

MEMO

CALC-BASED
PHYSICS

FORMULA SHEET

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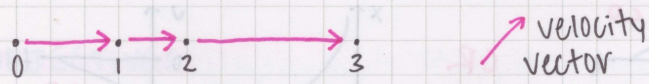
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MOTION DIAGRAMS

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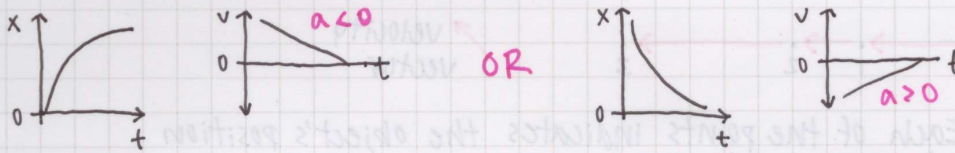
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SLOWING DOWN

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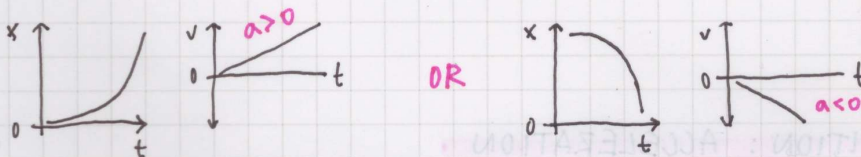
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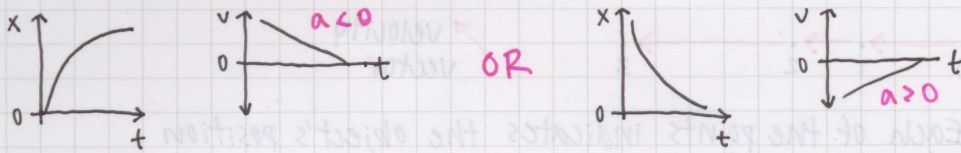
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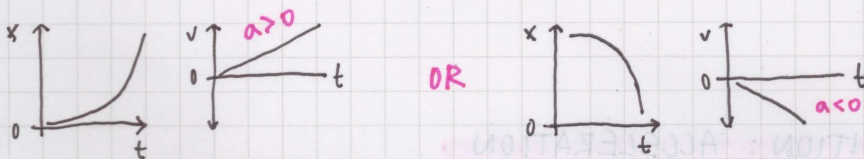
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KINEMATICS IN 1D

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OBJECTIVES

- 1.) Synthesize representations of 1D motion
- 2.) Introduce/Review equations of motion w/ uniform acc
- 3.) Calc-based relations - pos, v, acc

VELOCITY

- speed & direction of motion

	$v > 0$	$v < 0$	standards ←
horizontal	right	left	
vertical	up	down	

ACCELERATION

- rate of change of velocity
- speeding up, slowing down, or changing direction
- uniform when it has the same value
- slope of velocity-time graph
↳ proportional to rate-of-change vector

Velocity is a continuous function!

DELTA

$$\Delta = \text{after} - \text{before} = \text{final} - \text{initial}$$

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EQUATIONS OF MOTION: UNIFORM ACCELERATION

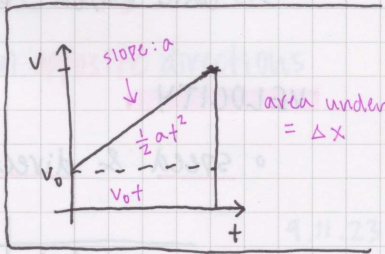
velocity @ time t →

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + [\vec{a}_0 t]$$

↑ initial velocity ↓ time elapsed ← change in velocity vector

acceleration

position @ time t →

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a_0 t^2$$


DIFFERENTIAL

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

INTEGRAL

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + \int_0^t \vec{v}(t') dt'$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \int_0^t \vec{a}(t') dt'$$

$$\Delta = \text{final} - \text{initial}$$

EQUATION FOR UNIFORM ACCELERATION

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}_0 t$$

REFRESHER ON VECTORS

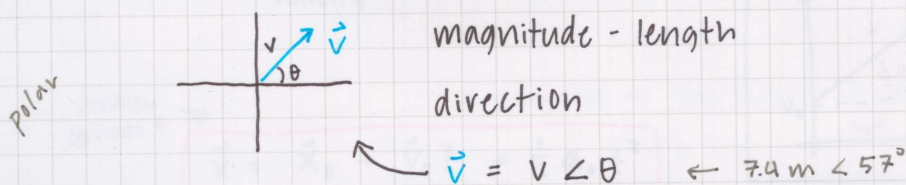
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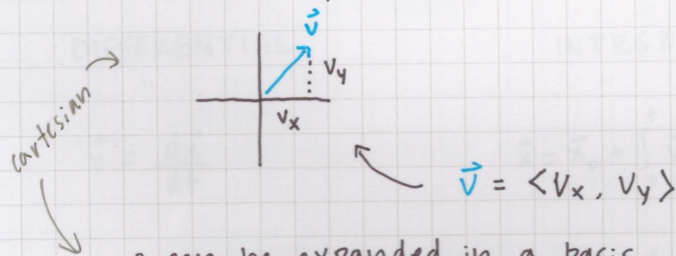
- 1.) Review representations of vectors
- 2.) Review Vector addition
- 3.) Introduce \hat{x} , \hat{y} , a vectors

VECTORS:

- have magnitude & direction
- represented w/ arrows



- have components



- can be expanded in a basis

\hat{i} : "i hat"

$+\hat{i}$: rightward

$-\hat{i}$: leftward

\hat{j} : "j hat"

$+\hat{j}$: up

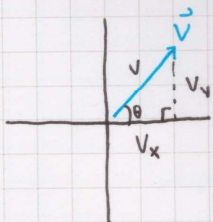
$-\hat{j}$: down



basis vectors
have magnitude 1

$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j}$$

- translating between representations:



$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{v_x}{v}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{v_y}{v}$$

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

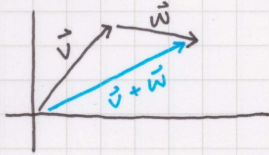
$$v_x = v \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$v_y = v \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(v_y/v_x)$$

VECTOR ADDITION:

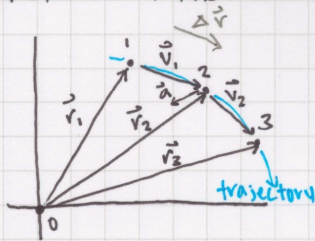
- sum of two vectors is also a vector



$$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \langle v_x + w_x, v_y + w_y \rangle$$

$$= (v_x + w_x)\hat{i} + (v_y + w_y)\hat{j}$$

VECTORS IN PHYSICS:



- velocity is parallel to displacement
- acceleration \parallel change in \vec{v}
- \vec{a} might not be \parallel to \vec{v}

different
from
distance /
arc length
(s), found
by integrating
speed over
time :-

Position: \vec{r} ← distance from origin!
Displacement: $\Delta \vec{r}$
Units: length (m)

Velocity: $\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t}$
Speed: $v = \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$
Units: $\frac{\text{length}}{\text{time}}$ (m/s)

Acceleration: $\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$
Units: $\frac{\text{length}}{\text{time}^2}$ (m/s²)

TAKEAWAYS: