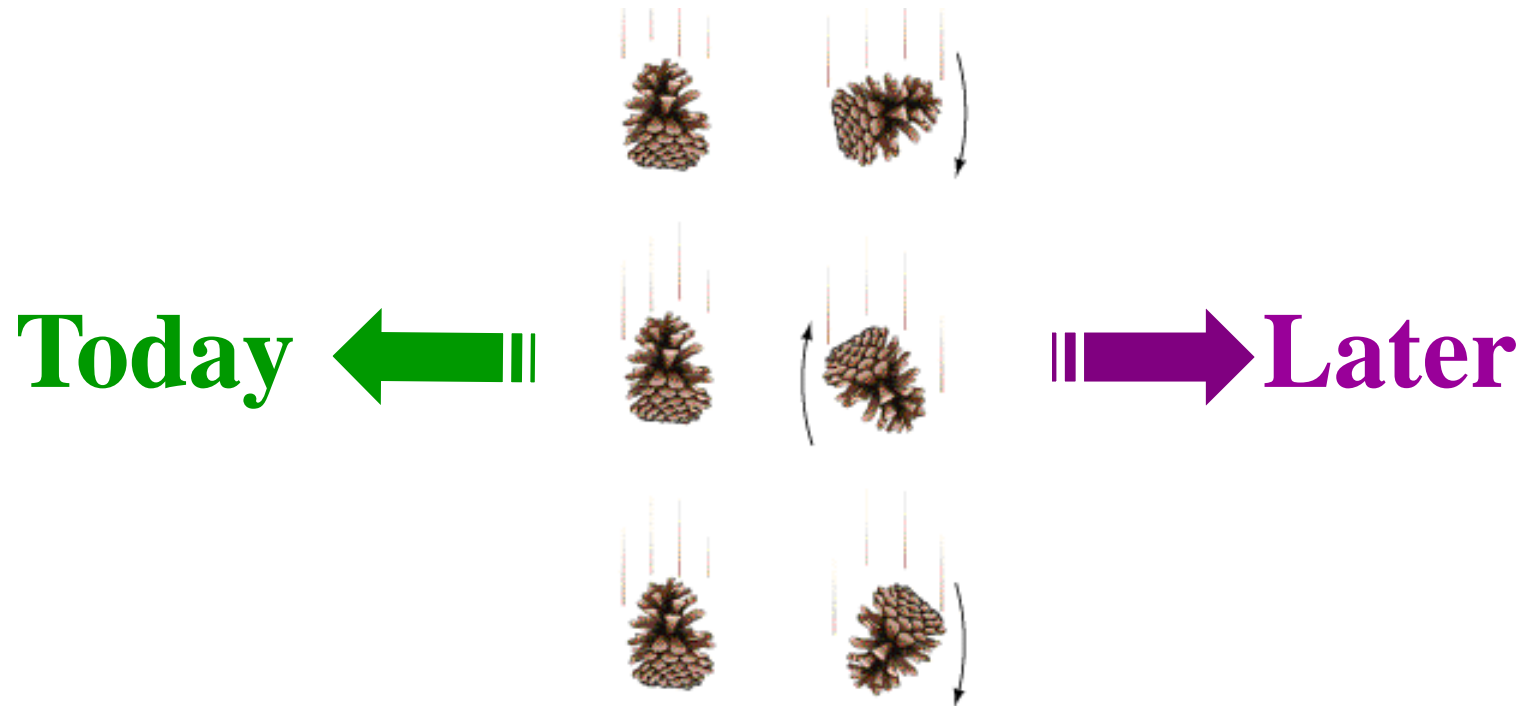


# Chapter 2: Motion along a straight line

## Translational Motion and Rotational Motion



# Goals for Chapter 2

- Become comfortable with displacement, velocity, and acceleration in one dimension.
- Explore motions at constant acceleration.
- Be able to graph and interpret graphs as they describe motion.
- Be able to reason proportionally.
- Examine the special case of freely falling bodies.
- Consider relative motion.

# Describing Motion ...

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## Coordinates

→ Position (displacement)

