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## Objectives -

- Describe motion in terms of frame of reference, displacement, time, and velocity.
- Calculate the displacement of an object traveling at a known velocity for a specific time interval.
- Construct and interpret graphs of position versus time.

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## One Dimensional Motion -

- To simplify the concept of motion, we will first consider motion that takes place in one direction.
- One example is the motion of a commuter train on a straight track.
- To measure motion, you must choose a frame of reference. A frame of reference is a system for specifying the precise location of objects in space and time.

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### **Frame of Reference**

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## **Displacement** -

- Displacement is a change in position.
- Displacement is not always equal to the distance traveled.
- The SI unit of displacement is the meter, m. -



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## **Displacement**

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## **Positive and Negative Displacements**



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## Average Velocity -

 Average velocity is the total displacement divided by the time interval during which the displacement occurred.

$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i}$$
  
average velocity = 
$$\frac{\text{change in position}}{\text{change in time}} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time interval}}$$

 In SI, the unit of velocity is meters per second, abbreviated as m/s.

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## **Average Velocity**

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## Velocity and Speed -

- Velocity describes motion with both a direction and a numerical value (a magnitude).
- Speed has no direction, only magnitude.
- Average speed is equal to the total distance traveled divided by the time interval.



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## Interpreting Velocity Graphically -

- For any position-time graph, we can determine the average velocity by drawing a straight line between any two points on the graph.
- If the velocity is constant, the graph of position versus time is a straight line. The slope indicates the velocity.
  - Object 1: positive slope = positive velocity
  - Object 2: zero slope= zero velocity
  - Object 3: negative slope = negative velocity



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### Interpreting Velocity Graphically, continued -

The instantaneous velocity is the velocity of an object at some instant or at a specific point in the object's path.

The instantaneous velocity at a given time can be determined by measuring the slope of the line that is tangent to that point on the position-versus-time graph.



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## **Sign Conventions for Velocity**

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## **Objectives** -

- Describe motion in terms of changing velocity.
- Compare graphical representations of accelerated and nonaccelerated motions.
- Apply kinematic equations to calculate distance, time, or velocity under conditions of constant acceleration.

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## Changes in Velocity -

 Acceleration is the rate at which velocity changes over time.

$$a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t_f - t_i}$$
  
change in velocity

average acceleration =

time required for change

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- An object accelerates if its speed, direction, or both change.
- Acceleration has direction and magnitude. Thus, acceleration is a vector quantity.



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### **Acceleration**

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## Changes in Velocity, continued -

- Consider a train moving to the right, so that the displacement and the velocity are positive.
- The slope of the velocity-time graph is the average acceleration.
  - When the velocity in the positive direction is increasing, the acceleration is positive, as at A.
  - When the velocity is constant, there is no acceleration, as at B.
  - When the velocity in the positive direction is decreasing, the acceleration is negative, as at C.



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## **Graphical Representations of Acceleration**

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### **Velocity and Acceleration**

+	+	speeding up
_	_	speeding up
+	_	slowing down
_	+	slowing down
– or +	0	constant velocity
0	– or +	speeding up from rest
0	0	remaining at rest

## Motion with Constant Acceleration

- When velocity changes by the same amount during each time interval, acceleration is constant.
- The relationships between displacement, time, velocity, and constant acceleration are expressed by the equations shown on the next slide. These equations apply to any object moving with constant acceleration.

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- These equations use the following symbols:
  - $\Delta x = displacement$
  - $v_i$  = initial velocity
  - $v_f$  = final velocity
  - $\Delta t$  = time interval

## Equations for Constantly Accelerated Straight-Line Motion

Form to use when accelerating object has an initial velocity	Form to use when accelerating object starts from rest
$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}(\nu_i + \nu_f)\Delta t$	$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} \nu_f \Delta t$
$\nu_f = \nu_i + a\Delta t$	$v_f = a\Delta t$
$\Delta x = \nu_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2$	$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2$
$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$	$v_f^2 = 2a\Delta x$

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## Sample Problem -

#### **Final Velocity After Any Displacement**

A person pushing a stroller starts from rest, uniformly accelerating at a rate of 0.500 m/s<sup>2</sup>. What is the velocity of the stroller after it has traveled 4.75 m?



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#### **Sample Problem**, *continued* -1. Define Given: $v_i = 0 \, \text{m/s}$ *a* = 0.500 m/s<sup>2</sup> -X+X $\Delta x = 4.75 \, \text{m}$ Unknown: $V_{f} = ?$ **Diagram:** Choose a coordinate system. The most convenient one has an origin at the initial location of the stroller, as shown above. The positive direction is to the right.

