

PHYS 1443 – Section 001

Lecture #2

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- Brief history of physics
- Standards and units
- Dimensional Analysis
- Fundamentals
- One Dimensional Motion: Average Velocity; Acceleration; Motion under constant acceleration; Free Fall
- Motion in Two Dimensions: Vector Properties and Operations; Motion under constant acceleration; Projectile Motion



Announcements

- Reading assignment #1: Read and follow through all sections in appendices A and B by Thursday, June 1
- There will be a quiz on tomorrow, Thursday, June 1, on this reading assignment.



Brief History of Physics

- AD 18th century:
 - Newton's Classical Mechanics: A theory of mechanics based on observations and measurements
- AD 19th Century:
 - Electricity, Magnetism, and Thermodynamics
- Late AD 19th and early 20th century (Modern Physics Era)
 - Einstein's theory of relativity: Generalized theory of space, time, and energy (mechanics)
 - Quantum Mechanics: Theory of atomic phenomena
- Physics has come very far, very fast, and is still progressing, yet we've got a long way to go
 - What is matter made of?
 - How do matters get mass?
 - How and why do matters interact with each other?
 - How is universe created?



Needs for Standards and Units

- Three basic quantities for physical measurements
 - Length, Mass, and Time
- Need a language that everyone can understand each other
 - Consistency is crucial for physical measurements
 - The same quantity measured by one must be comprehensible and reproducible by others
 - Practical matters contribute
- A system of unit called **SI** (*System International*) was established in 1960
 - Length in meters (m)
 - Mass in kilo-grams (kg)
 - Time in seconds (s)



Definition of Base Units

SI Units	Definitions
$1\text{ m (Length)} = 100\text{ cm}$	One meter is the length of the path traveled by light in vacuum during a time interval of <u>$1/299,792,458$ of a second</u> .
$1\text{ kg (Mass)} = 1000\text{ g}$	It is equal to the mass of the international prototype of the kilogram, made of platinum-iridium in International Bureau of Weights and Measure in France.
1 s (Time)	One second is the <u>duration of 9,192,631,770 periods of the radiation</u> corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the Cesium 133 (C^{133}) atom.

- *There are prefixes that scales the units larger or smaller for convenience (see pg. 7)*
- *Units for other quantities, such as Kelvins for temperature, for easiness of use*



Prefixes, expressions and their meanings

- deca (**da**): 10^1
- hecto (**h**): 10^2
- kilo (**k**): 10^3
- mega (**M**): 10^6
- giga (**G**): 10^9
- tera (**T**): 10^{12}
- peta (**P**): 10^{15}
- exa (**E**): 10^{18}
- deci (**d**): 10^{-1}
- centi (**c**): 10^{-2}
- milli (**m**): 10^{-3}
- micro (**μ**): 10^{-6}
- nano (**n**): 10^{-9}
- pico (**p**): 10^{-12}
- femto (**f**): 10^{-15}
- atto (**a**): 10^{-18}



International Standard Institutes

- International Bureau of Weights and Measure
<http://www.bipm.fr/>
 - Base unit definitions:
http://www.bipm.fr/enus/3_SI/base_units.html
 - Unit Conversions: http://www.bipm.fr/enus/3_SI/
- US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) <http://www.nist.gov/>



How do we convert quantities from one unit to another?

$$\text{Unit 1} = \text{Conversion factor} \times \text{Unit 2}$$

1 inch	2.54	cm
1 inch	0.0254	m
1 inch	2.54×10^{-5}	km
1 ft	30.3	cm
1 ft	0.303	M
1 ft	3.03×10^{-4}	km
1 hr	60	minutes
1 hr	3600	seconds
And many	More	Here....



Examples 1.3 and 1.4 for Unit Conversions

- Ex 1.3: A silicon chip has an area of 1.25 in^2 . Express this in cm^2 .

