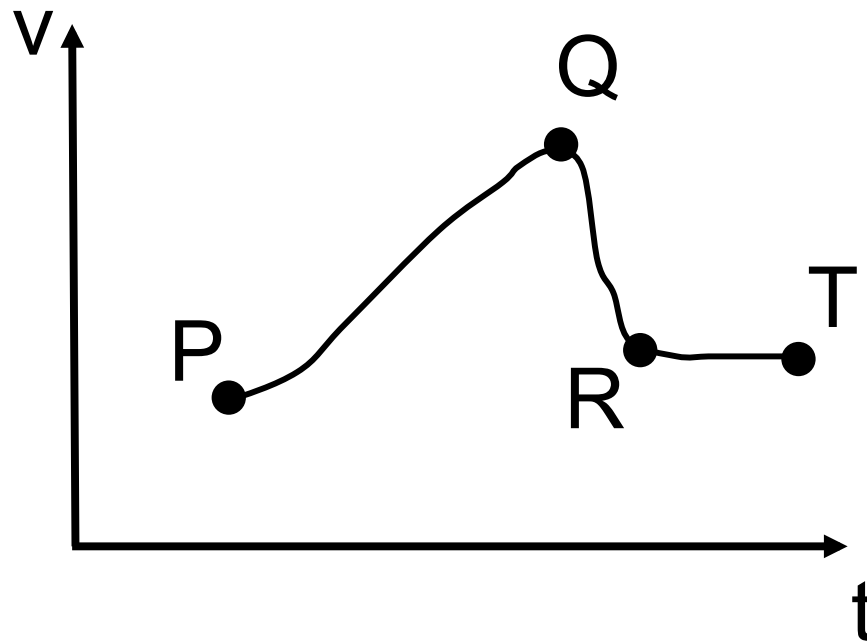


Welcome back to Physics 211

Lecture 2-1

- Last time:
 - Displacement, velocity, graphs
- Today:
 - Using graphs to solve problems
 - Constant acceleration, free fall

1-2.6-8: Acceleration from graph of $v(t)$



What is a_{av} for

6. PQ ?

7. QR ?

8. RT ?

- Slope measures acceleration
 - Positive a means v is increasing
 - Negative a means v decreasing

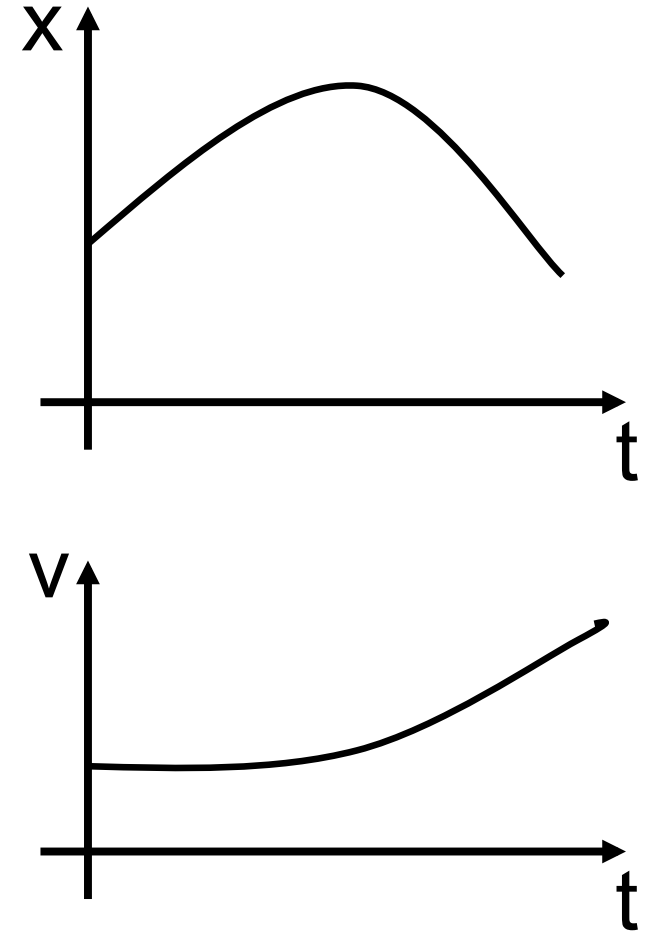
1. $a_{avg} > 0$
2. $a_{avg} < 0$
3. $a_{avg} = 0$

