



Things to Memorize: Motion in One Dimension

Vectors and Scalars

- Magnitude is a number that measures how big or strong something is.
- A **vector** has both magnitude and direction.
- A scalar has magnitude only (no direction).
- Vectors are written with lines over them (\vec{A}) . Scalars are not (A).

Speed and Velocity

- **Distance** (d) is a scalar that tells you how far something moved.
- **Displacement** (\vec{d}) is a vector that tells you how far it is from where something started to where it ended up, regardless of its path.
- Speed is a scalar that tells you how fast something is going.
- Velocity is a vector that tells you how fast something is going and in what direction.
- Speed and velocity tell you how far an object travels in one second.

Frames of Reference and Relative Motion

- Relative motion problems can be solved by changing your frame of reference:
 - 1. Instead of seeing the problem from a 3rd person point of view, put yourself in the situation.
 - Velocities that are directed in opposite directions in the 3rd person point of view will add.
 - Velocities that are in the same direction in the 3rd person point of view will subtract.
 - 2. Calculate the time in the 1st person point of view.
 - 3. Use the time to calculate distances in the 3rd person point of view.
- Relative motion problems can be solved by graphing.
- Relative motion problems can be solved by solving a system of equations.





Acceleration

- Acceleration tells you how much an object's speed changes in one second.
- When an object speeds up, its acceleration is in the direction of its motion.
- When an object slows down, its acceleration is opposite the direction of motion.
- Average speed and average velocity tell how something was moving during a period of time.
- Instantaneous speed and instantaneous velocity tell you how fast something is moving at a specific time.

The Kinematic Equations

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Vertical Motion

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