What do we need to know?

$$\begin{aligned}
 1.25 \text{ in}^2 &= 1.25 \text{ in}^2 \times \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in}} \right)^2 \\
 &= 1.25 \cancel{\text{in}^2} \times \left(\frac{6.45 \text{ cm}^2}{1 \cancel{\text{in}^2}} \right) \\
 &= 1.25 \times 6.45 \text{ cm}^2 = 8.06 \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Ex 1.4: Where the posted speed limit is 65 miles per hour (mi/h or mph), what is this speed (a) in meters per second (m/s) and (b) kilometers per hour (km/h)?

$$1 \text{ mi} = (5280 \text{ ft}) \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \right) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right) = 1609 \text{ m} = 1.609 \text{ km}$$

$$(a) \quad 65 \text{ mi/h} = (65 \text{ mi}) \left(\frac{1609 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ mi}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 \text{ h}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right) = 29.1 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(b) \quad 65 \text{ mi/h} = (65 \text{ mi}) \left(\frac{1.609 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mi}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 \text{ h}} \right) = 104 \text{ km/h}$$



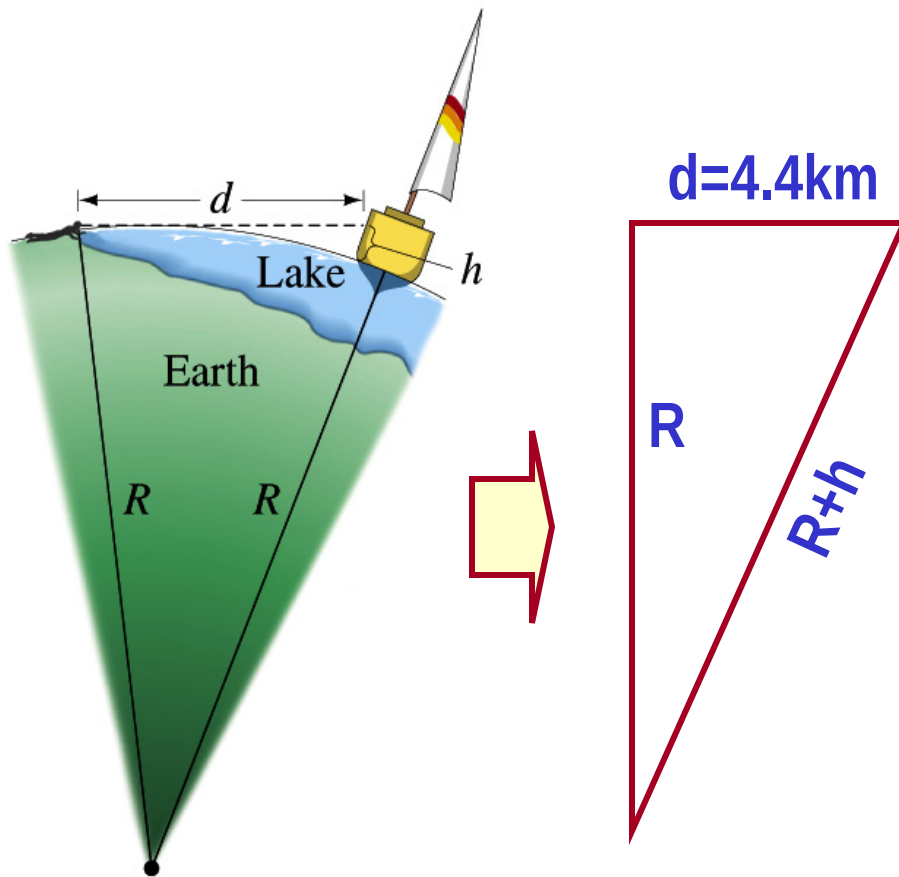
Estimates & Order-of-Magnitude Calculations

- Estimate = Approximation
 - Useful for rough calculations to determine the necessity of higher precision
 - Usually done under certain assumptions
 - Might require modification of assumptions, if higher precision is necessary
- Order of magnitude estimate: Estimates done to the precision of 10s or exponents of 10s;
 - Three orders of magnitude: $10^3=1,000$
 - Round up for Order of magnitude estimate; $8 \times 10^7 \sim 10^8$
 - Similar terms: “Ball-park-figures”, “guesstimates”, etc



Example 1.8

Estimate the radius of the Earth using triangulation as shown in the picture when $d=4.4\text{km}$ and $h=1.5\text{m}$.