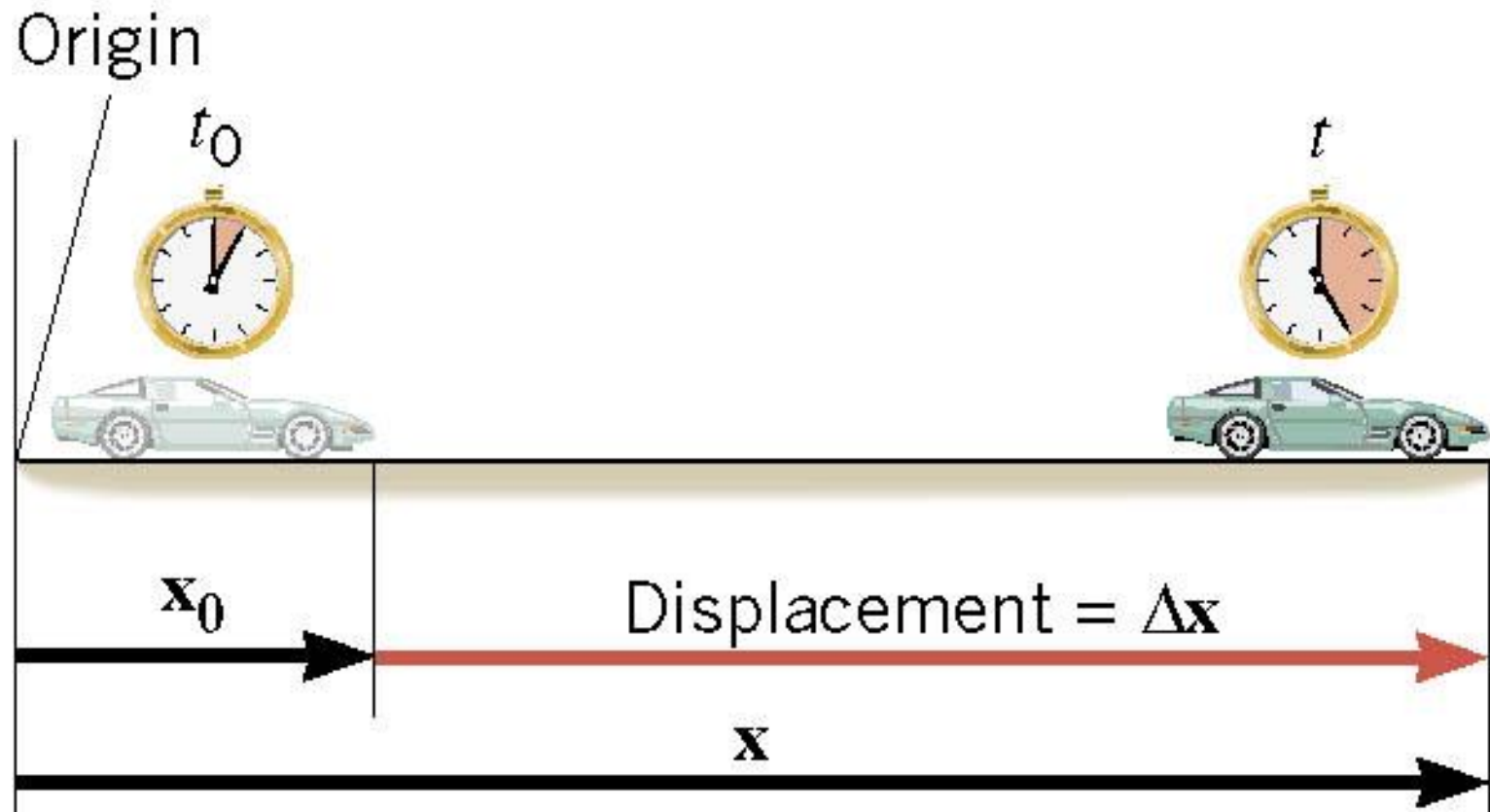
→ Velocity

→ Acceleration

a) Motion with *zero acceleration*

b) Motion with *non-zero acceleration*

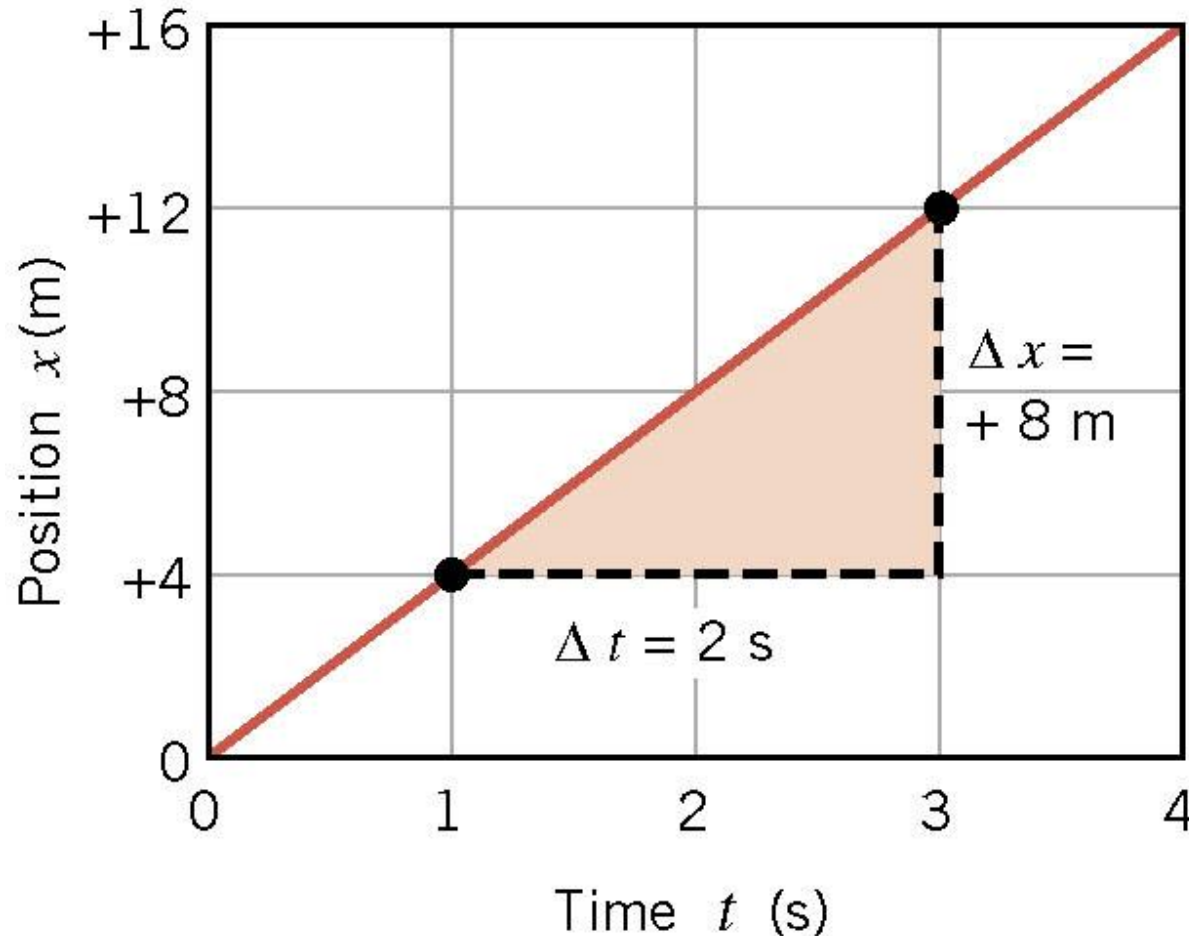
# Kinematics in One Dimension: Displacement



