- 6. A car travels 50 km N and then returns 30 km S. The whole journey takes 2 hours.
 - Calculate: a) the distance travelled
 - b) the average speed
 - c) the displacement
 - d) the average velocity.
- 7. Find the average speed and average velocity of the following. An orienteer who runs 5 km due South, 4 km due West and then 2 km North in 1 hour.

Velocity and Acceleration

- 8. A vehicle accelerates from rest to a speed of 20 ms⁻¹ in 5 s; it then travels at a steady speed for 10 s; finally, it decelerates to rest in a further 10 seconds. Sketch a speed-time graph for the vehicle's journey and use it to find the total distance travelled and the average speed.
- 9. Find the acceleration in each of the following cases :
 - (a) a bullet accelerating from rest to a speed of 200 ms⁻¹ in 50 milliseconds;
 - (b) a train coming to rest from 30 ms^{-1} in 60 s.
- 10. A train starts from rest and accelerates at 0.5 ms⁻² for 24 s. What is the final speed?
- 11. A car traveling at 15 ms⁻¹ accelerates at 1.6 ms⁻² for 8 s. What is the final speed?
- 12. A vehicle comes to rest after decelerating at 1.2 ms⁻² for 6 s. What was its initial speed?
- 13. How long does it take a car accelerating from rest at 1.2 ms⁻² to reach a speed of 35 ms⁻¹?
- 14. How long would a train take to increase its speed from 24 ms⁻¹ to 36 ms⁻¹ if it is capable of accelerating at 0.4 ms⁻²?

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Vector Revision

- 1. A man walks 500 m due North then 1200 m due West. Use a scale diagram to find his final displacement from his starting point. What was the distance travelled ?
- 2. What is the final displacement of a yacht which sails 5.0 km due West, followed by 3.2 km South-East?
- 3. Find the final displacement of a sailboard which sails 400 m due South; then 300 m due East; and finally 400 m due North-East.
- 4. A model aircraft is flying north with a velocity of 24 ms⁻¹. A wind is blowing from west to east at 10 ms⁻¹. What is the resultant velocity of the plane?
- 5. A ship is sailing East at 4 ms⁻¹. A passenger walks due North at 2 ms⁻¹. What is the resultant velocity of the passenger relative to the sea?









- 15. Friction causes a trolley to decelerate at 50 cms⁻². How long would it take to slow down from 2.25 ms^{-1} to 0.50 ms⁻¹?
- 16. Use the information given below to calculate the acceleration of the trolley.



Length of card = 5 cm

Time on clock 1	=	0.10 s (time taken for card to interrupt top light gate)
Time on clock 2	=	0.05 s (time taken for card to interrupt bottom light gate)
Time on clock 3	=	2.50 s (time taken for trolley to travel between top and bottom light gate)

17. A pupil uses light gates and a suitably interfaced computer to measure the acceleration of a trolley as it moves down an inclined plane.

The following results were obtained:

acceleration (ms⁻²) 5.16, 5.24, 5.21, 5.19, 5.20, 5.20, 5.17, 5.19.

Calculate the mean value of the acceleration and the corresponding random uncertainty.

Graphs of Motion

18. Draw a graph of velocity against time using the figures in the table below. Use the graph to find the acceleration, the total distance travelled and the average velocity.

TIME (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5
VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	2.4	3.2	4.0	4.8	5.6	6.4

19. Draw a velocity – time graph and use it to draw an acceleration – time graph.

TIME (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5
VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	0	2	4	6	8	10



20. Use the information in the table below to draw a graph of velocity against time. From the graph find the distance traveled, the average velocity and draw an acceleration against time graph.

TIME (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.0	2.4	1.8

21. Draw a velocity – time graph for each of the set of figures below. From each draw an acceleration –time graph and a displacement – time graph.

	TIME (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(a)	VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	20	16	12	8	4	0			
(b)	VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	0	6	12	18	20	22	24		
(c)	VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	0	4	8	12	16	16	16	14	12

22. Draw velocity – time, distance - time and displacement – time graphs using the figures below.

TIME (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VELOCITY (ms ⁻¹)	12	10	8	6	4	2	0	-2	-4

23. A car accelerates from rest at 2.5 ms⁻² for 6 s, continues to accelerate at 1.0 ms⁻² for a further 5 s and finally travels at a steady speed for 4 s.

Draw a speed – time graph of its motion and find the total distance travelled.

24. A car travelling at 30 ms⁻¹ passes a stationary police car, which at the instant the speeding car passes, begins to accelerate in pursuit at 2.0 ms⁻². After 20 s the police car reaches a steady speed.



Use a speed – time graph to find

- (a) how far behind the police car is after 30 s of the chase, and
- (b) how long the police car takes to draw level with the speeding car.