Cart demo

- Sketch graphs of position, velocity, and acceleration for cart

Interpreting $x(t)$ and $v(t)$ graphs

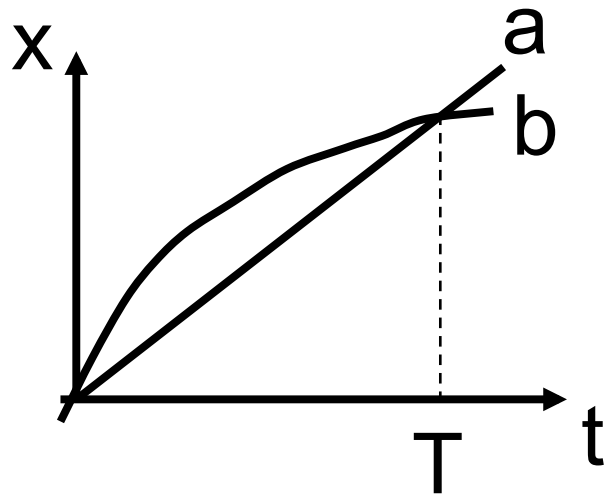
- Slope at any instant in $x(t)$ graph gives instantaneous **velocity**
- Slope at any instant in $v(t)$ graph gives instantaneous **acceleration**
- What else can we learn from an $x(t)$ graph?



Clicker question 2-1.1: You are throwing a ball up in the air. At its highest point, the ball's

1. Velocity v and acceleration a are zero
2. v is non-zero but a is zero
3. v and a are both non-zero
4. a is non-zero but v is zero

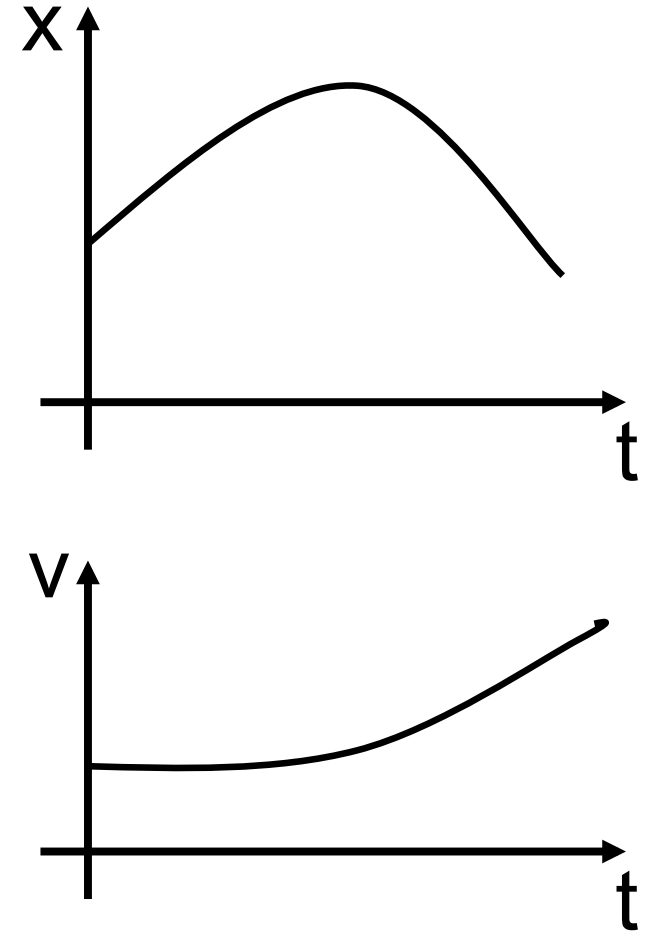
2-1.2 The graph shows 2 trains running on parallel tracks. Which is true:



1. At time T both trains have same v
2. Both trains speed up the whole time
3. Both trains have the same v for some $t < T$
4. Somewhere, both trains have the same acceleration

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Acceleration from $x(t)$

- Rate of change of slope in $x(t)$ plot equivalent to *curvature* of $x(t)$ plot
- Mathematically, we can write this as

$$a =$$

– Negative curvature

- $a < 0$

– Positive curvature

- $a > 0$

– No curvature

- $a = 0$



Sample problem

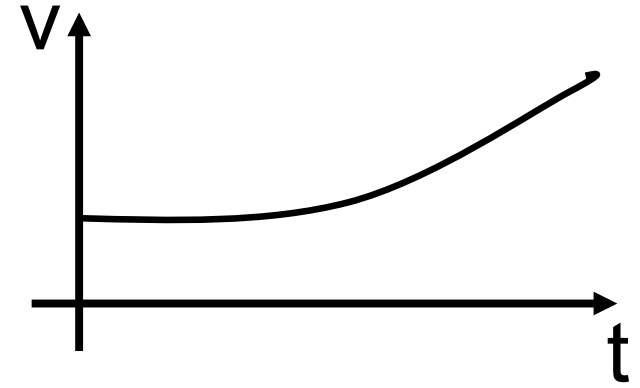
- An object's position as a function of time is given by $x(t) = (3.00 \text{ m}) - (2.00 \text{ m/s}) t + (3.00 \text{ m/s}^2) t^2$.
 - Clicker 2-1.3: Calculate the avg. accel. between $t = 2.00\text{s}$ and $t = 3.00 \text{ s}$.
1. 3 m/s^2
 2. 2 m/s^2
 3. 4 m/s^2
 4. 12 m/s^2
 5. None of the above

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 - Clicker 2-1.4: Calculate the inst. accel. at (i) $t = 2.00 \text{ s}$; (ii) $t = 3.00 \text{ s}$.
1. $6 \text{ m/s}^2, 6 \text{ m/s}^2$
 2. $3 \text{ m/s}^2, 3 \text{ m/s}^2$
 3. $4 \text{ m/s}^2, 6 \text{ m/s}^2$
 4. $6 \text{ m/s}^2, 4 \text{ m/s}^2$
 5. None of the above

Displacement from velocity curve?

- Suppose we know $v(t)$ (say as graph), can we learn anything about $x(t)$?
- Consider a small time interval Δt

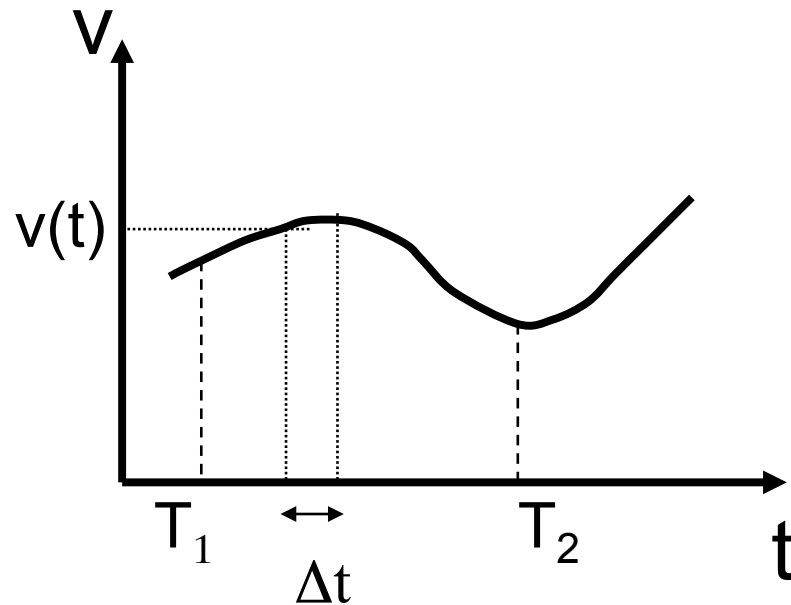


$$v = \Delta x / \Delta t \rightarrow \Delta x = v \Delta t$$

- So, total displacement is the sum of all these small displacements Δx

$$x = \sum \Delta x = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum v(t) \Delta t =$$