$$\Delta x = x - x_0$$

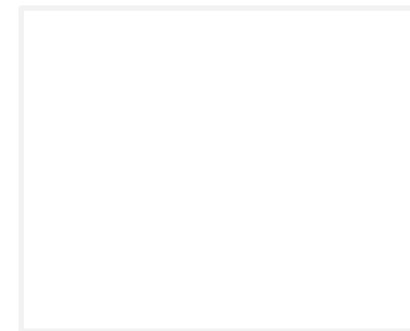
# Average velocity

Average velocity = total displacement covered divided by total elapsed time

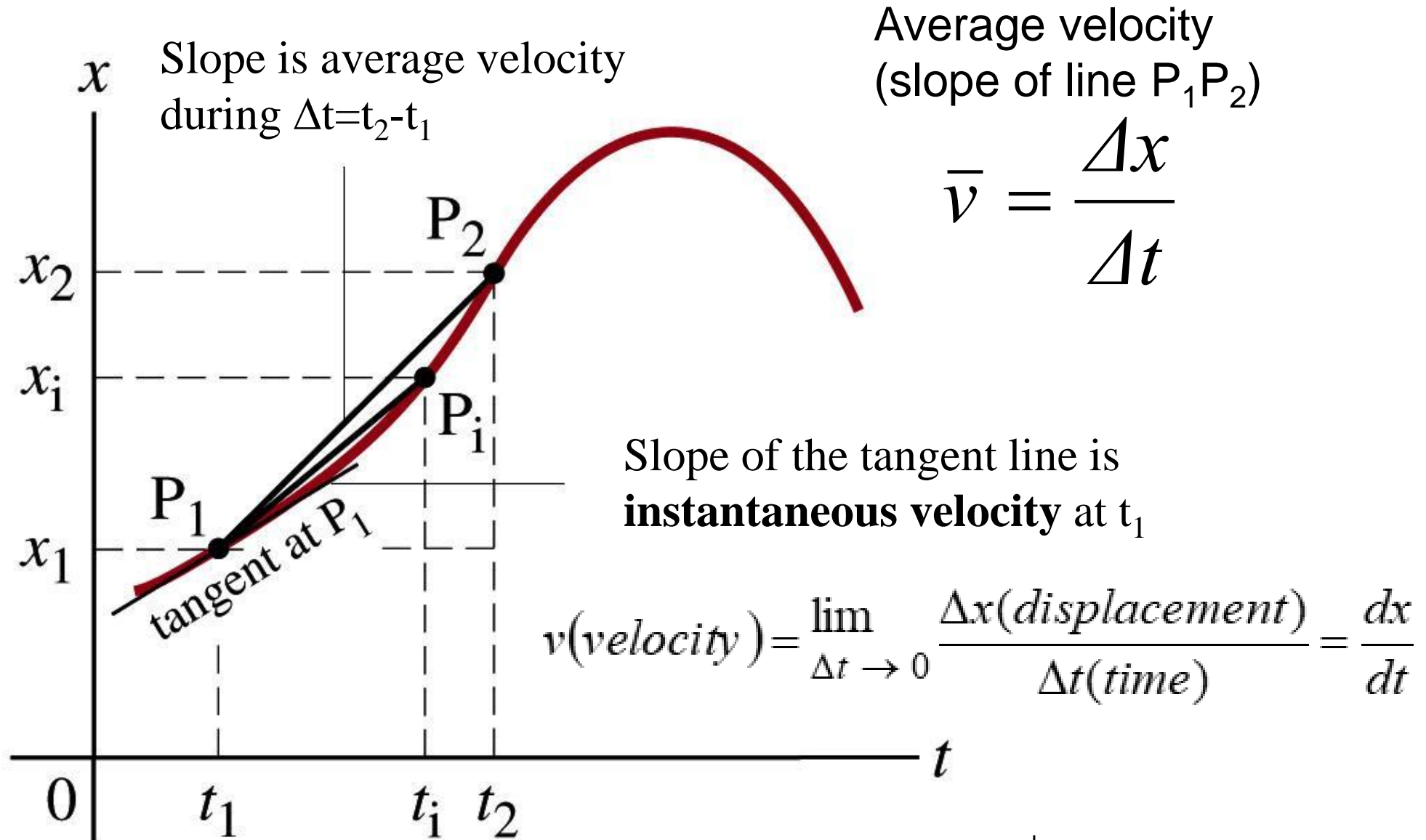


$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

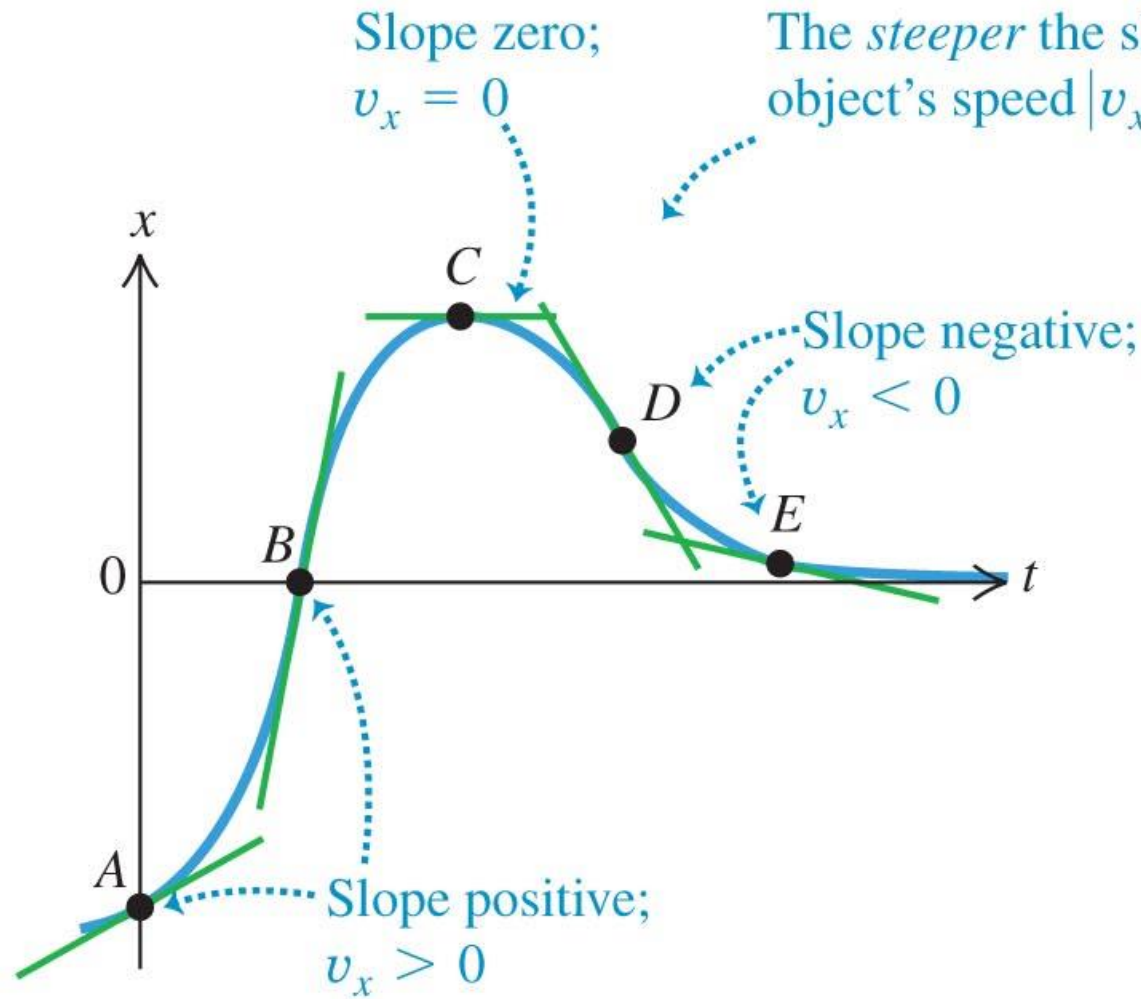
Unit: m/s  
meter per second



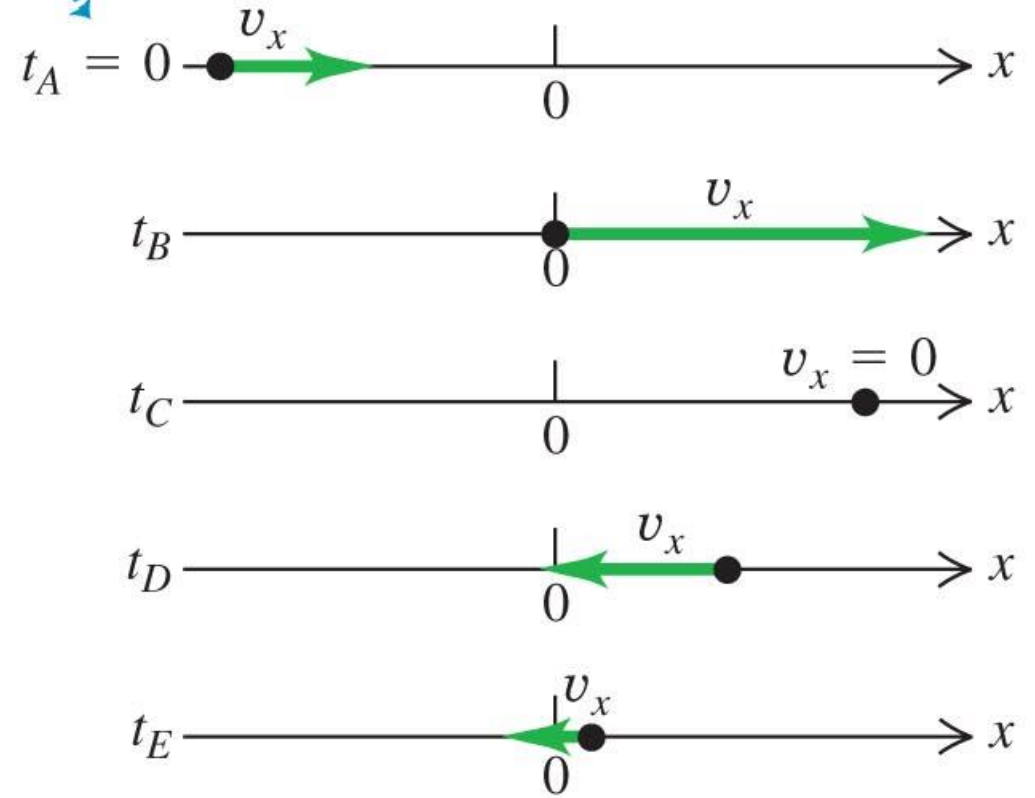
# Graphic representation: average and instantaneous velocities



# Understanding the direction and the magnitude of the instantaneous velocity graphically



The *steeper* the slope (positive or negative), the greater is the object's speed  $|v_x|$  in the positive or negative direction.



(a)

(b)

# Average speed and velocity

- Average velocity = total displacement covered divided by total elapsed time,

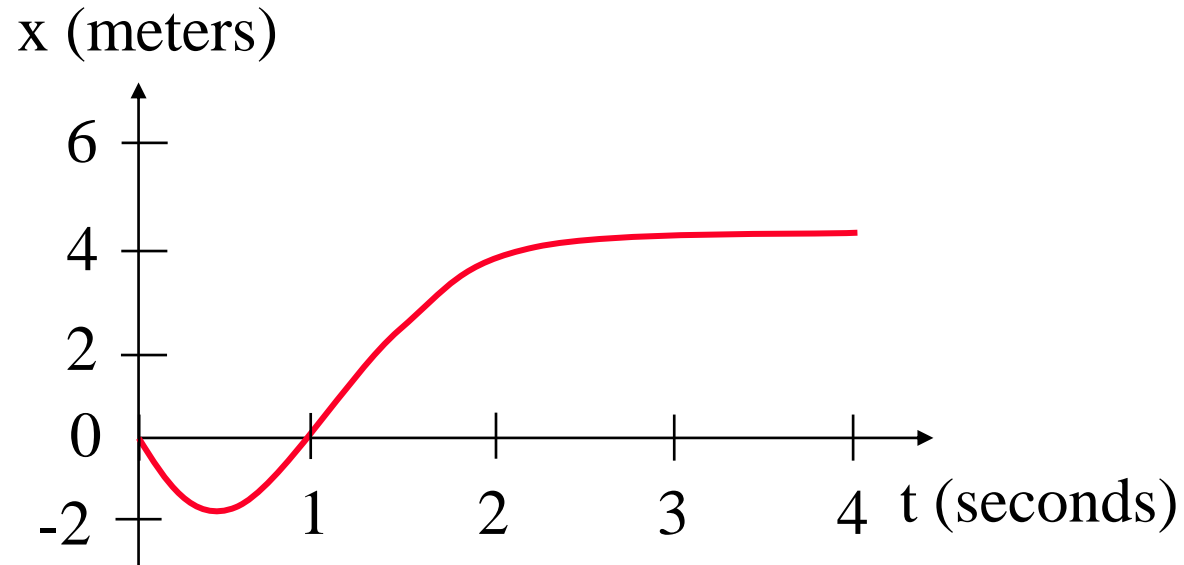
$$\bar{v}(\text{average\_velocity}) = \frac{\Delta x(\text{total\_displacement})}{\Delta t(\text{total\_time})}$$

