

Practice Problems

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18. A golf ball rolls up a hill toward a miniature-golf hole. Assume that the direction toward the hole is positive.
- If the golf ball starts with a speed of 2.0 m/s and slows at a constant rate of 0.50 m/s², what is its velocity after 2.0 s?

$$v_f = v_i + at$$

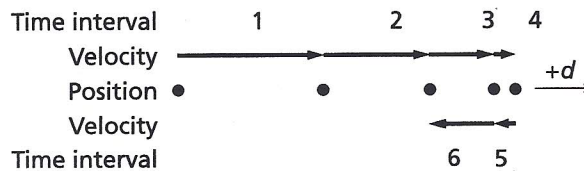
$$= 2.0 \text{ m/s} + (-0.50 \text{ m/s}^2)(2.0 \text{ s})$$

$$= 1.0 \text{ m/s}$$
 - What is the golf ball's velocity if the constant acceleration continues for 6.0 s?

$$v_f = v_i + at$$

$$= 2.0 \text{ m/s} + (-0.50 \text{ m/s}^2)(6.0 \text{ s})$$

$$= -1.0 \text{ m/s}$$
 - Describe the motion of the golf ball in words and with a motion diagram.
The ball's velocity simply decreased in the first case. In the second case, the ball slowed to a stop and then began rolling back down the hill.



$a = 3.5 \text{ m/s}^2$
 $v_i = 500 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
 $v_f = ?$
 $t = 6.8 \text{ s}$

19. A bus that is traveling at 30.0 km/h speeds up at a constant rate of 3.5 m/s². What velocity does it reach 6.8 s later?

① $v_f = v_i + at$

$$= 30.0 \text{ km/h} + (3.5 \text{ m/s}^2)(6.8 \text{ s}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} \right)$$

$$= 120 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\frac{30 \text{ km}}{\text{hr}} \left| \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right| \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 8.33$$

$$v_f = 8.333 + 3.5(6.8)$$

$$v_f = 32 \text{ m/s}$$

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$$\frac{120 \text{ km}}{\text{h}} \left| \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right| \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 33.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

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20. If a car accelerates from rest at a constant 5.5 m/s^2 , how long will it take for the car to reach a velocity of 28 m/s ?

$$\textcircled{1} v_f = v_i + at$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } t &= \frac{v_f - v_i}{a} \\ &= \frac{28 \text{ m/s} - 0.0 \text{ m/s}}{5.5 \text{ m/s}^2} \\ &= 5.1 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

$a = 5.5$
 $v_i = 0$
 $v_f = 28 \text{ m/s}$
 $t = ?$

21. A car slows from 22 m/s to 3.0 m/s at a constant rate of 2.1 m/s^2 . How many seconds are required before the car is traveling at 3.0 m/s ?

$a = -2.1 \text{ m/s}^2$

$v_i = 22 \text{ m/s}$

$v_f = 3 \text{ m/s}$

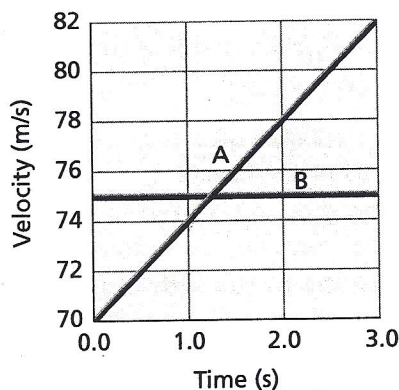
$t = ?$

$$v_f = v_i + at \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } t &= \frac{v_f - v_i}{a} \\ &= \frac{3.0 \text{ m/s} - 22 \text{ m/s}}{-2.1 \text{ m/s}^2} \\ &= 9.0 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

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22. Use Figure 3-11 to determine the velocity of an airplane that is speeding up at each of the following times.



■ Figure 3-11

Graph B represents constant speed. So graph A should be used for the following calculations.

- a. 1.0 s

At 1.0 s , $v = 74 \text{ m/s}$

- b. 2.0 s

At 2.0 s , $v = 78 \text{ m/s}$

- c. 2.5 s

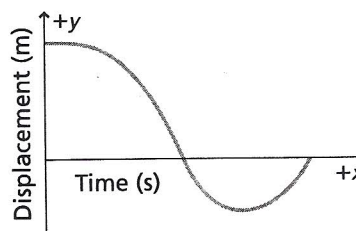
At 2.5 s , $v = 80 \text{ m/s}$

23. Use dimensional analysis to convert an airplane's speed of 75 m/s to km/h .

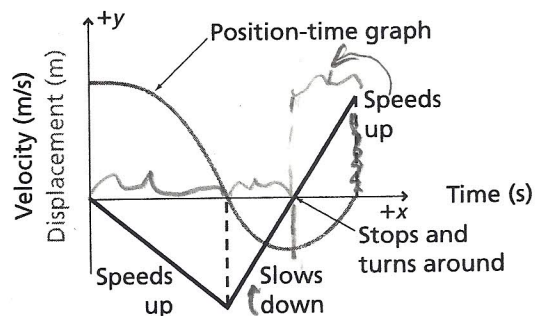
$$(75 \text{ m/s}) \left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) = 2.7 \times 10^2 \text{ km/h}$$

24. A position-time graph for a pony running in a field is shown in Figure 3-12. Draw the corresponding velocity-time graph using the same time scale.

