Physics Topics

How Are Speed and Velocity Related?

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Phabulous Physics: Introduction



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Acceleration

Average acceleration = $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time}}$

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

•Positive acceleration means increasing velocity

•Negative acceleration means decreasing velocity

V_0	\mathbf{V}_1	t	а
80 mph	80 mph	10 s	$0\frac{m}{s^2}$
20 m/s	32 m/s	3 s	$4\frac{m}{s^2}$
32	20	2 s	$-6\frac{m}{r^2}$
m/s	m/s		2

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Five Important Equations

Variable That's Missing

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Derivation of Equations 3 & 4

 $a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v - v_0}{\Delta t}$ $\Delta s = v_{avg} \Delta t = \frac{1}{2} (v_0 + v) \Delta t$ $a\Delta t = v - v_0$ $\frac{a\Delta t}{2} = \frac{v - v_0}{2}$ $\Delta s = \frac{1}{2} v_0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} v \Delta t$ $\frac{1}{2}a\Delta t = \frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{2}v_0$ $\Delta s = \frac{1}{2} v_0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} v \Delta t$ $\Delta s = \frac{1}{2} v_0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} v \Delta t$ $(-) \quad \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2 = -\frac{1}{2}v_0\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}v\Delta t$ $\frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2 = -\frac{1}{2}v_0\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}v\Delta t$ (+) $\Delta s - \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2 = v_0 \Delta t$ $\Delta s + \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2 = v\Delta t$ $\Delta s = v_0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2$ $\Delta s = v\Delta t - \frac{1}{2}a$

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Derivation of Equation 5



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