Work} = \text{Man-Days Available} / \text{Man-Days Required} = (5 \times 14) / (6 \times 15) = 7/9$$

## D. Change in Number of Workers

Days Required = Remaining Man-Days / Remaining Workers

### Example 1.7

A team of twenty-one people started work on a project that was to last twenty-five days. After working for three days, nine of them fell ill. How long will the remaining workers take to finish the project?

$$\text{Number of Days: } [21 \times (25 - 3)] / [21 - 9] = (21 \times 22) / 12 = (7 \times 11) / 2 = 77/2 = 38 \frac{1}{2}$$

## E. Increase in Workers

### Example 1.8

A group of twenty-five archaeologists are sifting through the remains of sculptures found in the Fertile Crescent. They have targeted finishing the project in seven months (out of which three have been completed). In order to finish faster, they are joined by another fifteen archaeologists. In how much time from the start of work will they finish work?

$$\text{Number of Months: } [25 \times (7 - 3)] / [25 + 15] = (25 \times 4) / 40 = 2 \text{ Months } 15 \text{ Days}$$

## F. Special Conditions

Each question below introduces an additional element that requires special attention and treatment

### (Workers on Last Day of Work) Example 1.9

A team of eighteen people targeted completing a project in twenty-one days. After working for eight days, six of them were asked to start working on another project. The entire remaining team worked on the project for  $X$  days. On the  $X + 1^{\text{st}}$  day of the project, only  $Y$  people were required.

$$X + Y =$$

**Number of Days:**

$$\frac{18 \times (21 - 8)}{18 - 6} = \frac{18 \times 13}{12} = \frac{3 \times 13}{2} = \frac{39}{2} = 19 \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow X = 19$$

**Number of Workers**

$$Y = 12 \times \frac{1}{2} = 6 \Rightarrow X + Y = 19 + 6 = 25$$

### (Stopping work at intervals) Example 1.10

A team of nine workers works Monday to Friday on a project that takes seventeen days to complete for seven people. If they begin their project on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, which day will they complete their work? (26<sup>th</sup> Jan is a holiday)

26<sup>th</sup> Jan (Sat), is already a holiday.

Days Required =  $(7 \times 17) / 9 = 119 / 9 = 13 \frac{2}{9}$

22 Jan (Tue) to 25 Jan (Fri) = 4 days

28 Jan (Mon) to 1 Feb (Fri) = 5 days (Total: 9 days)

4 Feb (Mon) to 8 Feb (Fri) = 5 days (Total: 14 days)

### (Holding the Fort) Example 1.11

On the morning of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, an outpost with twenty-four soldiers, and water stocks for sixty days, is attacked by the enemy. On the evening of March 8<sup>th</sup>, six soldiers sneak out to get help. It is a travelling distance of three days from the outpost to the base fort. If the soldiers can hold out until they go completely for an entire day without water, then the last day on which the base fort must send reinforcements so that the soldiers survive is: May

$$[24 \times (60 - 7)] / 18$$

$$= (24 \times 53) / 18 = 4/3 \times 53 = 70 \frac{2}{3}$$

= 72 complete days from March 9 onwards

Help has to be sent three days before:

March 9 + 72 days - 3 days

= March 9 + 69 days

= March 1 + 77 days

= April 1 + 46 days (31 days in March)

= May 1 + 16 days (30 days in April)

= May 17

Hence, option C.

### G. More than two Parameters

The underlying concepts remain the same. Additional parameters can be introduced as multiplying factors to make the question lengthier and more complex, such as:

- Number of hours worked per day
- Efficiency factor

### Example 1.12

Five software programmers working five days a week were able to complete a software project in five weeks while allocating five hours a day to the project. If three software programmers work three days a week, three hours each day, then how many weeks will be required?

$$(5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5) / (3 \times 3 \times 3) = 625 / 27 = 23 \frac{5}{27}$$

### Example 1.13

Three stonemasons working at five days a week, seven hours a day, at an efficiency factor of 60% will leave pending what percent of work that can be done by four stonemasons working six days a week, eight hours a day at an efficiency factor of 70%.

$$1 - (3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 0.6) / (4 \times 6 \times 8 \times 0.7) = 1 - 15/32 = 17/32 = 53.125\%$$

### H. Categorization of Workers

Different types of workers (who can work at different rates) introduce an efficiency factor into the question,

directly or indirectly.

## Replacements

### Men and Women

#### Example 1.14

Without fractions

#### Example 1.15

Three men can do the same work in the same time as two women. If a team of seven men working for twelve days needs to be replaced by a team of women who will complete the work in ten days, then the number of women required is:

#### Efficiency factor of Men : Women

$$3M = 2W$$

$$(3/2) M = 1W$$

#### Convert the data on men to women

$$7M = 7 \div (3/2) W = 7 \times (2/3) W = 14/3W$$

Women Required = Women-Days / Days Available

$$= (14/3 \times 12) / 10 = 56/10 = 5.6$$

#### Shortcut Method

$$(7 \times 2/3 \times 12)/10 = 56/10 = 5.6$$

#### (Men, Women and Children) Example 1.16

Four women can do work at the same rate as three men. Five children can do work at the same rate as seven women.

#### (Mixed Teams) Example 1.17

A team of three experts and six trainees can finish a project in  $17 \frac{1}{7}$  hours. A trainee can complete 3 units of work in the same time that 6 units of work are done by an expert.

What will be the time taken by a team of nine experts and eighteen trainees to complete the project?

What will be the time taken by a team of six experts and three trainees to complete the project?

E & T increased in the ratio (3:1).

Time taken will decrease in the inverse ratio (1:3).

$$\text{Time taken} = 17 \frac{1}{7} * (1/3) = 120/7 * 1/3 = 40/7$$

#### Ratio:

$$3E = 6T$$

$$E = 2T$$

#### Current Team:

$$3E + 6T = 6T + 6T = 12T$$

#### New Team:

$$6E + 3T = 12T + 3T = 15T$$

#### Time Taken:

= Inverse Ratio of Manpower

$$= 120/7 * (12/15) = 96/7 = 13 \frac{5}{7}$$

## 1.2 Workers and Pipes

### A. Rate of filling a tank

Check the section on [rates](#)

### B. Time to complete

If a man can do a work in  $n$  units of time, then he will do  $1/n$  of the work in one unit of time

If a pipe can fill a tank in  $n$  units of time, then it will fill  $1/n$  of the tank in one unit of time

#### Example 1.18

Mohan can complete a project in 12 days, and Sohan can complete the same project in 15 days. If they start the project together in how many days will the project be completed?

**Work done in one day by:**

$$\text{Mohan} = 1/12, \text{Sohan} = 1/15$$

**Total work in one day:**

$$= 1/12 + 1/15 = (5 + 4)/60 = 9/60 = 3/20$$

$$\text{Days required} = 20/3 = 6 \frac{2}{3}$$

#### 1.1: Combined Speed of Two Workers

If worker  $A$  can complete a task in  $a$  hours, and worker  $B$  can complete a task in  $b$  hours, then the two of them can complete the task in

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} = \frac{ab}{a+b} \text{ hours}$$

Work done every hour of the entire task is:

$$\frac{1}{a} \text{ for } A, \quad \frac{1}{b} \text{ for } B$$

Work done by both together every hour is:

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

Time taken by them to complete is:

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} = \frac{1}{\frac{a+b}{ab}} = \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

#### (Alternate Solution) Example 1.19

Mohan can complete a project in 12 days, and Sohan can complete the same project in 15 days. If they start the project together in how many days will the project be completed?

$$\frac{(12)(15)}{12+15} = \frac{(12)(15)}{27} = \frac{(4)(5)}{3} = \frac{20}{3}$$

#### Example 1.20

A green pipe can fill a tank in three hours, while a red pipe can fill a tank in two hours. How long will both of them combined take to fill the tank, in minutes?

Work =  $1/3 + 1/2 = (3 + 2)/6 = 5/6$

Time =  $6/5$  hr =  $6/5 * 60 = 72$  minutes

The prior two questions use exactly the same logic.

Don't think of these as separate questions / types / chapters.

### Example 1.21

Pipes A, B, C and D fill tank X in 3, 4, 5, and 6 hours respectively. Ramesh got into the lift to start three pipes (A, B and C) at 3:50 pm. If it takes him seven minutes to go up and start the pipes, by when will they fill tank Y (which has twice the capacity of tank X)?

$$\frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Hour}} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{20 + 15 + 12}{60} = \frac{47}{60}$$

$$\text{Hours to fill} = \frac{60}{47} \times 2 = \frac{120}{47} = 2\frac{26}{47} = 2\frac{23.5}{47} + \frac{2.5}{47} \approx 2.5 + \frac{2.5}{50} = 2.5 + \frac{3}{60}$$

$$\text{Total time} = 3:50 \text{ pm} + 7 \text{ minutes} + 2.5 \text{ hours} + 3 \text{ minutes} = 4:00 \text{ pm} + 2.5 \text{ hours} = 6:30 \text{ pm}$$

### C. Time for individual worker

These questions require reverse calculations.

### (Individual Worker) Example 1.22

Answer the next three questions based on the information below.

A and B together can complete a task in 5 days. A alone can complete the task in seven days.

- A. How long will B alone take to complete the task?
- B. What is the rate of work of B compared to the rate of work of A?
- C. How many times faster is A compared to B?

