

### 1.6 Applications of the Kinematics Equations

Steps for Solving Kinematics Problems:

1. Complete a variables list/draw a diagram if necessary.
2. Select the appropriate equation (ie. the one with one unknown variable that isn't on your list.)
3. Convert units if necessary.
4. Rearrange/"plug and chug." Sub in numbers and solve for unknown.
5. Box your final answer (correct with sig digs).



Ex.) A runner starts from rest and sprints to a speed of 6.00 m/s in 1.50 s. Assuming uniform acceleration, determine the distance ran.

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_i &= 0 \text{ m/s} \\
 v_f &= 6.00 \text{ m/s} \\
 t &= 1.50 \text{ s} \\
 d &= ?
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta d = \left( \frac{v_i + v_f}{2} \right) t$$

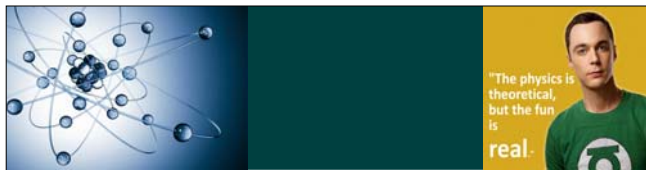
$$\Delta d = \left( \frac{0 \text{ m/s} + 6.00 \text{ m/s}}{2} \right) (1.50 \text{ s})$$

$$\boxed{\Delta d = 4.50 \text{ m}}$$



Ex.) The length of a primitive dartgun is 1.2 m. Upon leaving the barrel, a dart has a speed of 14 m/s. Assuming the dart is uniformly accelerated, how long does it take the dart to travel the length of the barrel?

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_i &= 0 \text{ m/s} & \Delta d &= \left( \frac{v_i + v_f}{2} \right) t \\
 d &= 1.2 \text{ m} & & \\
 v_f &= 14 \text{ m/s} & 1.2 \text{ m} &= \left( \frac{0 \text{ m/s} + 14 \text{ m/s}}{2} \right) t \\
 t &=? & & \\
 & & \frac{1.2 \text{ m}}{7 \text{ m/s}} &= \frac{7 \text{ m/s} \cdot t}{7 \text{ m/s}} \\
 & & \boxed{t = 0.17 \text{ s}} &
 \end{aligned}$$



Ex.) A driver of a car going 90.0 km/h sees the lights of a barrier 40.0 m ahead. It takes the driver 0.75 s before he applies the brakes at an average breaking acceleration of  $-10.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

a) Will the car hit the barrier?  
 $v_i = 25 \text{ m/s}$

$> 40 \text{ m} \Rightarrow$  hits  
 $< 40 \text{ m} \Rightarrow$  doesn't hit

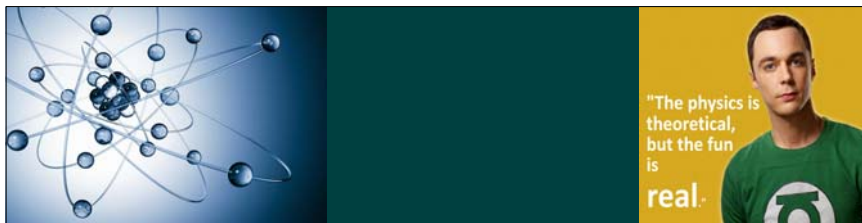
before brakes

$$\begin{aligned}
 v &= \frac{d}{t} \\
 d &= vt \\
 d &= (25 \text{ m/s})(0.75 \text{ s}) \\
 d &= \underline{\underline{18.75 \text{ m}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

after brakes

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_i &= 25 \text{ m/s} \\
 v_f &= 0 \text{ m/s} \\
 a &= -10 \text{ m/s}^2 \\
 d &=? \\
 a &= \frac{v_f^2 - v_i^2}{2d} \\
 d &= \frac{v_f^2 - v_i^2}{2a} \\
 d &= \frac{(0 \text{ m/s})^2 - (25 \text{ m/s})^2}{(2)(-10 \text{ m/s}^2)} \\
 d &= \underline{\underline{31.25 \text{ m}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$d_{\text{total}} = 50 \text{ m}$   
 $\therefore$  he hits the barrier.



b) What is the maximum speed the car can be moving at and not hit the barrier?  
Assume all other data does not change (use  $d = 18.75 \text{ m}$ ).

$$d = 18.75 \text{ m}$$

$$v_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_i = ?$$

$$a = -10.0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

$$-2ad \quad -2ad$$

$$\sqrt{v_f^2 - 2ad} = \sqrt{v_i^2}$$

$$v_i = \sqrt{v_f^2 - 2ad}$$

$$v_i = \sqrt{(0 \text{ m/s})^2 - 2(-10.0 \text{ m/s}^2)(18.75 \text{ m})}$$

$$v_i = 19.36 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_i = 70 \text{ km/h}$$

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Ex.) Three people are running a race, Al, Bob, and Joe. Al runs with a constant acceleration. First he passes Bob. 60.0 m and 6.0 s later he passes Joe. His velocity as he passes Joe is 15.0 m/s.

a) What is Al's speed as he passes Bob?