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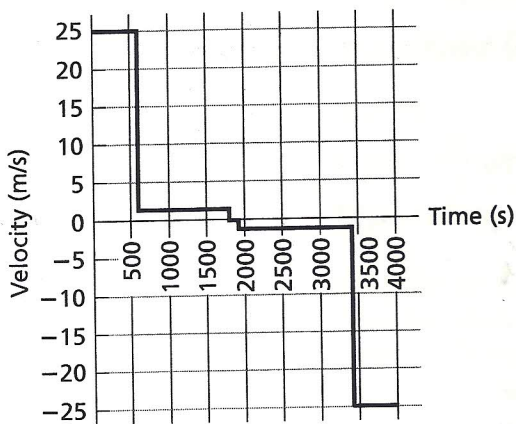


■ Figure 3-12



25. A car is driven at a constant velocity of 25 m/s for 10.0 min . The car runs out of gas and the driver walks in the same direction at 1.5 m/s for 20.0 min to the nearest gas station. The driver takes 2.0 min to fill a gasoline can, then walks back to the car at 1.2 m/s and eventually drives home at 25 m/s in the direction opposite that of the original trip.

- a. Draw a $v-t$ graph using seconds as your time unit. Calculate the distance the driver walked to the gas station to find the time it took him to walk back to the car.



distance the driver walked to the gas station:

$$d = vt$$

$$= (1.5 \text{ m/s})(20.0 \text{ min})(60 \text{ s/min})$$

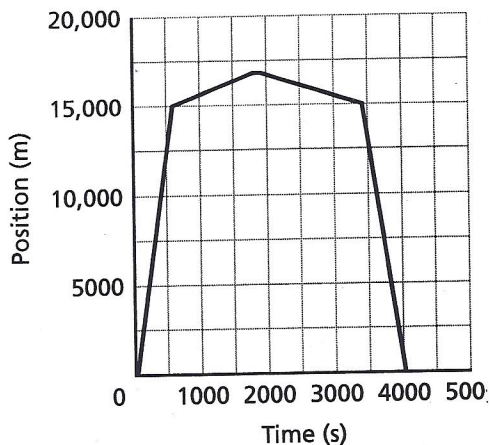
$$= 1800 \text{ m}$$

$$= 1.8 \text{ km}$$

time to walk back to the car:

$$t = \frac{d}{v} = \frac{1800 \text{ m}}{1.2 \text{ m/s}} = 1500 \text{ s} = 25 \text{ min}$$

- b. Draw a position-time graph for the situation using the areas under the velocity-time graph.



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26. A skateboarder is moving at a constant velocity of 1.75 m/s when she starts up an incline that causes her to slow down with a constant acceleration of -0.20 m/s^2 . How much time passes from when she begins to slow down until she begins to move back down the incline?

$$v_f = v_i + at$$

$$t = \frac{v_f - v_i}{a} = \frac{0.0 \text{ m/s} - 1.75 \text{ m/s}}{-0.20 \text{ m/s}^2} = 8.8 \text{ s}$$

$v_f = 0$
 $v_i = 1.75 \text{ m/s}$
 $a = -1.75 \text{ m/s}^2$
 $t = ?$

27. A race car travels on a racetrack at 44 m/s and slows at a constant rate to a velocity of 22 m/s over 11 s. How far does it move during this time?

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta v}{2} = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{2}$$

$$\Delta d = \bar{v} \Delta t$$

$$= \frac{(v_f - v_i) \Delta t}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(22 \text{ m/s} - 44 \text{ m/s})(11 \text{ s})}{2}$$

$$= -1.2 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$$

use this so you don't screw up the signs

28. A car accelerates at a constant rate from 15 m/s to 25 m/s while it travels a distance of 125 m. How long does it take to achieve this speed?

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta v}{2} = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{2}$$

$$\Delta d = \bar{v} \Delta t$$

$$= \frac{(v_f - v_i) \Delta t}{2}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{2 \Delta d}{(v_f - v_i)}$$

$$= \frac{(2)(125 \text{ m})}{25 \text{ m/s} - 15 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$= 25 \text{ s}$$

$v_f = 25 \text{ m/s}$
 $v_i = 15 \text{ m/s}$
 $\Delta d = 125 \text{ m}$
 $\Delta t = ?$

29. A bike rider pedals with constant acceleration to reach a velocity of 7.5 m/s over a time of 4.5 s. During the period of acceleration, the bike's displacement is 19 m. What was the initial velocity of the bike?