Pythagorean theorem

$$(R + h)^2 \approx d^2 + R^2$$

$$R^2 + 2hR + h^2 \approx d^2 + R^2$$

Solving for R

$$\begin{aligned} R &\approx \frac{d^2 - h^2}{2h} \\ &= \frac{(4400\text{m})^2 - (1.5\text{m})^2}{2 \times 1.5\text{m}} \\ &= 6500\text{km} \end{aligned}$$

Uncertainties

- Physical measurements have limited precision, however good they are, due to:

Stat. { – Number of measurements

Syst. { – Quality of instruments (meter stick vs micro-meter)
– Experience of the person doing measurements
– Etc

- In many cases, uncertainties are more important and difficult to estimate than the central (or mean) values



Significant Figures

- Significant figures denote the precision of the measured values
 - Significant figures: non-zero numbers or zeros that are not place-holders
 - 34 has two significant digits, 34.2 has 3, 0.001 has one because the 0's before 1 are place holders, 34.100 has 5, because the 0's after 1 indicates that the numbers in these digits are indeed 0's.
 - When there are many 0's, use scientific notation:
 - $31400000 = 3.14 \times 10^7$
 - $0.00012 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$



Significant Figures

- Operational rules:
 - Addition or subtraction: Keep the **smallest number of decimal place** in the result, independent of the number of significant digits: $12.001 + 3.1 = 15.1$
 - Multiplication or Division: Keep the **smallest significant figures** in the result: $12.001 \times 3.1 = 37$, because the smallest significant figures is ?.



Dimension and Dimensional Analysis

- An extremely useful concept in solving physical problems
- Good to write physical laws in mathematical expressions
- No matter what units are used the base quantities are the same
 - *Length* (distance) is length whether meter or inch is used to express the size: Usually denoted as $[L]$
 - The same is true for *Mass* ($[M]$) and *Time* ($[T]$)
 - One can say “Dimension of Length, Mass or Time”
 - Dimensions are used as algebraic quantities: Can perform two algebraic operations; multiplication or division



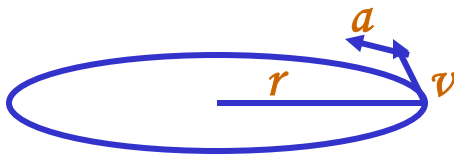
Dimension and Dimensional Analysis

- One can use dimensions only to check the validity of one's expression: Dimensional analysis
 - Eg: Speed $[v] = [\mathcal{L}]/[T] = [\mathcal{L}][T^{-1}]$
 - *Distance ($\mathcal{L}$) traveled by a car running at the speed $\mathcal{V}$ in time T*
 - $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{V} \star T = [\mathcal{L}/T] \star [T] = [\mathcal{L}]$
- More general expression of dimensional analysis is using exponents: eg. $[v] = [\mathcal{L}^n T^m] = [\mathcal{L}][T^{-1}]$
where $n = 1$ and $m = -1$



Examples

- Show that the expression $[v] = [at]$ is dimensionally correct
 - Speed: $[v] = L/T$
 - Acceleration: $[a] = L/T^2$
 - Thus, $[at] = (L/T^2) \times T = L T^{(-2+1)} = L T^{-1} = L/T = [v]$
- Suppose the acceleration a of a circularly moving particle with speed v and radius r is proportional to r^n and v^m . What are n and m ?