#### Part A

Work done by B =  $1/5 - 1/7 = (7 - 5)/35 = 2/35$

Time taken by B =  $35/2 = 17.5$  days

#### Part B

$2/35 \div 1/7 = 2/35 * 7 = 2/5$  = Two-fifths

#### Part C

$1/7 \div 2/35 = 1/7 * 35/2 = 5/2$  = Two and a half times

**Shortcut:** Take the reciprocal of the previous answer

### Example 1.23

A manufacturer built a machine which will address 500 envelopes in 8 minutes. He wishes to build another machine so that when both are operating together they will address 500 envelopes in 2 minutes. The equation used to find how many minutes  $x$  it would require the second machine to address 500 envelopes alone is:

- A.  $8 - x = 2$
- B.  $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $\frac{500}{8} + \frac{500}{x} = 500$
- D.  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{8} = 1$
- E. None of these answers (AHSME 1950/)

### Method I

Substitute  $a = 8, b = x$  in  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}$  to get:

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{x}} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{Option B}$$

### Method II

$$\frac{8x}{8+x} = 2 \Rightarrow 8x = 16 + 2x \Rightarrow x = \frac{8}{3}$$

Substitute into each of the options.

Option B is correct.

### (Individual Worker) Example 1.24

Given that A, B and C can finish a task in X, Y and Z hours, and that A, B, C and D together can finish the same task in XX hours, what is the time that D alone will take to finish the task?

### Workers in pairs

These questions make use of simultaneous linear equations.

### (Workers in Pairs) Example 1.25

A software company uses a partial Follow The Sun approach with teams from US, India and Europe working for eight hours each on the project. The US and the Indian team together can complete the project in eight months. The Indian and the European team together can complete the project in nine months. The US and the European team together can complete the project in ten months. Find the time taken if the teams worked together, and for each team individually.

#### Rate of Work:

1:  $U + I = 1/8$

2:  $I + E = 1/9$

3:  $U + E = 1/10$

Add 1:, 2:, 3:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(U + I + E) \\ = 1/8 + 1/9 + 1/10 \\ = (90 + 80 + 72)/720 \\ = 242/720 = 121/360 \end{aligned}$$

4:  $U + I + E = 121/360$

Subtract 1: from 4:

$$E = 121/360 - 1/8 = 121/360 - 90/720 = 31/720$$

Subtract 2: from 4:

$$U = 121/360 - 1/9 = 121/360 - 80/720 = 41/720$$

### (Workers in Pairs) Example 1.26

A and B together can build a mausoleum in six months, while B and C together can do the same in nine months. D can work at twice the speed that B does. If A, C and D work on the mausoleum together, how many months will they take?

**Rate of Work:**

1:  $A + B = 1/6$

2:  $B + C = 1/9$

**Add 1: and 2:**

$A + 2B + C = 1/6 + 1/9 = 5/18$

**D = 2B**

$A + D + C = 5/18$

**Months**

$= 18/5$

**(Negative Work) Example 1.27**

A pipe can fill a cistern in six hours, while a second pipe can empty it in nine hours. If both of them are opened simultaneously when the cistern is completely empty, how long will it take for the cistern to be filled completely?

Work done =  $1/6 - 1/9 = (3 - 2)/18 = 1/18$

Time taken = 18 hours

**(Child Playing) Example 1.28**

**Example 1.29**

Changes to Work Conditions

Finding Days left

Finding number of days food will last

**Worker Added**

**Worker Removed**

**Alternating Work**

**D. Geometry-Based Questions**

**Example 1.30**

**Diameter of Pipe**

**Volume of Tank**

**Diameter and Volume**

**1.3 Summary and Review**

**Example 1.31**

A son, working at three-fourth of the speed of his father, can build a tank in  $17 \frac{1}{7}$  hours when working alongside his father. The son's mother works at five-fourths the speed that the son does.

- What is the time that each will take to build a tank (individually)?
- If the son, father and mother, each working separately build one, two and three tanks (not necessarily respectively), what is the minimum average time to build a tank?
- The son, father and mother start building tanks separately. When one of them finishes a tank, they go and chat with the person who is about to finish their tank next. Once that person's tank is finished, they go back to their work. How many hours will it take till the seventh tank is made?

**Part A**

S and F = Work

Replace S with  $(3/4)F$

F at  $7/4$  effort takes  $120/7$  hours

F takes  $(120/7) \times (7/4) = 30$  hours

$S = D (3/4) = 30 \times 4/3 = 40$  hours

$M = S (5/4) = 40 \times (4/5) = 32$  hours

**Part B**

Average time= Total time/3=  $(3 \times 30 + 2 \times 32 + 1 \times 40)/3 = 194/3 = 64$  hours 40 minutes

**Part C**

$F \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 32$

$M \rightarrow 32 \rightarrow 40$

$S \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 62$

$F \rightarrow 62 \rightarrow 72$

$M \rightarrow 62 \rightarrow 72$

$S \rightarrow 102$

$F \rightarrow 102$

## 2. RATES

### 2.1 Basic Rates

#### Unit Rates

Unit Rates are an application of the Unitary Method.

#### Cost - Buying Apples

#### Example 2.1

If twelve apples cost Rs. 3, what is the cost of one apple?

Twelve apples cost Rs. 3

One Apple costs  $3/12 = 0.25$  Rs. = 25 Paise

#### Making Items

#### Example 2.2

If a carpenter takes 12 hours to make 15 chairs, how many minutes does it take him to make a chair?

15 chairs in 12 hours = 1 chair in  $12/15$  hours =  $(12 \times 60)/15$  minutes = 48 minutes

#### Area – Sowing Fields

#### Example 2.3

If a farmer can sow 120 square meters of land in 3 days while working six hours every day, how many square centimeters can he sow in a minute?

$(120 \times 100 \times 100) / (3 \times 6 \times 60) = 10,000 / 9 = 1111.11.....$

#### Conversions - Filling a tank with a pipe

#### Example 2.4

If a pipe fills a tank of capacity 3 meters by 2 meters by 5 meters in 3 hours, then much will it fill in a second?

$$\frac{300 \text{ cm} \times 200 \text{ cm} \times 500 \text{ cm}}{3 \text{ hours} \times 3600 \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{hour}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{l}}}$$

You do not need to write the units if you are confident of the calculation

$$\frac{3 \times 2 \times 5 \times 100 \times 100 \times 100}{3 \times 3600 \times 1000} = \frac{2 \times 50}{36} = \frac{25}{9} = 2 \frac{7}{9}$$

#### Conversions – Speed

#### Example 2.5

A soldier has a marching speed of 6 km/hr, an official marching time in the day of 8 hours, and six days to be marched in a week. What is the official distance to be covered in a:

Q1: Day

Q2: Week

Q3: Minute (in cm)

### Part A

6 km/hr

\* 8 Both sides

48 km / (8 hrs = 1 Day)

### Part B

48 km / (1 Day) \* 6 Both sides

288 km / (6 Days)

### Part C

6 km/hr = 6000 m/hr =  $(600000/3600)$  cm/min =  $(6000/36) = (500/3) = 167$

### Example 2.6

What is the degree measure that the:

- A. Second hand of a clock covers in a second
- B. Minute hand of a clock covers in a minute?
- C. Minute hand of a clock covers in a second?
- D. Hour hand of a clock covers in an hour?
- E. Hour hand of a clock covers in a minute?

360 degrees in 60 seconds

One second =  $360 / 60 = 6$  degrees

360 degrees in 60 minutes

One minute =  $360 / 60 = 6$  degrees

One minute =  $360 / 60 = 6$  degrees

One Second =  $6/60 = 0.1$  Degrees

360 degrees in 12 hours

One hour =  $360 / 12 = 30$  degrees

One hour =  $360 / 12 = 30$  degrees

One minute =  $30/60 = 0.5$  degrees

**Results above are used in questions involving clocks and should be committed to memory**

### Rates with Costs

### Example 2.7

Mayank has twelve Rupees, and can buy sixteen kiwis with them. If he instead wanted to buy as many kiwis as the number of Rupees that he currently has, how many Rupees would be left over?

Cost of Twelve Kiwis =  $12/16 \times 12 = 9$  Rs.

Left Over =  $12 - 9 = 3$

### Rates with TDS

### Example 2.8

How many feet will a car that travels  $b/3$  inches every  $x$  seconds cover in  $y$  minutes?

State the information as a ratio:

$b/3$  inches :  $x$  seconds

Divide the LHS by 12 (to convert to feet), and the RHS by 60 (to convert to minutes):

$(b/36)$  feet :  $x/60$  minutes

Multiply both sides by  $60/x$  to find the distance travelled in one minute:

$(b/36) * (60/x)$  feet : 1 minute

$(5b/3x)$  feet : 1 minute

Multiply both sides by  $y$  to find the distance travelled in  $y$  minutes:

$(5by/3x)$  feet :  $y$  minutes

## Rates with Clocks

### Example 2.9

If a clock gains 4 minutes every half an hour, how many hours will it gain in five weeks?

4 minutes per 30 minutes = 8 Minutes per hour =  $(8 * 24 * 7 * 5) / 60$  Hours in 7 weeks = 112 Hours

### Example 2.10

If a clock gains 4 minutes every three hours, while another loses 1 minutes every two hours, and both are set to the right time at 2:15 pm on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, what will be the difference in time after exactly one week?

