

# Cosmological Fluctuations in Standard and Conformal Gravity

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- Introduction and Formalism
  - Cosmological Geometries
  - Einstein Gravity
  - Perturbation Theory
  - Gauge Transformations
- Conformal Gravity

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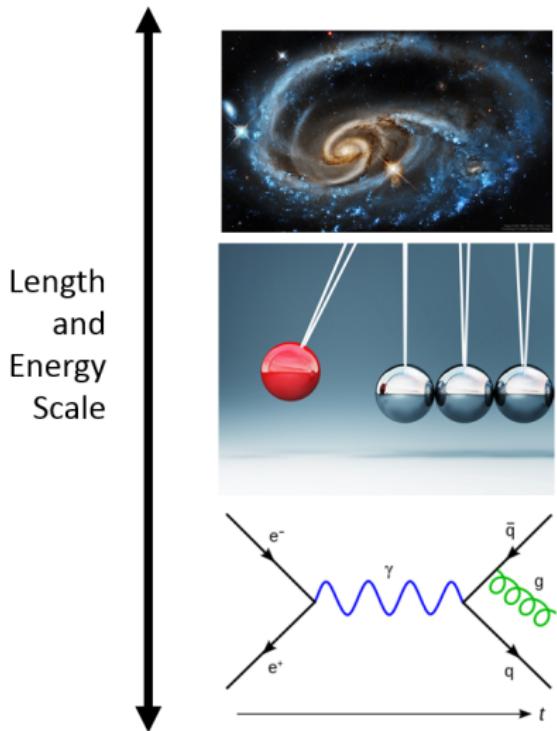
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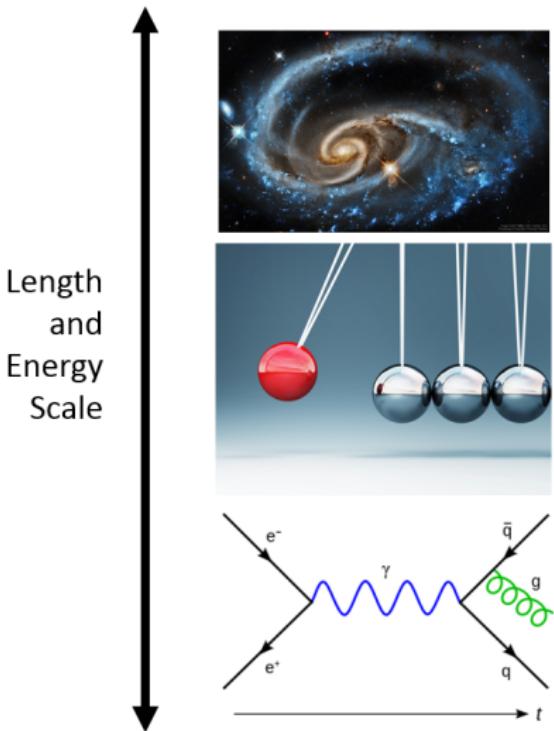
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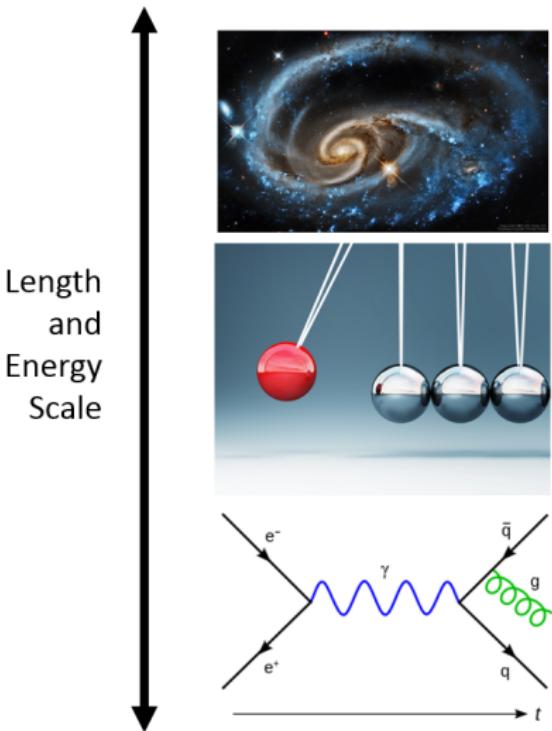
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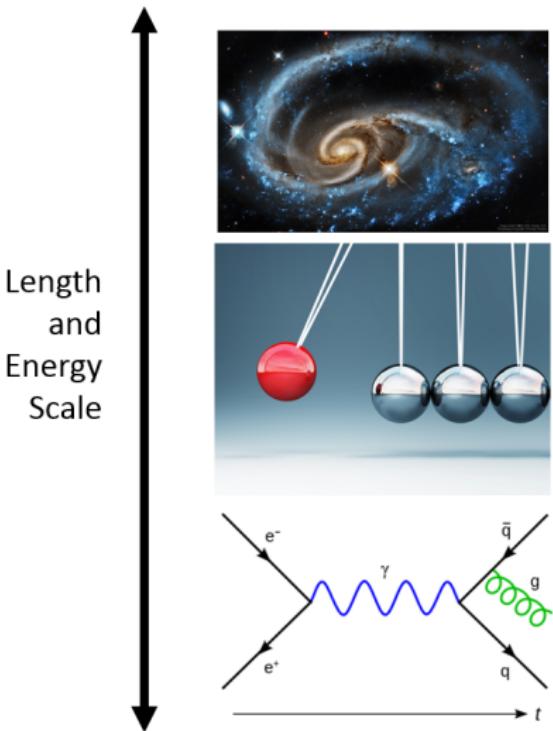
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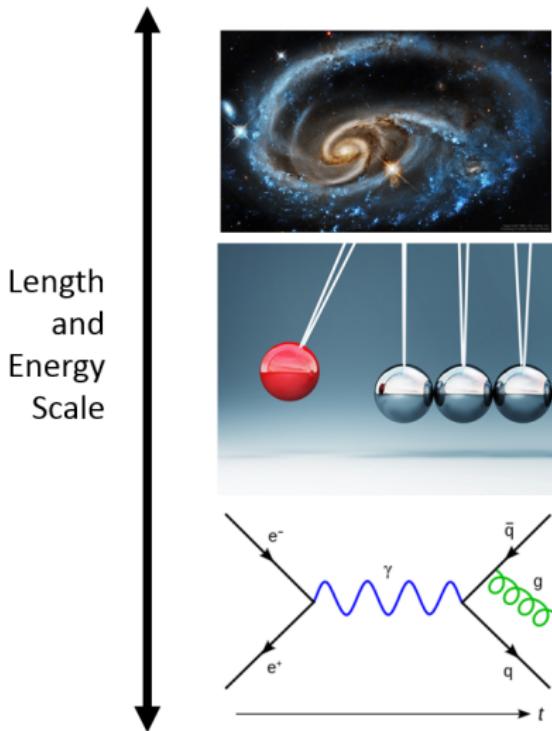