### Sample Problem, continued

#### 2. Plan

Choose an equation or situation: Because the initial velocity, acceleration, and displacement are known, the final velocity can be found using the following equation:

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

Rearrange the equation to isolate the unknown: Take the square root of both sides to isolate  $v_f$ .

$$v_f = \pm \sqrt{v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x}$$

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*Tip:* Think about the physical situation to determine whether to keep the positive or

negative answer from the square root. In this

speeding up and has a positive acceleration

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case, the stroller starts from rest and ends with a speed of 2.18 m/s. An object that is

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## **Sample Problem**, continued

#### 3. Calculate

Substitute the values into the equation and solve: -

 $v_f = \pm \sqrt{(0 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(0.500 \text{ m/s}^2)(4.75 \text{ m})}$ 

 $v_f = +2.18 \text{ m/s}$ 

must have a positive velocity. So, the final 4. Evaluate velocity must be positive. The stroller's velocity after accelerating for 4.75 m is 2.18 m/s to the right.

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## **Objectives** -

- Relate the motion of a freely falling body to motion with constant acceleration.
- Calculate displacement, velocity, and time at various points in the motion of a freely falling object.
- **Compare** the motions of different objects in free fall.

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### **Free Fall**

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## Free Fall

- Free fall is the motion of a body when only the force due to gravity is acting on the body.
- The acceleration on an object in free fall is called the acceleration due to gravity, or free-fall acceleration.
- Free-fall acceleration is denoted with the symbols ag (generally) or g (on Earth's surface).

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### **Free-Fall Acceleration**

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## Free-Fall Acceleration -

- Free-fall acceleration is the same for all objects, regardless of mass.
- This book will use the value  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ .
- Free-fall acceleration on Earth's surface is –9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup> at all points in the object's motion.
- Consider a ball thrown up into the air.
  - Moving upward: velocity is decreasing, acceleration is 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup> –
  - Top of path: velocity is zero, acceleration is  $-9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$  -
  - Moving downward: velocity is increasing, acceleration is 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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**Section 3** Falling Objects

## Velocity and Acceleration of an Object in Free Fall

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## Sample Problem -

#### **Falling Object**

Jason hits a volleyball so that it moves with an initial velocity of 6.0 m/s straight upward. If the volleyball starts from 2.0 m above the floor, how long will it be in the air before it strikes the floor?

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## Sample Problem, continued -

1. Define

Given:  $v_i = +6.0 \text{ m/s}$   $a = -g = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$  $\Delta y = -2.0 \text{ m}$  Unknown:  $\downarrow$  $\Delta t = ?$ 

Diagram: Place the origin at the Starting point of the ball  $(y_i = 0 \text{ at } t_i = 0).$ 



## Sample Problem, continued -

#### 2. Plan

#### **Choose an equation or situation:**

Both  $\Delta t$  and  $v_f$  are unknown. Therefore, first solve for  $v_f$  using the equation that does not require time. Then, the equation for  $v_f$  that does involve time can be used to solve for  $\Delta t$ .

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$$
  $v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$ 

**Rearrange the equation to isolate the unknown:** Take the square root of the first equation to isolate  $v_{f}$ . The second equation must be rearranged to solve for  $\Delta t$ .

$$v_{f} = \pm \sqrt{v_{i}^{2} + 2a\Delta y} \qquad \Delta t = \frac{v_{f} - v_{i}}{a}$$

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## Sample Problem, continued -

#### 3. Calculate

Substitute the values into the equation and solve: First find the velocity of the ball at the moment that it hits the floor.

$$v_f = \pm \sqrt{v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y} = \pm \sqrt{(6.0 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(-9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(-2.0 \text{ m})}$$

$$v_f = \pm \sqrt{36 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 + 39 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} = \pm \sqrt{75 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} = -8.7 \text{ m/s}$$

**Tip:** When you take the square root to find  $v_f$ , select the negative answer because the ball will be moving toward the floor, in the negative direction.

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### Sample Problem, continued -

Next, use this value of  $v_f$  in the second equation to solve for  $\Delta t$ .

$$\Delta t = \frac{v_f - v_i}{a} = \frac{-8.7 \text{ m/s} - 6.0 \text{ m/s}}{-9.81 \text{ m/s}^2} = \frac{-14.7 \text{ m/s}}{-9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

 $\Delta t = 1.50 \text{ s}$ 

**4. Evaluate** The solution, 1.50 s, is a reasonable amount of time for the ball to be in the air.

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