#### Gaining Clock:

4 Minutes every 3 hours =  $4 \times 8$  Minutes every day =  $32 \times 7$  Minutes in a week

#### Losing Clock:

1 Minute every 2 hours =  $1 \times 12$  Minutes every day =  $12 \times 7$  Minutes in a week

#### Total Difference:

$32 \times 7 + 12 \times 7 = 44 \times 7$  Minutes = 308 Minutes = 5 Hours 8 Minutes

## Little's Law (Optional)

$$\text{Avg. Flow Time} = \frac{\text{Inventory}}{\text{Flow Rate}}$$

### Example 2.11

$\text{Inventory} = 20 \text{ Jobs}$

$\text{Flow Rate} = 8 \text{ Jobs per week}$

- A. Current flow time?
- B. Analyze impact of reducing flow time to 1 week

#### Part A

$$\text{Current flow time} = \frac{\text{Inventory}}{\text{Flow Rate}} = \frac{20}{8} = 2.5 \text{ Weeks}$$

#### Part B

$$\text{New Flow Time} = 1 \text{ Week}$$

$$\text{Flow Rate} = 8$$

$$\text{Avg. Flow Time} = \frac{\text{Inventory}}{\text{Flow Rate}} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{\text{Inventory}}{\text{Flow Rate}}$$

There are two ways to achieve this:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Inventory} &= 8 \\ \text{Flow Rate} &= 20\end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Rates with Time and Work

### Rates with 2 parameters

#### Example 2.12

If three cats can catch three mice in three minutes, how many mice can nine cats catch in nine minutes?

Three cats & Three M = Three Mice

One cat & Three M = One Mice

One cat & One M = 1/3 of a Mice

Nine cats & Nine M = 1/3 × 9 × 9 Mice = 27 Mice

**Alternate:**

Cats are thrice, Minutes are also thrice

Mice increases to nine times = 3 × 9 = 27

### Rates with >2 parameters

#### Example 2.13

If eight octopuses, using their eight appendages, can wrap eight gifts in eight minutes, how many gifts can ten squid wrap in ten minutes using their ten appendages?

$$80 * 8A * 8M = 8$$

$$\text{Gifts} = 8 * (10^3 / 8^3)$$

## 3. TIME, SPEED AND DISTANCE

### 3.1 Conversions

#### A. Proportional Relationships

| Conversions  | From             | To                    |                       |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|              | Km/hr            | m/s                   | 5/18                  |
|              | m/s              | Km/hr                 | 18/5                  |
| D = Distance | D = Speed × Time | Speed = Distance/Time | Time = Distance/Speed |
| S = Speed    | Speed ∝ Distance | Time ∝ Distance       | Time ∝ 1/Speed        |
| T = Time     |                  |                       |                       |

#### B. Conversions

##### 3.1: Conversion Ratio

Speed in metric units is often mentioned in either kilometers per hour, or meters per second.

The conversion ratio between  $\frac{km}{hr}$  and  $\frac{m}{s}$  is:

$$\frac{5}{18}$$

The given unit is:

$$\frac{km}{hr}$$

Substitute  $km = 1000 m$ ,  $hr = 3600 \text{ seconds}$

$$\frac{km}{hr} = \frac{1000 m}{3600 s} = \frac{5 m}{18 s}$$

##### 3.2: Reverse Conversion Ratio

The conversion ratio between  $\frac{m}{s}$  and  $\frac{km}{hr}$  is the reciprocal of the conversion ratio the other way around:

The given unit is:

$$\frac{m}{s}$$

Substitute  $m = \frac{1}{1000} km$ ,  $s = \frac{1}{3600} hr$

$$= \frac{\frac{km}{hr}}{\frac{3600}{1000}} = \frac{km}{1000} \div \frac{hr}{3600} = \frac{km}{1000} \cdot \frac{3600}{hr} = \frac{18 km}{5 hr}$$

#### Example 3.3

Convert the following given in  $\frac{km}{hr}$  to  $\frac{m}{s}$ :

A.

Convert the following given in  $\frac{m}{s}$  to  $\frac{km}{hr}$ :

B.

### Example 3.4

A peregrine falcon has diving speed  $320 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ . Find the speed in  $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ .

Substitute the conversion factor  $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} = \frac{5}{18} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ :

$$320 \times \frac{5}{18} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = \frac{800}{9} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

### (Calc) Example 3.5

Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt's speed is  $12.2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ . If his speed were stated in  $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ , what would it be?

$$12.2 \cdot \frac{18}{5} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 43.92 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

### (Calc) Example 3.6

Sound travels at a speed of  $332 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$  in air. Find the speed of sound, in air, in km/hr.

$$332 \cdot \frac{18}{5} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} = 1195.2 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

## C. Other Conversions

It is not necessary that only the standard units

$$\frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}, \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Are used in a question.

Make the question more difficult, the units asked are non-standard, such as:

$$\frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}}, \frac{\text{km}}{\text{min}}$$

Hence, it is important to understand the process by which a conversion factor has been arrived at (rather than memorizing the conversion factor).

### Example 3.7

The Taipei 101 observatory elevator travels at a speed of  $16.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ . Find the speed in  $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}}$ .

The elevator will travel more in a minute than in a second.

One minute is sixty seconds, and the elevator will travel:

$$16.7 \times 60 = 1002 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}}$$

## D. \*Large Numbers

### Example 3.8

The speed of light is approximately 300,000 kilometers per second. The speed of light can be written as  $a \times 10^b$  meters per hour, where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, and  $a$  is as small as possible. Find  $a + b$ .

$$300,000 \times 1,000 \times 3,600 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{hr}} = 108 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{hr}}$$

Then:

$$a + b = 108 + 10 = 118$$

### Example 3.9

A light year is a unit of distance that measures how much light travels in one year. It is approximately 9.46 trillion kilometers. The speed of a snail is 1 mm per second. For coprime positive integers  $a, b$ , with  $1 \leq \frac{a}{b} < 10$ , and positive integer  $c$ , the speed of a snail can be written as  $\frac{a}{b} \times 10^{-c}$  light years per second. Find  $a + b + c$ .

Hints:

1. A trillion is one thousand billion
2. A billion is one thousand million

$$1 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}}$$

Convert to  $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$  by substituting  $1 \text{ mm} = \frac{1}{1,000} \cdot \frac{1}{1,000} \text{ km}$

$$\frac{1}{1,000,000} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} = \frac{1}{10^6} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} = 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

Find the conversion factor between km and lightyears:

$$1 \text{ lightyear} = 9.46 \text{ trillion km} = 9.46 \cdot 10^{12} = 946 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ km}$$

$$1 \text{ km} = \frac{1}{946 \cdot 10^{10}} \text{ lightyears}$$

Hence:

$$1 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{1}{946 \cdot 10^{10}} \frac{\text{lightyears}}{\text{s}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{946} \cdot 10^{-16}$$

Substitute  $1 = \frac{1000}{1000} = \frac{1000}{10^3} = 1000 \cdot 10^{-3}$ :

$$= \frac{1000}{946} \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^{-16} = \frac{500}{473} \cdot 10^{-19}$$

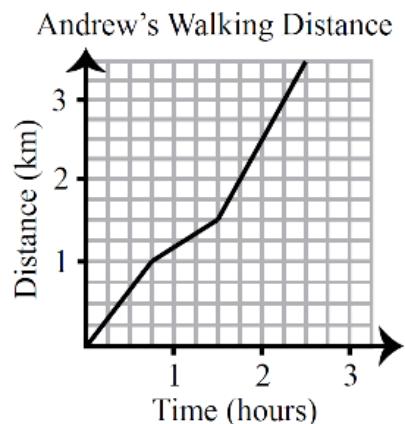
$$a + b + c = 500 + 473 + 19 = 992$$

## 3.2 Proportional Relationships

### A. Graphs

#### Example 3.10

The line graph shows the distance that Andrew walked over time. How long did it take Andrew to walk the first 2 km? (CEMC Gauss 7 2020/8)



#### Part A

The time taken is

$$1 \frac{3}{4} \text{ hours} = 1 \text{ hour } 45 \text{ Minutes}$$

### Example 3.11

- A. What is Andrew's average speed over the first two kilometers in  $\frac{m}{s}$ ?
- B. What is Andrew's average speed over the first kilometer in  $\frac{km}{hr}$ ?
- C. What is Andrew's average speed over the second kilometer in  $\frac{km}{hr}$ ?
- D. Is the average of the values from Parts B and C equal to the answer from Part A?

#### Part A

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{2 \text{ km}}{\frac{7}{4} \text{ hr}} = \frac{8 \text{ km}}{\frac{7}{4} \text{ hr}} = \frac{8}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{18} \text{ m} = \frac{20}{63} \text{ m}$$

#### Part B

$$\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{1 \text{ km}}{\frac{3}{4} \text{ hr}} = \frac{4 \text{ km}}{\frac{3}{4} \text{ hr}}$$

#### Part C

$$\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

#### Part D

$$\frac{\frac{4}{3} + 1}{2} = \frac{\frac{7}{3}}{2} = \frac{7}{6}$$

## B. Calculating Distance

Distance is directly proportional to both speed and time.

- As the speed increases, distance increases
- As the time increases, distance increases

### 3.12: TSD Equation

$$D = S \times T$$

### Example 3.13

- A. How many kilometers can a man walking at a speed of  $5 \frac{km}{hr}$  travel in 160 minutes?
- B. How many miles can a camel-rider travelling at a speed of  $12 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}}$  cover in 570 minutes?

$$D_A = S \times T = 5 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{160}{60} \text{ hr} = \frac{160}{12} \text{ km} = \frac{40}{3} \text{ km}$$

$$D_B = S \times T = 12 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{570}{60} \text{ hr} = \frac{570}{5} \text{ miles} = 114 \text{ miles}$$

### Example 3.14

If you walk for 45 minutes at a rate of 4 mph and then run for 30 minutes at a rate of 10 mph, how many miles will you have gone at the end of one hour and 15 minutes? (AMC 8 1985/13)

$$D = 4 \times \frac{3}{4} + 10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3 + 5 = 8 \text{ miles}$$

### Example 3.15

Sounds travels at about 330 meters per second; light travels so fast that it arrives almost instantaneously. If the gap between a flash of lightning and the clap of thunder is 6 seconds, roughly how far away is the storm. (NMTB Primary/Screening 2005/19)

Since light travels so fast, we can ignore the time taken by light.

