

## Review

Describe straight line motion

Instantaneous acceleration and instantaneous velocity at a point in space and an instant of time



Average between  $t_0$  and  $t_1$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{x_1 - x_0}{t_1 - t_0} \quad \bar{a} = \frac{v_1 - v_0}{t_1 - t_0}$$

Instantaneous at  $t_1$

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad a = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dv_x}{dt}$$

Instantaneous velocity

$$v = \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$

ONLY if velocity is constant

Instantaneous velocity = Average velocity

$$v = \frac{x_f - x_0}{t_f - t_0}$$

Instantaneous acceleration

$$a = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$

ONLY if acceleration is constant

Instantaneous accel. = Average accel.

$$a = \frac{v_f - v_0}{t_f - t_0}$$

and

$$x = \frac{1}{2} a_x (\Delta t)^2 + v_{0x} (\Delta t) + x_0$$

but

$$v \text{ is NOT } \frac{x_f - x_0}{t_f - t_0}$$

## This Week

Application Examples 1 D motion

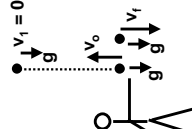
2 Dimensional Motion  
Vectors

Quiz 1

Thursday  
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## Example

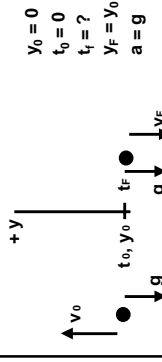
Suppose you throw an ball up and then catch it at the same height you threw it from, how fast does it hit your hand ?



Approach:

- Assume we know  $v_0$
- use the definition of velocity
- use the definition of acceleration
- straight line motion
- constant acceleration
- neglect air resistance

Physics description:



Relevant Equations:

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

acceleration of the ball is constant

$$a = \bar{a} \quad \bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \quad -g = \frac{-v_f - v_0}{t_f - t_0}$$

$$y_f = \frac{1}{2} a (t_f - t_0)^2 + v_0 (t_f - t_0) + y_0$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} (-g) t_f^2 + v_0 t_f$$

Target:  $v_f$

Plan:

Find  $v_f$  unknown

$$g = \frac{v_f + v_0}{t_f - t_0}$$

$$g = \frac{v_f + v_0}{t_f} \quad \boxed{1}$$

Find  $t_f$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} (-g) t_f^2 + v_0 t_f$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} (-g) t_f + v_0 \quad \boxed{2}$$

2 unknown and 2 equations

Can be solved

**2**  $0 = \frac{1}{2}(-g)t_f + v_0$

Into **1**  $\frac{2v_0}{g} = t_f$

$g = \frac{v_f + v_0}{2v_0}$

$g = (v_f + v_0) \frac{g}{2v_0}$

$2v_0 = (v_f + v_0)$

$v_0 = v_f$

The magnitude of the velocity of the ball hitting your hand is the same as that leaving your hand

he instantaneous velocity of the ball just before it hits your hand is how fast it is going.

### Example

You have a job working for a University research group investigating ozone depletion in the atmosphere. The plan is to collect data on the chemical composition of the atmosphere as a function of the distance from the ground using a mass spectrometer located in the nose cone of a rocket fired vertically. To make sure the delicate instruments survive the launch, your task is to determine the acceleration of the rocket before it uses up its fuel. The rocket is launched straight up with a constant acceleration until the fuel is gone 30 seconds later. To collect enough data, the total flight time must be 5.0 minutes before the rocket crashes into the ground.

**Focus**

What is the rocket acceleration when it has fuel?

**Approach**

Use constant accel. kinematics for initial 30 s  
Acceleration is up  
Average accel = instantaneous accel.

Use constant accel. kinematics after fuel is gone  
Acceleration is down = g  
Average accel = instantaneous accel.  
Neglect air resistance

**Motion Diagram**

Target: a

**Relevant equations:**

Constant acceleration  $t_0$  to  $t_1$   
 $a = \frac{v_1 - v_0}{t_1 - t_0} = \frac{v_1}{t_1}$  Average accel. = instantaneous accel.

$y_1 = \frac{1}{2}a(t_1 - t_0)^2 + v_0(t_1 - t_0) + y_0 = \frac{1}{2}at_1^2$

Constant acceleration  $t_1$  to  $t_f$   
 $-g = \frac{-v_f - v_1}{t_f - t_1}$  Average accel. = instantaneous accel.