$$a = k r^n v^m$$

Dimensionless
constant

Length

Speed

$$L^1 T^{-2} = (L)^n \left(\frac{L}{T} \right)^m = L^{n+m} T^{-m}$$

$$-m = -2 \Rightarrow m = 2$$

$$n + m = n + 2 \equiv 1 \Rightarrow n = -1$$

$$a = k r^{-1} v^2 = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

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Some Fundamentals

- Kinematics: Description of Motion without understanding the cause of the motion
- Dynamics: Description of motion accompanied with understanding the cause of the motion
- Vector and Scalar quantities:
 - Scalar: Physical quantities that require magnitude but no direction
 - Speed, length, mass, height, volume, area, magnitude of a vector quantity, etc
 - Vector: Physical quantities that require both magnitude and direction
 - Velocity, Acceleration, Force, Momentum
 - It does not make sense to say “I ran with velocity of 10miles/hour.”
- Objects can be treated as point-like if their sizes are smaller than the scale in the problem
 - Earth can be treated as a point like object (or a particle) in celestial problems
 - Simplification of the problem (The first step in setting up to solve a problem...)
 - Any other examples?



Some More Fundamentals

- Motions: Can be described as long as the position is known at any time (or position is expressed as a function of time)
 - Translation: Linear motion along a line
 - Rotation: Circular or elliptical motion
 - Vibration: Oscillation
- Dimensions
 - 0 dimension: A point
 - 1 dimension: Linear drag of a point, resulting in a line →
Motion in one-dimension is a motion on a line
 - 2 dimension: Linear drag of a line resulting in a surface
 - 3 dimension: Perpendicular Linear drag of a surface, resulting in a stereo object



Displacement, Velocity and Speed

One dimensional displacement is defined as:

$$\Delta x \equiv x_f - x_i$$

Displacement is the difference between initial and final positions of motion and is a vector quantity. How is this different than distance?

Average velocity is defined as:
$$v_x \equiv \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Displacement per unit time in the period throughout the motion

Average speed is defined as:

$$v \equiv \frac{\text{Total Distance Traveled}}{\text{Total Time Spent}}$$

Can someone tell me what the difference between speed and velocity is?

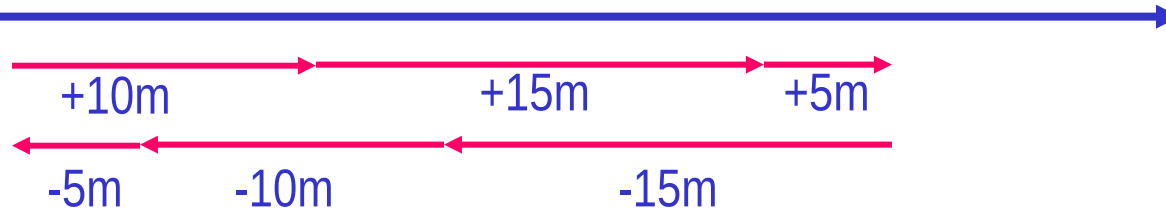


Difference between Speed and Velocity

- Let's take a simple one dimensional translation that has many steps:

Let's call this line as X-axis

Let's have a couple of motions in a total time interval of 20 sec.



Total Displacement: $\Delta x \equiv x_f - x_i = x_i - x_i = 0(m)$

Average Velocity: $v_x \equiv \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{0}{20} = 0(m/s)$

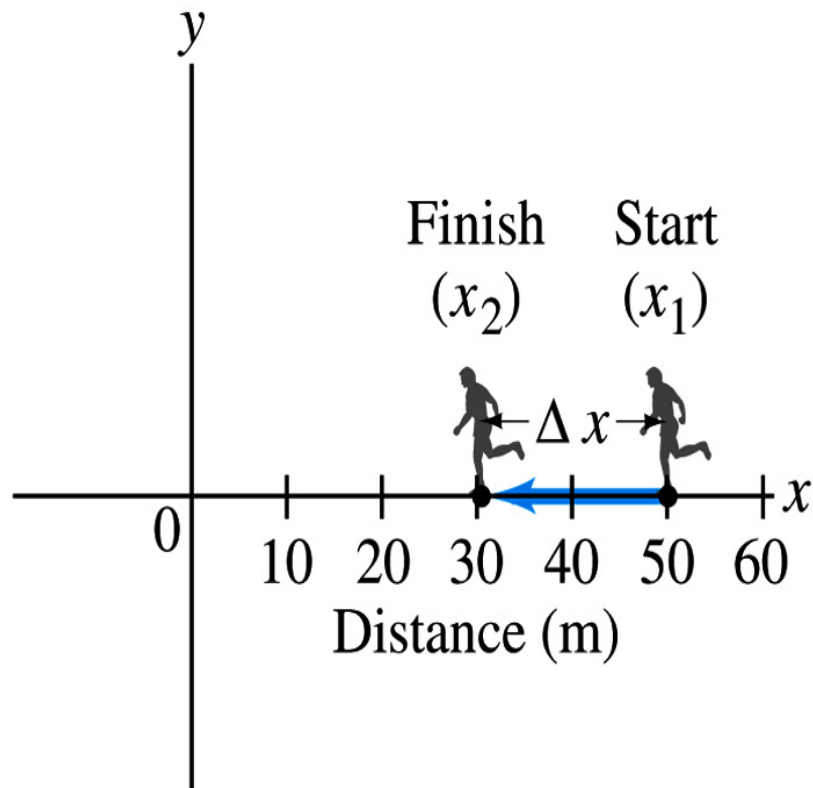
Total Distance Traveled: $D = 10 + 15 + 5 + 15 + 10 + 5 = 60(m)$