(In case you are interested, speed of light is around 300,000 km per second).

$$D = S \times T = 330 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 6 \text{ s} = 1980 \text{ m}$$

## C. Calculating Speed

### 3.16: Speed

$$S = \frac{D}{T}$$

### Example 3.17

- A. What is the speed of a horse rider who can cover 36 km in five hours?
- B. An airplane covers a distance of 2000 miles in 360 minutes. Find the number of miles that it can cover in an hour.

$$S = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{36 \text{ km}}{5 \text{ hr}}$$

$$S = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{2000}{6} = \frac{1000 \text{ miles}}{3 \text{ hr}}$$

## D. Calculating Time

### 3.18: Time

$$T = \frac{D}{S}$$

### Example 3.19

What is the time taken by an airplane that has a constant speed of 240 miles / hour to travel 2500 miles?

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{2500}{240} = \frac{250}{24} = \frac{125}{12} \text{ hrs}$$

### Example 3.20

What is the time taken, in hours, by a horse rider who covers 1 mile in ten minutes to travel 60 miles.

#### Method I

$$1 \text{ mile} \rightarrow 10 \text{ minutes}$$

Multiply both sides by 6:

*6 miles → 1 hour*

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{60}{6} = 10 \text{ hours}$$

### Method II

$$T = \frac{60 \text{ miles}}{\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{10 \text{ minute}}} = 60 \text{ miles} \times 10 \frac{\text{minutes}}{\text{mile}} = 600 \text{ minutes} = 10 \text{ hours}$$

### Example 3.21

What is the time taken, in hours, by a worm which covers one and a half feet in seven and a half minutes to travel 100 feet.

*1.5 feet in 7.5 minutes*

Multiply both sides by 8:

*12 feet in 60 minutes = 1 hour*

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{100 \text{ feet}}{\frac{12 \text{ feet}}{hour}} = \frac{100}{12} \text{ hours} = \frac{25}{3} \text{ hours}$$

### Example 3.22

What is the time taken, in hours, by a snail which covers five feet in 17 minutes to travel seven feet.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{5 feet in 17 minutes} \\ & \frac{5}{17} \text{ feet in 1 minute} \\ & \frac{300}{17} \text{ feet in 60 minutes} = 1 \text{ hour} \end{aligned}$$

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{7 \text{ feet}}{\frac{300 \text{ feet}}{17 \text{ hour}}} = 7 \times \frac{17}{300} \text{ hrs} = \frac{119}{300} \text{ hrs}$$

## E. Average Speed

### 3.23: Average Speed

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}}$$

### Example 3.24

The artic tern has the longest migratory journey of a bird, travelling from one pole to the other: around 20,000 km. What is the average speed (in km/hr) of an artic tern that completes its migration in twenty-five days?

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{20,000}{25 \times 24} = \frac{100}{3} \text{ km/hr}$$

### Example 3.25

A car travels from Mumbai to Pune and back at an average speed of 40 m/s. If the distance from Mumbai to Pune by road is 175 km, what is the time taken?

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{175 \times 2}{40 \times \frac{18}{5}} = \frac{175 \times 2 \times 5}{40 \times 18} = \frac{175}{72} \text{ hr}$$

### (Important) Example 3.26

A car travels 120 miles from A to B at 30 miles per hour but returns the same distance at 40 miles per hour. The average speed for the round trip is closest to which integer? (AHSME 1950/27)

$$S = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{120 \times 2}{\frac{120}{30} + \frac{120}{40}} = \frac{240}{3+4} = \frac{240}{7} \approx 34 \text{ hr}$$

Note that in the above scenario, 120 cancels "nicely" with 30 and 40, but this is not required. If you consider 120 as a number, and carry out the calculations, it cancels:

$$S = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{120 \times 2}{\frac{120}{30} + \frac{120}{40}} = \frac{120 \times 2}{\frac{120(40+30)}{30 \times 40}} = \frac{2 \times 30 \times 40}{70} = \frac{240}{7}$$

Not substituting the 120 still let us calculate the same answer:

$$S = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{D \times 2}{\frac{D}{30} + \frac{D}{40}} = \frac{D \times 2}{\frac{D(40+30)}{30 \times 40}} = \frac{2 \times 30 \times 40}{70} = \frac{240}{7}$$

### Example 3.27

A car travels 62.5 miles from A to B at 30 miles per hour but returns the same distance at 40 miles per hour. The average speed for the round trip is closest to which integer?

$$S = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{D \times 2}{\frac{D}{30} + \frac{D}{40}} = \frac{D \times 2}{\frac{D(40+30)}{30 \times 40}} = \frac{2 \times 30 \times 40}{70} = \frac{240}{7}$$

### 3.28: Average Speed for Going and Coming Back

If the speed for going from point A to point B is  $a$ , and the speed for coming back is  $b$ , then the average speed over the entire trip is:

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$

Let the distance between points A and B be  $D$ :

$$S = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{D \times 2}{\frac{D}{a} + \frac{D}{b}} = \frac{2D}{\frac{bD + aD}{ab}} = \frac{2D}{\frac{D(a+b)}{ab}} = 2D \cdot \frac{ab}{D(a+b)} = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$

This is the expression for the Harmonic Mean of two numbers.

(You can see that Note for more detail).

## F. Idle Time

### 3.29: Idle Time

$$\text{Total Time} = \text{Travel Time} + \text{Idle Time}$$

When calculating distance from speed – use Travel Time.  
When calculating distance from average speed – use Total Time.

### Example 3.30

A journey involves driving a car for five hours at a speed of  $30 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ , with a one-hour lunch break.

- A. Find the total travel time
- B. Find the distance travelled
- C. Find the average speed over duration of the journey.

### Total Time

$$\text{Total Time} = \frac{5 \text{ Hours}}{\text{Travel Time}} + \frac{1 \text{ Hour}}{\text{Idle Time}} = 6 \text{ Hours}$$

### Distance Travelled

$$D = S \times T = 30 \times 5 = 150 \text{ km}$$

### Average Speed

While the speed of the car when travelling is

$$30 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

This is not the average speed of the car. Why?

In all, the car has travelled 150 km in a time of 6 hours, and hence the average speed is

$$S = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{150}{6} = 25 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Example 3.31

A car starts at 10 am and moves at a constant speed of 30 km/hr. It reached its destination 225 minutes later, while travelling at a constant speed of 30 km/hr (other than a 25-minute stop to refuel). What is the distance travelled?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Travel time} &= \frac{225}{\text{Total Time}} - \frac{25}{\text{Idle Time}} = 200 \text{ min} = \frac{200}{60} = \frac{10}{3} \text{ hrs} \\ D &= ST = 30 \times \frac{10}{3} = 100 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

### Example 3.32

The Shatabdi travels between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, which is a distance of 600 km. It starts at 7.00 am in the morning and makes scheduled stops of 15 minutes each at Wapi, Surat, Baroda, and Nadiad. It reaches Ahmedabad at 2.00 pm.

- A. What is the train's speed?
- B. What is the train's average speed?
- C. What is the difference in the two speeds?

### Part A

$$\text{Idle Time} = 15 \text{ min} \times 4 = 60 \text{ min} = 1 \text{ hr}$$

$$\text{Travel time} = \underbrace{2.00 \text{ pm}}_{\text{End Time}} - \underbrace{7.00 \text{ am}}_{\text{Start Time}} - \underbrace{\text{Idle Time}}_{1 \text{ hr}} = 7 - 1 = 6 \text{ hr}$$

$$S = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{600}{6} = 100 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Part B

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{600 \text{ km}}{7 \text{ hr}}$$

### Part C

$$100 - \frac{600}{7} = \frac{700}{7} - \frac{600}{7} = \frac{100 \text{ km}}{7 \text{ hr}}$$

### Example 3.33

A horse rider travelling at a speed of 7 miles per hour, starts from Fort A at 7 am to reach Fort B, 77 miles away. The rider stops after every three hours of riding to feed and water the horse (which takes thirty minutes each time). What time will the rider reach Fort B?

#### Travel Time

$$D = 77 \text{ miles}, \quad S = 7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{hr}} \Rightarrow \text{Travel Time} = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{77}{7} = 11 \text{ hours}$$

#### Idle Time

The horse has to stop every three hours to be fed and watered. In other words, the horse must be fed and watered at the following time intervals of riding

$\frac{3}{1\text{st Stop}}, \frac{6}{2\text{nd Stop}}, \frac{9}{3\text{rd Stop}}, \frac{12}{4\text{th Stop}}$   
*Not Needed*

Time Required

$$\text{Idle Time} = \frac{3}{\text{Stops}} \times \frac{0.5}{\text{Hours per Stop}} = 1.5 \text{ Hours}$$

#### Total Time

$$\text{Total Time} = 11 \text{ Hrs} + 1.5 \text{ Hrs} = 12.5 \text{ Hours}$$

$$\text{Reaching Time} = \text{Start Time} + \text{Total Time} = 7.00 \text{ am} + 12.5 \text{ Hours} = 7.30 \text{ pm}$$

### Example 3.34

A horseback rider covers 140 km in two days, while riding  $\frac{2.5}{8}$  of a 24-hour day. What is the:

- A. travel time for the rider
- B. speed of the rider (in km/hr)
- C. average speed of the rider?
- D. idle time for the rider

### Part A

$$\text{Travel Time} = \frac{2}{\text{No. of Days}} \times \frac{2.5}{\frac{8}{\text{Riding Fraction}}} \times \frac{24}{\frac{\text{Hours}}{\text{in a Day}}} = 2.5 \times 6 = 15 \text{ hours}$$

### Part B

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{140}{15} = \frac{28 \text{ km}}{3 \text{ hr}}$$

**Part C**

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{140}{48} = \frac{35 \text{ km}}{12 \text{ hr}}$$

**Part D**

$$\text{Idle Time} = \text{Total Time} - \text{Travel Time} = 24 \times 2 - 15 = 48 - 15 = 33$$

## G. Speedometer and Odometer

### 3.35: Speedometer

The speedometer is an instrument on the dashboard of a car that tells you the speed at any point in time.