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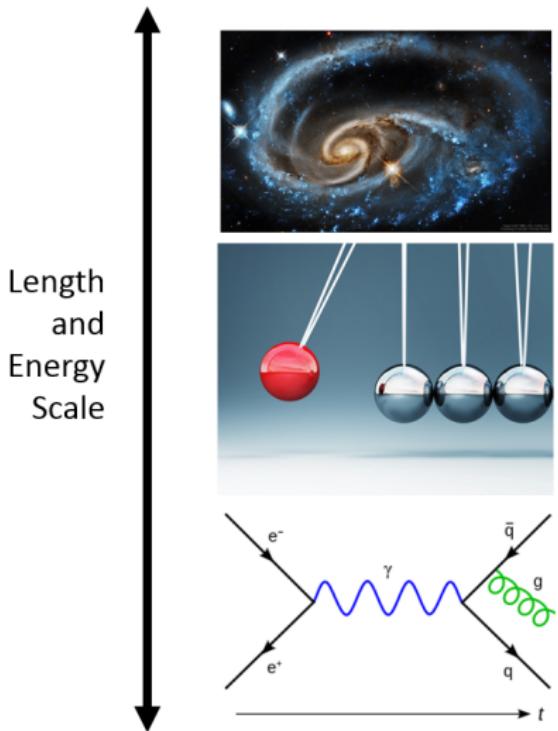
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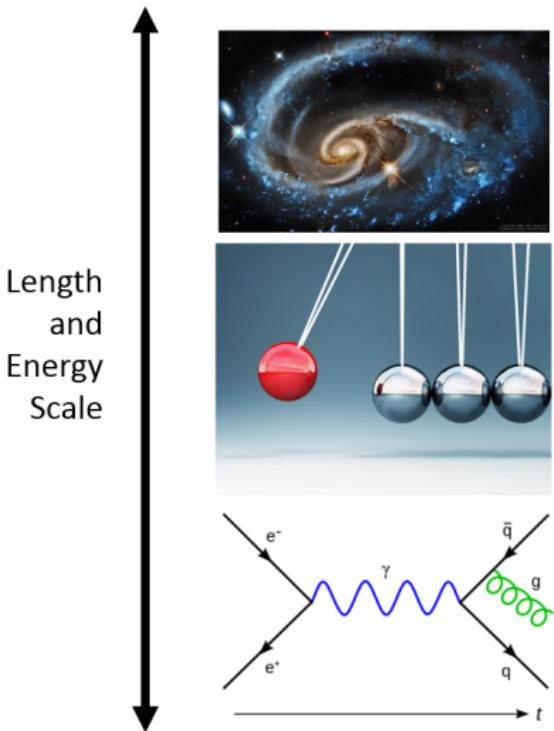
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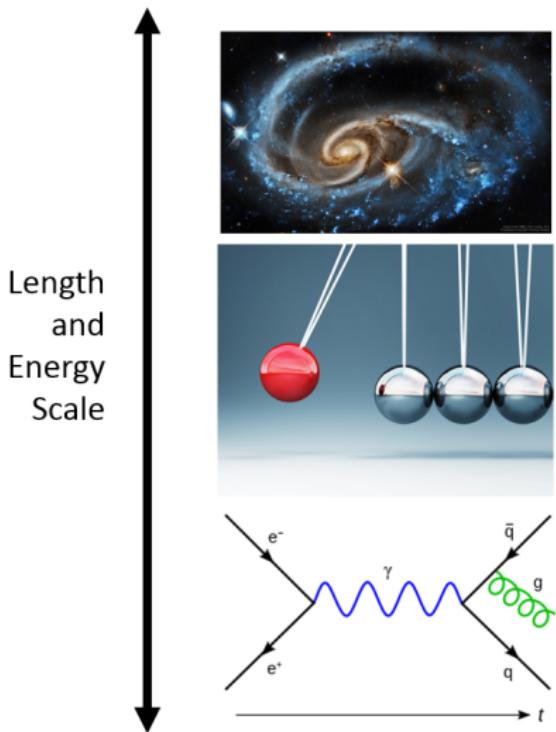
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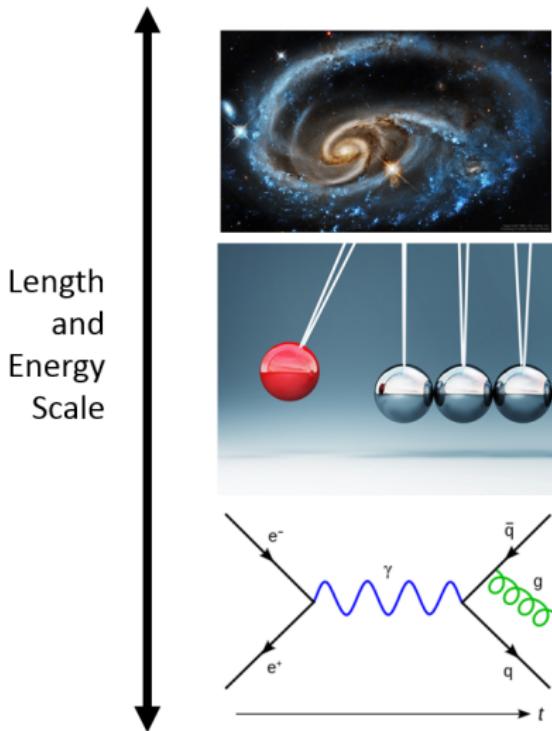
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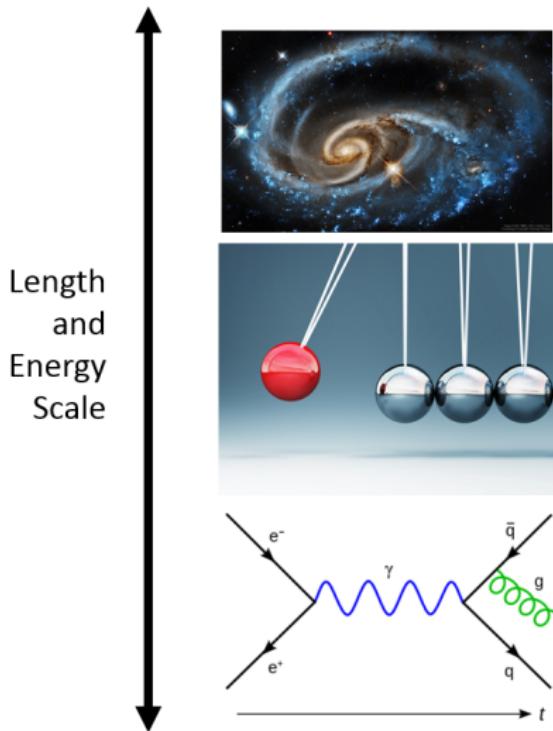
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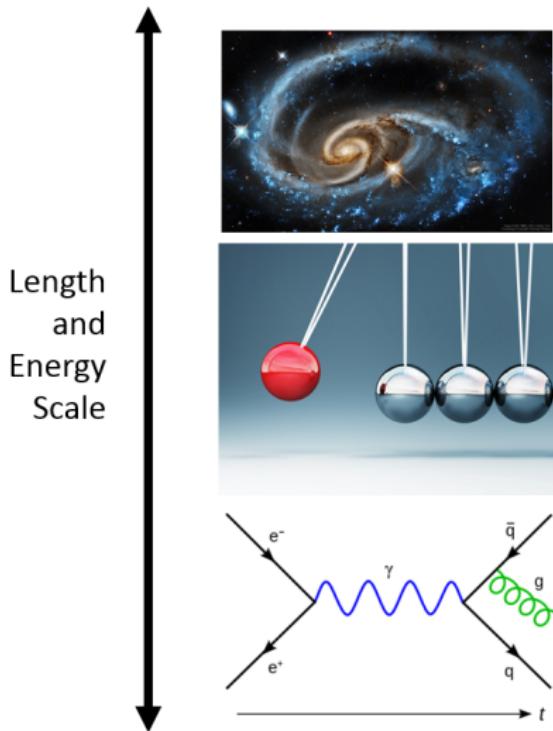
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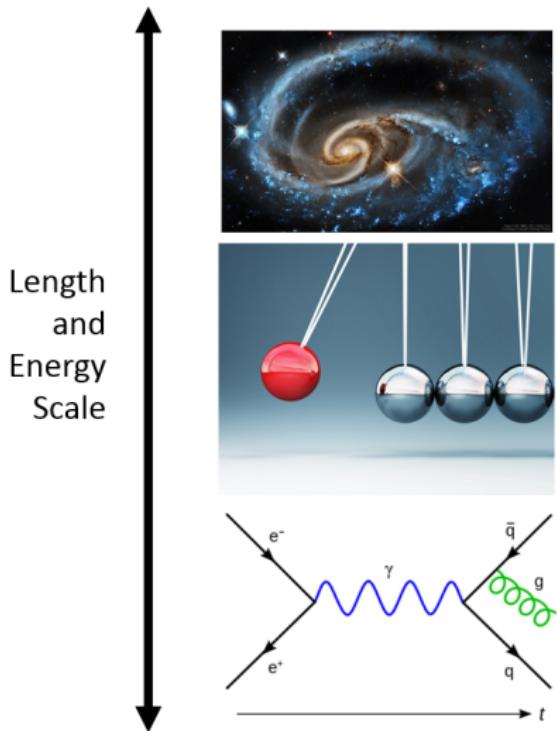