$y_f = 0 = \frac{1}{2}g(t_f - t_1)^2 + v_1(t_f - t_1) + y_1$

**Plan**

Find a  $a = \frac{v_1}{t_1}$  **1** unknown a

Find  $v_1$   $g = \frac{-v_f + v_1}{t_f - t_1}$  **2**  $v_1$

Find  $v_f$  Dead end

We don't have another equation for  $v_1$   
We need another way of finding  $v_1$

**Plan**

Find a  $a = \frac{v_1}{t_1}$  **1** unknown a

Find  $v_1$   $0 = -\frac{1}{2}g(t_f - t_1)^2 + v_1(t_f - t_1) + y_1$  **2**  $y_1$

Find  $y_1$   $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}at_1^2$  **3**

3 unknowns, 3 equations  
Can be solved

Execute:

3  $v_1 = \frac{1}{2} at_1^2$  Into 2

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2} g(t_f - t_1)^2 + v_1(t_f - t_1) + \frac{1}{2} at_1^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} g(t_f - t_1)^2 = v_1(t_f - t_1) + \frac{1}{2} at_1^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} g(t_f - t_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} at_1^2 = v_1(t_f - t_1)$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} g(t_f - t_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} at_1^2}{(t_f - t_1)} = v_1$$

Into 1

$$\frac{1}{2} g(t_f - t_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} at_1^2$$

$$a = \frac{t_1}{(t_f - t_1)}$$

$$a = \frac{g(t_f - t_1)^2 - at_1^2}{2t_1(t_f - t_1)}$$

$$a = \frac{g(t_f - t_1)^2 - at_1^2}{2t_1(t_f - t_1)}$$

$$a2t_1(t_f - t_1) = g(t_f - t_1)^2 - at_1^2$$

$$a2t_1(t_f - t_1) + at_1^2 = g(t_f - t_1)^2$$

$$a[2t_1(t_f - t_1) + t_1^2] = g(t_f - t_1)^2$$

$$a = \frac{g(t_f - t_1)^2}{2t_1(t_f - t_1) + t_1^2}$$

check units

$$[a] = \frac{[a] \cancel{[t]}^2}{\cancel{[t]} - \cancel{[t]}} = \text{units of accel.}$$

OK

$$a = \frac{g(t_f - t_1)^2}{2t_1(t_f - t_1) + t_1^2}$$

$$a = \frac{\left(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) (300\text{s} - 30\text{s})^2}{2(30\text{s})(300\text{s} - 30\text{s}) + (30\text{s})^2} = 41.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

Evaluation:

Units are correct for an acceleration

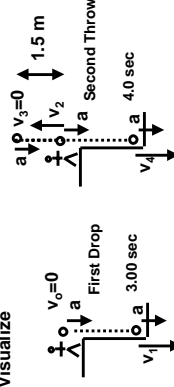
The acceleration is 4.2 g (not unreasonable for a rocket)

This acceleration is what is asked for

### Example

A private company suddenly announces that it sent 3 astronauts to Mars and broadcasts TV pictures of the astronauts exploring Mar's surface. Some members of Congress are skeptical and accuse the company of deception. They believe that the TV pictures were faked from a studio on Earth. Because of your knowledge of Physics, you have been hired as part of an investigation team. You notice that the TV recording shows an astronaut dropping an object from the top of a cliff. From the splash of dust visible when the object hits the bottom, you measure that it took 3.0 seconds to hit the ground. Next the astronaut throws another object straight up and it takes 4.0 seconds to hit the bottom of the cliff. From the pictures you determine that this object reached a height of 1.5 meters above the point where both objects were released.

Step 1: Focus the problem  
Visualize



Question:

What is the acceleration of the object and how does it compare to g?

