

## nature




Mathematical Derivation

## MATH119 \& MATH120





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- The choice of $O$ and the " + " side is completely arbitrary



## Definitions:

- Displacement: the change in the position of an object $\Delta x$.

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\begin{align*}
\Delta x & =(\text { final position })-(\text { initial position }) \\
& =(3.0 \mathrm{~cm})-(-1.0 \mathrm{~cm})=4.0 \mathrm{~cm} \tag{1}
\end{align*}
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- Average velocity: If $\Delta t$ is the time that an object moves by $\Delta x$, average velocity is

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Greek Letters
$\Delta$ : Finite differences of any size
$\delta$ : Finite differences of small size

- Average ve d: Infinitesimal difference (smaller average vel than anything else)

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\begin{equation*}
\bar{v}=\frac{-\stackrel{\prime}{\Delta t}}{\Delta t} \tag{2}
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- If $\delta t$ is a sufficiently small amount of time, the displacement during this time is $\delta x=v \delta t$

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\begin{equation*}
x_{f}=x_{i}+v \delta t \tag{5}
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x\left(t_{f}\right)-x_{0}=\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} v\left(t_{i}+k \delta t\right) \delta t \tag{7}
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x\left(t_{f}\right)-x_{0}=\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} v\left(t_{i}+k \delta t\right) \delta t \xrightarrow{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \int_{t_{i}}^{t_{f}} v(t) d t \tag{7}
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x(t)=v_{0}\left(t-t_{i}\right)+x_{0} \tag{9}
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Note that for motion with constant velocity $\bar{v}=v_{0}$. Hence $\Delta x=v_{0} \Delta t$

- The same steps can be repeated for the change of velocity.
- $\bar{a}=\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$. The unit of acceleration is $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$
- $a_{\text {inst }}=\lim _{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \equiv a$
- $v(t)=v\left(t_{0}\right)+\int_{t_{0}}^{t_{f}} a\left(t^{\prime}\right) d t^{\prime}$
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- $\bar{a}=\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$. The unit of acceleration is $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$
- $a_{\text {inst }}=1$ Acceleration is in the direction of $\Delta v$,
- $v(t)=$ Acceleration is in the direction of $v$.


## Example:

Motion with Constant Acceleration. Initial conditions: $x(0)=0$, $v(0)=0$. Realistic case: You stand at the top of a building. You are holding a mass $m$ in your and release it from rest outside a window.

- Let a be the constant acceleration.

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\begin{equation*}
v(t)=v(0)+\int_{0}^{t} a d t^{\prime}=a t \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
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- The position:

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\begin{align*}
x(t) & =x(0)+\int_{0}^{t} v\left(t^{\prime}\right) d t^{\prime} \\
& =\int_{0}^{t}\left(a t^{\prime}\right) d t^{\prime}=\left.\frac{1}{2} a t^{\prime 2}\right|_{0} ^{t}=\frac{1}{2} a t^{2} \tag{11}
\end{align*}
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## Dimensional Analysis

Most of the time, the final formula can be estimated unto overall coefficients using dimensions only. Denote the dimension of any quantity $O$ by [ $O$ ]

- Dimension of $x(t)$ is $[x(t)]=m$
- The dimensionful parameters in the problem are the acceleration $a$ and the time $t$.
- Assume $x(t)=A a^{k} t^{l}$ where $A, k$ and $I$ are numbers.

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\begin{equation*}
\left[A a^{m} t^{\prime}\right]=[A][a]^{k}[t]^{\prime}=1\left(\frac{m}{s^{2}}\right)^{k} s^{\prime}=m^{k} s^{\prime-2 k} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

- $x=A a^{k} t^{\prime} \Longrightarrow k=1$ and $I-2 k=0 \Longrightarrow x(t)=A a t^{2}$
- Explicit calculation shows $A=\frac{1}{2}$.
- In principle these steps can be done for the change in acceleration, change in the change in the acceleration, etc.
- Newton's Laws tell us that this is not necessary
- The acceleration of an object is determined by external effects.


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Integration is the inverse of differentiation

## Vectors

- For motion that is not confined to a line, more than a number is necessary to describe the direction.
- A vector is a recipe for how to go to the point $A$ from the origin.
- A vector is a number and a direction
- Origin is arbitrarily chosen

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\begin{align*}
& \vec{A}=(3,2) m  \tag{15}\\
& \vec{A}=(3 m) \hat{x}+(2 m) \hat{y} \\
& \vec{A}=(3 m) \hat{i}+(2 m) \hat{j}  \tag{16}\\
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## Vector Operations-Multiplication by a number

- A vector $\vec{A}$ is a number (the length of the vector, $|\vec{A}|$ ) and a direction.
- The vector $\lambda \vec{A}$ is another vector
- The length of $\lambda \vec{A}$ is $|\lambda \vec{A}|=|\lambda||\vec{A}|$
- The direction of $\lambda \vec{A}$ is the same as the direction of $\vec{A}$ if $\lambda>0$, and opposite to $\vec{A}$ if $\lambda<0$


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- $\vec{C}=C_{x} \hat{x}+C_{y} \hat{y}+C_{z} \hat{z}$
- $C_{x}=A_{x}+B_{x}, C_{y}=A_{y}+B_{y}$
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Subtraction
$\vec{A}-\vec{B}=\vec{A}+((-1) \vec{B})$

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- $\hat{x} \cdot \hat{x}=\hat{y} \cdot \hat{y}=\hat{z} \cdot \hat{z}=1$,
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$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{D}=A D_{\|}=A\left(B_{\|}+C_{\|}\right)=\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}+\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}$

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## Vector Operations- Vector Division

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## Division by a vector DOES NOT exist!