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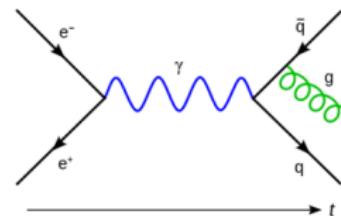
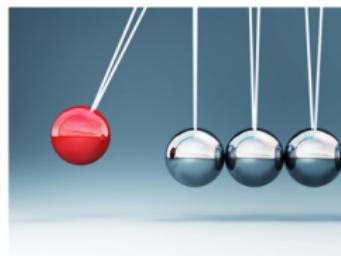
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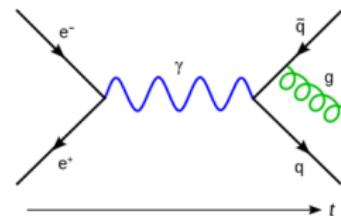
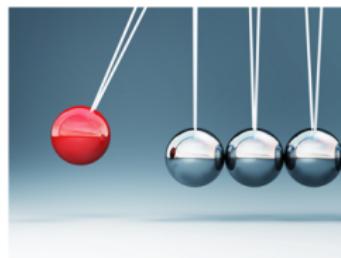
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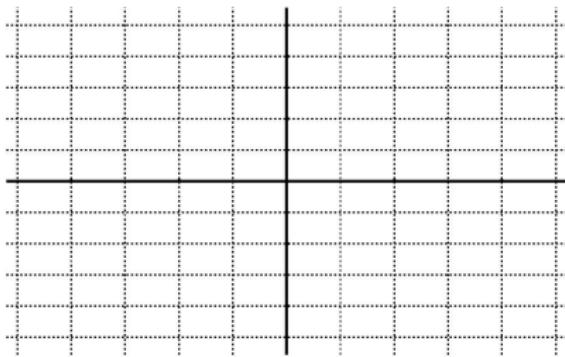
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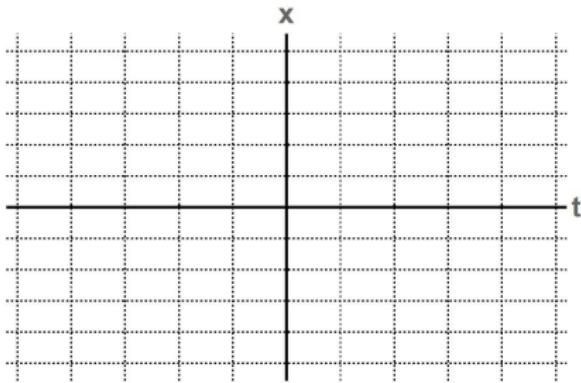
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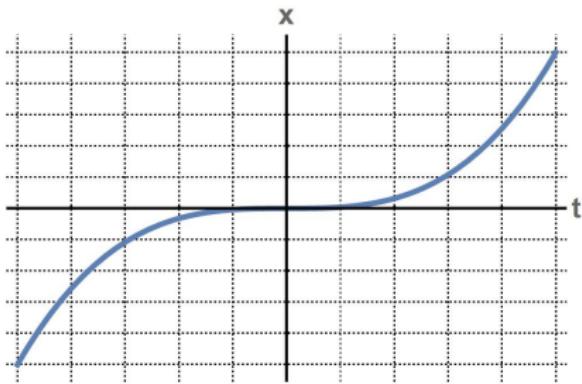
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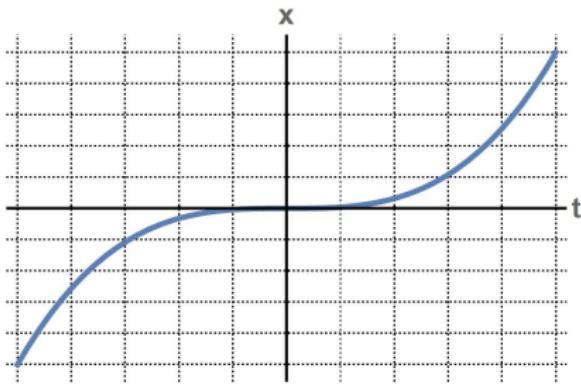
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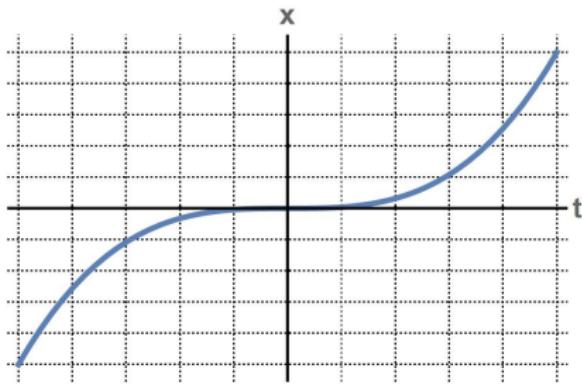