Graphical interpretation



Displacement between T_1 and T_2 is
area under $v(t)$ curve

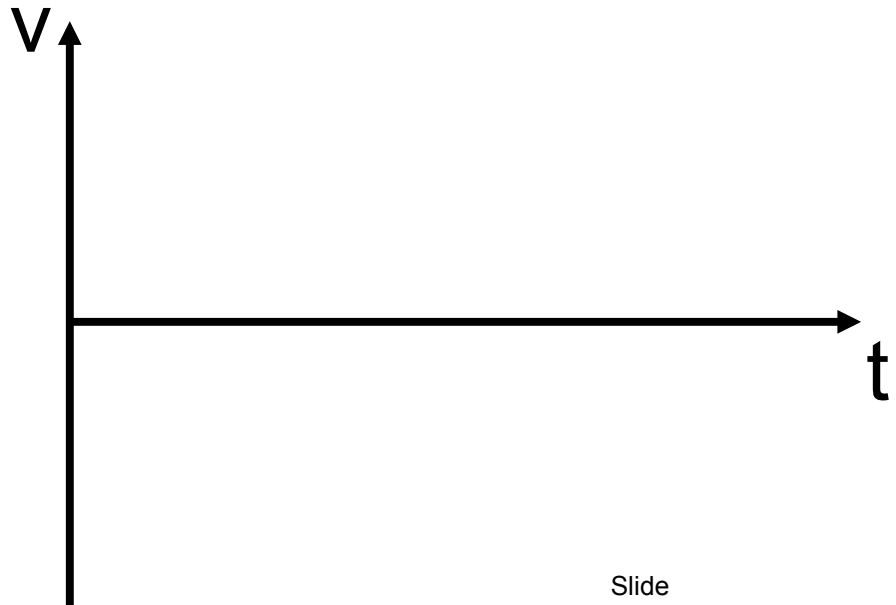
Displacement – integral of velocity

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Sigma \Delta t v(t) = \text{area under } v(t) \text{ curve}$$

note: `area' can be positive or negative

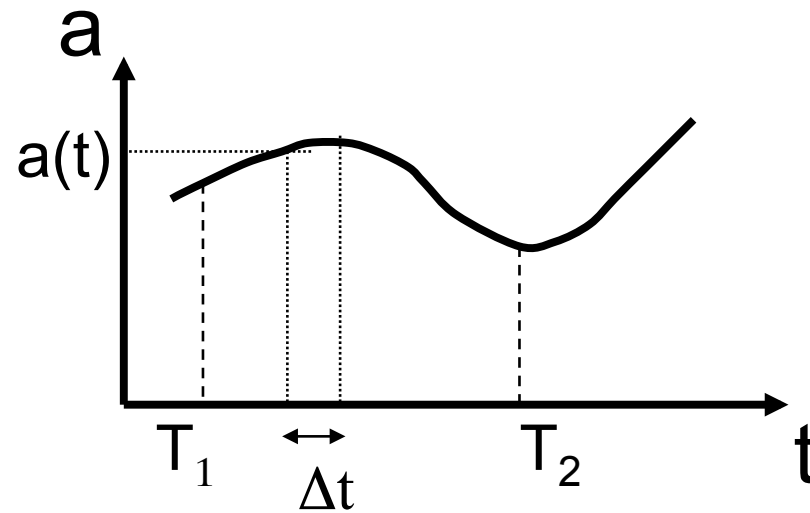
*Consider $v(t)$ curve for cart in different situations...

*Net displacement?



Velocity from acceleration curve

- Similarly, change in *velocity* in some time interval is just area enclosed between curve $a(t)$ and t -axis in that interval.



Summary

- **velocity** $v = dx/dt$
= *slope* of $x(t)$ curve
– NOT x/t !!
- **displacement** Δx is
 $\int v(t)dt$
= *area* under $v(t)$ curve
– NOT vt !!
- **accel.** $a = dv/dt$
= *slope* of $v(t)$ curve
– NOT v/t !!
- **change in vel.** Δv is
 $\int a(t)dt$
= *area* under $a(t)$ curve
– NOT at !!

Simplest case with non-zero acceleration

- Constant acceleration: $a = a_{av}$
- Can find simple equations for $x(t)$, $v(t)$ in this case

