

1. 1D Motion

Note:

The little arrow on top of a letter means vector.

- A particle's position in one dimension is given by the ~~scalar~~ \vec{x} .
vector
- Displacement is the change in position over some interval:

$$\Delta \vec{x} = \vec{x}_f - \vec{x}_i \quad f = \text{final} \quad i = \text{initial} \quad \Delta \vec{x} = \text{displacement}$$

Note: In one dimension, a vector's direction is given by positive or negative sign.

- The average velocity of a particle $\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t}$
- As $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{dx}{dt}$ = instantaneous speed of a particle.
- Average acceleration of a particle is

$$\vec{a}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}, \quad \vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \vec{a}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Ex. problem: A jet plane lands at 63 m/s, what is its acceleration (assume constant) if it stops in two seconds?

$$\vec{a}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{0 \text{ m/s} - 63 \text{ m/s}}{2 \text{ s}} = -31.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Certain equations follow when a particle undergoes constant acceleration:

1) $V_f = V_i + at$ OMG This looks like average velocity!!

2) $\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (V_i + V_f) t$

3) $\Delta x = V_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$

4) $V_f^2 = V_i^2 + 2a \cdot \Delta x$

Try to prove these yourself but if stuck check next page!

You will need to memorize these!!!

Proofs for Kinematics Equations (Acceleration Constant)

$$1) a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t - 0}$$

$$v_f - v_i = a t \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_f = v_i + a t$$

Note: variable with line on top indicates average.

2) For constant acceleration, velocity $\propto t$ thus average velocity is just average of initial and final velocities.

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{2}(v_i + v_f)$$

$$\Delta x = \bar{v} t = \frac{1}{2}(v_i + v_f) t$$

3) Just sub equation one into equation two.

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}(v_i + (v_i + a t)) t$$

$$\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

4) Sub t from Eq. 1 into Eq. 2

$$x_f = x_i + \frac{1}{2}(v_i + v_f) \left(\frac{v_f - v_i}{a} \right)$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{v_f^2 - v_i^2}{2a}$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a \Delta x$$

Ex problem: A boy drops a ball from 10 ~~00~~ meters. Gravity acts as $g = -10 \text{ m/s}^2$. How long does the ball take to hit the ground?

$$v_i = 0, \Delta x = -10 \text{ meters}$$

$$g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$-10 = 0 \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10 \cdot t^2$$

$$-10 = -5 t^2$$

$$t^2 = 2 \quad t = \sqrt{2} \text{ seconds}$$

1. Dimensional Analysis

1. A particle is thrown into the air from ground level height $h = 0$ with upward velocity v . Which of the following gives the height of the particle at time t from launch?
 - a. $h(t) = v \cdot t - \frac{1}{2}gt$
 - b. $h(t) = v \cdot t^2 - \frac{1}{2}gt$
 - c. $h(t) = v \cdot t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
 - d. $h(t) = v \cdot t^2 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
2. Newton's second law of motion states $F = ma$, what are the dimensions of F (force) in basic dimensions?
3. Challenge question! The universal law of gravitation states $F_{gravity} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{R^2}$, where $F_{gravity}$ is a force, and m_1 and m_2 are masses, and R is a distance. What are the units of the gravitational constant G ?

4. Super extra bonus challenge question! (From a past F=ma exam but it's really easy and you should be able to do it)

Inspired by a problem from the 2012 International Physics Olympiad, Estonia.

A very large number of small particles forms a spherical cloud. Initially they are at rest, have uniform mass density per unit volume ρ_0 , and occupy a region of radius r_0 . The cloud collapses due to gravitation; the particles do not interact with each other in any other way.

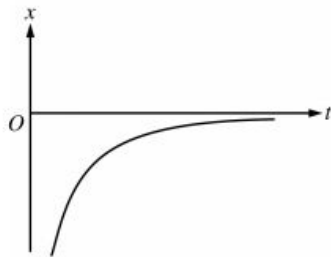
How much time passes until the cloud collapses fully? (The constant 0.5427 is actually $\sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{32}}$.)

- (A) $\frac{0.5427}{r_0^2 \sqrt{G\rho_0}}$
- (B) $\frac{0.5427}{r_0 \sqrt{G\rho_0}}$
- (C) $\frac{0.5427}{\sqrt{r_0} \sqrt{G\rho_0}}$
- (D) $\frac{0.5427}{\sqrt{G\rho_0}}$
- (E) $\frac{0.5427}{\sqrt{G\rho_0}} r_0$

(Use the backside if you need to for this one)

2. Dimensional Analysis

- A boy throws a ball upward from the ground ($h = 0\text{m}$) with velocity $v = 10\text{m/s}$ and acceleration due to gravity $g = -10\text{m/s}^2$
 - Calculate the time it takes for the ball to get to the highest point of its motion.
 - Calculate the maximum height the ball reaches.
 - Calculate the velocity of the ball once it hits the ground again.
- A boy stands on the edge of a building. He throws a ball upward with velocity $v = 10\text{m/s}$ and the ball hits the ground after 10 seconds. How high is the cliff?
- Some easy money AP test questions. Assume $g = 9.8\text{ m/s}^2$ for these question.



The position x as a function of time t for an object moving in a straight line is shown in the graph above. Which of the following best describes the object's speed and direction of motion during the time interval shown?

<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction of Motion</u>
(A) Decreasing	Positive
(B) Increasing	Positive
(C) Constant	Positive
(D) Decreasing	Negative
(E) Increasing	Negative

Which of the following statements must be true for a falling object that has been dropped from rest near the surface of Earth?

- The derivative of the distance the object falls with respect to time equals 9.8 m/s^2 .
- The object falls a vertical distance of 9.8 m during the first second only.
- The object falls a vertical distance of 9.8 m during each second.
- The speed of the object as it falls is a constant 9.8 m/s.
- The speed of the object increases by 9.8 m/s during each second.

The position x of an object is given as a function of time t by the equation $x = 8 + 4t - 6t^3$, where x is in meters and t is in seconds. What is the maximum positive velocity attained by this object?

- 4 m/s
- 8 m/s
- 18 m/s
- 36 m/s
- There is no maximum positive velocity because the object never moves in the positive direction.

4. Challenge question (it's p hard lol dw if you can't do it [first question on an old $f=ma$ test])

An observer stands on the side of the front of a stationary train. When the train starts moving with constant acceleration, it takes 5 seconds for the first car to pass the observer. How long will it take for the 10th car to pass?

- (A) 1.07s
- (B) 0.98s
- (C) 0.91s
- (D) 0.86s
- (E) 0.81s