What is Motion?

Motion means change in position of an object with time.

If an object changes its position compared to a reference point, it is said to be in motion.

Examples:

- Birds flying
- Cars moving
- Atoms vibrating
- Earth revolving around the Sun
- **□ Important Note:** Motion is relative a person inside a moving bus sees fellow passengers at rest but a person standing outside sees the whole bus moving.
- **Activity 7.1:** Are walls moving or at rest?
- → Depends on reference point.
- → The nearby train is moving; it's a relative perception.

7.1 Describing Motion

To describe motion, we use a reference point (origin) and say how far & in which direction something is located.

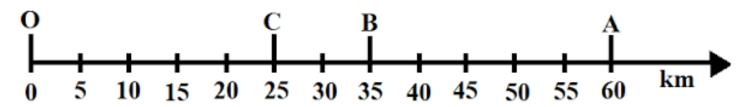
Example:

School is 2 km north of the railway station → railway station is the reference point.

7.1.1 Motion Along a Straight Line

Motion in one direction (straight path) is the simplest type.

- Distance: Total path length travelled (no direction involved).
- Displacement: Shortest distance from starting to final position (includes direction).
- Activity 7.3: Walk along basketball court sides, then measure actual straight-line distance (displacement).
- → Displacement is shorter.



 \blacksquare Fig. 7.1: Object moving on straight line path (O → A → B → C)

- Key point:

Displacement can be zero even if distance \neq 0. (e.g., going from 0 to A and back to 0 \rightarrow displacement = 0)

7.1.2 Uniform & Non-uniform Motion

Uniform Motion:

Object covers equal distances in equal intervals of time. (e.g., 5 m in every second)

Non-uniform Motion:

Object covers unequal distances in equal time intervals. (e.g., moving in traffic)

- **Activity 7.5:** Examine Table 7.1 and identify uniform/non-uniform motion.
- Table 7.1 Motion data of object A & B

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7.2 Measuring the Rate of Motion

Speed:

Distance travelled per unit time Speed = Distance / Time

Units: m/s, km/h, cm/s

Average Speed:

= Total distance travelled / Total time taken

Velocity:

Speed in a given direction.

If direction changes, velocity changes even if speed is same.

Formula:

Average Velocity = (Initial velocity + Final velocity) / 2 $v_{av} = (u + v)/2$

- ₫ Activity 7.6: Walk from home to bus stop. Estimate distance using your average speed.
- Example: Usha swims 180 m in 1 min round trip →

 Average Speed = 3 m/s, Average Velocity = 0 m/s (displacement = 0)

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7.3 Rate of Change of Velocity (Acceleration)

Acceleration:

Change in velocity per unit time

Formula:

a = (v - u)/t

- Positive if speed increases
- Negative if speed decreases (deceleration)
- Units: m/s²
- **Example**:

Rahul accelerates to 6 m/s in 30 s \rightarrow a = 0.2 m/s² Then decelerates to 4 m/s in 5 s \rightarrow a = -0.4 m/s²

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7.4 Graphical Representation of Motion

Graphs show how one quantity changes with another (like speed with time).

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◆ 7.4.1 Distance-Time Graph

For Uniform Motion: Straight line

For Non-uniform Motion: Curved line

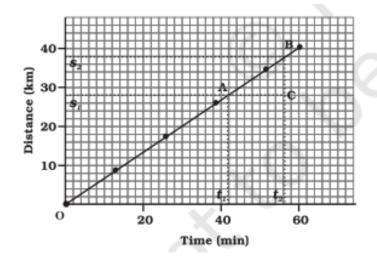
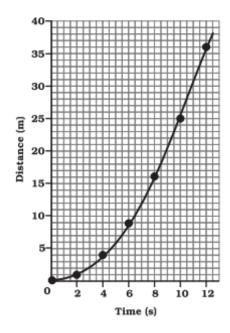


Fig. 7.3 – Distance-time graph for uniform motion



™ Fig. 7.4 – Distance-time graph for non-uniform motion

◆ 7.4.2 Velocity-Time Graph

For Uniform Motion: Horizontal straight line (constant velocity)

For Uniform Acceleration: Straight inclined line

Area under graph = distance/displacement

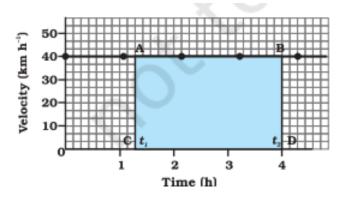
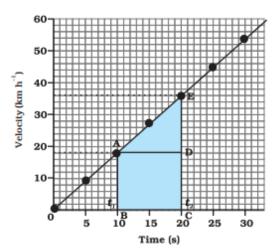


Fig. 7.5 − Velocity-time graph for constant velocity



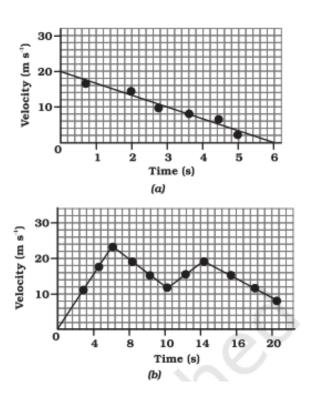


Fig. 7.7 – Graphs for non-uniform acceleration

₫ Activity 7.9: Plot train travel between A-B-C and interpret using distance-time graph

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7.5 Equations of Motion

For motion with uniform acceleration:

- 1 v = u + at
- $2 s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

Where:

- u = initial velocity
- v = final velocity
- s = displacement
- a = acceleration
- t = time

Example:

Train accelerates from 0 to 72 km/h in 5 min

- \rightarrow a = 1/15 m/s²
- \rightarrow s = 3 km
- 🚅 Activity 7.10: Compare distance-time for Feroz vs Sania using graph

7.6 Uniform Circular Motion

Definition:

Motion in a circular path with constant speed but changing direction.

Even if speed is constant, direction keeps changing → acceleration exists!

I Speed in a circle = (2πr)/t

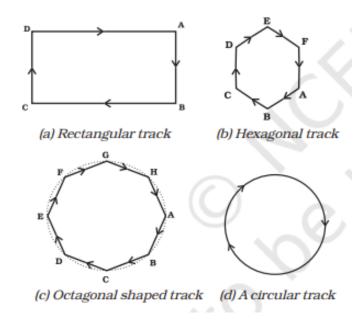


Fig. 7.8 – Different shaped tracks

Activity 7.11: Swing stone in circular path, release, observe it flies tangentially → direction was constantly changing during circular motion.

Examples of circular motion:

- Moon revolving around Earth
- Earth orbiting Sun
- Cyclist on a circular track
- Satellites, hammer throw, etc.

듣 Summary – What You Have Learnt:

- Motion = change in position with time
- Distance ≠ Displacement
- Speed is scalar, velocity is vector
- Acceleration = change in velocity/time
- Uniform motion = equal distance in equal time
- Circular motion with constant speed = accelerated motion
- Equations of motion describe uniformly accelerated motion
- Graphs help understand motion patterns

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