Approach:

Assume the acceleration of objects is constant on Mars as it is on Earth

Apply kinematics with constant acceleration  
Final time - just after object leaves hand  
Final time - just before object hits ground

Ignore air resistance

**Step 2 : Describe the Physics**

**Motion Diagram:**

$t_0, y_0$

$v_0=0$

$a \downarrow$

$t_1, y_1$

$v_1$

$+y \ a \downarrow$

$t_2=0$

$t_1=3.0\text{ s}$

$y_0=0$

$y_1=?$

$v_0=0$

$v_1=?$

$a=?$

**Step 2 : Describe the Physics**

**Motion Diagram:**

**First Drop**

$t_0, y_0$

$v_0=0$

$a \downarrow$

$t_1, y_1$

$v_1$

$+y \ a \downarrow$

$t_2=0$

$t_1=3.0\text{ s}$

$y_0=0$

$y_1=?$

$v_0=0$

$v_1=?$

$a=?$

**Step 2 : Describe the Physics**

**Motion Diagram:**

**Second Throw**

$t_3, y_3$

$v_3=0$

$a \downarrow$

$t_2, y_2$

$v_2$

$a \downarrow$

$t_4, y_4$

$v_4$

$+y \ a \downarrow$

$t_1-t_2=4.0\text{ s}$

$v_1=?$

$t_3-t_2=?$

$y_3=1.5\text{ m}$

$v_4=?$

$v_3=0$

**Target Quantity:  $a$  = acceleration of objects on planet**

**Relevant equations:**

**For constant acceleration**

$$a_y = \frac{\Delta v_y}{\Delta t}$$

$$y_f = \frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2 + v_{y0} \Delta t + y_0$$

**Use equations for constant acceleration**

$$a_y = \frac{\Delta v_y}{\Delta t} \quad y_f = \frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2 + v_{y0} \Delta t + y_0$$

**During 3 different time intervals**

**$t_0$  to  $t_1$**

$$a = \frac{v_1 - v_0}{t_1 - t_0} = \frac{v_1}{t_1}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_1 - t_0)^2 + v_0 (t_1 - t_0) + y_0 = \frac{1}{2} a t_1^2$$

**$t_2$  to  $t_4$**

$$a = \frac{v_4 - (-v_2)}{t_4 - t_2} = \frac{v_4 + v_2}{t_4 - t_2}$$

$$y_4 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 + (-v_2)(t_4 - t_2) + y_0$$

$$y_4 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 - v_2 (t_4 - t_2)$$

**$t_2$  to  $t_3$**

$$a = \frac{v_3 - (-v_2)}{t_3 - t_2} = \frac{v_2}{t_3 - t_2}$$

$$-y_3 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_3 - t_2)^2 + (-v_2)(t_3 - t_2)$$

**Step 3: Plan the solution**

**Find  $a$**

**From drop**

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_1)^2 \quad [1]$$

**Find  $y_1$**

**from throw**

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 - v_2 (t_4 - t_2) \quad [2] \quad v_2$$

**Find  $v_2$**

**from throw going up**

$$-y_3 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_3 - t_2)^2 - v_2 (t_3 - t_2) \quad [3] \quad t_3 - t_2$$

**Find  $t_3 - t_2$**

**from throw**

$$a = \frac{v_3 - (-v_2)}{t_3 - t_2}$$

$$a = \frac{v_2}{t_3 - t_2} \quad [4]$$

**4 unknowns, 4 equations**

**Can solve it**

**Execute the Plan:**

**Evaluate Solution:**

**Properly stated?**

**Unreasonable?**

**Complete?**

**Execute the Plan:**

Solve [4] for  $t_3 - t_2$  Into [3]

$$t_3 - t_2 = \frac{v_2}{a} \text{ Into [3]}$$

$$-y_3 = \frac{1}{2} a \left( \frac{v_2}{a} \right)^2 - v_2 \left( \frac{v_2}{a} \right)$$

$$-y_3 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_2^2}{a} - \frac{v_2^2}{a}$$

$$y_3 = \frac{v_2^2}{2a}$$

Into [2]

$$\sqrt{2ay_3} = v_2 \text{ Into [1]}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 - \sqrt{2ay_3} (t_4 - t_2) \text{ Into [1]}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 - \sqrt{2ay_3} (t_4 - t_2) = \frac{1}{2} a (t_1)^2$$

only unknown is  $a$

**Check units**

$$\left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right] \left[ \text{s}^2 \right] - \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right] \left[ \text{m} \right]} \left[ \text{s} \right] = \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right] \left[ \text{s}^2 \right]$$