- **Speed is just the magnitude of velocity!**
  - The “how fast” without accounting for the direction.
- Average speed = total distance covered per total elapsed time,
- **Instantaneous velocity**, velocity at a given instant

$$v(\text{velocity}) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x(\text{displacement})}{\Delta t(\text{time})} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$



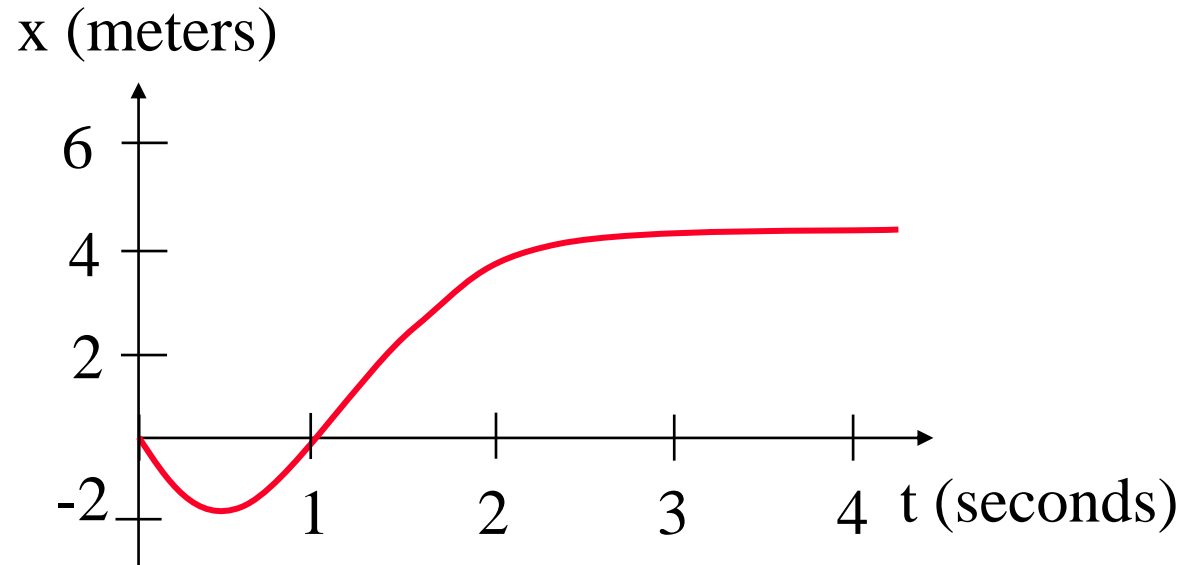
# Average Velocity (example)



What is the average velocity over the first 4 seconds ?

- A) -2 m/s      B) 4 m/s      C) 1 m/s      D) not enough information to decide.
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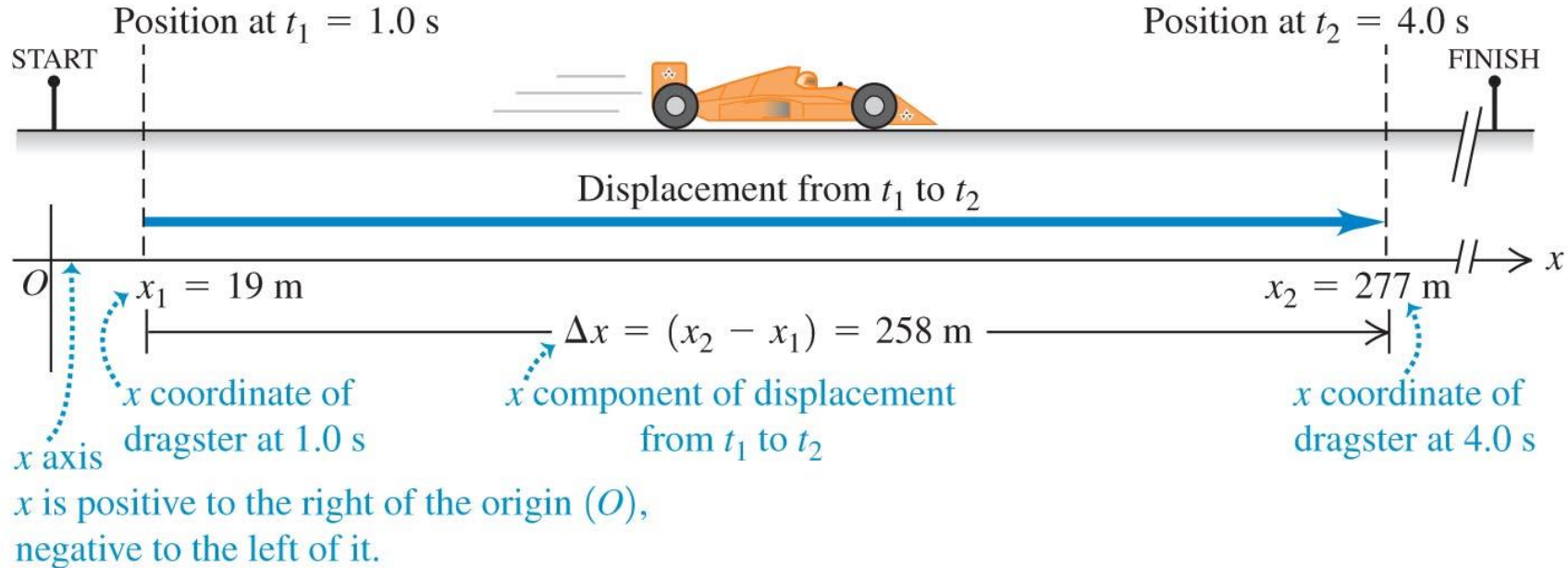
# Instantaneous Velocity



What is the instantaneous velocity at the fourth second ?

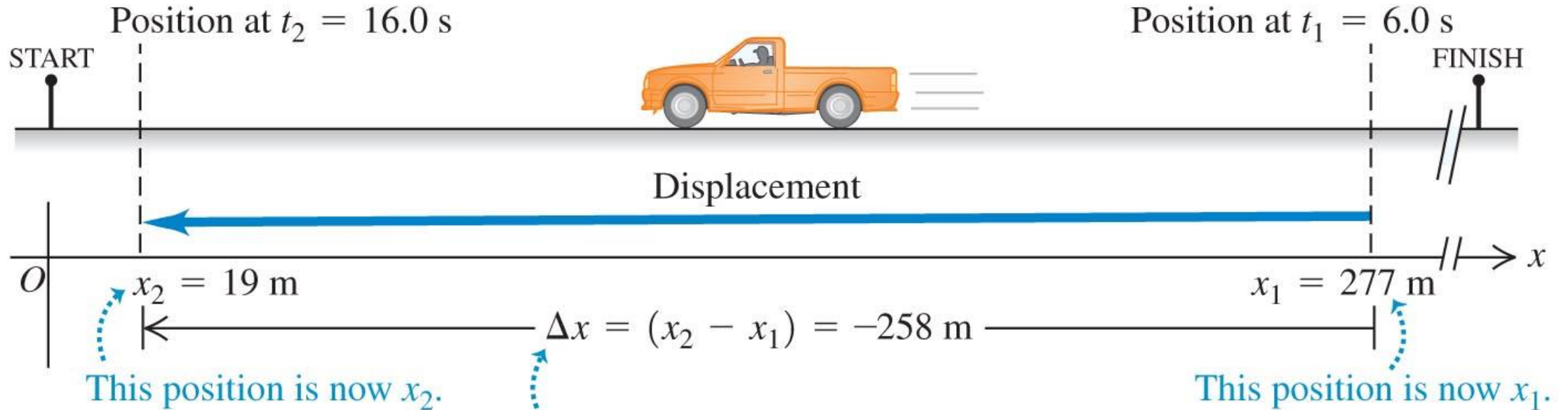
- A) 4 m/s      B) 0 m/s      C) 1 m/s      D) not enough information to decide.
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# Average Velocity - Figure 2.1



$$v_{av,x} = \frac{277 \text{ m} - 19 \text{ m}}{4.0 \text{ s} - 1.0 \text{ s}} = 86 \text{ m/s}$$