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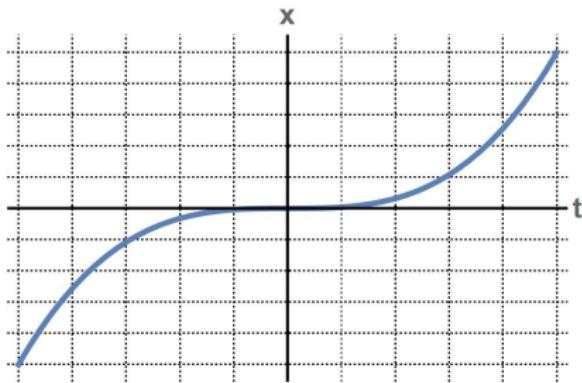
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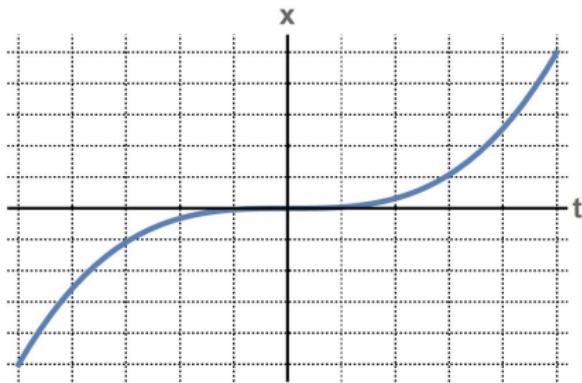
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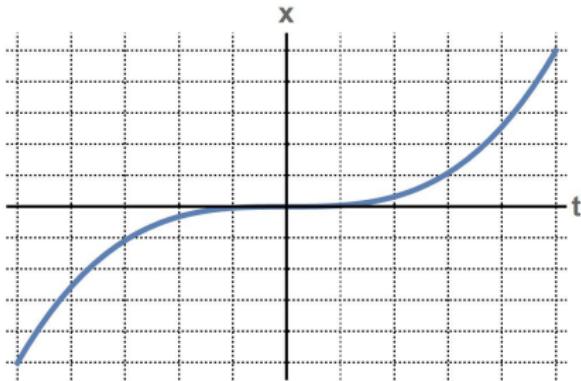
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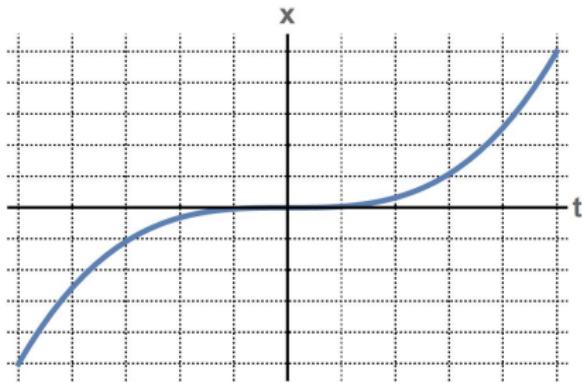
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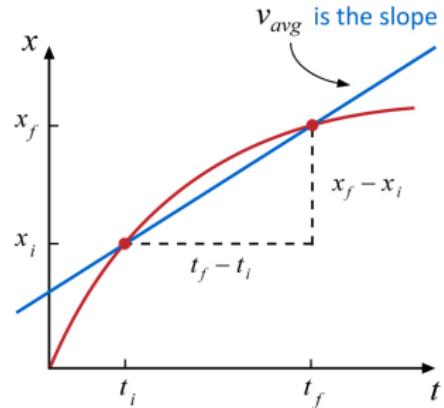