$$[\text{m}] - [\text{m}] = [\text{m}] \text{ ok}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 - \sqrt{2ay_3} (t_4 - t_2) = \frac{1}{2} a (t_1)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} a (t_4 - t_2)^2 - a (t_1)^2 = \sqrt{2ay_3} (t_4 - t_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} a [(t_4 - t_2)^2 - (t_1)^2] = \sqrt{2ay_3} (t_4 - t_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} a^2 [(t_4 - t_2)^2 - (t_1)^2]^2 = 2ay_3 (t_4 - t_2)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{4} a [(t_4 - t_2)^2 - (t_1)^2]^2 = 2y_3 (t_4 - t_2)^2$$

$$a = 8y_3 \frac{(t_4 - t_2)^2}{[(t_4 - t_2)^2 - (t_1)^2]^2}$$

**check units**

$$[\text{a}] = \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right] \frac{1}{\left[ \text{s} \right]^2} = \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right] \text{ ok}$$

$$a = 8y_3 \frac{(t_4 - t_2)^2}{[(t_4 - t_2)^2 - (t_1)^2]^2}$$

$$a = 8(1.5\text{m}) \frac{(4.0\text{s})^2}{[(4.0\text{s})^2 - (3.0\text{s})^2]^2} = 3.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

This is about 0.4g which is not Earth and is about right for Mars.

**Evaluate Solution:**

Properly stated?  
Yes. Acceleration is in m/s<sup>2</sup>

Unreasonable?  
No. It is a little less than half of the Earth's gravitational acceleration

Complete?  
Yes. They are on Mars.

**Replay**

Approach: Constant acceleration kinematics

Drop object

Relationship between acceleration and height of cliff

Don't know height of cliff

Throw object

Relationship between acceleration and height of cliff

Don't know initial velocity

Know height above cliff

Relationship between initial velocity and height above cliff

Don't know time for max height

Relationship between time interval and velocity at max height

**2 Dimensions**  
(2 space, 1 time)

Rearranging the position - time designations and adding the motion variables

**Kinematics**

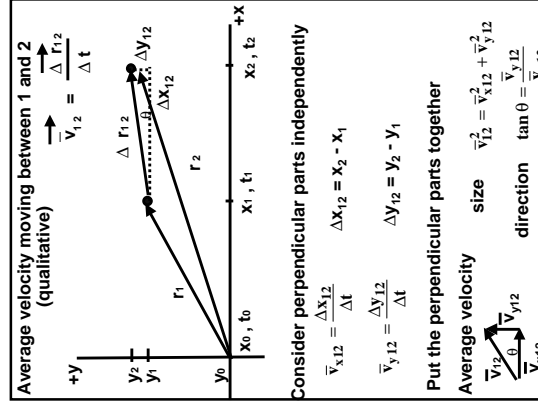
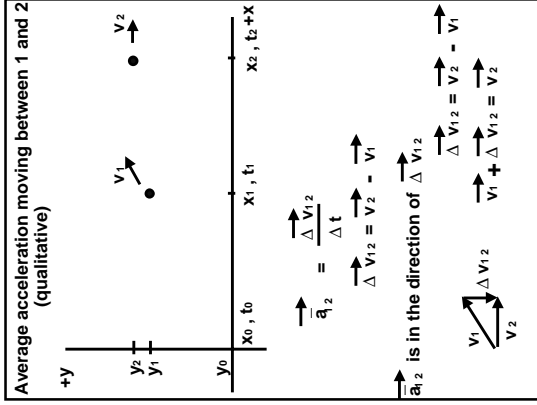
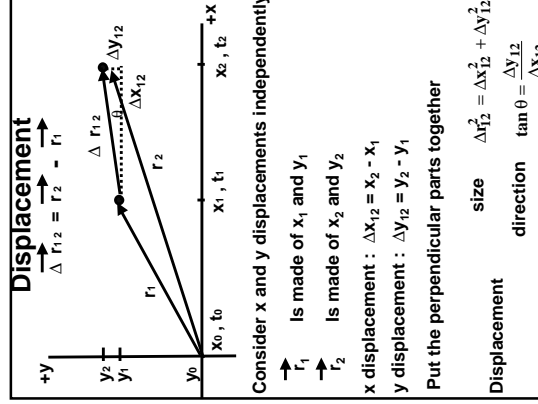
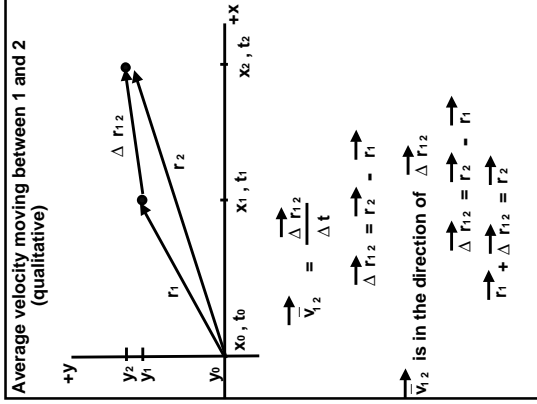
Definition of average velocity  $\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$