## Displacement and Average Velocity



When the truck moves in the  $-x$  direction,  $\Delta x$  is negative, and so is the  $x$  component of average velocity:

$$v_{\text{av}, x} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = -26 \text{ m/s}$$

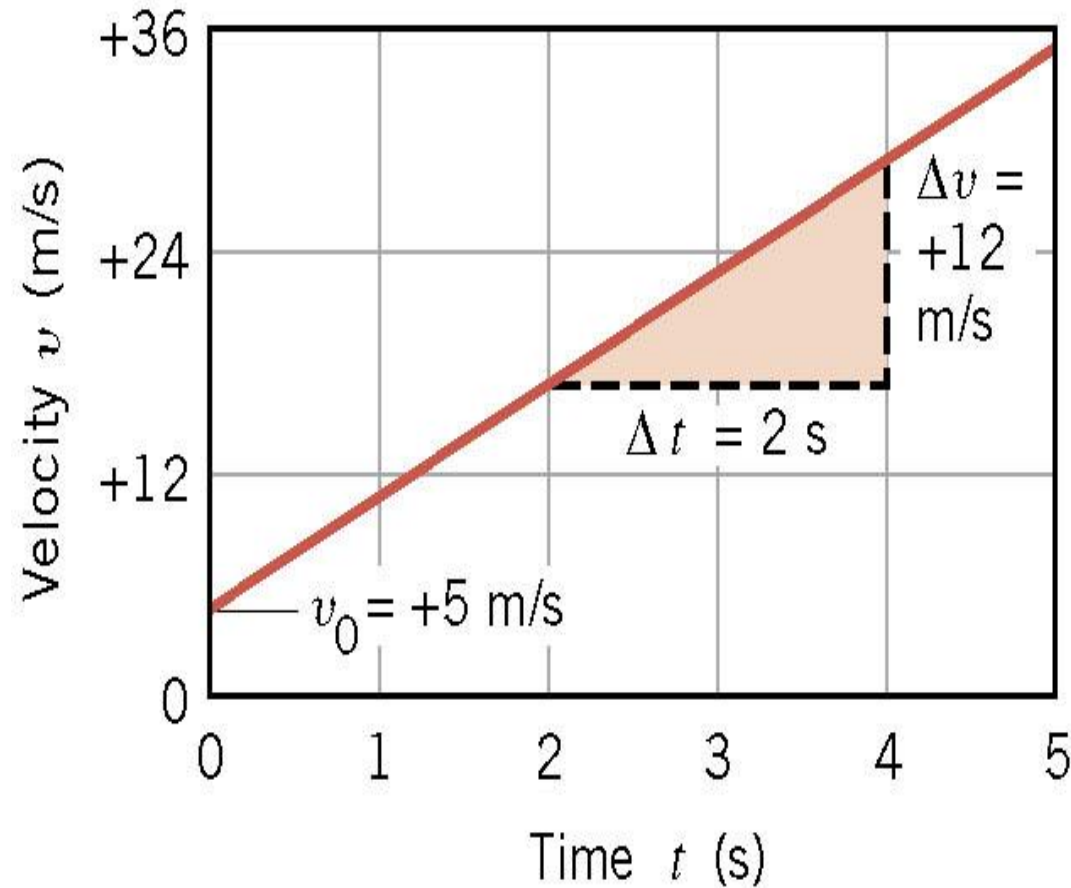
Courtesy of Wenhao Wu

# Acceleration

- We say that things which have changing velocity are “*accelerating*”
- Acceleration is the “Rate of change of velocity”
- You hit the *accelerator* in your car to speed up
  - (Ok...It’s true you also hit it to stay at constant velocity, but that’s because **friction** is slowing you down...we’ll get to that later...)

# Average acceleration

Average acceleration = total change of the velocity divided by total elapsed time



$$\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

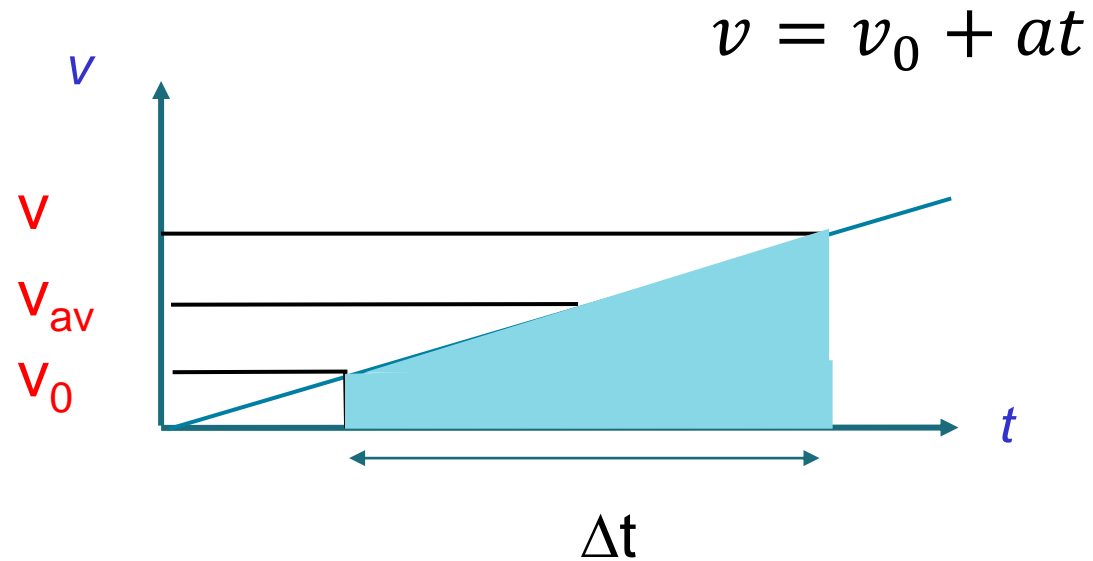
Unit of acceleration:

$$(\text{m/s})/\text{s} = \text{m/s}^2$$

Meters per second squared

# Average Velocity

- For constant acceleration



The area under the graph  $v(t)$  is the total distance travelled

$$\Delta x = v_{av} \Delta t = \Delta t (v_0 + v) / 2$$

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

# Kinematics in one dimension

Motion with constant acceleration.

From the formula for average acceleration

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t}$$

We find

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$\text{Average velocity } \bar{v} = \frac{x - x_0}{t}$$

On the other hand  $\bar{v} = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v) = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + (v_0 + at)) = v_0 + \frac{1}{2}at$

Then we can find  $x - x_0 = \bar{v}t = (v_0 + \frac{1}{2}at)t = v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$



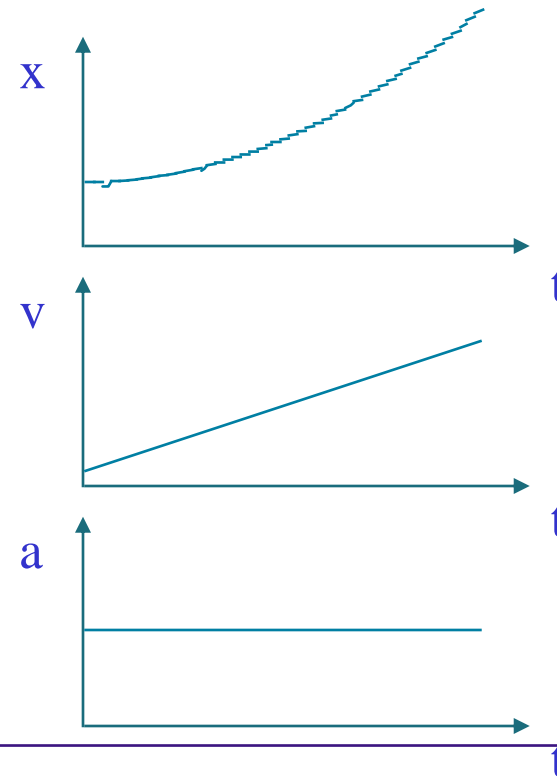
# Recap

- So for constant acceleration we find:

