

Lab 1: Distance, Velocity, Acceleration

Apparatus

- Motion detector
- Vernier LabQuest
- Logger Pro software
- Cart
- Basketball
- Foam Board
- Meter stick
- Colored pencils

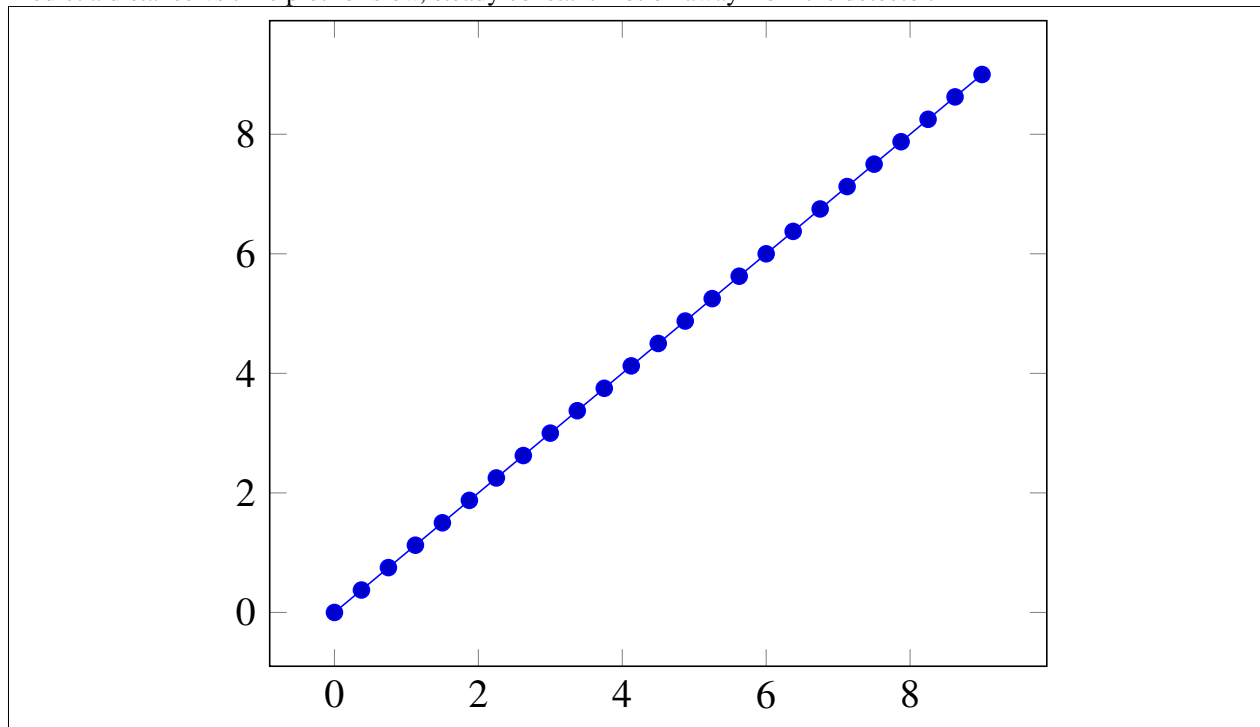
Objective

- Examine the relationship between distance, velocity and acceleration
- Attempt to duplicate given graphs with your own body's motion, or by moving a cart back and forth, quantitatively
- Consider what positive and negative values mean when applied to distance, velocity, and acceleration measurements

Part I: Distance vs Time

1.

Predict a distance vs time plot for slow, steady constant motion away from the detector.