### Example 3.36

Read the information, and answer each part separately. Do not use information from one part in another part.  
Anshul travelled from X to Y. The minimum speed on the speedometer was  $40 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ , and the maximum was  $60 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ .

- If the distance from X to Y is 240 km, determine the minimum and maximum time that Anshul could have taken.
- If the time that Anshul took was 6 hours, determine the minimum and maximum distance between X and Y.

**Part A**

For the time to be minimum, the speed should be maximum:

$$\text{Min}(T) = \frac{D}{\text{Max}(S)} = \frac{240}{60} = 4 \text{ hours}$$

For the time to be maximum, the speed should be minimum:

$$\text{Max}(T) = \frac{D}{\text{Min}(S)} = \frac{240}{40} = 6 \text{ hours}$$

**Part B**

For the distance to be minimum, the speed should be minimum:

$$\text{Min}(D) = \text{Min}(S) \times T = 40 \times 6 = 240 \text{ km}$$

For the distance to be maximum, the speed should be maximum:

$$\text{Max}(D) = \text{Max}(S) \times T = 60 \times 6 = 360 \text{ km}$$

### 3.37: Odometer

The odometer is an instrument on the dashboard of a car that tells you the total distance travelled at any point in time.

### Example 3.38

Pratik travelled from A to B. When he started the odometer showed 234 km. When he ended, the odometer had the same digits, but in reverse order. How many kilometers did he travel?

$$432 - 234 = 198 \text{ km}$$

## H. Fuel Efficiency

### 3.39: Mileage

The mileage of a car tells us how efficient the car is in using its fuel. It is given by:

$$\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Fuel Consumed}}$$

### Example 3.40

A car has a fuel tank that has a maximum capacity of 40 liters. It is filled, and then the distance on the odometer is noted to be 332 km. When the odometer reaches 400 km, the fuel tank is empty. Determine the mileage of the car.

$$\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Fuel Consumed}} = \frac{400 - 332}{40} = \frac{68}{40} = \frac{17}{10} = 1.7 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{liters}}$$

## 3.3 Algebra

### A. Linear Equations

### Example 3.41

Jessica has calculated the perfect speed that optimizes her fuel efficiency. Once, she took two hours to her destination at a speed  $1 \frac{\text{mile}}{\text{hr}}$  more than the perfect speed. On the way home, she travelled at a speed  $10 \frac{\text{mile}}{\text{hr}}$  less than the perfect speed, and it took her three hours. What is Jessica's perfect speed?

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance to the destination} &= D \\ \text{Jessica's Perfect Speed} &= x \end{aligned}$$

Use the formula  $\frac{D}{S} = T$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Going: } \frac{D}{x+1} &= 2 \Rightarrow D = 2x + 2 \\ \text{Coming back: } \frac{D}{x-10} &= 3 \Rightarrow D = 3x - 30 \end{aligned}$$

But the distance in both cases is the same, and hence:

$$2x + 2 = 3x - 30$$

$$x = 32 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Example 3.42

Two boys A and B start at the same time to ride from Port Jervis to Poughkeepsie, 60 miles away. A travels 4 miles an hour slower than B. B reaches Poughkeepsie and at once turns back meeting A 12 miles from Poughkeepsie. The rate of A was: (AHSME 1950/28)

The time taken for both boys is the same:

$$T_A = T_B$$

Use the formula for time:

$$\frac{D_A}{S_A} = \frac{D_B}{S_B}$$

Substitute  $D_A = 60 - 12 = 48$ ,  $D_B = 60 + 12 = 72$ ,  $S_A = a$ ,  $S_B = a + 4$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{48}{a} &= \frac{72}{a+4} \\ 2a+8 &= 3a \\ a &= 8\frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}}\end{aligned}$$

### Example 3.43

A car travels certain number of kilometers on Monday. On Tuesday, the average speed is increased by 5 km per hour, and the time is increased by 1 hour. The distance travelled on Tuesday is 70 km more than Monday. On Wednesday, the speed is increased by 5 km per hour, and the time is increased by 1 hour (both compared to Tuesday). Determine the increase in the distance travelled (compared to Monday).

**On Monday:**

$$\text{Speed} = s, \text{time} = t \Rightarrow D_{\text{Mon}} = st$$

**On Tuesday:**

If speed is increased by 5, and time is increased by 1, the distance increases by 70:

$$\begin{aligned}D_{\text{Tue}} - D_{\text{Mon}} &= 70 \\ (s+5)(t+1) - st &= 70 \\ st + 5t + s + 5 - st &= 70 \\ 5t + s &= 65 \\ \underline{5t + s = 65} \\ \text{Equation I}\end{aligned}$$

**On Wednesday:**

Speed is increased by 10, and time is increased by 2. The increase in distance compared to Monday is:

$$\begin{aligned}D_{\text{Wed}} - D_{\text{Monday}} &= (s+10)(t+2) - st \\ &= st + 10t + 2s + 20 - st \\ &= 10t + 2s + 20 \\ &= 2(5t + s) + 20\end{aligned}$$

Substitute the value of  $5t + s = 65$  from Equation I:

$$2(65) + 20 = 150$$

### Example 3.44

In some countries, automobile fuel efficiency is measured in liters per 100 kilometers while other countries use miles per gallon. Suppose that 1 kilometer equals  $m$  miles, and 1 gallon equals  $l$  liters. Find the fuel efficiency in liters per 100 kilometers for a car that gets  $x$  miles per gallon. (AMC 10A 2022/4)

Substitute  $\frac{1}{m} \text{ km} = 1 \text{ mile}$ ,  $l \text{ liters} = 1 \text{ gallon}$ , and rearrange:

$$x \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{gallon}} = x \frac{\frac{1}{m} \text{ km}}{l \text{ liters}} = \frac{x}{ml} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{liters}}$$

Multiply and divide by 100:

$$= \frac{x}{100ml} \frac{100 \text{ km}}{\text{liters}}$$

Since we want liters per 100 km, move the expression  $\frac{x}{100ml}$  to the denominator:

$$= \frac{100 \text{ km}}{\frac{100ml}{x} \text{ liters}}$$

And the final answer is:

$$\frac{100ml}{x} \text{ liters per 100 km}$$

## 3.4 Trains

### A. Passing point objects

When an object has a length (e.g. a train), the length of the object must be added to determine the time taken to cross.

#### Example 3.45

A train with length 112 meters travelling at a speed of  $30 \frac{m}{s}$  passes a man standing next to a stationary pole. Find the time taken.

Substitute  $D = 112 \text{ meter}$ ,  $S = 30 \frac{m}{s}$ :

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{112}{30} = \frac{56}{15} \text{ s}$$

### B. Intervals with Poles

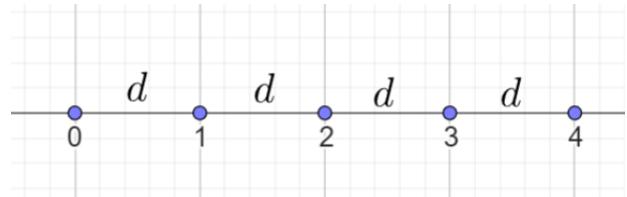
#### Example 3.46

A car running at a speed of  $90 \frac{km}{hr}$  runs parallel to a set of electric poles that are equally spaced. It crosses the first pole at 10:00 am. By 10:01 am it has crossed 5 poles. Find the distance between two consecutive poles.

#### Speed of the car

Convert the speed of the car from  $\frac{km}{hr}$  into  $\frac{m}{s}$ :

$$90 \cdot \frac{5}{18} = 25 \frac{m}{s}$$



#### Time to cross distance between two poles

In one minute, it crosses five poles, which is 4 times the consecutive distance between poles.

The time to cross the distance between two poles is:

$$T = \frac{60}{4} s = 15 s$$

#### Final Answer

Distance travelled divided by number of consecutive distances travelled

$$D = S \times T = 25 \frac{m}{s} \times 15 s = 375 m$$

## C. Passing long objects

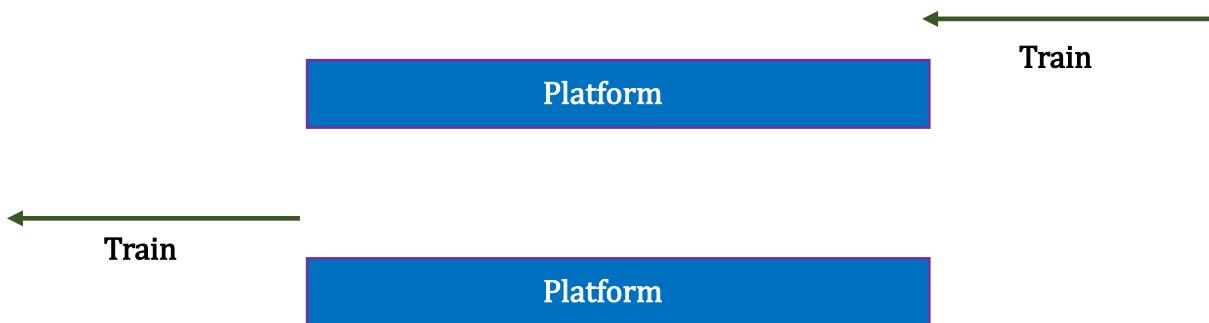
### Example 3.47

How will a 225m-long train travelling at speed  $40 \frac{m}{s}$  take to cross a 300m-long platform?