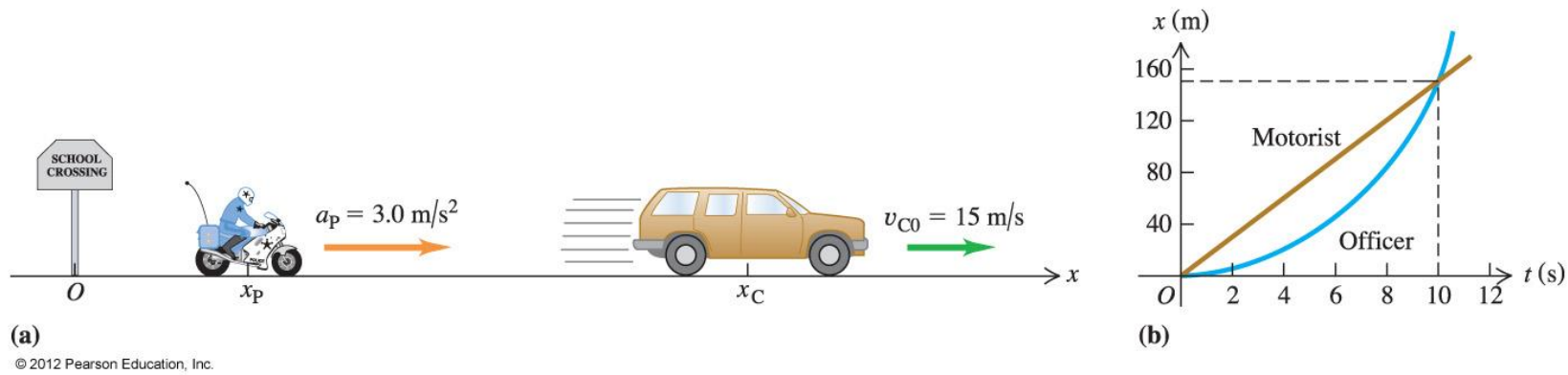
$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$v = v_0 + a t$$

$$a = \text{const}$$



# Example of graphic solution: Catching a speeder



$$x_p = x_0 + v_{p0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_p t^2 = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2}(3)t^2$$

$$x_c = x_0 + v_{c0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_c t^2 = 0 + (15 \text{ m/s})t + 0$$

(a) How much time elapses before the police catches up with the car?  $x_p(t) = x_c(t)$

(b) What is the officer's speed when he catches up?  $\frac{1}{2}(3)t^2 = 15t \quad [t=10\text{s}]$

$$v_p = v_{p0} + a_p t = 0 + 3t \quad t=10\text{s} \rightarrow \boxed{v_p = 30 \text{ m/s}}$$

(c) What is the total distance the police has travelled at that time?

When  $t = 10\text{s}$  the car has traveled  $x_c = 15 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} 10\text{s} = 150 \text{ m}$   
and the officer

$$x_p = \frac{1}{2} 3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} (10\text{s})^2 = 150 \text{ m}$$

Car and police have gone the same distance

Question: How can we predict the position of the particle at any time  $t$ ?

- Since the average velocity is defined by

$$v_{av,x} = \frac{x(t) - x(0)}{t - 0} = \frac{x(t) - x_0}{t},$$

we have

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_{av,x}t.$$

- But, what is  $v_{av,x}$ ?

Since  $v_x(t)$  is linear in time  $t$ ,

$$v_x(t) = v_{0x} + a_x t,$$

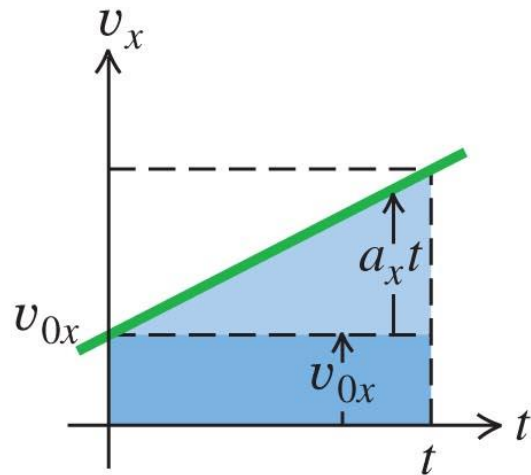
we have

$$v_{av,x} = \frac{1}{2} [v_x(t) + v_{0x}].$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 + \frac{1}{2} [v_x(t) + v_{0x}]t \\ &= x_0 + \frac{1}{2} [(v_{0x} + a_x t) + v_{0x}]t, \end{aligned}$$

or, 
$$x(t) = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2 \dots\dots(2.10)$$



$v_x$  versus  $t$

- This is the second of the three **kinematic equations**.

# Motion with const acceleration (main equations!)

$$a = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{v - v_0}{t - 0}$$

$$\boxed{v = v_0 + at}$$

$t = \frac{v - v_0}{a}$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} v_{av} &= \frac{v_0 + v}{2} = \frac{v_0 + v_0 + at}{2} = v_0 + \frac{1}{2}at \\ v_{av} &= \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{x - x_0}{t - 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 \left( \frac{v - v_0}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{2}a \left( \frac{v - v_0}{a} \right)^2 \quad | \cdot 2a$$

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

$$= \cancel{2v_0v} - 2v_0^2 + v^2 + v_0^2 - \cancel{2v_0v}$$

$$\boxed{v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v_{av} &= \frac{v_0 + v}{2} \\ v_{av} &= \frac{x - x_0}{t} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{x - x_0 = \left( \frac{v_0 + v}{2} \right) t}$$

# Kinematics equations for constant acceleration

$$v = v_0 + at$$

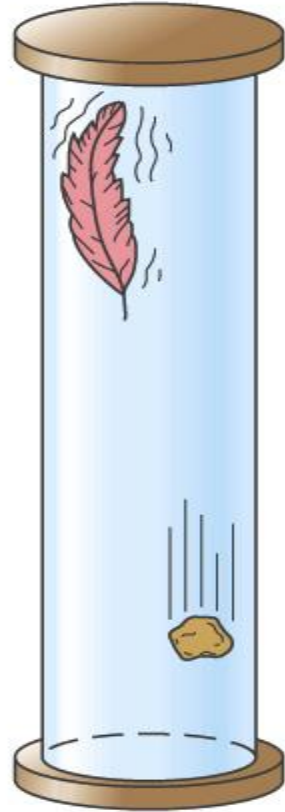
$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

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

$$x = x_0 + \left(\frac{v_0 + v}{2}\right)t$$

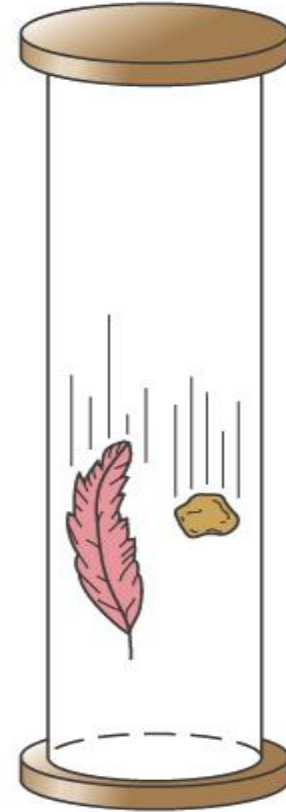
note: the mass  $m$  is not in these equations

# Particular case of motion with constant acceleration: Falling objects. All objects fall with the same constant acceleration!!



