

Acceleration

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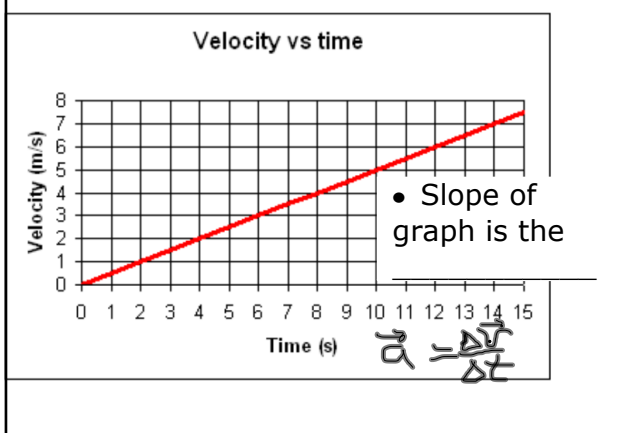
Acceleration - Change in velocity divided by the time interval in which the change occurred.

Any change in velocity results in an acceleration.

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direction

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Graph of Acceleration



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- Constant Acceleration - the acceleration of a body does not change.
- Average acceleration - the acceleration of a body over a time interval.
- Instantaneous acceleration - value at that moment.
 - Will work with constant acceleration only

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$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{(\text{initial velocity} - \text{final velocity})}{\text{time}}$$

$$a = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t}$$

Units of (m/s)/s or ft/s/s

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Acceleration example

A car goes from 5 m/s to 2 m/s in 20 s. Find the average acceleration of the car.

Given: $v_i = 5\text{m/s}$ $v_f = 2\text{m/s}$ $t = 20\text{ s}$

$$\text{Equation: } a = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t}$$

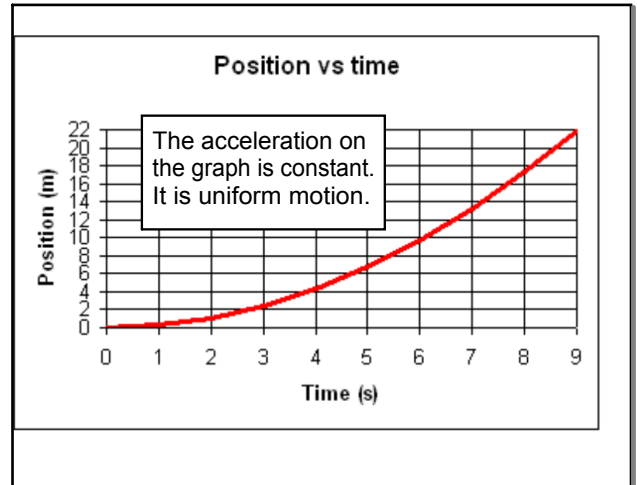
$$\text{Solve: } a = \frac{(2-5)}{20\text{s}} = \frac{-3}{20} = -0.15 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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Using Acceleration

- For objects undergoing _____ acceleration, the velocity will increase in linear amounts each second but the position of the object won't.
- Position _____ as a quadratic amount
- This happens due to the _____ change in velocity.

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$$v = \frac{x}{t} \quad a = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{t}$$

- Equations to use only if acceleration is _____

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

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

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Example Problem 1

Ima Hurryin is approaching a stoplight moving with a velocity of _____ m/s. The light turns yellow, and Ima applies the brakes and skids to a _____.

- If Ima's acceleration is -8.00 m/s^2 , how _____ does it take Ima to stop?
- Determine the _____ of the car during the skidding process.

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- How long does it take Ima to stop?

Given : $a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $v_f = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$v_i = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $t = ?$

Equation: $a = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{t}$ $t = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{a}$

Solve : $t = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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Determine the displacement of the car during the skidding process.

Given : $a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $v_f = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 $v_i = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $t = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $x = ?$

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

Solve :
 $x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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Ben Rushin is waiting at a stoplight. When it finally turns green, Ben accelerated from _____ at a rate of a 6.00 m/s^2 for _____ seconds.

- Determine the _____ of Ben's car during this time period.
- How fast is Ben going after this _____?

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Determine the _____ of Ben's car during this time period.

Given : $t = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $v_i = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 $x = ?$

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

Solve: $x =$

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How _____ is Ben going after this time?

Given : $t = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 $v_i = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $v_f = ?$

Equation: $a = (v_f - v_i) / t$ $v_f = v_i + at$

Solve: $v_f =$

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