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta v}{2} = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{2}$$

$$\Delta d = \bar{v} \Delta t = \frac{(v_f - v_i) \Delta t}{2}$$

$$\text{so } v_i = \frac{2 \Delta d}{\Delta t} - v_f$$

$$= \frac{(2)(19 \text{ m})}{4.5 \text{ s}} - 7.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 0.94 \text{ m/s}$$

$\Delta t = 4.5 \text{ s}$
 $v_f = 7.5 \text{ m/s}$
 $\Delta d = 19 \text{ m}$
 $v_i = ?$

Part 2: Constant velocity:

$$d_2 = vt = (18.0 \text{ m/s})(60.0 \text{ s}) = 1.08 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Thus } d = d_1 + d_2$$

$$= 81.0 \text{ m} + 1.08 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$$

$$= 1.16 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$$

33. Sunee is training for an upcoming 5.0-km race. She starts out her training run by moving at a constant pace of 4.3 m/s for 19 min. Then she accelerates at a constant rate until she crosses the finish line, 19.4 s later. What is her acceleration during the last portion of the training run?

Part 1: Constant velocity:

$$d = vt$$

$$= (4.3 \text{ m/s})(19 \text{ min})(60 \text{ s/min})$$

$$= 4902 \text{ m}$$

Handwritten notes:
 $v_i = 4.3 \text{ m/s}$
 $d_f = 5.0 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$
 $t = 19.45$
 $a = ?$
 $d_i = 4902 \text{ m}$

Part 2: Constant acceleration:

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

$$a = \frac{2(d_f - d_i - v_i t)}{t^2} = \frac{(2)(5.0 \times 10^3 \text{ m} - 4902 \text{ m} - (4.3 \text{ m/s})(19.4 \text{ s}))}{(19.4 \text{ s})^2}$$

$$= 0.077 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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34. **Acceleration** A woman driving at a speed of 23 m/s sees a deer on the road ahead and applies the brakes when she is 210 m from the deer. If the deer does not move and the car stops right before it hits the deer, what is the acceleration provided by the car's brakes?

Handwritten notes for problem 34:
 $v_i = 23 \text{ m/s}$
 $v_f = 0$
 $a = ?$
 $t = X$
 $d_i = 0 \text{ m}$
 $d_f = 210 \text{ m}$

③ $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a(d_f - d_i)$

$$a = \frac{v_f^2 - v_i^2}{2(d_f - d_i)}$$

$$= \frac{0.0 \text{ m/s} - (23 \text{ m/s})^2}{(2)(210 \text{ m})}$$

$$= -1.3 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Handwritten notes for problem 34:
Given:
 $v_i = 23 \text{ m/s}$
 $\Delta d = 210 \text{ m}$
 $v_f = 0$
Unknown:
 $a = ?$
 no time, use kinematics eqn # 3.

35. **Displacement** If you were given initial and final velocities and the constant acceleration of an object, and you were asked to find the displacement, what equation would you use?

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad_f$$

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36. **Distance** An in-line skater first accelerates from 0.0 m/s to 5.0 m/s in 4.5 s, then continues at this constant speed for another 4.5 s. What is the total distance traveled by the in-line skater?

Accelerating

$$d_f = \bar{v}t_f = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}(t_f)$$

$$= \left(\frac{0.0 \text{ m/s} + 5.0 \text{ m/s}}{2}\right)(4.5 \text{ s})$$

$$= 11.25 \text{ m}$$

Constant speed

$$d_f = v_f t_f$$

$$= (5.0 \text{ m/s})(4.5 \text{ s})$$

$$= 22.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{total distance} = 11.25 \text{ m} + 22.5 \text{ m}$$

$$= 34 \text{ m}$$

37. **Final Velocity** A plane travels a distance of $5.0 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$ while being accelerated uniformly from rest at the rate of 5.0 m/s^2 . What final velocity does it attain?

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a(d_f - d_i) \text{ and } d_i = 0, \text{ so}$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad_f$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{(0.0 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(5.0 \text{ m/s}^2)(5.0 \times 10^2 \text{ m})}$$

$$= 71 \text{ m/s}$$

38. **Final Velocity** An airplane accelerated uniformly from rest at the rate of 5.0 m/s^2 for 14 s. What final velocity did it attain?

$$v_f = v_i + at_f$$

$$= 0 + (5.0 \text{ m/s}^2)(14 \text{ s}) = 7.0 \times 10^1 \text{ m/s}$$

39. **Distance** An airplane starts from rest and accelerates at a constant 3.00 m/s^2 for 30.0 s before leaving the ground.

- a. How far did it move?

$$d_f = v_i t_f + \frac{1}{2} a t_f^2$$

$$= (0.0 \text{ m/s})(30.0 \text{ s}) + \frac{1}{2}(3.00 \text{ m/s}^2)(30.0 \text{ s})^2$$

$$= 1.35 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$$

- b. How fast was the airplane going when it took off?

$$v_f = v_i + at_f$$

$$= 0.0 \text{ m/s} + (3.00 \text{ m/s}^2)(30.0 \text{ s})$$

$$= 90.0 \text{ m/s}$$

Given
 $v_i = 0$ $v_f = ?$
 $a = 3.00 \text{ m/s}^2$
 $\Delta t = 30.0 \text{ s}$

Unknown
 $d_i = 0$ $d_f = ?$

use kinematics eqn # 2.