

Motion Terms

Scalar - has only size (no direction) 25g, 3.2h, 150m

vector - has size + direction
(magnitude) 2.5m/s [E], 150m [N30°E]

position (\vec{d}) - where you are in relation to a reference point.
(vector) $\vec{d} = 5\text{km [W]}$

distance (Δd) - how far you have travelled
(scalar) $\Delta d = 115\text{km}$

displacement ($\Delta \vec{d}$) - change in position; where you are now in relation to where you started.
(vector) $\Delta \vec{d} = 15\text{km [E]}$

Speed (v) - the rate at which you cover the distance
(scalar) $v = 100\text{km/h}$

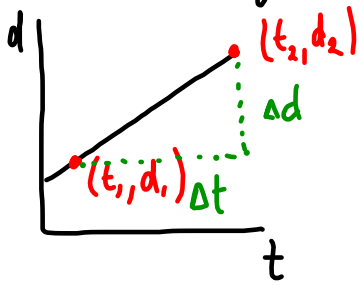
velocity (\vec{v}) - the rate at which your position changes
(vector) $\vec{v} = 25\text{km/h [N]}$

Speed \Rightarrow use distance

velocity \Rightarrow use displacement.

Velocity and Position-Time Graphs

Constant Velocity



$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

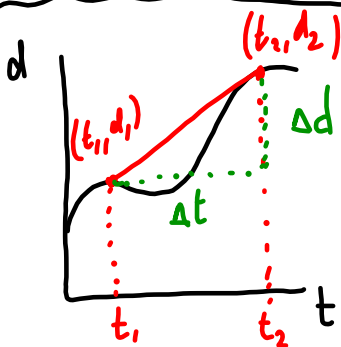
$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$$

from INV3: slope = velocity

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{velocity})$$

$$v = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{speed})$$

Non-Constant Velocity

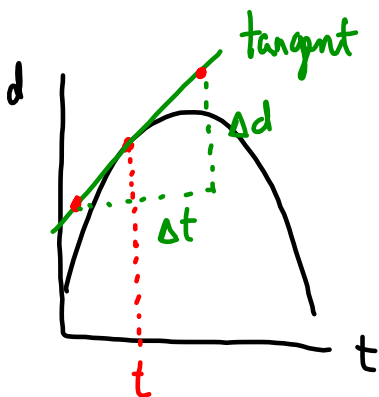


$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{ave}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\Delta t}$$

Average velocity is the slope between two points on a d-t graph



$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{inst}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\Delta t}$$

Instantaneous velocity is the slope of the tangent drawn at time t .

The velocity equation:

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\Delta t}$$

Speed

$$\left(v = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} \right)$$

Solve for $\Delta \vec{d}$:

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

Solve for Δt :

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\Delta t}$$

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

$$\frac{\vec{v} \Delta t}{\vec{v}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\vec{v}}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta \vec{d}}{\vec{v}}$$