

Mon: HW by 5pm

Tues: Warm Up 2 (D2L)

Thurs: Discussion / quiz

\* Ex 22, 24, ~~25~~ 26, 28, 30, 32, 37, 40

\* Procedure: \* attempt / complete before class

\* do not turn in

\* discuss in class in groups

\* 10 min question at end of class.

Counts (Spt) (eventual overall total 600pts)

\* Just as important for learning as turn in.

Warm Up 2 from Friday

Calculating velocity

Given  $x$  as a function of  $t$ , calculus gives

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt} \sim \text{"derivative of } x \text{ with respect to } t\text{"}$$

Calculus gives rules for computing derivatives.

$$\text{If } x = at^n \text{ where } a, n \text{ are constants, then } \frac{dx}{dt} = nat^{n-1}$$

### 23 Velocity as a derivative, 1

Suppose that the position of an object is

$$x = (5 \text{ m/s}^2) t^2 + (3 \text{ m/s}) t$$

Determine the velocity of the object at  $t = 3 \text{ s}$ . (131Sp2023)

Answer:  $v = \text{derivative of } x \text{ w.r.t. } t$   
 $= \text{deriv of } (5t^2) + \text{deriv } (3t)$   
 $= 2 \cdot 5 t^{2-1} + 1 \cdot 3 t^{1-1}$   
 $= 10 \text{ m/s}^2 t + 3 \text{ m/s}$

At  $3 \text{ s}$   $v = 10 \text{ m/s}^2 \times 3 \text{ s} + 3 \text{ m/s} = 33 \text{ m/s}$

# Velocity Schematic

The flow of ideas about velocity is:

Conceptual  
Idea

Velocity  $\sim$  rate of change of position

Mathematical  
definition

Observe change in position  $\Delta x$   
over time interval  $\Delta t$ . Velocity is

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Speed = absolute  
value of velocity

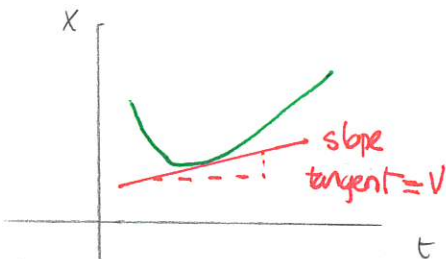
$$s = |v|$$

calculation / computation

Given position information  
get velocity via

- 1) calculus  $\sim$  differentiation
- 2) graphically

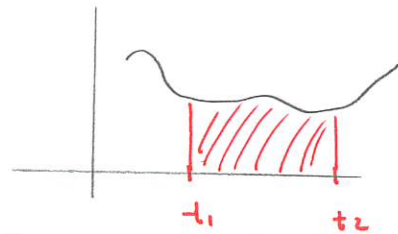
$v =$  slope of tangent to  
 $x$  vs  $t$



Given velocity information  
get position via

- 1) calculus  $\sim$  integration
- 2) graphically

$\Delta x =$  area between graph of  $v$  vs  $t$   
and axis



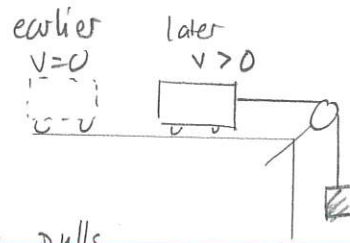
- 3)  $x_2 = x_1 + \Delta x$  gives position but  
requires  $x_1$

## Acceleration

In classical physics it will emerge that interactions between objects do not immediately describe velocity but rather the change in velocity.

One can consider this via a cart on a track connected to a suspended object. The cart is released

from rest and speeds up as the string pulls.



The crucial concept will then be

acceleration  $\sim$  rate at which velocity changes

We usually associate this with a change in speed but there are other ways for an object to accelerate.