Consider the situation below

In the first diagram, the train is just starting to cross the platform.

In the second diagram, the train has finally crossed the platform. Note that it only had to cover the distance of the platform, it also had to cover its own length.



#### Information Given

$$D = 225 + 300 = 525 \text{ meters}, \quad S = 40 \frac{m}{s}, \quad T = ?$$

#### Use the Formula and Substitute

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{525}{40} = \frac{105}{8} \text{ s}$$

### Example 3.48

A one-kilometer-long train travels at a speed of one kilometer every five minutes. How long, in hours, does this train take to pass completely through a tunnel 2 kilometers long?

The distance to be covered by the train is

$$2 \text{ km} + 1 \text{ km} = 3 \text{ km}$$

Time taken by the train

$$= 5 \text{ min for } 1 \text{ km} = 15 \text{ min for } 3 \text{ km}$$

$$15 \text{ min} = \frac{15}{60} \text{ hours} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ hours} = 0.25 \text{ hours}$$

### Example 3.49

Find the time taken if a train with length 125 meters travelling at a speed of  $25 \frac{m}{s}$  goes through a tunnel of length 200 metres.

#### Information Given

$$D = 125 + 200 = 325 \text{ meters}, \quad S = 25 \frac{m}{s}, \quad T = ?$$

### Use the Formula and Substitute

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{325}{25} = 13 \text{ sec}$$

#### Example 3.50

### Train I: A to B

Fruit Stall:

$$D = L(\text{Train})$$


Bridge

$$D = L(\text{Train}) + L(\text{Bridge})$$


We have time, not distance.

The additional time taken to cover the bridge, comes from the additional distance of the bridge.

$$\therefore T(\text{Only Bridge}) = T(\text{Bridge}) - T(\text{Fruit Stall}) = 75\text{s} - 45\text{s} = 30\text{s}$$

$$S(\text{Train}) = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{L(\text{Bridge})}{T(\text{Only Bridge})} = \frac{400}{30} = \frac{40}{3} \text{ m/s} = \frac{40}{3} \times \frac{18}{5} = 48 \text{ km/hr}$$

### Train II: A to B

$$S = 50 \text{ km/hr}, D(A \text{ to } B) = 232 \text{ km}$$

### Train III: A to B

$$S = 25 \text{ m/s} = 25 \times \frac{18}{5} = 90 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\underbrace{T(\text{Train I}) = 30\text{s}, T(\text{Train II}) = 27\text{s}}_{\substack{\text{Both from same direction} \\ \text{Add the speeds}}}$$

**Question 1:** Train I starts from A. Train II starts 45 minutes later from B. Find the distance travelled by each.

$$D(\text{Train I})_{45 \text{ minutes}} = S \times T = 48 \times \frac{45}{60} = 48 \times \frac{3}{4} = 36 \text{ km}$$

For Remaining Distance:

$$D(\text{Train I}): D(\text{Train II}) = 48:50 = 96:100$$

Total Distance:

$$96 + 36:100 = 132:100$$

**Question 2:** Train III starts from A at 6.00 am. Stoppage = 5.2 minutes. When does it reach B?

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{232}{90} \times 60 + 5.2 = \frac{232}{3} \times 2 + 5\frac{1}{5} = \frac{464}{3} + 5\frac{1}{5} = 154\frac{2}{3} + 5\frac{1}{5} = 159 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \approx 2h 40m$$

**Question 3:** What are the lengths of Trains I, II and III

$$L(\text{Train I}) = S \times T = \frac{40}{3} \times 45 = 600 \text{ m}$$

### D. Man in a Tunnel

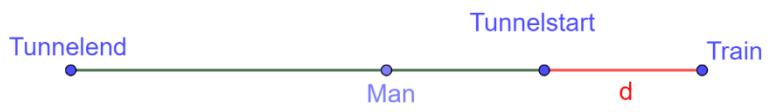
#### Example 3.51

A man jogging inside a railway tunnel at a constant speed hears a train approaching the tunnel from behind at a speed of 30 km per hour, when he is one third of the way inside the tunnel. Whether he keeps running forward

or turns back, he will reach the end of the tunnel at the same time the train reaches that end. The speed at which the man is running is: (JMET 2010/73)

Let

- the train be at a distance  $d$  from the start of the tunnel
- the tunnel have length  $l$
- the man have speed  $s$



Since time taken to reach start of tunnel is same for both man and train:

$$\frac{l}{s} = \frac{d}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{l}{3s} = \frac{d}{30}$$

Since time taken to reach end of tunnel is same for both man and train:

$$\frac{2l}{s} = \frac{d+l}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{2l}{3s} = \frac{d+l}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{l}{3s} + \frac{l}{30} = \frac{d}{30} + \frac{l}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{l}{3s} = \frac{l}{30} \Rightarrow s = 10$$

## 3.5 Relative Speed

### A. Point Objects

#### 3.52: Relative Speed

If two objects are both travelling, their relative speeds will be different from their actual speeds with reference to the ground.

- Add the speeds if travel is in opposite directions
- Subtract the speeds if travel is in the same direction

#### Example 3.53

You are travelling at  $3 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ . The car ahead of you is travelling at  $2 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$  in the same direction. At what speed will you overtake the other car?

Currently, suppose you are at 0 on a number line, and the car in front is at 2 on the number line. Both cars are moving to the right.

Current distance between the two cars

$$= D_1 = 2$$

After one hour, you will be at:

*You: Position 3  
Car in front: Position 4*

After one hour, the distance is:

$$= D_2 = 1$$

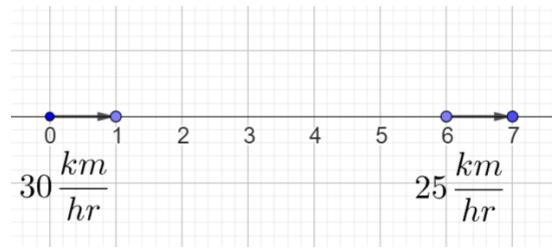
$$S = \frac{D_1 - D_2}{T} = \frac{2 - 1}{1} = 1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

#### Example 3.54

You are travelling at  $30 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ . The car ahead of you is travelling at  $25 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$  in the same direction. At what speed will you overtake the other car?

Currently, suppose you are at 0 on a number line, and the car in front is at 6 on the number line. Both cars are moving to the right.

Current distance between the two cars  
 $= D_1 = 6$



After one hour, you will be at:

*You: Position 30*  
*Car in front: Position 31*

After one hour, the distance is:

$$= D_2 = 1$$

$$S = \frac{D_1 - D_2}{T} = \frac{6 - 1}{1} = 5 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Example 3.55

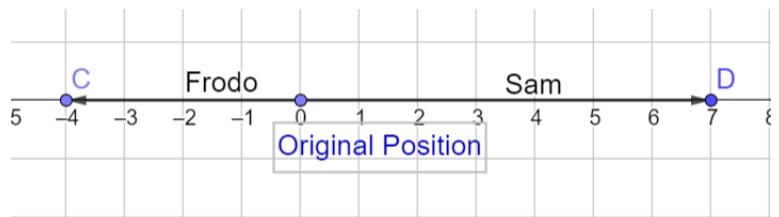
Sam and Frodo are at Mount Doom. After the One Ring has been destroyed, they get frightened and go in diametrically opposite directions. Sam runs at a speed of 7 km/hour. Frodo is injured (has just lost a finger), and hobbles away at 4 km/hour. What is the distance between the two of them after:

- A. One hour
- B. Three Hours
- C. Five Hours

#### Part A

Since Sam and Frodo are running in diametrically opposite directions, the angle between them is  $180^\circ$ . The total distance between them is:

$$\underset{\text{Sam}}{\overset{7}{\curvearrowleft}} + \underset{\text{Frodo}}{\overset{4}{\curvearrowleft}} = 11 \text{ km}$$



#### Part B

The distance between them after three hours is:

$$(7 + 4) \times 3 = 11 \times 3 = 33 \text{ km}$$

#### Part C

The distance between them after five hours is:

$$(7 + 4) \times 5 = 11 \times 5 = 55 \text{ km}$$

### Example 3.56

Fred and George are both running towards each other. The current distance between them is 48 m. Fred is running at a speed of  $5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ , while George is running at a speed of  $3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ .

- A. What is the distance between them after one second?
- B. What is the distance between them after three seconds?
- C. When will they meet each other?

### Example 3.57

A car and a jeep are at a distance of 7 km from each other, travelling towards each other. The car is travelling at a speed of 23 km/hr, while the jeep is travelling at a speed of 37 km/hr. In how much time (rounded to the nearest minute) will they first meet?

$$\text{Relative Speed} = S(\text{Car}) + S(\text{Jeep}) = 23 + 37 = 60 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} = 1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{min}}$$

*Time taken = 7 minutes*

## B. Thieves and Police

### Example 3.58

A thief breaks into a museum at 3.00 in the night, and runs away with a jewelled case at a speed of  $10 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ . The theft is found, and a policeman runs after the thief at 4.00 in the night at a speed of  $15 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ .

- A. What time will the policeman catch the thief?
- B. What time will he hand over the jewelled case to the museum?

#### Part A

The policeman will be able to overtake the thief at a speed of:

$$15 - 10 = 5 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

At 4.00 am, the thief will be 10 km from the museum. Hence:

$$T = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{10}{5} = 2 \text{ Hr} \Rightarrow 4.00 \text{ am} + 2 \text{ hrs} = 6.00 \text{ am}$$

#### Part B

The policeman ran for two hours away from the museum. He will take the same time to run back.

$$\text{Handover Time} = 6.00 \text{ am} + 2 \text{ hrs} = 8.00 \text{ am}$$

### Example 3.59

A thief steals a jewelled case from a museum at 2.00 AM, and goes due north at a speed of 25 km/hr. At 3.00 AM, the police reach the museum, and pursue the thief, going due north, at a speed of 30 km/hr. What time will they catch the thief?