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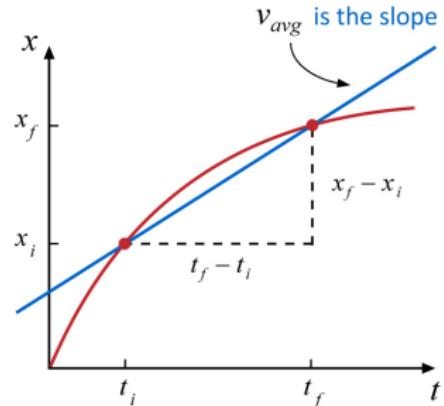


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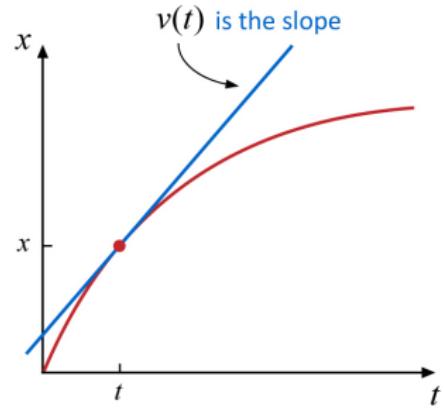
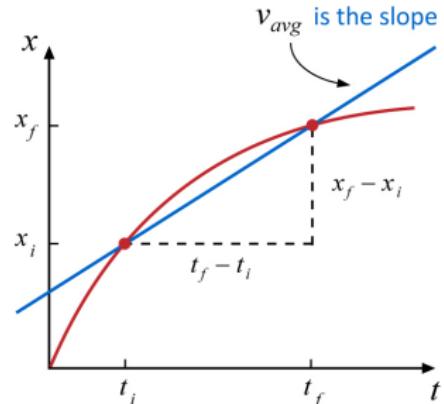
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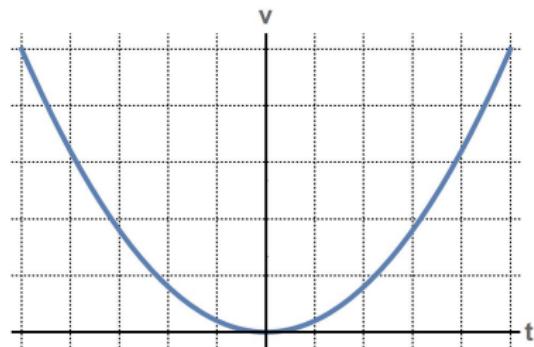
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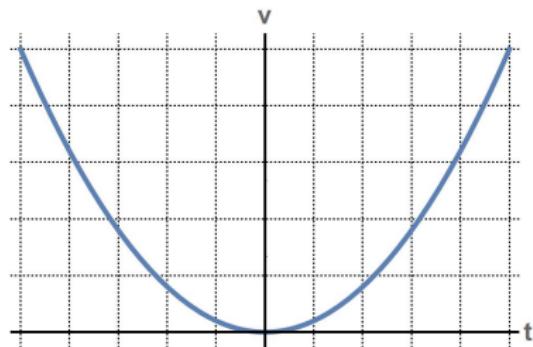
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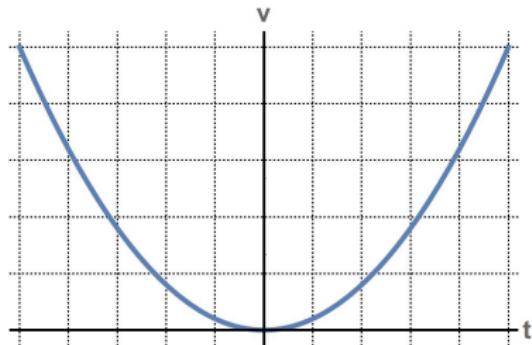
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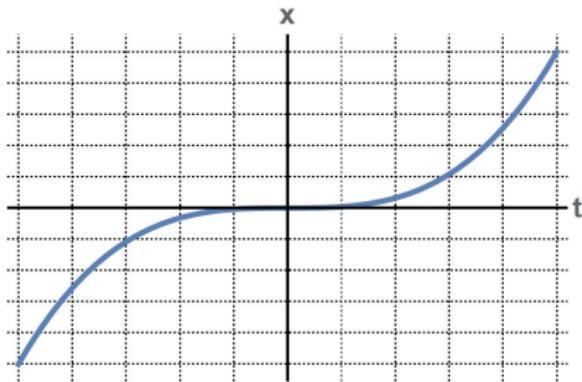
