

Chapter 2

- I. 2-1: Reference Frames and Displacement:
- Reference Frame: The "perspective"
 - If you are on a train that is moving 50mph, a person outside the train would say you are going 50 mph (Frame of Ref: The earth)
 - If you are on a train that is moving 50mph, a person inside the train would say you are not moving (Frame of Ref: In the train)
 - Displacement: How far the object moved from its starting point to endpoint
 $d = x - x_1$ i.e [Distance Traveled - Starting Distance]
 - Vectors represent magnitude and direction
 - Δ (Delta) stands for change in
- II. 2-2: Average Velocity
- Speed: How far an object travels in a given time interval (regardless of direction)
Average speed: The total distance traveled along its path divided by the time it takes to travel this distance
$$\bar{s} = \frac{\text{distance traveled}}{\text{time elapsed}} = \frac{d - d_{\#}}{t - t_{\#}} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$$
 - Average velocity: The total displacement along its path divided by the time it takes to travel
$$\bar{v} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time elapsed}} = \frac{d}{t - t_{\#}} = \frac{d}{\Delta t}$$
 - Speed vs. Velocity:
 - Speed is simply a positive number
 - Velocity is the Magnitude of how fast the object is going and the direction in which it is moving
- III. 2-3: Instantaneous Velocity
- Instantaneous Velocity: The average velocity during an infinitesimally short time interval
$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$
 - The instantaneous speed always equals the magnitude of the instantaneous velocity
 - If an object moves at a constant velocity during a particular time interval,
- IV. 2-4: Acceleration
- Average Acceleration:
$$\bar{a} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time elapsed}} = \frac{v - v_{\#}}{t - t_{\#}}$$
 - Instantaneous Acceleration: The average acceleration during an infinitesimally short time interval
$$a = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$
 - Acceleration tells us how quickly velocity changes, whereas velocity tells us how quickly the position changes
 - Deceleration: When an object is slowing down
 - Deceleration means the magnitude of velocity is decreasing; it does not necessarily mean acceleration is negative
 - We have deceleration whenever the magnitude of the velocity is decreasing, and then the velocity and acceleration point in the opposite directions
- V. 2-5: Motion at a Constant Acceleration:
- Finding the constant acceleration:
$$a = \frac{\text{velocity} - \text{starting velocity}}{\text{time elapsed}}$$
 - Determining the velocity of an object after any elapsed time
$$v = \text{initial velocity} + \text{acceleration} \times \text{time elapsed}$$
 - Example:
Given: $(a = \frac{8.1}{s^2}, t = 6.0s)$
Starts from Rest ($v_1 = 0, t_1 = 0$)
$$v = \frac{4.0m}{s} \times 6.0s = \frac{24m}{s}$$
 - Calculating position of an object after a certain time when it is undergoing constant acceleration
$$x = \text{starting position} + \text{starting velocity} \times \text{time elapsed} + \frac{\text{acceleration} \times \text{time}^2}{2}$$
 - Calculating "velocity" without given time
$$\text{velocity} = (\text{initial velocity})^2 + 2 \times \text{acceleration}(\text{displacement})$$
 - Average Velocity
$$\text{average velocity} = \frac{\text{initial velocity} + \text{final velocity}}{2}$$
 - Variables
 - Initial Velocity (v_1)
 - Final Velocity (v_2)
 - Displacement (Δx) = $(x - x_1)$
 - Acceleration (a)
 - Time (t)
 - If you know the values of 3 variables, you can solve for the other 2
- VI. 2-7: Falling Objects
- Without air resistance, All objects fall with the same constant acceleration (Weight) (Size) (Shape) don't change the acceleration
 - Free Fall: No air resistance
 - Gravitational Acceleration: $g=9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
- VII. 2-8: Graphical Analysis
- Sketching vs. Graph
 - Sketch is rough, Graph is precise
 - Setting up a Graph
 - x-axis (independent variable)
 - y-axis (dependent on x-axis)

Important Equations (For Motion at a constant Acceleration):

- $v = \frac{d}{t}$
- $v = v_1 + at$
- $x = x_1 + v_1 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
- $v^2 = v_1^2 + 2a(x - x_1)$
- $\bar{v} = \frac{v + v_1}{2}$

General Things to keep in mind:

- If position...
 - Remains constant: The velocity is 0, therefore the acceleration remains at 0
 - Is Linear: The velocity remains a constant number, therefore acceleration is 0
 - Is a curve: The velocity is increasing/decreasing, therefore the object is accelerating
- Velocity: The rate of change of the objects position with respect to its frame of reference (aka direction)
 - Velocity changes if
 - Displacement changes
 - Direction changes
- Acceleration: How fast the object's velocity is changing

Linearizing Graphs:

- So we can see the change in velocity (aka see the acceleration)
- How to:
 - x-axis: t
 - y-axis: v

t_1 is basically the moment where you start a stopwatch

t is basically the total time ($t - t_{\#}$)