Average Speed: $v \equiv \frac{\text{Total Distance Traveled}}{\text{Total Time Interval}} = \frac{60}{20} = 3(m/s)$



Example 2.1

The position of a runner as a function of time is plotted as moving along the x axis of a coordinate system. During a 3.00-s time interval, the runner's position changes from $x_1=50.0\text{m}$ to $x_2=30.5\text{ m}$, as shown in the figure. What was the runner's average velocity? What was the average speed?



- Displacement:

$$\Delta x \equiv x_f - x_i = x_2 - x_1 = 30.5 - 50.0 = -19.5(\text{m})$$

- Average Velocity:

$$v_x \equiv \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{-19.5}{3.00} = -6.50(\text{m/s})$$

- Average Speed:

$$\begin{aligned} v &\equiv \frac{\text{Total Distance Traveled}}{\text{Total Time Interval}} \\ &= \frac{50.0 - 30.5}{3.00} = \frac{+19.5}{3.00} = +6.50(\text{m/s}) \end{aligned}$$

Instantaneous Velocity and Speed

- Can average quantities tell you the detailed story of the whole motion?

- Instantaneous velocity is defined as:

- What does this mean?

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

- Displacement in an infinitesimal time interval
 - Mathematically: Slope of the position variation as a function of time

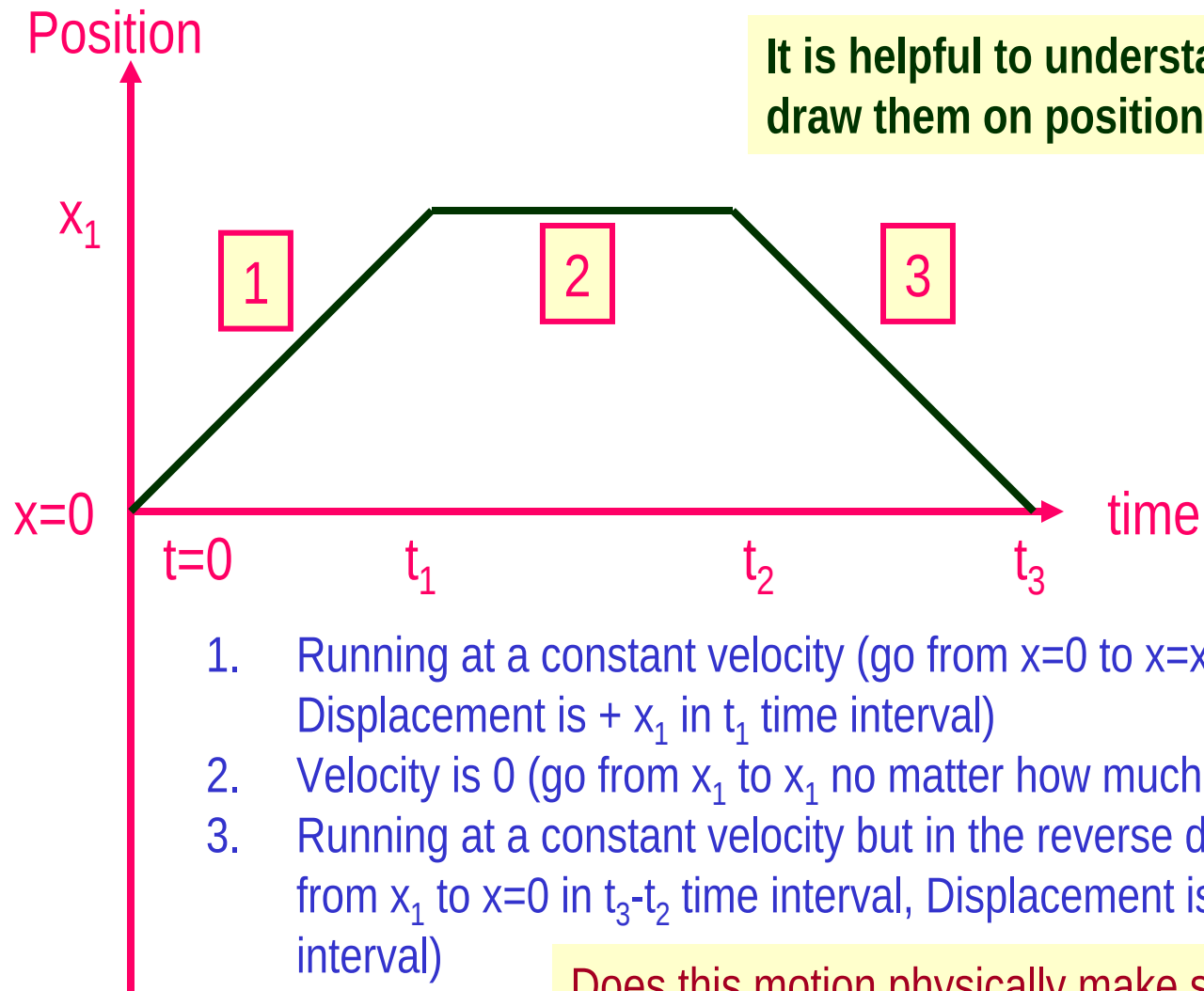
- Instantaneous speed is the size (magnitude) of the velocity vector:

$$|v_x| = \left| \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \right| = \left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right|$$