Demo: PHET Moving Man  $\rightarrow$  Charts Tab

\* Initial  $x_0 = 0$   
 $v_0 = -6$   
 $a = 2$

\* observe - apparent motion

- graph  $v \rightarrow v$  vs.  $t$

\* three phases - start to <sup>just before turn at left</sup> ~~turn at left~~  
- ~~turn at left~~ just <sup>before</sup> after turn at left to just after  
- after turn at left to later

The animation shows that the velocity is constantly changing. It shows that non-zero acceleration can occur if

- 1) the object's speed changes (either increases or decreases)
- 2) the object's direction of motion changes.



We would like a single definition that captures all of these.

A preliminary definition is the average acceleration

Consider an object at two instants

Then the average acceleration  
of the object over the interval  
from  $t_1$  to  $t_2$  is

$$\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

	(initial) earlier	(final) later
		
time	$t_1$	$t_2$
velocity	$v_1$	$v_2$

Units:  $\text{m/s}^2$

Quiz 1  $90\% \rightarrow 95\% \approx 95\%$

Quiz 2  $90\% \rightarrow 95\% \lesssim 90\%$

For the data of these two questions  
we see:

In every second the velocity increases  
by exactly  $+2.0 \text{ m/s}$

$\Rightarrow$  acceleration is  $+2.0 \text{ m/s per second}$

$\Rightarrow$  acceleration is  $+2.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

t	v
0.0s	-6.0 m/s
1.0s	-4.0 m/s
2.0s	-2.0 m/s
3.0s	0.0 m/s
4.0s	2.0 m/s
5.0s	4.0 m/s

Important points:

1) acceleration does not describe velocity, e.g.

~ moving man demo  $\rightarrow$  same acceleration but velocity varies with  
time.

Quiz 3  $\rightarrow 85\% \rightarrow 95\% \lesssim 95\% \rightarrow$

2) there is no general correlation between acceleration and velocity.

~ comparing two objects, one can have a larger acceleration but a  
smaller speed



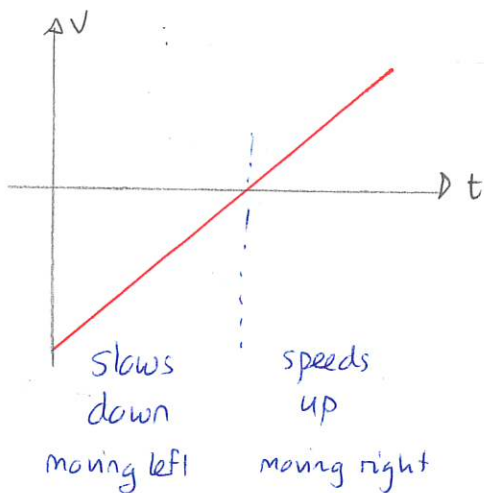
Quiz 4 20% - 90%  $\approx$  30% - 50%

3) acceleration is not immediately connected to speed. An object's speed may not change between two instants but it can have non-zero acceleration if its direction of motion changes.

4) acceleration can be positive or negative.

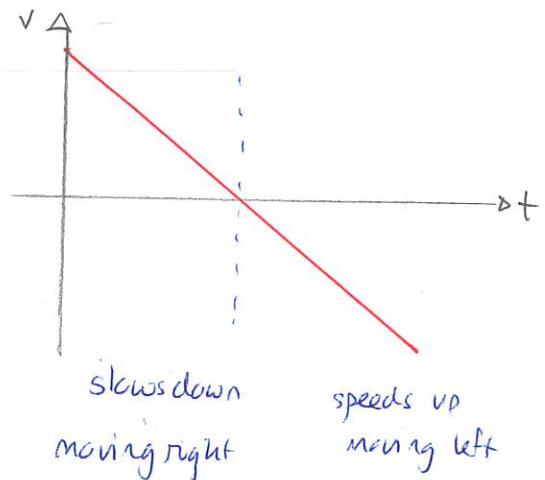
Positive acceleration

Velocity (number) increases



Negative acceleration

Velocity (number) decreases



Quiz 45 80% - 95%  $\approx$  95%

Quiz 6 50% - 90%  $\approx$  40%

In general

Acceleration describes how velocity (number) changes over time