

## Classical Mechanics

- Motion of a particle
- Position vs. time
  - ⇒ Velocity \*
  - ⇒ Acceleration
- ↳ Translation / Rotation

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## Newtonian Mechanics

3-Dimensional Space  
Euclidean Geometry:  $\Delta = 180^\circ$  } Observations  
Experiments.

## Time

Absolute: clock rates independent of position or velocity.

Euclidean Geometry } Classical/Newtonian  
+ Absolute Time } Mechanics

Principia Mathematica  
(1687)

Laws of Motion  
+ Gravity

## Measurements

Length: meters }  
Time: seconds } SI  
Mass: kg }

## Kinematics

- describes geometry of motion. How?  
position  $\xrightarrow{\text{time}}$  velocity  $\xrightarrow{\text{time}}$  acceleration
- dynamics: Forces  
- Why?

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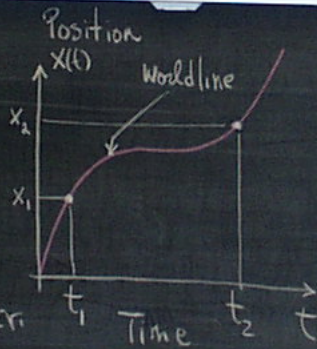
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## Position: Moving Particle

- Curve: 1-coordinate
- Surface: 2-coordinates
- Volume: 3-coordinates

Position vs Time: Complete Descr.



## Speed

Average Speed =  $\frac{\text{distance travelled } [L]}{\text{time taken } [T]}$

$$s = \frac{d}{t} > 0 \text{ (Always)}$$

m/s  
ft/s

Speeds:

Light	$3 \times 10^8$ m/s
Sound	300
Person	12
Glacier	$10^{-6}$

Constant:  $10^{-8}$

Motion and Speed are relative.  
Depend on Reference Frame





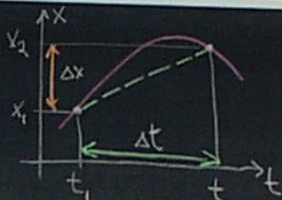
## Average Velocity

- 1-Dimension; St. line Motion
- If  $x = f(t)$  changes  $\Rightarrow$  particle moves.

$\Rightarrow$  velocity

Av Velocity  $\bar{v}_{av} = \bar{v} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{change in time}} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

= Slope of line connecting  $(x_1, t_1)$  and  $(x_2, t_2)$



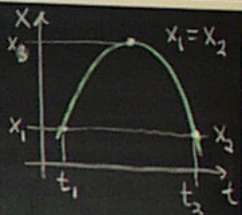
$\bar{v} > 0$  + x-axis  
 $\bar{v} < 0$  - x-axis

Average Speed:  $\frac{\text{distance trav.}}{\text{time}}$

Average Velocity:  $\frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$

$$\bar{s}_{12} = \frac{2(x_2 - x_1)}{t_2 - t_1} \neq 0$$

$$\bar{v}_{12} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} \equiv 0 !!!$$



## Instantaneous Velocity

$\bar{P}_1, \bar{P}_2$  Slope =  $\bar{v}_{av}(t_1, t_2)$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

What is velocity exactly at  $P_1$ ?

Reduce  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$

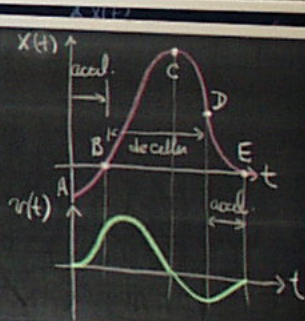
Inst. Velocity  $\equiv$  Velocity limit as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ !



$$v(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

velocity = time derivative  
of the position function  
= first derivative wrt.

Invariant to coord. system  
if no relative motion.



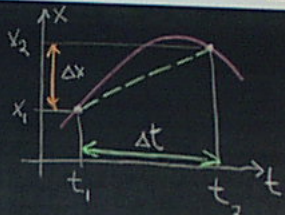
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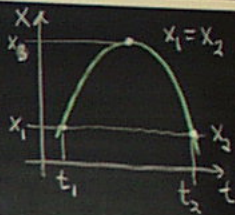
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## Example: Particle Moving along a st. line

$$x(t) = 2.1t^2 + 2.80 \text{ (m)} \quad t_{\text{in s}}$$

What are  $\bar{v}$  and  $v(t)$  at  $t=3, 5$ s?

$$t_1 = 3 \quad x_1 = 2.1(3)^2 + 2.8 = 21.7 \text{ m}$$

$$t_2 = 5 \quad x_2 = 2.1(5)^2 + 2.8 = 55.3 \text{ m}$$

$$\bar{v}_{\text{av}} = \bar{v} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{55.3 - 21.7}{5 - 3} = 16.8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$x = 2.1t^2 + 2.80 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$x + \Delta x = 2.1(t + \Delta t)^2 + 2.80 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$x + \Delta x = 2.1t^2 + 4.2t(\Delta t) + 2.1(\Delta t)^2 + 2.80 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\Delta x = 4.2t(\Delta t) + 2.1(\Delta t)^2$$

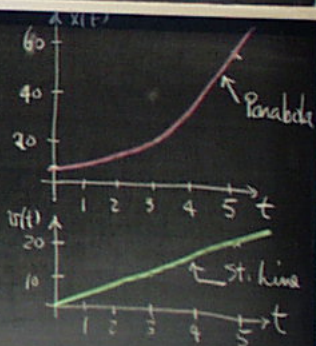
$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = 4.2t + 2.1(\Delta t)$$

$$v(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \bar{v} = 4.2t \equiv \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Calculus

$$v(5) = 21.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v(3) = 12.6 \text{ m/s} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} 16.8$$





Constant Velocity Motion: Special Case

Slope of  $x(t)$  = constant

$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$  - const =  $\bar{v}_0$       $v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = \text{const} = \bar{v}_0$

Average = Instantaneous

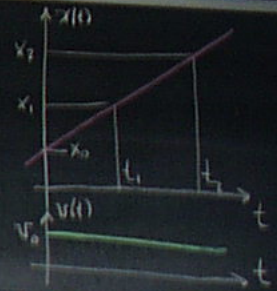
$\bar{v} = v(t) = \bar{v}_0$

Suppose  $x(t) = x_0$  at  $t=0$

$\bar{v} = \bar{v}_0 = \frac{x(t) - 0}{t - 0}$

$x(t) = x_0 + \bar{v}_0 t$

Eg. of Straws  
1-D Motion for  
const.  $v(t) = \bar{v}$

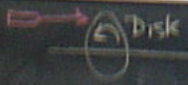
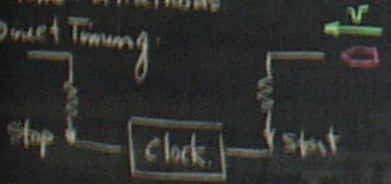


Speed of a Bullet

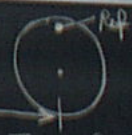
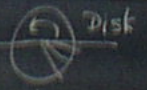
Distance:  $L = 1.50 \text{ m} \pm .01$

Time: 2 Methods

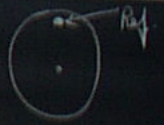
Direct Timing:



$s = \frac{L}{\Delta t} = \frac{1.50}{\Delta t}$



Time-of-Flight:  
 $\Delta t = \frac{L}{s}$



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