

Position

- Position: an object's location based on a reference point
- Example: The house is 4.0 km south of Costco.

Scalar and Vector

- Scalar: a quantity (amount) described by a magnitude (number) only
- Vector: a quantity described by a magnitude <u>and</u> a direction

Examples:

I walked 50 m.

I walked 50 m North.

Distance and Displacement

- Distance: how much an object has moved (scalar)
- Displacement: how far out of place an object is; overall change in position (vector)

Example: Scalar or Vector?

- 1. 40 km
- 2. 2.8 km/h
- 3. 17 m south
- 4. The ball fell 60 cm straight down.
- 5. I walked 40 m.
- 6. I pushed the box 2 m up a 30° ramp.

Units

- Units are a way to show what kind of measurement is being taken
- Useful to compare measurements
- Position, distance and displacement are usually measured in metres (m)
- Other possible units: kilometres (km), millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm), feet (ft), inches (in), miles (mi)

Example: Units

Is this a distance measurement?

- ∎ 49 s
- ∎ 12 m/s
- 90 km
- ∎ 7 cm
- ∎ 48°

Distance

- Add all distances together to get total distance
- Don't forget units!

Displacement

- Split movement into "horizontal" (eastwest, left-right) and "vertical" (northsouth, up-down)
- Figure out change in horizontal and vertical directions
- Write displacement including <u>units</u> and <u>direction</u>

Example 1: Distance and Displacement

You take your dog for a walk in your neighbourhood. You walk 4.0 m east, 2.0 m south, 4.0 m west and 2.0 m north.

- a. What is your total distance walked?
- b. What is your displacement?

Example 2: Distance and Displacement

You take your dog for a walk in your neighbourhood. You walk 5.0 m east, 1.0 m south, 5.0 m west and 2.0 m north.

- a. What is your total distance walked?
- b. What is your displacement?

Example 3: Distance and Displacement



Speed

- Speed: how fast an object is moving
- Also, the amount of distance covered in a specific amount of time
- Scalar quantity (no direction)

Calculating Speed

Given by:

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

- Where:
 - v is <u>speed</u>
 - d is distance

Units of Speed

- Units for distance: m, km, cm, ft, miles
- Units for time: s, min, h
- Units for speed can be any distance unit divided by any time unit, but most often m/s or km/h

Example 1: Calculating Speed

You run 5 km in 30 min. What is your speed in km/h?

Example 2: Calculating Speed

You drive to Saskatoon from Regina in 2.25 h at a speed of 110 km/h. How far did you drive, in kilometres?

Example 3: Calculating Speed

A cheetah can run 100.0 m in 5.62 s while hunting. What is the cheetah's hunting speed in km/h?

Average Speed

Total distance divided by total time for a trip

 $V_{av} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$

- Δd is the change in position $(d_2 d_1)$
- Δt is the change in time $(t_2 t_1)$

Example: Average Speed

- a. What is the runner's average speed for the first 200 m?
- first 200 m? b. What is the runner's
- second half of the race?c. What is the runner's average speed for the whole race?

average speed in the

	Distance (m)	Time (s)
,	0	0
	100	15.2
	200	29.8
	300	41.7
	400	64.5

Instantaneous and Constant Speed

- Instantaneous speed: speed of an object at one moment in time (e.g. speed read from a speedometer)
- Constant speed: instantaneous speed remains the same for a period of time

Representing Motion

- Mathematically (using numbers or equations)
- Qualitatively (using words)
- Graphically (using graphs)

Distance-Time Graphs

- Time is <u>independent</u> (x-axis), distance is <u>dependent</u> (y-axis)
- Shows total distance travelled by object at specific times during its motion
- SLOPE = SPEED (think y = mx+b)

$$d_2 = v\Delta t + d_1$$

Distance-Time Graphs

- Imaging you walked from your house to the store at a constant speed, then back to your house. The store is 10 km away.
- The total distance travelled is 20 km.



Example: Distance-Time Graph



Example: Distance-Time Graph

- 1. Which object travelled a greater distance?
- 2. Which object has a greater speed?
- 3. How would you calculate the average speed of each object?

Position-Time Graphs

- Time is <u>independent</u>, position is <u>dependent</u>
- Show the movement of an object relative to it's starting position
- Slope is speed the object is travelling; <u>however</u>, the speed will always be a positive number

Position-Time Graphs

 For the previous example of walking to the store, the position-time graph would look like this





Example: Position-Time Graph

- 1. What is Dan's speed for the first hour?
- 2. What is Dan's average speed for the first three hours?
- 3. For how long is Dan stopped in total?
- 4. What is Dan's total distance travelled?
- 5. What is Dan's total displacement?