

A car is travelling along a straight horizontal road. The car takes 120 s to travel between two sets of traffic lights which are 2145 m apart. The car starts from rest at the first set of traffic lights and moves with constant acceleration for 30 s until its speed is 22 m s⁻¹. The car maintains this speed for T seconds. The car then moves with constant deceleration, coming to rest at the second set of traffic lights.

(a) Sketch, in the space below, a speed-time graph for the motion of the car between the two sets of traffic lights.

(b) Find the value of T .

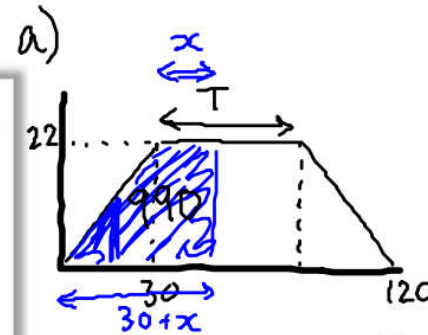
$$T = 75$$

A motorcycle leaves the first set of traffic lights 10 s after the car has left the first set of traffic lights. The motorcycle moves from rest with constant acceleration, a m s⁻², and passes the car at the point A which is 990 m from the first set of traffic lights. When the motorcycle passes the car, the car is moving with speed 22 m s⁻¹.

(c) Find the time it takes for the motorcycle to move from the first set of traffic lights to the point A .

(d) Find the value of a .

You won't likely have the knowledge for (d) yet...



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$$b) \text{ Area} = 2145$$

$$2145 = \frac{1}{2}(T+120) \times 22$$

$$2145 = 11(T+120)$$

$$195 = T+120$$

$$T = 75$$

c) Mot 990m
Car 990m

time for car = ?

d)

$$990 = \frac{1}{2}(x+30+x) \times 22$$

$$990 = 11(2x+30)$$

$$90 = 2x+30$$

$$x = 30$$

Car 60 seconds
Motor. 50 seconds

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A car is moving on a straight horizontal road. At time $t = 0$, the car is moving with speed 20 m s^{-1} and is at the point A . The car maintains the speed of 20 m s^{-1} for 25 s . The car then moves with constant deceleration 0.4 m s^{-2} , reducing its speed from 20 m s^{-1} to 8 m s^{-1} . The car then moves with constant speed 8 m s^{-1} for 60 s . The car then moves with constant acceleration until it is moving with speed 20 m s^{-1} at the point B .

(a) Sketch a speed-time graph to represent the motion of the car from A to B .

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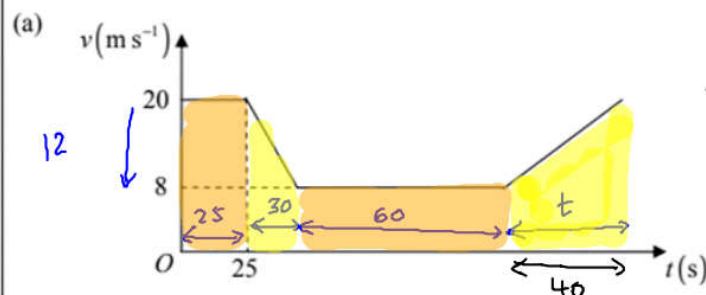
(b) Find the time for which the car is decelerating.

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Given that the distance from A to B is 1960 m ,

(c) find the time taken for the car to move from A to B .

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(b) $v = u + at \Rightarrow 8 = 20 - 0.4t$

$12 \div 0.4 = 30 \quad t = 30 \text{ (s)}$

(c) Area

$1960 = (25 \times 20) + (30 \times 8) + (\frac{1}{2} \times 30 \times 12) + (60 \times 8) + 8 \times t + \frac{1}{2} \times t \times 12$

$1960 = 25 \times 20 + \frac{1}{2} (20 + 8) \times 30 + 60 \times 8 + \frac{1}{2} (8 + 20) t$

$1960 = 500 + 240 + 180 + 480 + 14t \quad t = 40$

$T = 115 + 40$

$= 155$

know that:
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20, 8, 25

B1
B1
B1
(3)

M1
A1
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M1A3 ft
(2, 1, 0)

DM1 A1

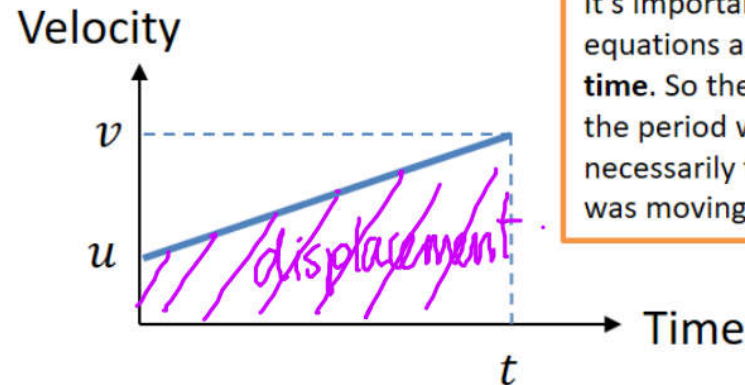
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SUVAT Equations (Part 1)

When there is **constant acceleration**, there are a variety of formulae which relate the following 5 quantities:

s: displacement
u: initial velocity
v: final velocity
a: acceleration
t: time



It's important you recognise these equations are for a **specific interval of time**. So the time t is the duration of the period we're considering, not necessarily the time since the object was moving.