1st constant acceleration equation

- From definition of a_{av} : $a_{av} = \Delta v / \Delta t$

$$\text{Let } a_{av} = a, \Delta t = t, \Delta v = v - v_0$$

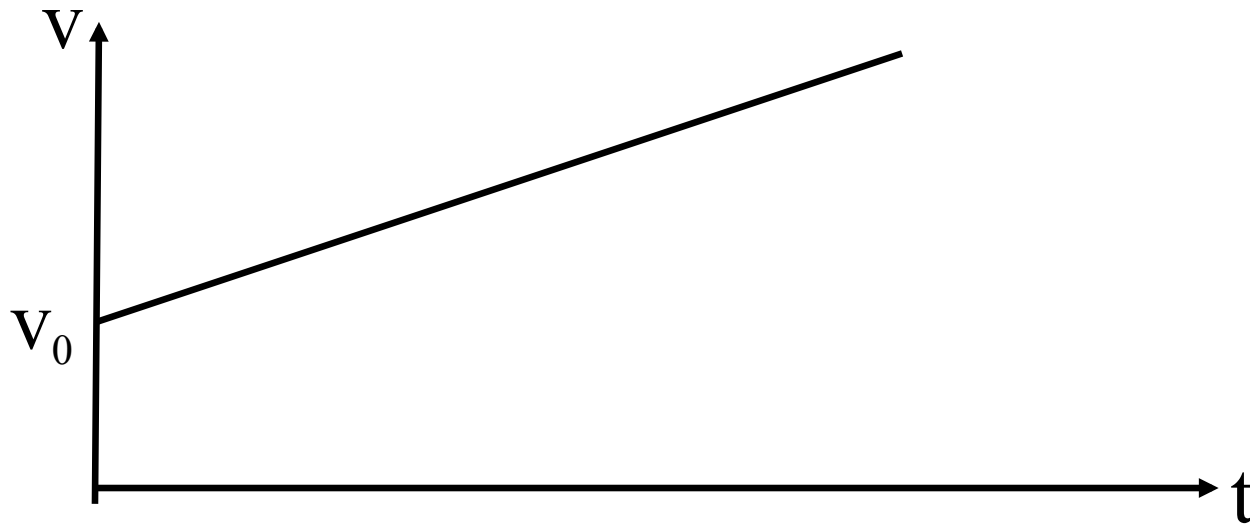
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Let $a_{av} = a$, $\Delta t = t$, $\Delta v = v - v_0$

Find: $v = v_0 + at$

*equation of straight line in $v(t)$ plot

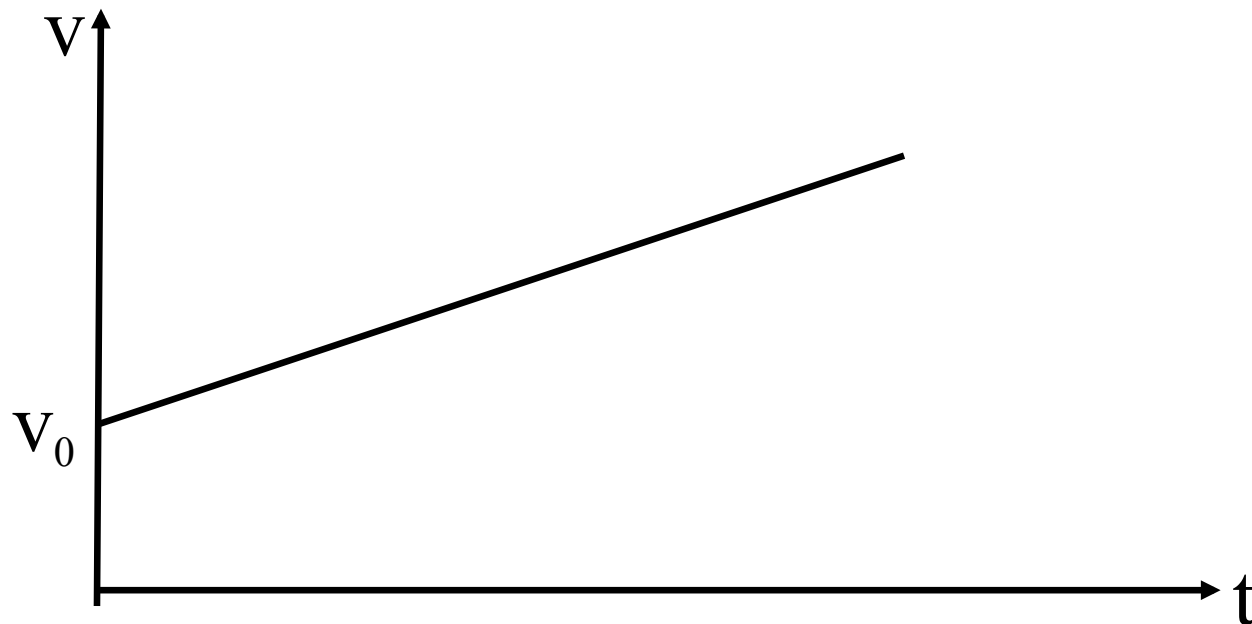


2nd const. acceleration equation

- Notice: graph makes it clear that

$$v_{av} = (1/2)(v + v_0)$$

$$x - x_0 = (1/2)(v + v_0)t$$



3rd constant acceleration equation

- Using 1st constant acceleration equation

$$v = v_0 + at$$

insert into relation between x , t , and v_{av} :

$$x - x_0 = v_{av}t = (1/2)(v + v_0)t$$

(set $\Delta t = t$, i.e. take $t_0 = 0$)

