

↗ constant

## UNIFORM MOTION = constant speed/velocity!

- **Vectors** have both magnitude (ie. a value) and direction
  - Directions indicated by + or -
- **Scalars** only have magnitude
- **Displacement ( $\vec{d}$ )**: a change in the distance and direction away from a reference point (ie. a change in position) of an object
  - Standard international (SI) units are meters,  $m$
  - Vector quantity
  - Distance versus displacement



- **Velocity ( $\vec{v}$ )**: rate of change in an objects' position. Rate means over time, so velocity is a change in an object's position over time
  - SI units are meters/second (m/s)
  - Vector quantity

" $\Delta$ " (delta)  $\rightarrow$  means "change"

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{v} = \frac{d}{t}$$

where

- $\vec{v}$  is velocity (m/s)
- $\vec{d}$  is displacement (m)
- $t$  is the time interval (s)

- **Speed** is similar to velocity, just the scalar version

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

vs

$$\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$$

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

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

$$\vec{v} = d/t$$

↑ vector

**EXAMPLE:** An object travels at a uniform velocity of 25.0 m/s west. What is the displacement of the object after 10.0 minutes?

$$\vec{v} = 25.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{d} = ?$$

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

$$t = 10.0 \text{ min} \times \left( \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} \right)$$

$$\vec{d} = (25.0 \text{ m/s})(600 \text{ s}) = 15000 \text{ m}$$

$$t = 600 \text{ s}$$

$$\vec{d} = 1.50 \times 10^4 \text{ m, west}$$

- Sometimes it is useful to also calculate the average speed or velocity

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{d}_{\text{total}}}{t_{\text{total}}}$$

← displacement

OR

$$v = \frac{d_{\text{total}}}{t_{\text{total}}}$$

← distance

**EXAMPLES:**

1. A runner goes for a run and ends up going 5.72 m north and 2.00 m south over a time interval of 3.75 s. Calculate the runner's

- average speed  $\Rightarrow$  scalar
- average velocity  $\Rightarrow$  vector

$$a.) \quad v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{d_{\text{total}}}{t_{\text{total}}} = \frac{5.72 \text{ m} + 2.00 \text{ m}}{3.75 \text{ s}} = 2.0586 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = 2.06 \text{ m/s}$$

$$b.) \quad \vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{d}_{\text{total}}}{t_{\text{total}}} = \frac{(5.72 \text{ m}) + (-2.00 \text{ m})}{3.75 \text{ s}} = +0.992 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = 0.992 \text{ m/s, north}$$



2. In a high speed car chase, the felon is driving at 12 m/s east for 7.0 minutes. He pulls on his emergency brake and does a complete 180° turn. He then proceeds to travel at 18 m/s west for 15 minutes before arriving at his destination.

- #2 a. Calculate the average speed of the vehicle.  $\Rightarrow$  scalar  
 b. Calculate the average velocity of the vehicle.  $\Rightarrow$  vector

a.)  $v_{avg} = \frac{d_{total}}{t_{total}}$   $\rightarrow$  \* need to find the distance traveled! (1)

#1

$$v_1 = 12 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t_1 = 7.0 \text{ min} \times \left( \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} \right)$$

$$t_1 = 420 \text{ s}$$

$$(1) v = \frac{d}{t} \Rightarrow d = vt$$

$$d_1 = (12 \text{ m/s})(420 \text{ s})$$

$$d_1 = 5040 \text{ m}$$

#2

$$v_2 = 18 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t_2 = 15 \text{ min} \times \left( \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} \right)$$

$$t_2 = 900 \text{ s}$$

$$d_2 = (18 \text{ m/s})(900 \text{ s})$$

$$d_2 = 16200 \text{ m}$$

$$(2) \therefore \bar{v}_{avg} = \frac{(5040 \text{ m} + 16200 \text{ m})}{(420 \text{ s} + 900 \text{ s})} = 16.09 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{v}_{avg} = 16 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$b.) \vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{d}_{total}}{t_{total}} = \frac{(5040 \text{ m}) + (-16200 \text{ m})}{(420 \text{ s} + 900 \text{ s})} = -8.45 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{v}_{avg} = 8.5 \text{ m/s, west}}$$

\*\*\*Now try pg. 23 #2, 4, 7, 12-14 (acceptable), 15-17 (intermediate), 10 (challenger)\*\*\*



## Uniform Motion Review

1. Trevor is walking to school from home. He leaves and travels 58 m before he forgets his lunch. He turns around, goes back home and grabs his lunch. He then walks 236 m before he gets to school.
  - a. What is the distance Trevor travelled?
  - b. What is the displacement Trevor travelled?

$$a.) \quad d = 58\text{m} + 58\text{m} + 236\text{m}$$

$$\boxed{d = 352\text{m}}$$

$$b.) \quad \vec{d} = 58\text{m} + (-58\text{m}) + 236\text{m}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{d} = 236\text{m, to school}}$$



$$v_1 \text{ ; } t_1$$

2. A car travels at 100 km/h for 1.5 hours heading east. However there is an accident on the highway, so traffic is re-directed. The car travels west for 0.5 h at a reduced speed of 60 km/h before the car reaches a secondary highway and gets re-routed.

$$\rightarrow v_2 \text{ ; } t_2$$

- What is the average speed of the car?
- What is the average velocity of the car?

$$a.) \quad v = \frac{d}{t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad vt = d$$

$$d_1 = vt = (100 \text{ km/h})(1.5 \text{ hrs}) = 150 \text{ km}$$

$$d_2 = vt = (60 \text{ km/h})(0.5 \text{ hr}) = 30 \text{ km}$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{d_{\text{total}}}{t_{\text{total}}} = \frac{(150 \text{ km} + 30 \text{ km})}{(1.5 \text{ hr} + 0.5 \text{ hr})} \Rightarrow \boxed{v_{\text{avg}} = 90 \text{ km/hr}}$$

$$b.) \quad \vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{d}_{\text{total}}}{t_{\text{total}}} = \frac{+150 + (-30 \text{ km})}{(1.5 \text{ hr} + 0.5 \text{ hr})} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = 60 \text{ km/hr, east}}$$