$$\Delta d = \left( \frac{v_i + v_f}{2} \right) t$$

$$60.0 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{v_i + 15.0 \text{ m/s}}{2} \right) (6.0 \text{ s})$$

$$60.0 \text{ m} = (v_i + 15.0 \text{ m/s}) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6.0 \text{ s}$$

$$60.0 \text{ m} = 3v_i + 45 \text{ m/s}$$

$$-45 \quad -45$$

$$\frac{15}{3} = \frac{3v_i}{3}$$

$$v_i = 5.0 \text{ m/s [forward]}$$

Diagram: A horizontal line with three points labeled Al, Bob, and Joe. A bracket above the line from Al to Joe is labeled  $d = 60.0 \text{ m}$  and  $t = 6.0 \text{ s}$ . Below the line,  $v_i = ?$  is written under Bob and  $v_f = 15.0 \text{ m/s}$  is written under Joe. To the right, calculations are shown:  $(c) v_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $v_{f, Al} = v_{i, Bob} = 5.0 \text{ m/s}$ , and  $a = 1.7 \text{ m/s}^2$ .



b) What is Al's acceleration?

$$\vec{v}_{i\text{Bob}} = 5.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = 15.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{d} = 60.0 \text{ m}$$

$$t = 6.0 \text{ s}$$

$$\vec{a} = ?$$

2 ways

$$\vec{d} = \vec{v}_f t - \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

$$60.0 \text{ m} = (15.0)(6.0) - \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} (6.0)^2$$

$$60 = 90 - 18\vec{a}$$

$$-90 - 90$$

$$-30 = -18\vec{a}$$

$$-\frac{30}{18} = -\frac{18}{18}$$

$$\vec{a} = 1.7 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{v}_f^2 - \vec{v}_i^2}{2d}$$

$$a = \frac{15^2 - 5^2}{(2 \cdot 60)}$$



c) How far back did Al have to start to catch Bob?

$$\vec{v}_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = 5.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{a} = 1.6 \text{ m/s}^2$$

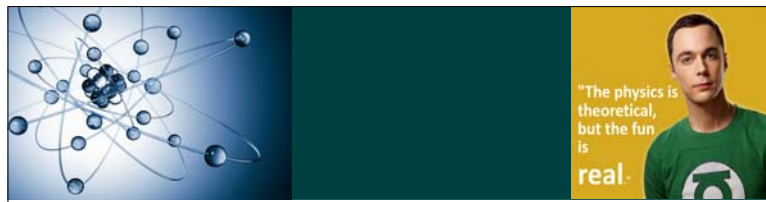
$$\vec{d} = ?$$

$$\vec{v}_f^2 = \vec{v}_i^2 + 2\vec{a}\vec{d}$$

$$(5.0)^2 = (\cancel{0.0})^2 + 2(1.6)\vec{d}$$

$$25 = 3.2\vec{d}$$

$$\vec{d} = 7.5 \text{ m [back]}$$




Ex.) As a traffic light turns green, a police car starts with a constant acceleration of  $6.00 \text{ m/s}^2$ . At the instant the cop begins to accelerate, a speeding truck with constant velocity at  $21.0 \text{ m/s}$  passes by in the next lane.

a) How far will the police car travel before it overtakes the truck? Find

<u>Police</u>	<u>Truck</u>	
$\vec{a} = 6.00 \text{ m/s}^2$	$d = vt$	$d_{\text{cop}} = d_{\text{truck}}$
$\vec{v}_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$	$d_{\text{truck}} = 21.0t$	
$\vec{d} = ?$		
$\vec{d} = \vec{v}_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$		
$d_{\text{cop}} = \frac{1}{2} (6.00 \text{ m/s}^2) t^2$	$d_{\text{cop}} = d_{\text{truck}}$	
	$3t^2 = 21t$	
	$-21t$ $-21t$	
	$3t^2 - 21t = 0$	
	$3t(t - 7) = 0$	
	$t = 0$ $t = 7.0 \text{ s}$	

$\vec{d} = 147 \text{ m}$



b) How fast will the police car be travelling when it overtakes the truck?

$\vec{v}_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$	$\vec{v}_f = \sqrt{0^2 + 2(6.00)(147)}$
$\vec{a} = 6.00 \text{ m/s}^2$	
$\vec{d} = 147 \text{ m}$	$\vec{v}_f = 42.0 \text{ m/s}$
$t = 7.0 \text{ s}$	$\vec{v}_f = 151 \text{ km/h}$
$\vec{v}_f = ?$	



Ex.) A moped, starting from rest, has an acceleration of +2.60 m/s<sup>2</sup>. After the moped has travelled 120 m, it slows down to a stop with an acceleration of -1.50 m/s<sup>2</sup>. What is the total displacement of the moped?

Diagram showing two segments of motion:

- Segment A:** Starts at rest ( $v_i = 0$ ), accelerates at  $\vec{a} = +2.60 \text{ m/s}^2$  over a displacement of  $\vec{d} = 120 \text{ m}$ . Ends at velocity  $v_f = v_i$ .
- Segment B:** Starts at velocity  $v_i = v_f$  from segment A, decelerates at  $\vec{a} = -1.50 \text{ m/s}^2$  until it stops ( $v_f = 0$ ).

**(A)** 
$$\vec{v}_f^2 = \vec{v}_i^2 + 2\vec{a}\vec{d}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = \sqrt{0^2 + 2(2.60 \text{ m/s}^2)(120 \text{ m})}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = 24.979 \dots \text{ m/s}$$

**(B)** 
$$\vec{v}_i = 24.979 \dots \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{a} = -1.50 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{d} = ?$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{v}_f^2 - \vec{v}_i^2}{2\vec{d}}$$

$$\vec{d} = \frac{\vec{v}_f^2 - \vec{v}_i^2}{2\vec{a}}$$

$$\vec{d} = \frac{0^2 - (24.979 \dots)^2}{2 \cdot (-1.50)}$$

$$\vec{d} = 208 \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{d}_{\text{total}} = \vec{d}_A + \vec{d}_B = 120 \text{ m} + 208 \text{ m} = \boxed{328 \text{ m}}$$