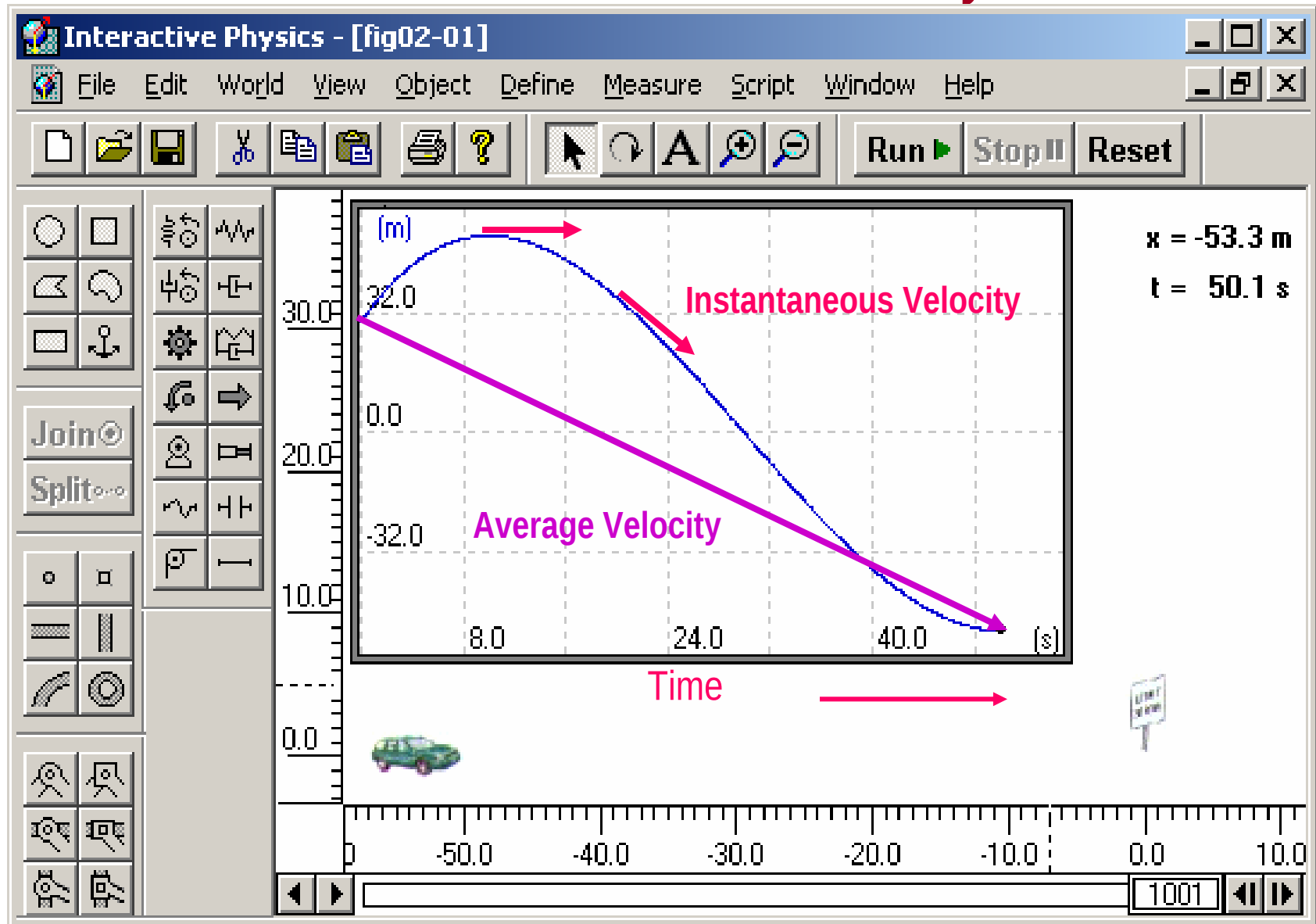
*Magnitude of Vectors are expressed in absolute values



Position vs Time Plot

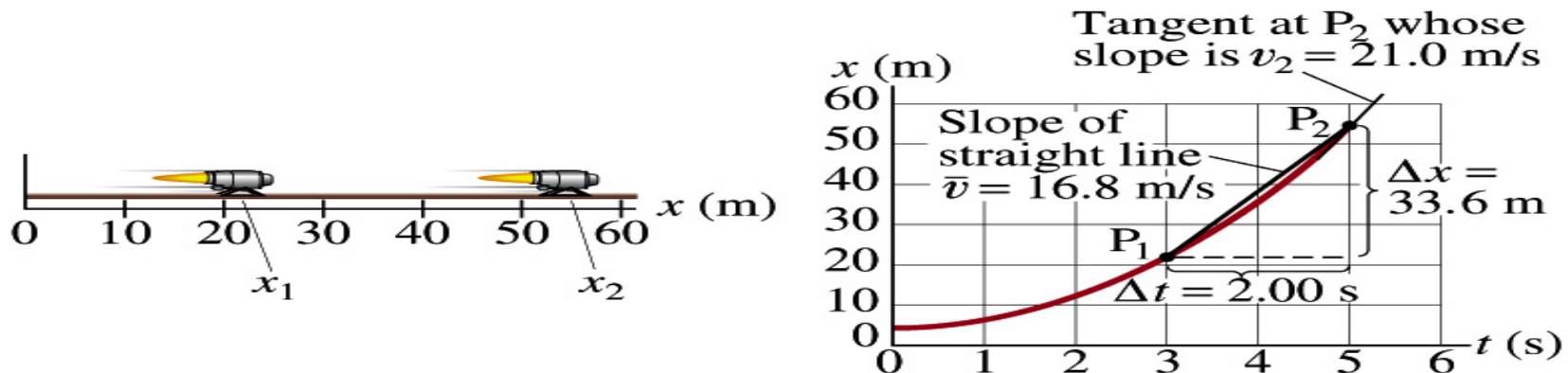


Instantaneous Velocity



Example 2.3

A jet engine moves along a track. Its position as a function of time is given by the equation $x = At^2 + B$ where $A = 2.10 \text{ m/s}^2$ and $B = 2.80 \text{ m}$.