Headstart = 3.00 AM - 2.00 AM = 1 hours = 25 km

Time to catch up =  $(25)/(30-25) = 5 \text{ hours}$

Time when they catch the thief = 3.00 AM + 5 hours = 8.00

### Example 3.60

A father runs after his son, who is 1000 meters ahead. The father runs at a speed of 1 km every 8 minutes, and the son runs at a speed of 1 km every 12 minutes. How much distance has the son covered at the point when the father overtakes him? (JMET 2010/70)

$$1 \text{ km per } 8 \text{ min} = 1.5 \text{ km per } 12 \text{ min} = 0.5 \text{ km more than the son in } 12 \text{ min}$$

Hence, the father will overtake the son

$$12 \times 2 = 24 \text{ min}$$

In that time the son will travel

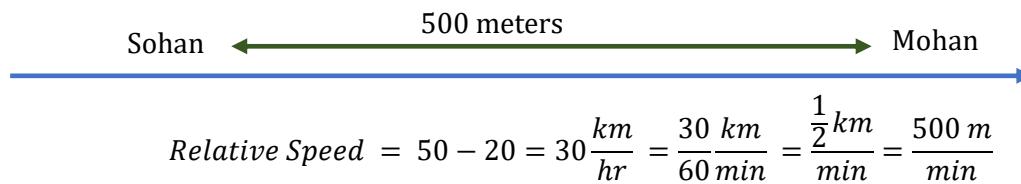
2 km

### Example 3.61

Mohan, cycling at a speed of  $20 \frac{km}{h}$ , is 500 metres ahead of a Sohan, who is in a car, travelling at a speed of  $50 \frac{km}{hr}$ . They are both headed for a picnic spot, which is 7 km away from Sohan.

- How much time will it take for Sohan to catch up with Mohan?
- In how many seconds will Sohan have a distance of 300 meters with Mohan?
- On one of them reaching the picnic spot, what will be the distance between Mohan and Sohan?
- What is the difference in time between the two of them reaching the picnic spot?

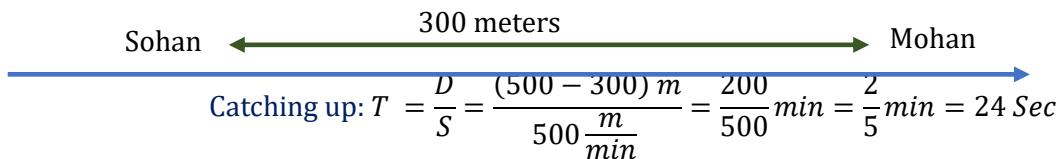
#### Part A



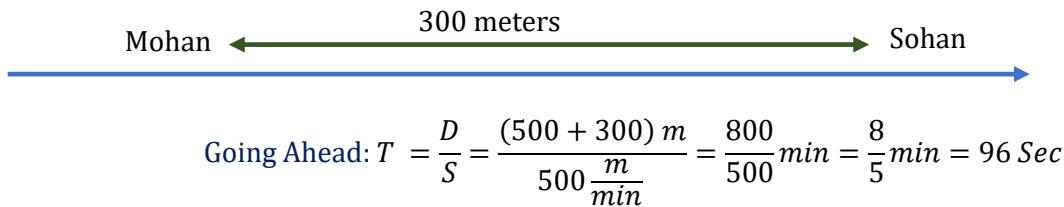
Time taken = 1 min

#### Part B

This will happen twice, first when Sohan is catching up with Mohan.



It will happen next when Sohan is ahead of Mohan.



#### Part C

##### Who will reach first

From Part A, time to catch up = 24 sec.

Time to reach picnic spot with distance 7 km @ 50 km/hr  $\approx$  7 minutes

7 min is much greater than 24 sec, so the person to reach first is Sohan.

#### Sohan

$$S(\text{Sohan}) = 50 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} = \frac{50 \text{ km}}{60 \text{ min}} = \frac{5}{6} \text{ km/min}$$

$$T(\text{Sohan}) = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{7 \text{ km}}{\frac{5}{6} \text{ km/min}} = \frac{7 \times 6}{5} \text{ min} = \frac{42}{5} \text{ min} = 8.4 \text{ min}$$

#### Mohan

$$S(\text{Mohan}) = 20 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} = \frac{20 \text{ km}}{60 \text{ min}} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ km/min}$$

$$D(Mohan) = S \times T = \frac{1}{3} \times 8.4 = \frac{84}{30} = 2\frac{24}{30} = 2\frac{4}{5} = 2.8 \text{ km} = 2800 \text{ meters}$$

Mohan was 6500 meters away from the picnic spot.

When Sohan reaches, he will have another

$$6500 - 2800 = 3700 \text{ meters to travel}$$

#### Part D

$$T(Mohan) = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{\frac{6.5}{1 \text{ km}}}{\frac{3 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ km}}} = 6.5 \times 3 = 19.5 \text{ min}$$

$$\text{Difference in Time} = 19.5 - 8.4 = 11.1$$

### C. Mirrors

#### Example 3.62

As Emily is riding her bicycle on a long straight road, she spots Emerson skating in the same direction \$1/2\$ mile in front of her. After she passes him, she can see him in her rear mirror until he is \$1/2\$ mile behind her. Emily rides at a constant rate of \$12\$ miles per hour, and Emerson skates at a constant rate of \$8\$ miles per hour. For how many minutes can Emily see Emerson? (AMC 2010 8/8)

### D. Long Objects

#### Example 3.63

A train of length 600 meters is travelling at a speed of 32 m/s. A car is 12 km ahead of it, and travelling at a speed of 17 m/s on a road parallel to the railway tracks. Find the time taken by the train to overtake the car.

$$\text{Relative Speed} = S(\text{Train}) - S(\text{Car}) = 32 - 17 = 15 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Distance} = \text{Gap} + \text{Train Length} = 12000 + 600 = 12600$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Relative Speed}} = \frac{12600}{15} = 840 \text{ seconds} = 840/60 \text{ minutes} = 14$$

#### Example 3.64

A train of length 350 m is travelling at a speed of 30 m/s such that its engine is immediately next to the end of the last coach of a second train with a length 200 meters travelling at a speed of 22 m/s. Find the time taken by the first train to overtake the second train.

$$\text{Time} = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{\text{Gap} + \text{Length}(T_1 + T_2)}{\text{Speed}(S_1 - S_2)} = \frac{0 + 200 + 350}{30 - 22} = 56.25 \text{ sec}$$

#### Example 3.65

42 m/s passes by a train of length 300 meter going in the opposite direction travelling at a speed of 18 m/s (first train length: 300 meter). The two trains currently have a distance of 400 meters between them

$$\text{Time} = \frac{D}{S} = \frac{\text{Gap} + \text{Length}(T_1 + T_2)}{\text{Speed}(S_1 + S_2)} = \frac{400 + 300 + 300}{42 + 18} = \frac{1000}{60} = 16\frac{2}{3}$$

## 3.6 Media: Rivers and Mountains

### A. Boats, Mountains and Escalators

The direction of travel in boats, mountains and escalators impacts the speed of movement.

|                        |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Default Speed          | Speed of stream<br>Difference in speed due to mountain/escalator | Travelling downstream<br>Going down a mountain, or escalator | Travelling upstream<br>Going up a mountain, or escalator |
| X                      | Y  | $x + y$  | $x - y$  |
| $(\frac{1}{2})(a + b)$ | $(\frac{1}{2})(a - b)$   | a  | b  |

## B. Basics

### Example 3.66

The speed of a boat when travelling downstream is 7 km/hr, and 2.5 km/hr when travelling upstream.

- A. What is the speed of the boat in still water?
- B. What is the speed of the current?

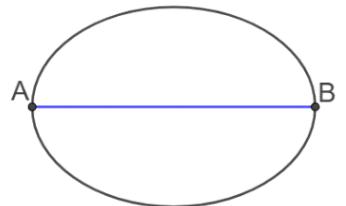
Speed in still water = (Speed Downstream + Speed Upstream)/2 =  $(7 + 2.5) / 2 = 9.5/2 = 4.25$  km/hr

Speed of current = (Speed Downstream - Speed Upstream)/2 =  $(7 - 2.5) / 2 = 4.5/2 = 2.25$  km/hr

### Example 3.67

A rowboat with a sail attached covers the distance of 8 km from point A to point B on an elliptical lake (see diagram) in an hour. The return journey takes one and a half hour. Given that the wind direction is due east, determine:

- A. The speed of the rowboat in still water with no wind
- B. The speed of the wind



$b$ =speed of boat,  $w$  = speed of wind:

$$\begin{aligned} b + w &= 8 \\ b - w &= \frac{8}{3} = \frac{16}{3} \\ b &= \frac{20}{3}, w = \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

### Example 3.68

Shalu can climb a mountain at a speed of 2 km/hour, while she can go downhill at double that speed. How long will she take to travel 18 km on level ground?

Speed on level ground = (Speed-Uphill + Speed-Downhill) / 2 =  $(2 + 4) / 2 = 6/2 = 3$

Time = D/S =  $18/3 = 6$  hours

## C. Level I

### Example 3.69

The round-trip time on a river from A to B and back is 3 hours and 30 minutes. The ratio of upstream speed to downstream speed is 3:4. The distance from A to B is 36 miles along the river. Determine the speed of the river, and the boat.