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- Displacement
- Speed
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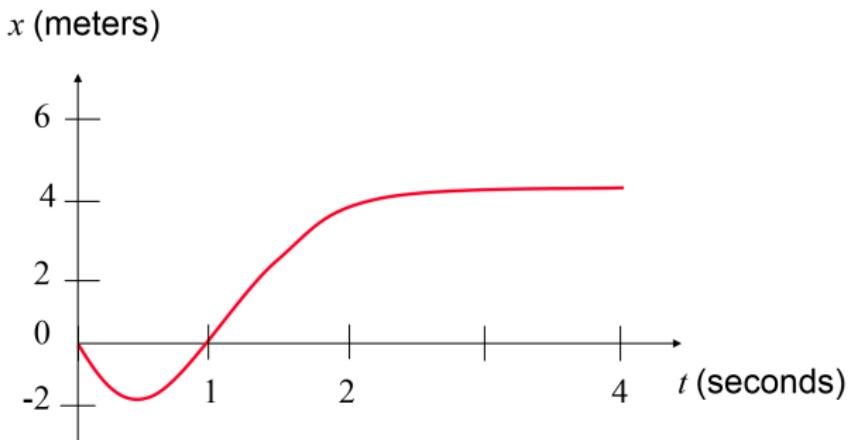
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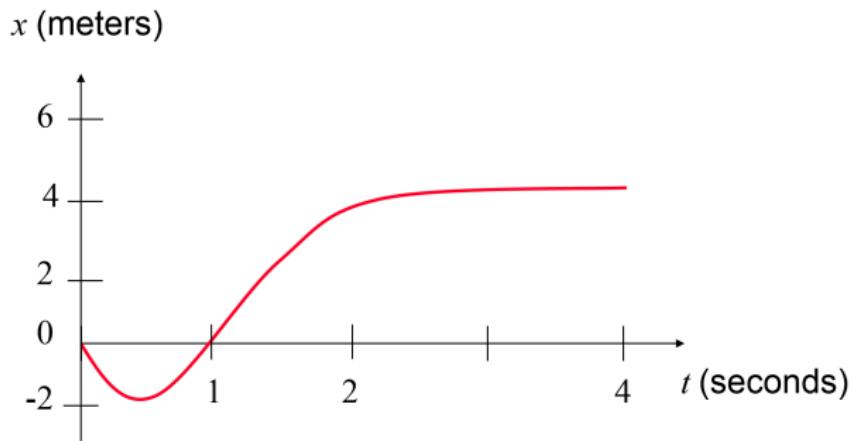
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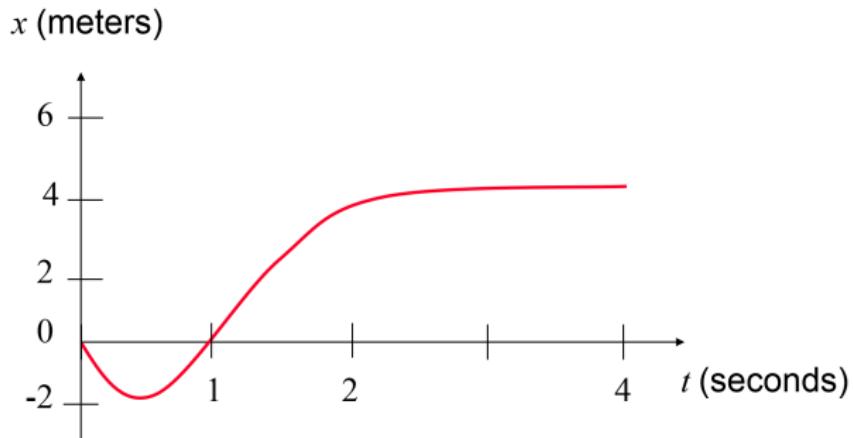
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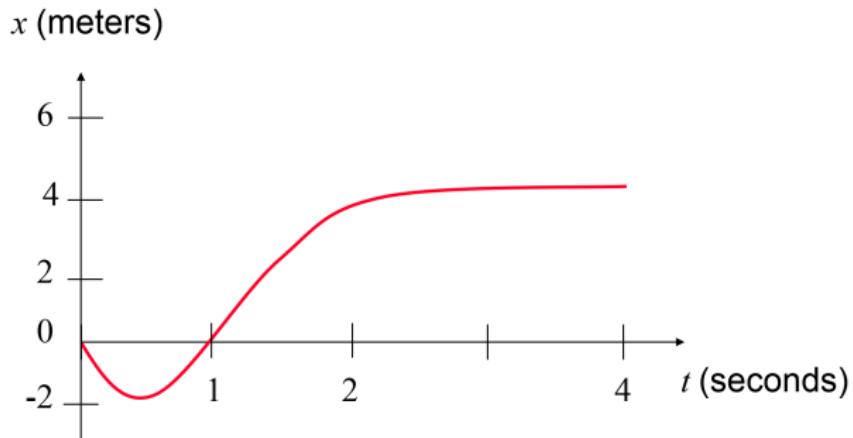
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# Calculus: Derivatives