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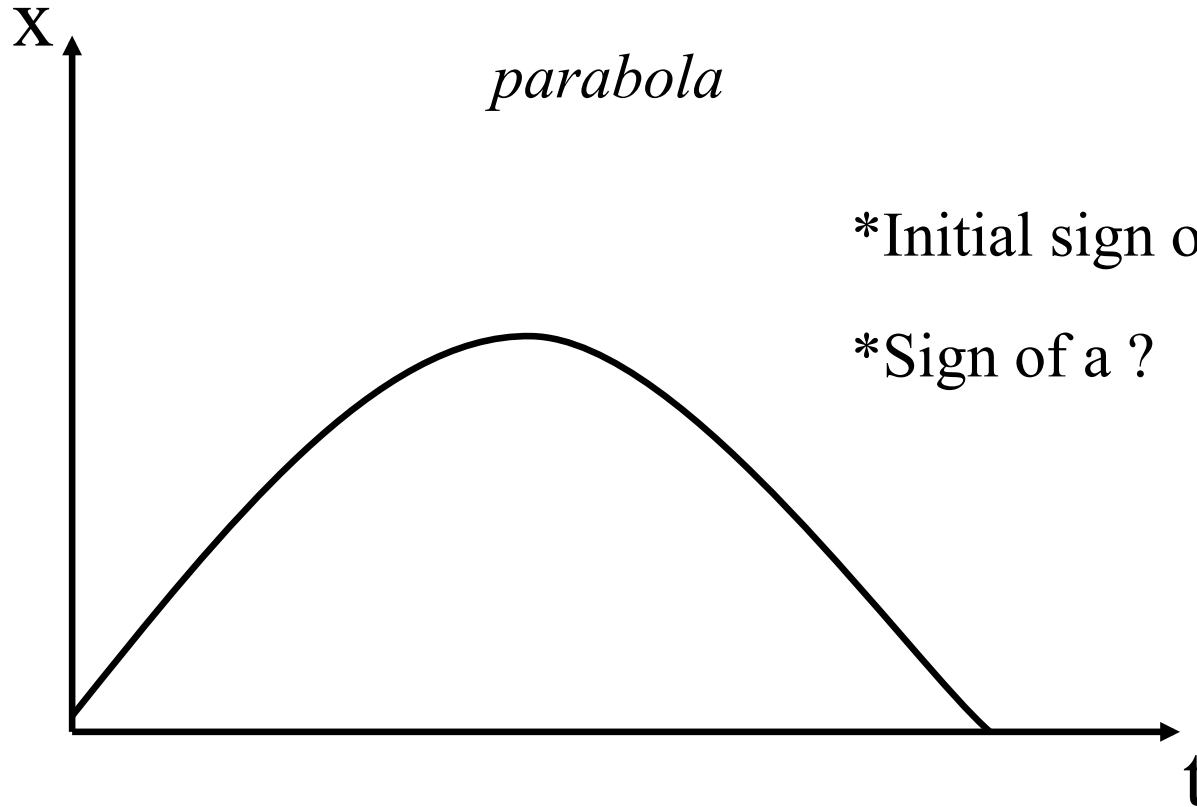
yields: $x - x_0 = (1/2)(2v_0 + at)t$

or: $x = x_0 + v_0t + (1/2)at^2$

x(t) graph- constant acceleration

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + (1/2)at^2$$

parabola



*Initial sign of v ?

*Sign of a ?

4th constant acceleration equation

- Can also get an equation independent of t
- Substitute $t = (v - v_0)/a$ into

$$x - x_0 = (1/2)(v + v_0)t$$

4th constant acceleration equation

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$$x - x_0 = (1/2)(v + v_0)t$$

we get: $2a(x - x_0) = v^2 - v_0^2$

or: $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$

Clicker 2-1.5: An object moves with constant acceleration, starting from rest at $t = 0$ s. In the first four seconds, it travels 10 cm.