(a) Determine the displacement of the engine during the interval from $t_1 = 3.00 \text{ s}$ to $t_2 = 5.00 \text{ s}$.

$$x_1 = x_{t_1=3.00} = 2.10 \times (3.00)^2 + 2.80 = 21.7 \text{ m} \quad x_2 = x_{t_2=5.00} = 2.10 \times (5.00)^2 + 2.80 = 55.3 \text{ m}$$

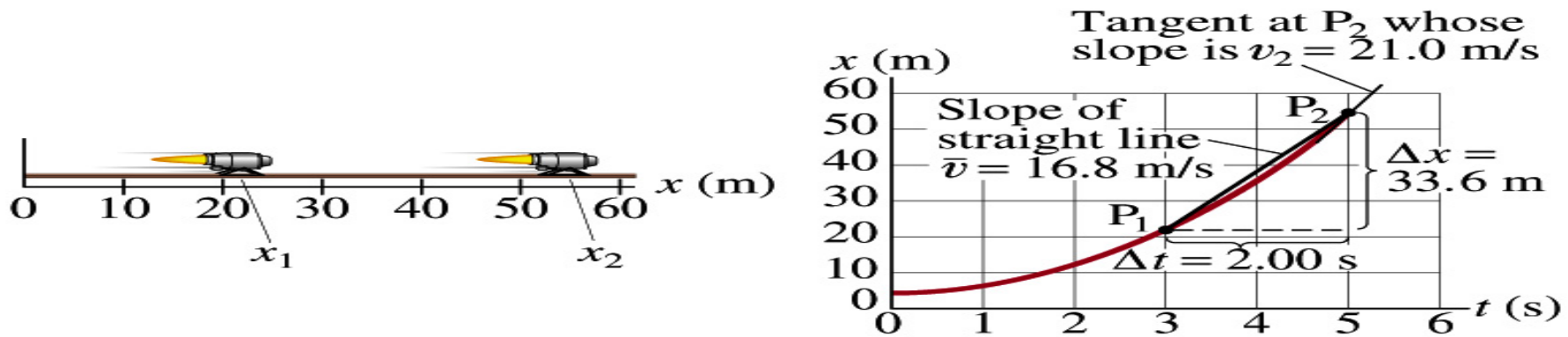
Displacement is, therefore:

$$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1 = 55.3 - 21.7 = +33.6 \text{ (m)}$$

(b) Determine the average velocity during this time interval.

$$\bar{v}_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{33.6}{5.00 - 3.00} = \frac{33.6}{2.00} = 16.8 \text{ (m/s)}$$

Example 2.3 cont'd



(c) Determine the instantaneous velocity at $t=5.00\text{s}$.

Calculus formula for derivative $\frac{d}{dt}(Ct^n) = nCt^{n-1}$ and $\frac{d}{dt}(C) = 0$

The derivative of the engine's equation of motion is

$$v_x = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(At^2 + B) = 2At$$

The instantaneous velocity at $t=5.00\text{s}$ is

$$v_x(t = 5.00\text{s}) = 2A \times 5.00 = 2.10 \times 10.0 = 21.0(\text{m/s})$$

Displacement, Velocity and Speed

Displacement

$$\Delta x \equiv x_f - x_i$$

Average velocity

$$v_x \equiv \frac{x_f - x_i}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Average speed

$$v \equiv \frac{\text{Total Distance Traveled}}{\text{Total Time Spent}}$$

Instantaneous velocity

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

Instantaneous speed

$$|v_x| = \left| \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \right| = \left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right|$$