Let  $u$  = upstream speed,  $d$  = downstream speed. Using  $T = \frac{D}{S}$ :

$$\frac{36}{u} + \frac{36}{d} = \frac{7}{2} \Rightarrow 36d + 36u = \frac{7}{2}ud$$

Substitute  $d = \frac{4}{3}u$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 36\left(\frac{4}{3}u\right) + 36u &= \frac{7}{2}u\left(\frac{4}{3}u\right) \\ 84u &= \frac{14}{3}u^2 \\ u &= 18 \\ d &= \frac{4}{3}u = 24 \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $b = \text{boat speed}$ ,  $r = \text{river speed}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} d &= b + r = 24 \\ u &= b - r = 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2b &= 42 \\ b &= 21 \\ r &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

## 3.7 Races, Headstarts and Handicaps

### A. Relative Advantage

#### Example 3.70

A can beat B in a race of 1 km by 50 meters. If A continues running after crossing the finish line, how many meters further will he be when B crosses the finish line?

Ratio of distance for A and B = 1000 : 950

When B runs 1000 meters, A will run:  $(1000/950) * 1000 \text{ meters} = (20/19) * 1000 \text{ meters} = 1053 \text{ meters}$

#### Example 3.71

In a race of 200 meters A can beat B by 20 m, and B can beat C by 20 meters. By how meters can A beat C?

#### Ratio of distances:

Equate the ratios using  $\text{LCM}(200, 180) = 1800$

$A:B = 200:180 = 2000:1800$

$B:C = 200:180 = 1800:1620$

$A:B:C = 2000:1800:1620 = 200:180:162$

When A runs 200 meters, A will beat C by  $200 - 162 = 38 \text{ m}$

**When A runs 200 m, B will run 180, and C will run:**

$$= (180/200) * 180 = (9/10) * 180 = 162$$

#### Example 3.72

Greg, Charlize, and Azarah run at different but constant speeds. Each pair ran a race on a track that measured 100 m from start to finish. In the first race, when Azarah crossed the finish line, Charlize was 20 m behind. In the second race, when Charlize crossed the finish line, Greg was 10 m behind. In the third race, when Azarah crossed the finish line, how many meters was Greg behind? (Gauss 2013/23)

$$C = \frac{80}{100} = \frac{4}{5}A$$

$$G = \frac{90}{100} = \frac{9}{10}C$$

$$G = \frac{9}{10}C = \frac{9}{10}\left(\frac{4}{5}A\right) = \frac{9}{10}\left(\frac{4}{5} \times 100\right) = 9 \times 4 \times 2 = 72 \Rightarrow 28 \text{ Meters Behind}$$

## B. Headstarts and Handicaps

### 3.8 Ratios: Steps and Escalators

#### A. Steps

##### Example 3.73

Two jumps of a male kangaroo cover the same distance as seven jumps of a baby kangaroo. A female kangaroo has the same jump distance as a male kangaroo, but jumps only half the distance on every third jump. If a male kangaroo jumps 42 times, how many times must a baby kangaroo jump to cover the same distance.

$$2:7 \times 21 = 42:147$$

Hence, 147 steps.

How many jumps must a baby kangaroo make to catch up to 32 jumps by a female kangaroo?

$$3 \text{ steps (female)} = 2.5 \text{ steps (male)}$$

$$32f = 30f + 2f = 30 \times \frac{2.5}{3}m + 2m = 25m + 2m = 27m$$

$$\text{Male steps : Baby Steps} = 2:7$$

$$2:7 \times 13.5 = 27:94.5$$

Since there is no mention of a half a jump, we round upwards.

Number of steps required = 95

If a baby kangaroo takes half the time to jump that an adult kangaroo takes, what is the ratio of speeds of all three types of kangaroos (in decreasing order of speed)?

#### I. Ratio of jumps

2.5 jumps of male = 3 jumps of female

2 jumps of male = 7 jumps of baby

Therefore, distance ratios:

Male : Female = 3 : 2.5

Male : Baby = 7 : 2

II. Assume each takes LCM (3, 7) = 21 jumps

Substitute I. above to get Male jumps for everyone, and multiply by 2:

$$21:2.5 \times 7:2 \times 3 = 21: 17.5:6 = 42:35:12$$

III. To get speed, for the baby taking twice the number of jumps in the same time

$$42:35:12 \times 2 = 42:35:24$$

## B. Escalators

### 3.9 Geometry: Circles and Cricket Pitches

#### A. Basics

##### Example 3.74

Starting at a vertex, an insect crawls in the direction that it is facing along the fence of a rectangular garden with length 3 meters and breadth 7 meters at a speed of 40 cm / minute. It requires an additional minute to re-orient itself every time it takes a turn. How long will it take reach its starting spot?

Perimeter of Garden

$$= 2(L + B) = 2(3 + 7) = 20 \text{ m} = 2000 \text{ cm}$$

Total Time

= Travel Time + Re-orientation Time

= D/S + No. of Turns

$$= 2000/40 + 3 = 50 + 3 = 53$$

## B. Circular Tracks

##### Example 3.75

Rohan and Sohan are at the entrance of a circular track with a circumference of 300 meters. Rohan jogs clockwise  $2\frac{m}{s}$ , while Sohan jogs anti-clockwise  $3\frac{m}{s}$ . When and where will they meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> time?

$$\text{Time} = \frac{D}{RS} = \frac{300}{2+3} = 60 \text{ seconds} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Rohan} = 60 \times 2 = 120 \text{ m}}_{\text{Clockwise}}, \quad \underbrace{\text{Sohan} = 60 \times 3 = 180 \text{ m}}_{\text{Anti-clockwise}}$$

$$\text{Rohan} = 120 \times 2 = \underbrace{240 \text{ m}}_{\text{Clockwise}} = \underbrace{60 \text{ m}}_{\text{Anti-Clockwise}}$$

What is the difference in the position each time they meet?

120m further (clock-wise)

When will they meet at the entrance to the gate again?

#### Method I

LCM (Change in meeting point, Circumference) = LCM (120, 300) = 600 meters

Number of meetings =  $600/120 = 5$

Each meeting happens after 60 seconds = 1 minute

5 meetings in 5 minutes

### Method II

$$LCM(Time_{Rohan}, Time_{Sohan}) = \left( \frac{300}{2}, \frac{300}{3} \right) = (150, 100) = 300 \text{ seconds} = 5 \text{ Minutes}$$

### C. Meeting at any point: Applications

#### Example 3.76

What are the angles made (in degrees) when we consider the centre of the circular park as the vertex, the entrance gate as a point on one arm, and the point where Rohan and Sohan first meet on the second arm?

Smaller Angle =  $20/300 = 24/60 = 144/360 = 144$  degrees, Reflex angle =  $360 - 144 = 216$  degrees

#### Example 3.77

If we superimpose a large clock over the garden, with 12'O Clock at the entrance of the park and the hour hand is pointing towards exactly the point where Rohan and Sohan meet for the first time, what is the time on the clock?

144 degrees = 120 degrees + 24 degrees = 4 hours and 48 minutes

### D. Meeting at the Starting Point

#### Example 3.78

Teenu(4 m/s) and Meenu(3 m/s) are running laps with length 1200 meters on an elliptical track. When will Teenu and Meenu meet next at the starting point?

$$LCM(Teenu, Meenu) = LCM\left(\frac{1200}{4}, \frac{1200}{3}\right) = LCM(300, 400) = 1200 \text{ Seconds}$$

Teenu carries an extra weight of 5 kg, while Meenu carries an extra weight of 2 kg. If the energy expended in carrying a one-kg weight over a distance of 1 km is  $x$  calories, then how much energy (for carrying only the weights) will be expended by Teenu and Meenu from the time they start to the time they first meet?

$$\text{Teenu} = 5 \text{ kg} \times 4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 1200 \text{ s} = 24000 \text{ kg-meters} = 24 \text{ kg-km} = 24x \text{ calories}$$

#### Meenu

$$= 2 \text{ kg} * 3 \text{ m/s} * 1200 \text{ Seconds}$$

$$= 7200 \text{ kg-meters}$$

$$= 7.2 \text{ kg-km}$$

$$= 7.2x \text{ calories}$$

Total energy

$$= \text{Teenu} + \text{Meenu}$$

$$= 24x + 7.2x$$

$$= 31.2x$$

### E. Different Starting Points, Overtaking

#### Example 3.79

A format of bicycle racing at an international level has two bicyclists diametrically opposite each other on a circular track. The race is won when

## F. Cricket Pitches

## G. Triangles

### Example 3.80

A man at A on the north bank of a sixty-unit-wide river spots his cat at B, exactly opposite him. At the same instant, the cat spots a dog at D (due west of B), and runs at a speed of  $40 \frac{\text{units}}{\text{min}}$  on the riverbank, away from the dog. The man rows his boat in a straight line towards the cat at a speed of  $50 \frac{\text{units}}{\text{min}}$  and meets it at Point C.

- A. In how much time will the man meet his cat?
- B. If the cat is twenty units away from Point C when the dog reaches Point B, and the dog reaches Point C at the same time as the cat and the man, then the speed of the dog is:
- C. What is the distance AD?
- D. If the dog had swum (at a speed two-thirds of his speed on land) to Point A, and then Point C instead of the path that he took, how much longer would he have taken to reach Point C?

Applying Pythagoras in right-angled triangle  $\triangle ABC$ , and using  $D = S \times T$  to calculate the distance:

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2 \Rightarrow (60)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5} \times 50x\right)^2 = (50x)^2 \Rightarrow 900x^2 = 3600 \Rightarrow x^2 = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ minutes}$$

$$BC = 40 * 2 = 80$$

Dog covers 80 units in the time cat covers 20 units.

$$\begin{aligned}S(\text{dog}) \\= 4 * S(\text{cat}) \\= 4 * 40 \\= 160 \text{ units/min} \\= 2 \frac{2}{3} \text{ units/seconds}\end{aligned}$$

## 3.10 Further Topics

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