Each SUVAT equation we will see involves 4 of the 5 quantities. Typically in a problem we'll know 3 of the quantities and we wish to find an unknown 4th quantity. We therefore select the appropriate equation.

Using the gradient of the graph (which we know is acceleration):

$$a = \frac{v-u}{t} \rightarrow \text{pencil} \quad v = u + at$$

You are expected to be able to **prove** each SUVAT question using the above graph.

Using the area under the graph (which we know gives distance):

$$\text{pencil} \quad s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2} \right) t$$

Memorisation Tip: This formula is effectively "distance = average speed \times time" which you knew from GCSE.

A cyclist is travelling along a straight road. She accelerates at a constant rate from a velocity of 4 ms^{-1} to a velocity of 7.5 ms^{-1} in 40 seconds. Find:

- (a) the distance she travels in these 40 seconds
- (b) her acceleration in these 40 seconds.

$$\begin{aligned} t &= 40 \\ u &= 4 \\ v &= 7.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$s = ?$$

$$a = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } s &= \left(\frac{u+v}{2} \right) t \\ &= \left(\frac{4+7.5}{2} \right) 40 \\ &= 230 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } v &= u + at \\ 7.5 &= 4 + 40a \\ 7.5 - 4 &= 40a \\ a &= \frac{3.5}{40} = 0.0875 \text{ ms}^{-2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.088 \text{ ms}^{-2} (2 \text{ sf})}}. \end{aligned}$$

A particle moves in a straight line from a point A to a point B with a constant deceleration 1.5 ms^{-2} . The velocity of the particle at A is 8 ms^{-1} and the velocity of the particle at B is 2 ms^{-1} . Find:

- (a) the time taken for the particle to move from A to B .
- (b) the distance from A to B .

After reaching B the particle continues to move along the straight line with constant deceleration 1.5 ms^{-2} . The particle is at the point C 6 seconds after passing through the point A . Find:

- (c) the velocity of the particle at C .
- (d) The distance from A to C .

As stated before, think about what period of time we're considering.

$\xrightarrow{8}$
 $\xrightarrow{-1.5}$
 $\xrightarrow{2}$
 $A \text{ ----- } B$

a)

$$a = -1.5$$

$$u = 8$$

$$v = 2$$

$$t = ?$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$2 = 8 - 1.5t$$

$$1.5t = 8 - 2$$

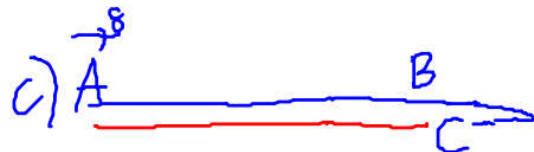
$$t = \frac{6}{1.5} = 4 \text{ secs.}$$

b) $s = ?$

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2} \right) t$$

$$s = \left(\frac{8+2}{2} \right) 4$$

$$s = \underline{\underline{20 \text{ m}}}$$



A to C

$$a = -1.5$$

$$t = 6$$

$$u = 8$$

$$v = ?$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$= 8 - 1.5 \times 6$$

$$v = \underline{\underline{-1 \text{ ms}^{-1}}}$$

So at C , the particle has started travelling back towards A .

d)

$$s = ?$$

$$u = 8$$

$$v = -1$$

$$t = 6$$

$$s = \left(\frac{8-1}{2} \right) 6$$

$$s = \underline{\underline{21 \text{ m}}}$$

Your Turn

A car moves from traffic lights along a straight road with constant acceleration. The car starts from rest at the traffic lights and 30 second later the car passes a speed-trap where it is registered as travelling at 45 km h^{-1} . Find:

- (a) the acceleration of the car
- (b) the distance between the traffic lights and the speed-trap.

$$45 \text{ km h}^{-1} = 45000 \text{ m h}^{-1} = \frac{45000}{60} \text{ m min}^{-1} = \frac{45000}{60 \times 60} \text{ m s}^{-1} = 12.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$u = 0$$

$$v = 12.5$$

$$t = 30$$

$$a = ?$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$12.5 = 0 + 30a$$

$$a = \frac{12.5}{30} = \frac{5}{12} \text{ m s}^{-2} = \underline{\underline{0.42 \text{ m s}^{-2}}} \text{ (2sf)}$$

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2} \right) t = \left(\frac{0+12.5}{2} \right) 30 = 187.5 \text{ m} = \underline{\underline{190 \text{ m}}} \text{ (2sf)}$$