Air-filled tube

(a)

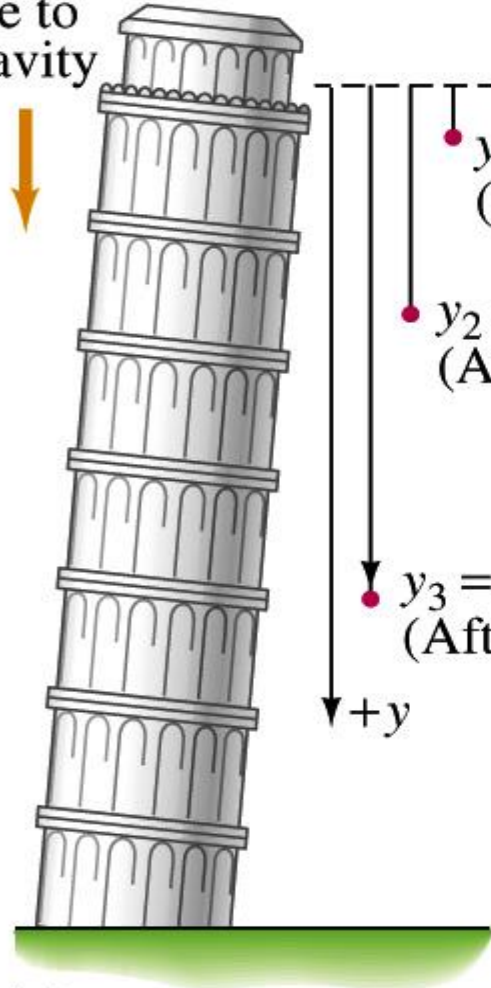


Evacuated tube

(b)

# Kinematics for $a=9.80\text{m/s}^2$ (acceleration of gravity)

Acceleration due to gravity

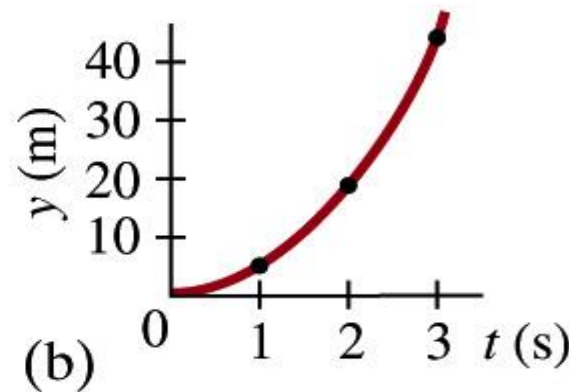


(a)

Between 1589 and 1592.



*Experiments on the motion of objects falling from leaning tower of Pisa under the action of the force of gravity*



$$a_y = g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ if the y-axis points down}$$



$$v_y(t) = v_{0y} + gt \dots\dots\dots(2.6)$$

$$y(t) = y_0 + v_{0y}t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \dots\dots(2.10)$$

$$v_y^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2g(y - y_0) \dots\dots(2.11)$$

$$v_{av,y} = \frac{1}{2}[v_y(t) + v_{0y}] \dots\dots\dots(2.7)$$

# Acceleration of gravity on different planets, $a_{Earth} = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$a_{Earth} = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$
$$a_{Mars} = 1.67 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$
$$a_{Sun} = 274 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$



3.  
A brick is dropped from the roof of a building. The brick strikes the ground after 5s. (Sign convention does not matter!)

a. how tall

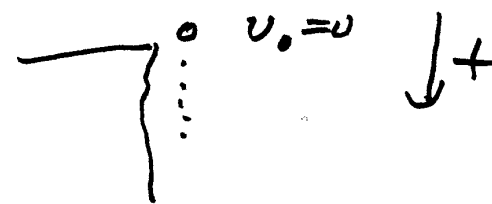
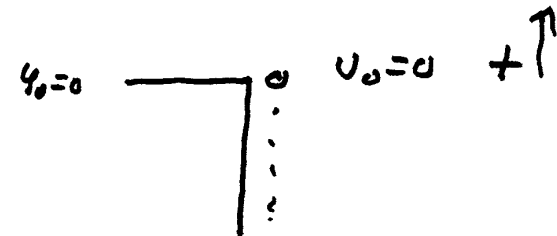
v. velocity of brick just before it strikes the ground

choose + up:

$$y = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$y = 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} 9.8 \cdot 5^2 = \boxed{-122 \text{ m}}$$

$$v = v_0 + a t = 0 - 9.8 \cdot 5 = \boxed{-49 \text{ m/s}}$$



choose + down:

$$y - y_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

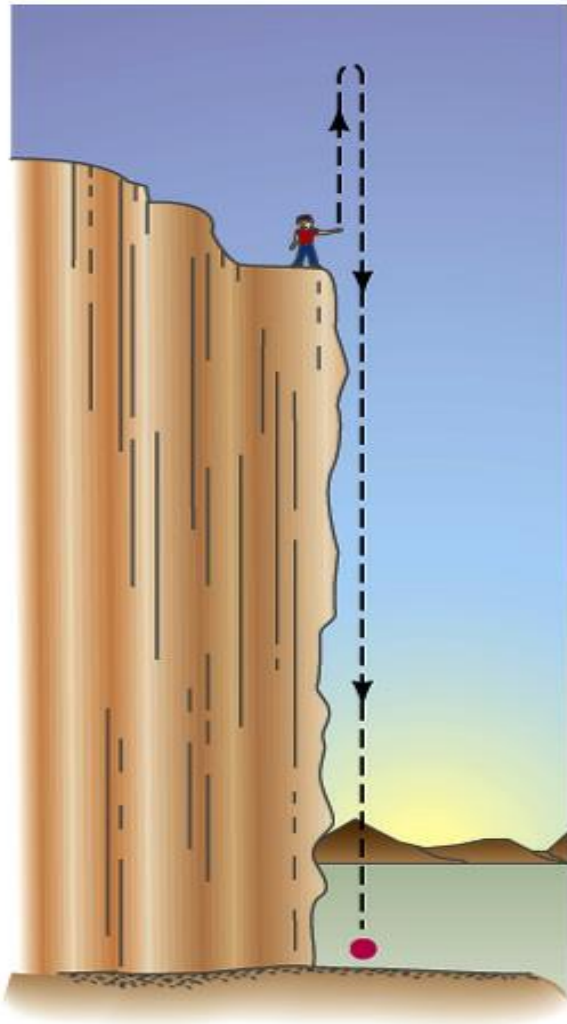
$$= \frac{1}{2} 9.8 \cdot 5^2 = \boxed{122 \text{ m}}$$

$$v = v_0 + a t = 0 + 9.8 \cdot 5 = \boxed{49 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

Important to have the correct interpretation of the results!  
The optimal selection of the reference frame helps.

