

Ex) A person walks first at a constant speed of  $8.0 \text{ m/s}$  along a straight line from A to B and then back along the line to A at a constant  $4 \text{ m/s}$ .

a) What is his or her avg speed over the entire trip?

Ans:  $v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{S}{\Delta t} = \frac{S_{AB} + S_{BA}}{\frac{S_{AB}}{8} + \frac{S_{BA}}{4}}$  but  $S_{AB} = S_{BA} = S$

$$= \frac{2S}{\frac{S}{8} + \frac{S}{4}} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{2}{8}} = \frac{2 \cdot 8}{3} = \frac{16}{3} = \boxed{5.3 \text{ m/s}}$$

b) What was their average velocity?

Ans:  $\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t} = \frac{0}{\Delta t} = \boxed{0 \text{ m/s}}$