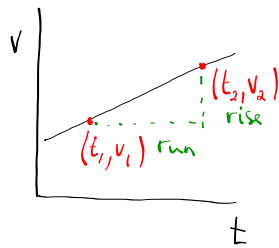


Acceleration and v-t graphs

Constant Acceleration



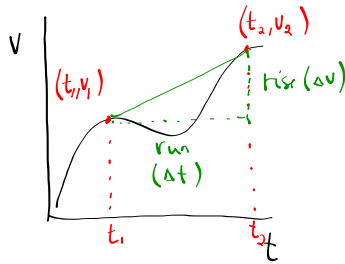
Slope = $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$

Slope = $\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

From Investigation 5, we know that the slope on a v-t graph is the same as the acceleration.

$\therefore a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

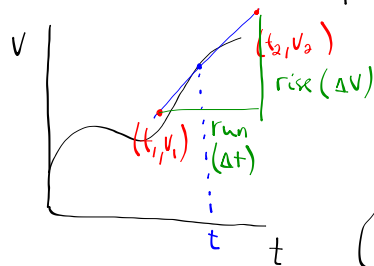
Non-Constant Acceleration



Slope = $\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

$a_{\text{ave}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

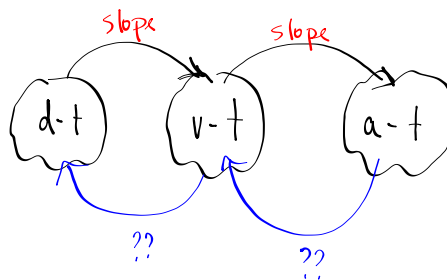
Average acceleration is the slope of the line connecting two points on the v-t graph.



Slope = $\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

$a_{\text{inst}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

The instantaneous acceleration is the slope of the tangent drawn at time t.



Acceleration

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

where $\Delta \vec{v} = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1$

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$$\vec{a} = 5.2 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ [downhill]}$$

m/s/s

$$\Delta t = 8.5 \text{ s}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = 0$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = ?$$

units: $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot \text{s} = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

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

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{a} \Delta t = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1$$

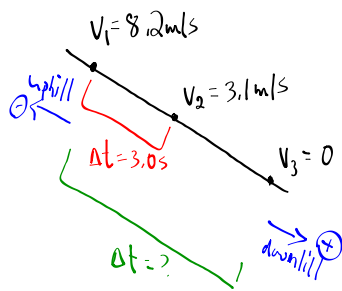
$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{a} \Delta t$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = 0 + (5.2 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ [down]}) (8.5 \text{ s})$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = 44.2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \text{ [downhill]}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \approx 44 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \text{ [downhill]}$$

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units:

$$\frac{\text{m/s}}{\text{s}} = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \div \text{s}$$

$$= \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

find acceleration:

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{3.1 \text{ m/s} - 8.2 \text{ m/s}}{3.0 \text{ s}}$$

$$a = \frac{-5.1 \text{ m/s}}{3.0 \text{ s}}$$

$$a = -1.7 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{a} = 1.7 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ [uphill]}$$

(slowing down going downhill)

Now find Δt to stop:

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{\Delta t}$$

$$a \Delta t = v_2 - v_1$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{a}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{0 - 8.2 \text{ m/s}}{-1.7 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{-8.2 \text{ m/s}}{-1.7 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$\Delta t = 4.8 \text{ s}$$

units:

$$\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \div \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{\text{s}^2}{\text{m}} = \text{s}$$

TO DO:

• PP/80

• Read p61-64 and p74-77