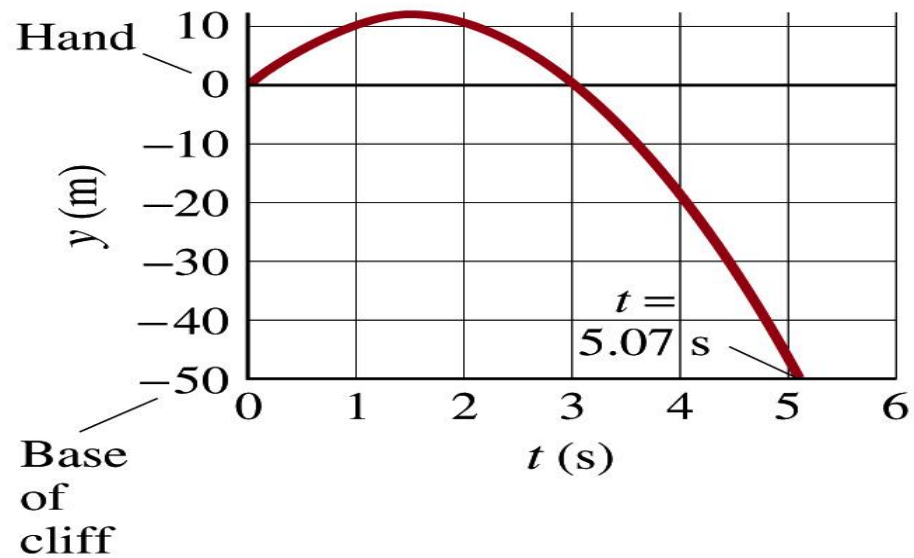
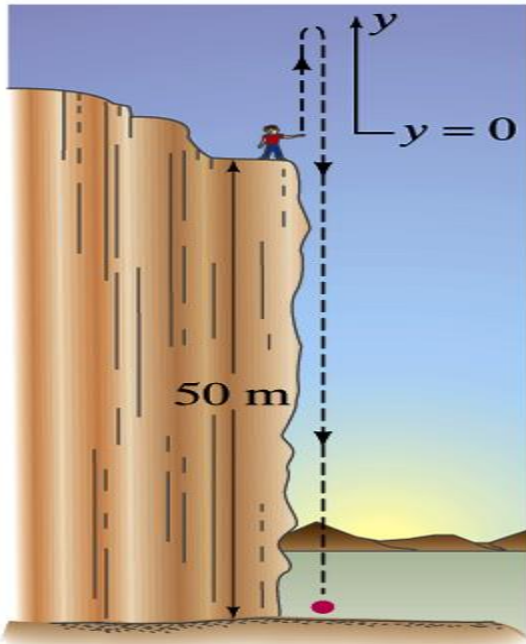
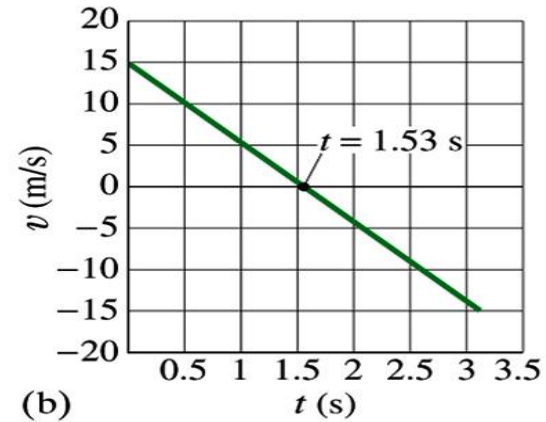
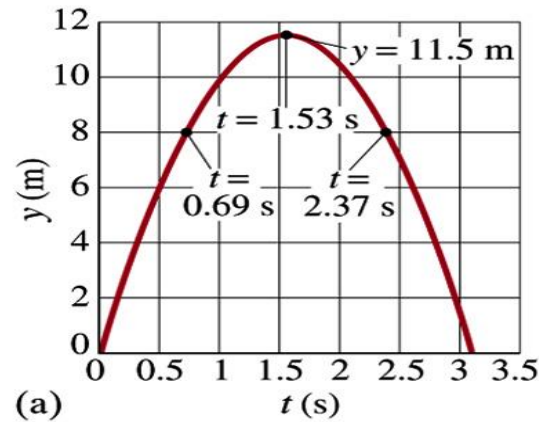
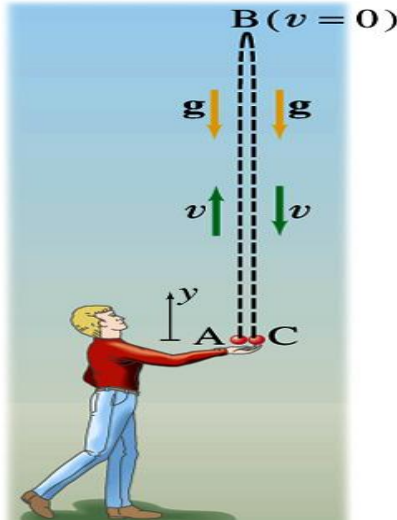
# Problem: Vertical motion

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Stone is thrown  
vertically upward

# 1-D motions in the gravitational field



## Ball thrown upward

height of the cliff  $h=50\text{m}$

-+-

$v_0 = 15 \text{ m/s}$  initial velocity, sign convention: upward +

a. how high?

at point A:  $t=0$

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$v_0 = 15 \text{ m/s}$$

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

$t$

$$v = 0$$

$$y = ?$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(y - y_0)$$

$$\cancel{v} = \cancel{v_0}$$

$$y = \frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2a} = \frac{0 - 15^2}{2 \cdot (-9.8)} = \boxed{11.5 \text{ m}}$$

b. how long in the air? (from point A to C)

$$y = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$y = 0$$



$$0 = 0 + 15t - \frac{1}{2} 9.8 t^2$$
$$= (15 - 4.9t)t$$

$$t_1 = 0 \quad t_2 = \frac{15}{4.9} = \boxed{3.06 \text{ s}}$$

c. how long for highest point? (from symmetry  $t = \frac{3.06}{2} = 1.53 \text{ s}$ ) (from point A to B)

$v = v_0 + at$  at  $v=0$  at highest point

$$t = -\frac{v_0}{a} = -\frac{15}{-9.8} = \boxed{1.53 \text{ s}}$$

d. velocity when ball reaches the thrower's hand (point C)

$$v = v_0 + at = 15 - 9.8 \cdot 3.06 = -15.0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

e. at what time passes the ball a point  $8\text{m}$  above the thrower's hand

$$y = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$8 = 0 + 15t - \frac{1}{2} 9.8 t^2$$

$$4.9t^2 - 15t + 8 = 0$$

$$at^2 + bt + c = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$t = \frac{15 \pm \sqrt{15^2 - 4 \cdot 4.9 \cdot 8}}{2 \cdot 4.9}$$

$$= \begin{cases} t_1 = 0.69 \text{ s} & \text{ball goes up} \\ t_2 = 2.37 \text{ s} & \text{ball goes down} \end{cases}$$

f. How long does it take to reach the base of the cliff and what is the velocity there? ( $h = 50 \text{ m}$ )

$$t_1 = (15 + (15^2 + 4 \cdot 4.9 \cdot 50)^{0.5}) / (2 \cdot 4.9) = 5.0727 = 5.07 \text{ s}$$

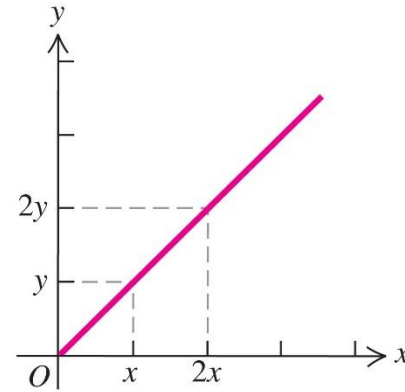
$$y = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$-50 = 0 + 15t - \frac{1}{2} 9.8 t^2 \quad \boxed{t_1 = 5.07 \text{ s}} \quad t_2 = \text{not sensible}$$

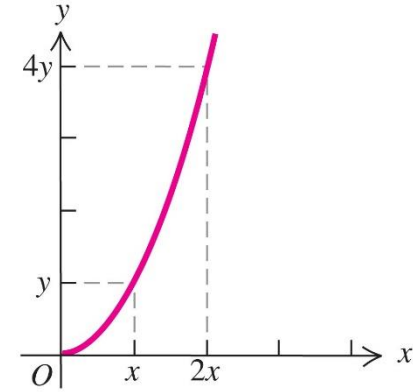
$$v = v_0 + at = 15 - 9.8 \cdot 5.07 = \boxed{-35 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

# 2.5: Proportional Reasoning

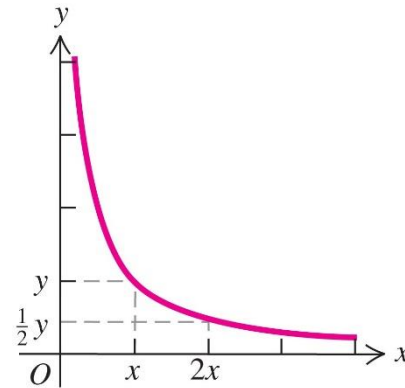
- Thinking about your numbers
- For example: there are linear, quadratic, inverse, inverse-square proportions between two variables  $x$  and  $y$ .



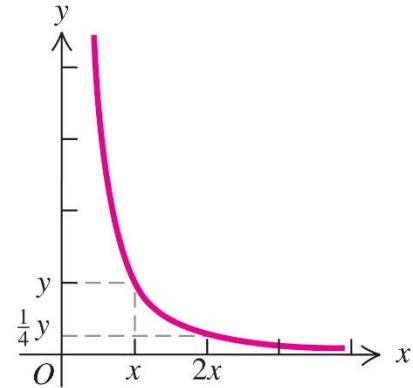
(a)  $y = x$   
(linear relationship)



(b)  $y = x^2$   
(quadratic relationship)



(c)  $y = 1/x$   
(inverse relationship)



(d)  $y = 1/x^2$   
(inverse-square relationship)

# Clicker problem

When you brake on dry pavement, your maximum acceleration is about three times greater than when you brake on wet pavement. For a given initial speed, how does your stopping distance  $x_{\text{dry}}$  on dry pavement compare with your stopping distance  $x_{\text{wet}}$  on wet pavement?

- a)  $x_{\text{dry}} = 1/3x_{\text{wet}}$
- b)  $x_{\text{dry}} = 3x_{\text{wet}}$
- c)  $x_{\text{dry}} = 1/9x_{\text{wet}}$
- d)  $x_{\text{dry}} = 9x_{\text{wet}}$