Given  $f(x)$ ,

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \epsilon) - f(x)}{\epsilon}$$

$$f(x) = x^n \qquad \qquad \frac{df}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$$

$$f(x) = \sin(x) \qquad \qquad \frac{df}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$f(x) = \cos(x) \qquad \qquad \frac{df}{dx} = -\sin x$$

# Calculus: Integrals

Definite:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

Indefinite:

$$\int f(x) \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b x^n \, dx &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_b^a \\ &= \frac{a^{n+1}}{(n+1)} - \frac{b^{n+1}}{(n+1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)} + C$$

# 1D Kinematic Equations: Derivation

- Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
- $a = \text{constant}$
- Boundaries

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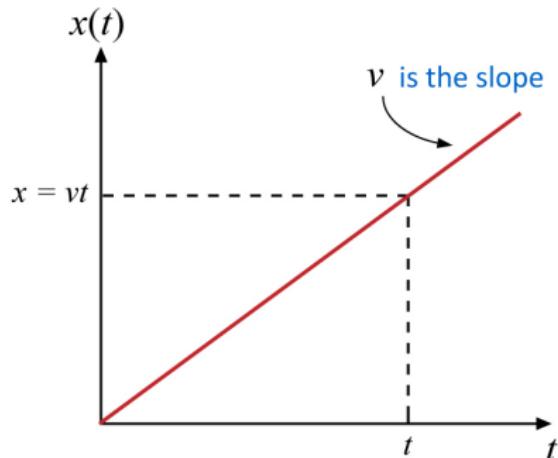
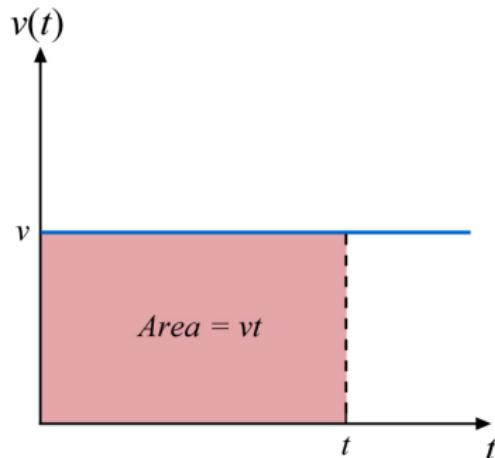
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Solve for common  $t$ :

$$2a(x - x_0) = v^2 - v_0^2$$

# Example: Velocity Integration



$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b v(t) \, dt &= \int_a^b \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) \, dt \\ &= x(b) - x(a)\end{aligned}$$

The position of a particle is given by

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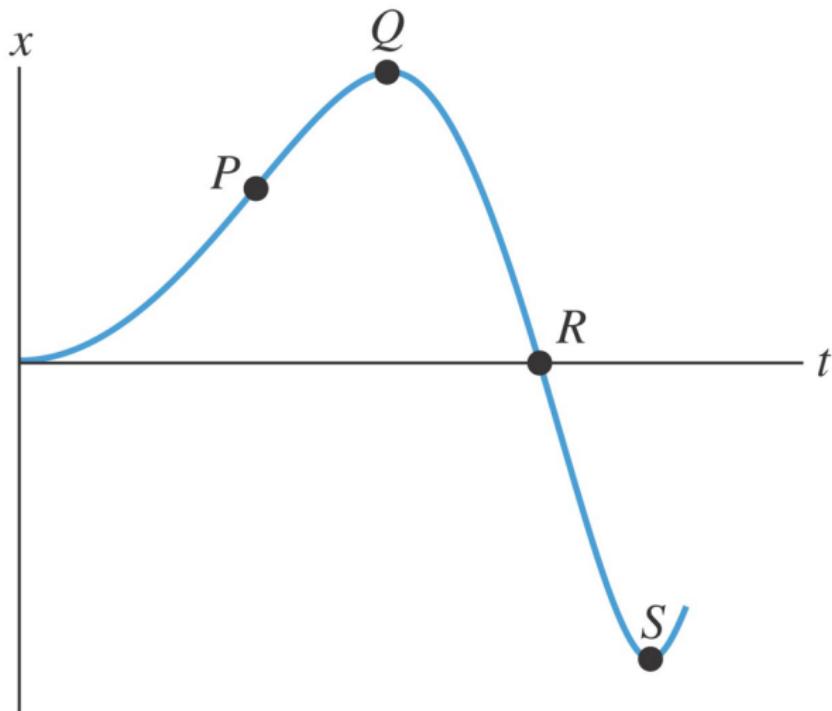
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$$x(1) = 3 \text{ m}$$