25. The graph below shows how the displacement of an object varies with time.



displacement against time

- (a) Calculate the velocity of the object during the first second.
- (b) Calculate the velocity of the object between 1 and 5 s.
- (c) Draw the corresponding distance against time graph for this object.
- (d) Calculate the average speed of the object for the 5 seconds.
- (e) Draw the corresponding velocity against time graph for this object.
- (f) What are the displacement and the velocity of the object 0.5 seconds after the start?
- (g) What are the displacement and the velocity of the object 3 seconds after the start?
- 26. The graph below shows how the displacement of an object varies with time.

displacement against time



- (a) Calculate the velocity of the object between 0 and 2 s.
- (b) Calculate the velocity of the object between 2 and 4 s.
- (c) Draw the corresponding distance against time graph for this object.
- (d) Calculate the average speed of the object for the 4 seconds.
- (e) Draw the corresponding velocity against time graph for this object.
- (f) What are the displacement and the velocity of the object 0.5 seconds after the start?
- (g) What are the displacement and the velocity of the object 3 seconds after the start?



27. The graph below shows how the velocity of an object varies with time.



velocity against time

- (a) Calculate the acceleration of the object between 0 and 1 s.
- (b) What is the acceleration of the object between 2 and 4 s?
- (c) Calculate the displacement of the object after 2 s.
- (d) What is the displacement of the object after 8 seconds?
- (e) Sketch the corresponding displacement against time graph for this object.
- 28. The graph below shows how the velocity of an object varies with time.



velocity against time

- (a) Calculate the acceleration of the object between 0 and 2 s.
- (b) What is the acceleration of the object between 2 and 4 s?
- (c) Draw the corresponding acceleration against time graph for this object.
- (d) What are the displacement and the velocity of the object after 3 s?
- (e) What are the displacement and the velocity of the object after 4 s?
- (f) Sketch the corresponding displacement against time graph for this object.



29. The graph shows how the acceleration (a) of an object, starting from rest, varies with time (t).



Draw a graph to show how the velocity of the object varies with time.

30. The graph below shows the velocity of a ball which is dropped and bounces on the floor. **Downwards** is taken as being **positive**.



- (a) During section OB of the graph in which direction is the ball travelling ?
- (b) What can you say about the speed of the ball during section OB ?
- (c) What happens during section BC of the graph?
- (d) During section CD of the graph in which direction is the ball travelling ?
- (e) What can you say about the speed of the ball during section CD ?
- (f) During section DE of the graph in which direction is the ball travelling ?
- (g) What can you say about the speed of the ball during section DE?
- (h) What happened to the ball at point B on the graph ?
- (i) What happened to the ball at point C on the graph ?
- (j) What happened to the ball at point D on the graph ?
- (k) How does the speed of the ball immediately after rebound compare with the speed immediately before ?



31. A ball is dropped from rest and bounces several times, losing some kinetic energy at each bounce. Select the correct velocity - time graph for this motion from the options below.



32. Which velocity - time graph below represents the motion of a ball which is thrown vertically upwards and returns to the thrower 3 seconds later?



Equations of Motion

- 33. What was the initial velocity of a car if it reaches a velocity of 25 ms⁻¹ after accelerating for 15 s at 0.8 ms⁻²?
- 34. What is the final velocity of a rocket which accelerates at 8.0 ms⁻² for 40 s from an initial velocity of 240 ms⁻¹?
- 35. How long will a train require to reduce its speed from 50 ms⁻¹ to 20 ms⁻¹ if the deceleration is 0.6 ms⁻²?
- 36. What is the acceleration of an object which is initially moving at 12 ms⁻¹ in one direction and 60 s later is moving at 18 ms⁻¹ in the opposite direction ?



- 37. How far does a vehicle travel if accelerating at 1.2 ms⁻² from rest for 6.0 s ?
- 38. A car, initially moving at 20 ms⁻¹, accelerates at 0.4 ms⁻² for 5.0 s. How far does it travel in this time?
- 39. A train decelerates at 0.25 ms⁻² for 20 s. If its initial speed was 25 ms⁻¹, how far does it travel during braking ?
- 40. A vehicle starts from rest and accelerates for 16 s. If it travels 320 m, what was the value of the acceleration ?
- 41. What is the acceleration of a bullet which takes 50 ms to travel the length of an 80 cm gun barrel ?
- 42. A car which is initially travelling at 12 ms⁻¹ accelerates for 8.0 s. If it travels a distance of 112 m during this time, what is its acceleration ?
- 43. How long does it take a vehicle, starting from rest, to travel a distance of 10.8 m if its acceleration is 2.4 ms⁻²?
- 44. What is the final velocity of a car which covers a distance of 64 m whilst accelerating at 0.5 ms⁻² from an initial speed of 15 ms⁻¹?
- 45. What is the acceleration of a trolley which travels a distance of 36 m whilst increasing its speed from 5 ms⁻¹ to 13 ms⁻¹?
- 46. How far does a car travel during braking from 32 ms⁻¹ to 20 ms⁻¹ if the deceleration is 2.4 ms⁻²?
- 47. A rocket sledge accelerates from 40 ms⁻¹ to 100 ms⁻¹ in 6.0 s. How far does it travel in this time ?

