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Question 1

A hockey puck slides with constant speed to the right. It hits a magic rubber board, instantly reverses direction and returns at the same speed.

Which of the following is true of the average acceleration of the puck from a moment before it hits the board until a moment after it hits the board?

- 1. $a_{avg} < 0$
- 2. $a_{avg} = 0$
- 3. $a_{\text{avg}} > 0$

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Question 2

A cart slides to the right with constantly decreasing *speed*.

Which of the following is true?

- 1. The average acceleration is positive.
- 2. The average acceleration is negative.
- 3. The average acceleration is negative if the cart is right of the origin but positive if it is left of the origin.
- 4. The average acceleration is negative if the cart is left of the origin but positive if it is right of the origin.
- 5. The average acceleration is zero.

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Question 3

A cart slides to the left with constantly increasing *speed*.

Which of the following is true?

- 1. The average acceleration is positive.
- 2. The average acceleration is negative.
- 3. The average acceleration is negative if the cart is right of the origin but positive if it is left of the origin.
- 4. The average acceleration is negative if the cart is left of the origin but positive if it is right of the origin.
- 5. The average acceleration is zero.