

Kinematics in 1D

Patrick Chen

Sept 9, 2024

Describing Motion

Motion diagrams are diagrams where equal time passes between each of the points

* * * * * *

- Speeding up: acceleration and velocity is in the same direction
- Slowing down: acceleration and velocity are in the opposite direction
- If velocity is constant, acceleration is zero

Since velocity is the derivative of position with respect to time, the total distance is the integral of the velocity curve.

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{v}(t) dt = \Delta \vec{x}$$
$$\int_0^t \vec{a}(t') dt' + \vec{v}_0 = \vec{v}(t)$$