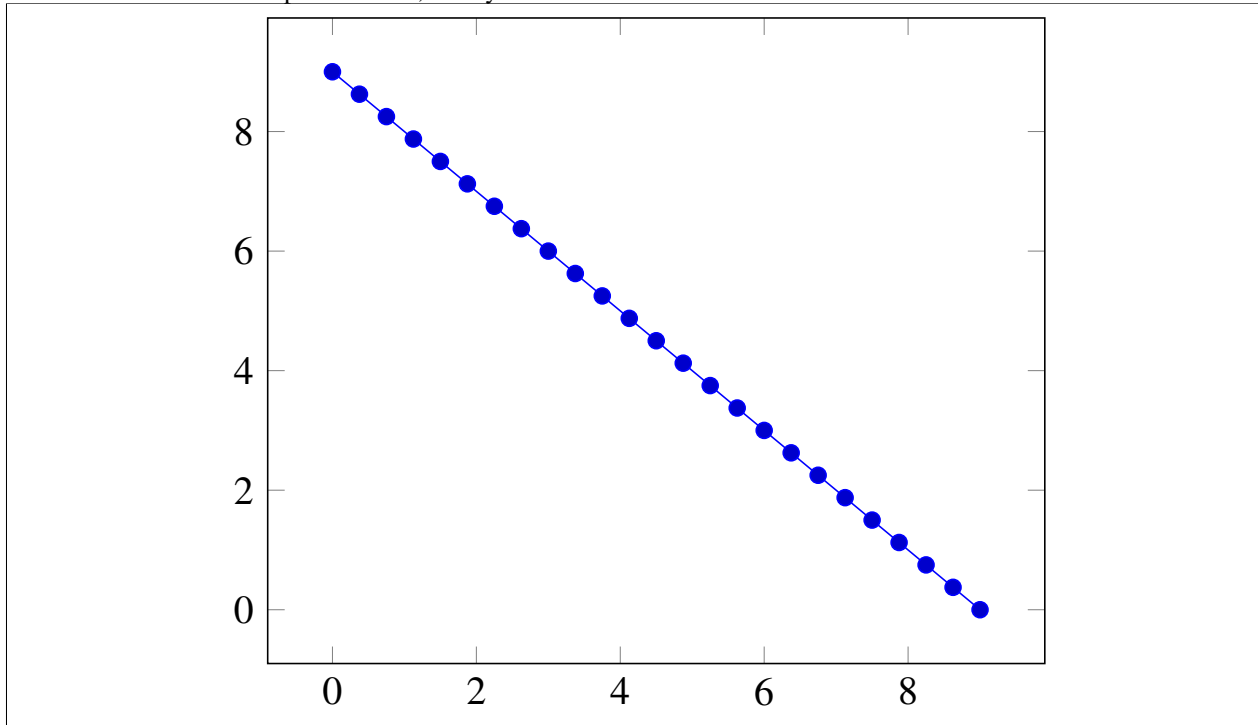
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Now test your prediction: Collect data for slow, steady motion away from the detector. When you click the “Collect” button (Logger Pro) it will collect and plot data for 10 seconds. Either walk back and forth with the foam board or move the cart back and forth in front of the motion detector.

Get Plot

3.

Predict a distance vs time plot for slow, steady constant motion toward the detector.



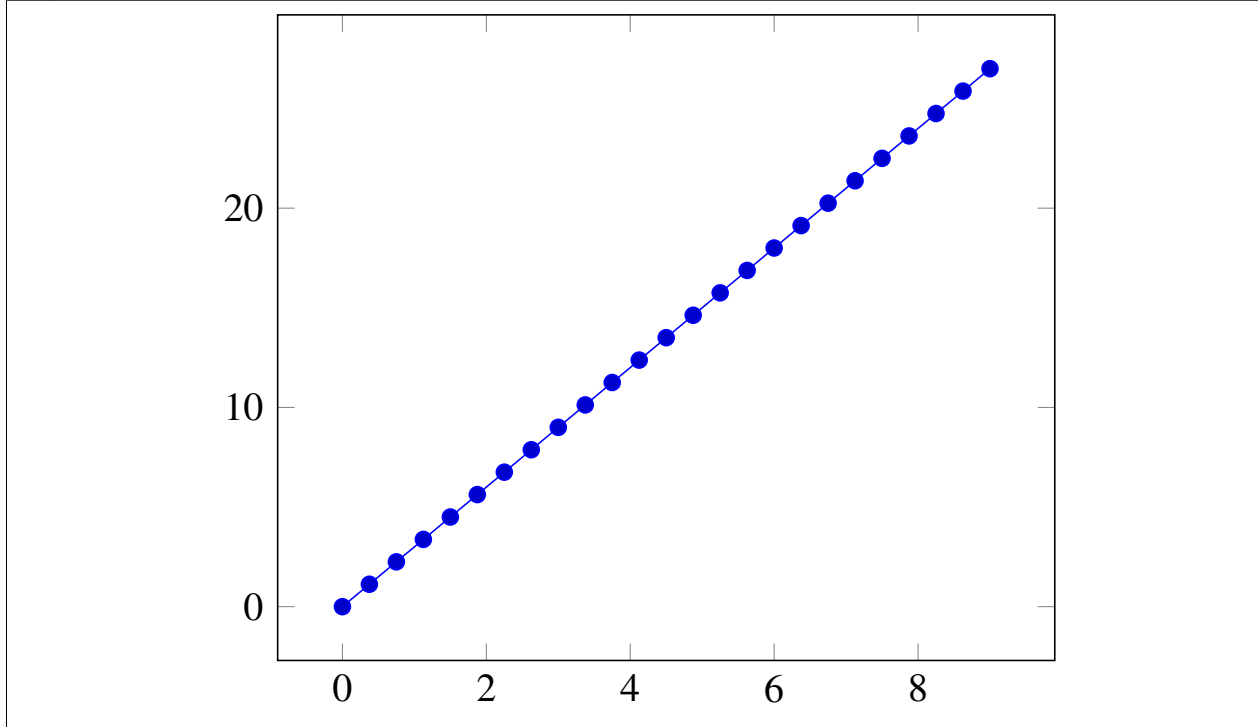
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Test your prediction: Collect data for slow, steady motion toward the detector.