Definition of instantaneous velocity (velocity at a space - time point)  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$

Definition of average acceleration  $\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$

Definition of instantaneous acceleration (acceleration at a space - time point)  $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$

But now  $\Delta \vec{r}$  and  $\Delta \vec{v}$  are more complicated than in 1-dimension



**Quantitative 2-D Kinematics**

The Great Discovery  
perpendicular parts of motion are independent

To solve a problem of an object moving

1. Break the motion into perpendicular parts  
Each 1 Dimension
2. Calculate everything you need  
(1 Dimensional Kinematics)
3. Put the perpendicular parts back together

**Average acceleration moving between 1 and 2**  
(qualitative)

$$\vec{a}_{1,2} = \frac{\Delta v_{1,2}}{\Delta t}$$

Consider perpendicular parts independently

$$\vec{a}_{x12} = \frac{\Delta v_{x12}}{\Delta t} \quad \Delta v_{x12} = v_{x2} - v_{x1}$$

$$\vec{a}_{y12} = \frac{\Delta v_{y12}}{\Delta t} \quad \Delta v_{y12} = v_{y2} - v_{y1}$$

Put the perpendicular parts together

Average acceleration size  $\vec{a}_{1,2}^2 = a_{x12}^2 + a_{y12}^2$   
direction  $\tan \phi = \frac{a_{y12}}{a_{x12}}$

## Review

Difference between

Speed and Velocity

Difference between displacement and distance

Displacement | Distance

Vector

Scalar

Know end points

Know path

Average Speed NOT = Average Velocity

Unless object moves in

Straight line in constant direction

Instantaneous Speed =

Magnitude of Instantaneous Velocity

## Average Speed

$$s = \frac{\text{distance}}{t_f - t_o} = \frac{\text{dist}}{\Delta t}$$

## Instantaneous Speed

$$s = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{dist.}}{\Delta t}$$

## Average Velocity

$$\bar{v}_x = \frac{x_f - x_o}{t_f - t_o} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Use instantaneous position to calculate average velocity

## Instantaneous Velocity

$$v_x = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

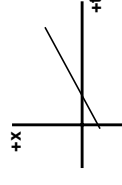
## Special Cases

### Constant Speed

$$s = s$$

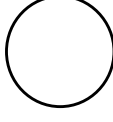
### Constant Velocity

$$v_x = \bar{v}_x$$



If an object has a constant velocity it always has a constant speed

If an object has a constant speed it may not have a constant velocity



## Average acceleration

$$\bar{a}_x = \frac{v_{x,f} - v_{x,o}}{t_f - t_o} = \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}$$

Use instantaneous velocity to calculate average acceleration

## Instantaneous acceleration

$$a_x = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dv_x}{dt}$$

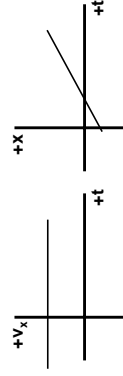
## Special Cases:

Acceleration = 0

Constant velocity

average velocity = instantaneous velocity

$$v_f = v_o$$



## Acceleration is Constant

average acceleration = instantaneous acceleration

$$a_x = \frac{v_{x,f} - v_{x,o}}{t_f - t_o}$$

$$a_x = \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}$$

$$x_f = \frac{1}{2} a_x (\Delta t)^2 + v_{x,o} \Delta t + x_o$$