What will be the displacement of the object in the following four seconds (*i.e.* between $t = 4$ s and $t = 8$ s)?

1. 10 cm
2. 20 cm
3. 30 cm
4. 40 cm

Rolling disk demo

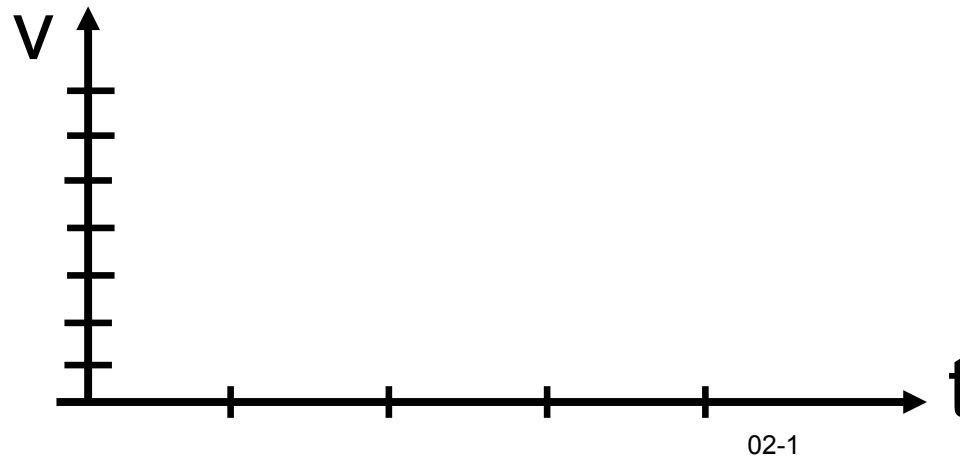
- Compute average velocity for each section of motion (between marks)
- Measure time taken (metronome)
- Compare v at different times

(i) 10 cm

(ii) 30 cm

(iii) 50 cm

(iv) 70 cm



Motion with **constant** acceleration:

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$v_{av} = (1/2) (v_0 + v)$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + (1/2) a t^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a (x - x_0)$$

*where x_0 , v_0 refer to time = 0 s ;

x , v to time t

Freely Falling Bodies:

- Near the surface of the earth, neglecting air resistance and the earth's rotation, all objects experience the same downward acceleration due to their gravitational attraction with the earth:

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

– Near = height small relative to radius of earth

Example of constant acceleration:

- ***Free fall demo***
- Compare time taken by feather and billiard ball to fall to the ground from the same height
- Influence of air in room?

Sample problem

- A brick is dropped (zero initial speed) from the roof of a building. The brick strikes the ground in 2.50 s. Ignore air resistance, so the brick is in free fall.
 - How tall, in meters, is the building?
 - What is the magnitude of the brick's velocity just before it reaches the ground?
 - Sketch $a(t)$, $v(t)$, and $y(t)$ for the motion of the brick.

Motion in more than 1 dimension

- Have seen that 1D kinematics is written in terms of quantities with a magnitude and a sign
- Examples of 1D **vectors**
- To extend to $d > 1$, we need a more general definition of vector

Reading assignment

- Vectors, 2D motion
- 3.1-3.4, and reread 1.3 in textbook (review of vectors)
- 4.1-4.2, motion in 2D

Vectors: basic properties

- are used to denote quantities that have magnitude *and* direction
- can be added and subtracted
- can be multiplied or divided by a number
- can be manipulated **graphically** (*i.e.*, by drawing them out) or algebraically (by considering components)

Vectors: examples and properties

- Some vectors we will encounter:
position, velocity, force
- Vectors commonly denoted by boldface letters, *or* sometimes arrow on top
- Magnitude of **A** is written $|\mathbf{A}|$, *or* no boldface and no absolute value signs
- Some quantities which are not vectors:
temperature, pressure, volume

Drawing a vector

- A vector is represented graphically by a line with an arrow on one end.
- Length of line gives the **magnitude** of the vector.
- Orientation of line and sense of arrow give the **direction** of the vector.
- Location of vector in space does not matter -- two vectors with the same magnitude and direction are equivalent, independent of their location