Get plot.

5.

Predict a distance vs. time plot for fast steady motion away from the detector (not speeding up, but faster than last time).



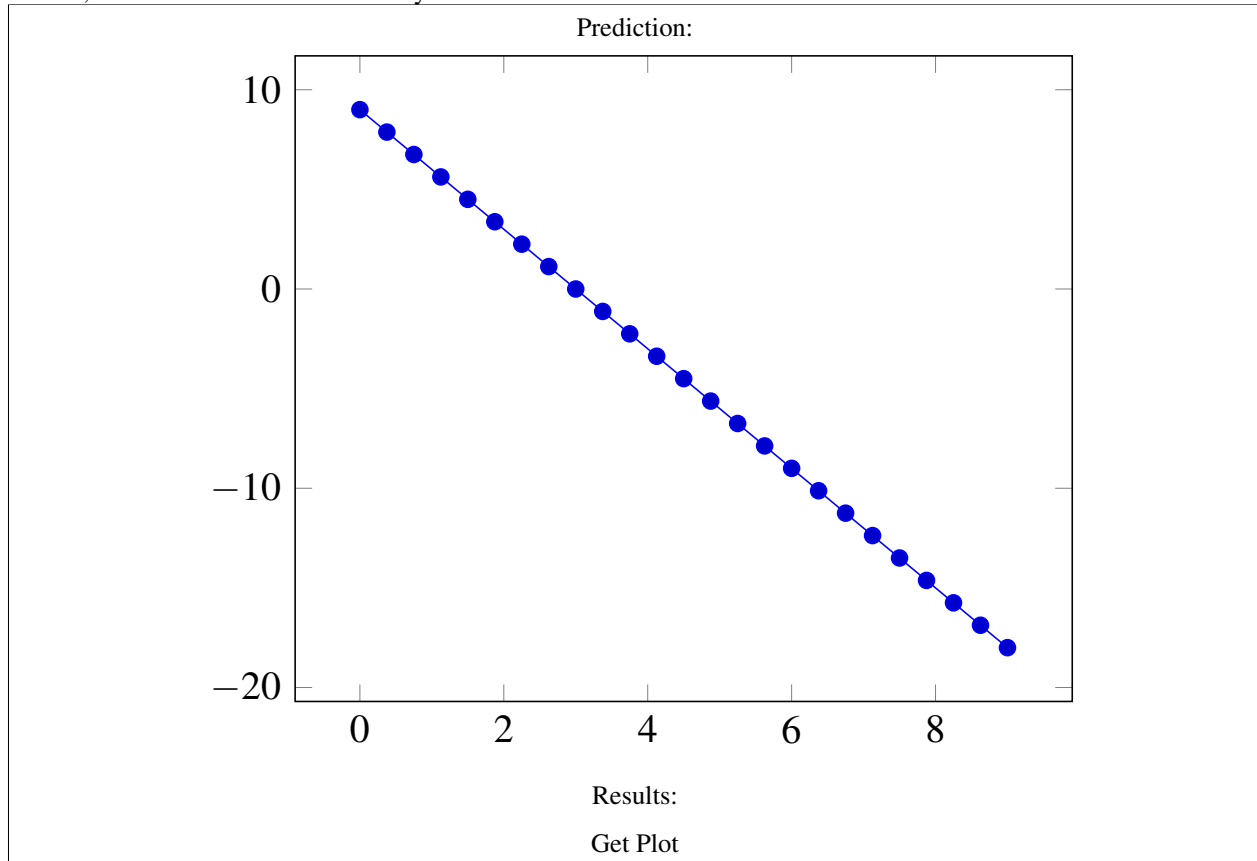
6.

Test your prediction: Collect data for fast, steady motion away the detector.

Get plot.

7,8.

Predict, then collect data for fast steady motion toward the detector.



9.

Summarize the results of your observations using words such as: moving towards, moving away, fast, slow, positive slope, negative slope, steep, less steep.

Part II

10.

Predict a velocity vs time plot for slow, steady constant motion away from the detector.

11.

Now test your prediction: Collect data for slow, steady motion away from the detector.

Get plot.

12.

Predict a velocity vs time plot for slow, steady constant motion toward from the detector.

13.

Now test your prediction: Collect data for slow, steady motion toward from the detector.

Get plot.

14.

Predict a velocity vs time plot for fast, steady constant motion away from the detector.

15.

Now test your prediction: Collect data for fast, steady motion away from the detector.

Get plot.

16.

Predict a velocity vs time plot for fast, steady constant motion away from the detector.

17.

Now test your prediction: Collect data for fast, steady motion away from the detector.

Get plot.

18.

Summarize the results of your observations using words such as: moving towards, moving away, fast, slow, positive value, negative value, far from the time axis, close to the time axis.

Part III

19.

Get plot.

20.

Get plot.

21.

Get plot.

22.

Get plot.