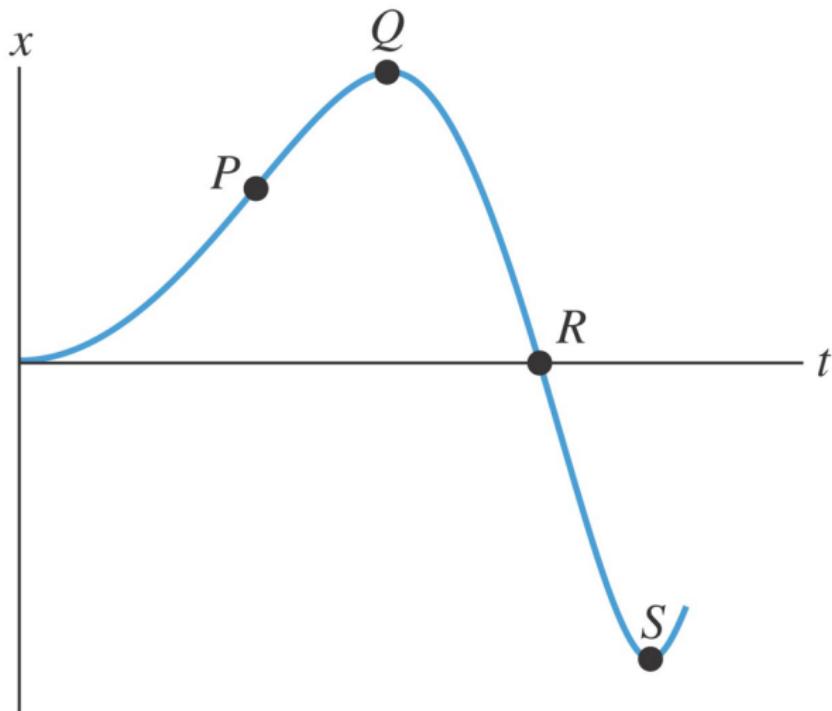
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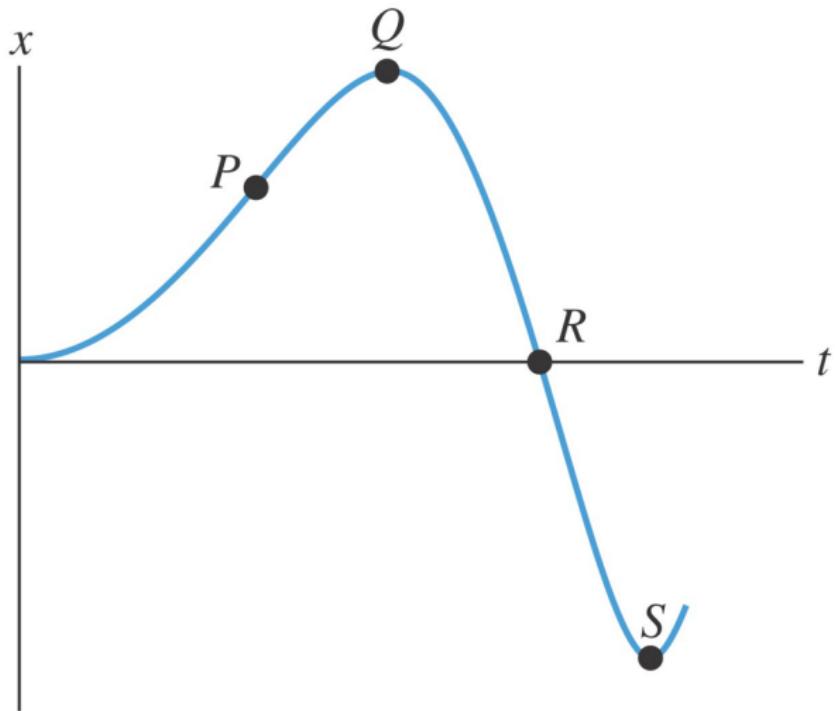
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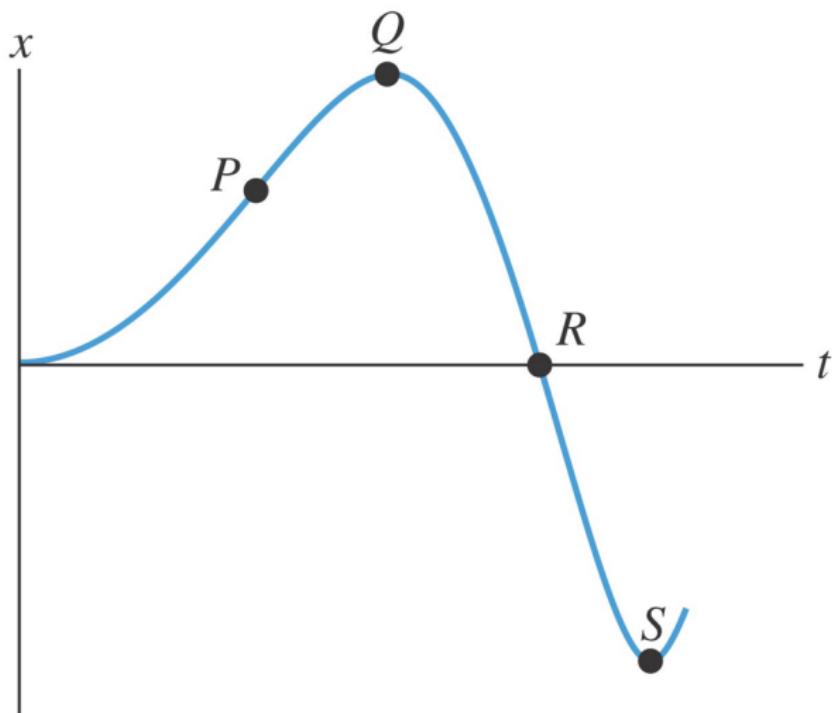
At which point does the object have maximum positive velocity?

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- (B) Q
- (C) R
- (D) S



At which point does the object have maximum positive velocity?

- (A) P
- (B) Q
- (C) R
- (D) S



## Example: Vertical Ball Throw

A ball is thrown upward vertically from an initial height of 5 m and with an initial velocity of 10 m/s. Determine  $x(t)$ ,  $v(t)$ , and the maximum height the ball reaches.

What time does it hit the ground?

# Reminders

- 1D Kinematics Homework due Tuesday Sep. 4 (11:59PM)
- Vectors and 2D Kinematics Prelecture and Checkpoint due Wednesday Sep. 5 (11:25 AM)
- Lab begins week of Sep. 10
  - Lab Notebook
  - Safety Glasses
  - Ruler/Calculator