

Unit 2: Kinematics in 1D

2 - Speed and Velocity

• Speed (v): distance travelled per time.

- Speed is a scalar

Average speed

$$V = \frac{d}{t}$$

• Velocity (v): change in position per time

- Velocity is a vector

Average velocity

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

Where Δ means "change in"
 $\Delta = \text{final} - \text{initial}$

Ex: A student travels 11 m north and then turns around and travels 25 m south. If the total time of travel is 12 s, find:

a) The student's average speed.

$$V = \frac{d}{t} = \frac{(11\text{m} + 25\text{m})}{12\text{s}} = \frac{36\text{m}}{12\text{s}} = 3.0\text{ m/s}$$

b) The student's average velocity.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \frac{\vec{d}}{t} = \frac{11 + (-25)}{12\text{s}} \\ &= \frac{-14\text{m}}{12\text{s}} \\ &= -1.2\text{ m/s} = 1.2\text{ m/s S} \end{aligned}$$

1) How long does it take a car traveling at 45 km/h to travel 100.0 m?

$$45\text{ km/h} \div 3.6 = 12.5\text{ m/s}$$

$$t \cdot V = \frac{d}{t} \cdot t \quad \frac{x \cdot t}{x} = \frac{d}{V} \quad t = \frac{d}{V} = \frac{100.0\text{m}}{12.5\text{m/s}} = 8.0\text{ s}$$

2) How far does a skateboarder travel in 22 s if his average velocity is 12.0 m/s?

$$t \cdot V = \frac{d}{t} \cdot t \quad V \cdot t = d \quad d = V \cdot t = (12.0\text{ m/s})(22\text{s}) = 264\text{ m} = 260\text{ m}$$

3) A shopping cart moves from a point 3.0 m West of a flagpole to a point 18.0 m East of the flagpole in 2.5 s.

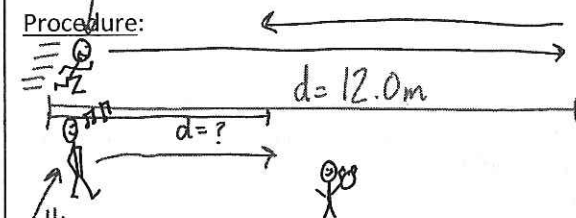
Find its average velocity.



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \frac{\Delta d}{t} = \frac{d_f - d_i}{t} = \frac{18.0 - (-3.0)}{2.5\text{s}} \\ &= \frac{21.0\text{m}}{2.5\text{s}} = 8.4\text{ m/s} = 8.4\text{ m/s E} \end{aligned}$$

Average Velocity vs. Average Speed

Procedure:



Calculations:

Student 1 - Runner

Speed

Velocity

Data:

Student 1

Time:

distance:

displacement:

Student 2

Time:

distance:

displacement:

Student 2 - Walker

Speed

Velocity

Worksheet 1.2 - Average Velocity and Speed

1. A high school bus travels 240 km in 6.0 h. What is its average speed for the trip? (in km/h)

$$\frac{240}{6} = 40 \text{ km/h}$$

2. A spider travels across a driveway 3.6 m wide with a speed of 14 cm/s. How long will it take to cross the driveway?

$$t = \frac{3.6}{14} = \frac{3600 \text{ cm}}{14} = 257.14 \text{ s} = 26 \text{ s}$$

3. Jay Umpshot, one of the many stars of the local basketball team, steals the ball and runs the length of the court in 8.5 sec at a speed of 5.0 m/s. How long is the court?

$$d = v \cdot t = 8.5 \cdot 5 = 42.5 \text{ m} = 43 \text{ m}$$

4. If a car is traveling at 25 m/s, how far does it travel in 1.0 hour?

$$d = v \cdot t = 25 \text{ m/s} \cdot 1 \text{ h} = 25 \text{ m/s} \cdot 3600 \text{ s} = 90000 \text{ m}$$

5. A caterpillar travels across the length of a 2.00 m porch in 6.5 minutes. What is the average velocity of the caterpillar in m/s?

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} = \frac{2.00}{6.5} = \frac{2.00}{390} = 0.005 \text{ m/s}$$

6. A motorist traveling on a straight stretch of open highway sets his cruise control at 90.0 km/h. How far will he travel in 15 minutes?

$$90 \times \frac{1}{4} = 22.5 \text{ km} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1.5 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ min}} \times 15 = 22.5 \text{ km}$$

7. A motorcycle travels 90.0 km/h. How many seconds will it take the motorcycle to cover $2.10 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$?

$$\frac{2100}{90 \text{ km/h}} = \frac{2.100 \text{ km}}{90 \text{ km}} = 23.3 \text{ h} = 0.023 \text{ h}$$

8. A hiker is at the bottom of a canyon facing the canyon wall closest to her. She is 280.5 m from the wall and the sound of her voice travels at 340.0 m/s at that location. How long after she shouts will she hear her echo.

$$t = \frac{280.5}{340}$$

9. A woman from Pasadena makes a trip to a nearby shopping mall that is located 40.0 km from her home. On the trip to the mall she averages 80.0 km/h but gets a speeding ticket upon her arrival. On the return trip she averages just 40.0 km/h. What was her average speed for the entire trip?

$$d = 80 \text{ km} \quad t = 1.5 \text{ hours}$$

$$V = \frac{80}{1.5} = 53.3$$

10. A cross-country rally car driver sets out on a 100.0 km race. At the halfway marker (50.0 km), her pit crew radios that she has averaged only 80.0 km/h. How fast must she drive over the remaining distance in order to average 100.0 km/h for the entire race?

11. A supersonic jet travels once around the earth at an average speed of $1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ km/h}$. Its orbital radius is $6.5 \times 10^3 \text{ km}$. How many hours does the trip take?

$$t = \frac{\pi (6.5 \times 10^3)^2}{1.6 \times 10^3} = 26 \text{ h}$$