

VELOCITY-TIME GRAPHS

Learning Goals

B2.3 - Use a v-t graph to derive the equation for average velocity and the equations for displacement.

Success Criteria

How does a VT graph relate to a DT graph?
What does the slope on a VT graph represent?
What does the area under the VT graph represent?
What would a horizontal line on a VT graph represent?
What would a positive slope represent on a VT graph?
What would a negative slope represent on a VT graph?
What would a curved line represent on a VT graph?



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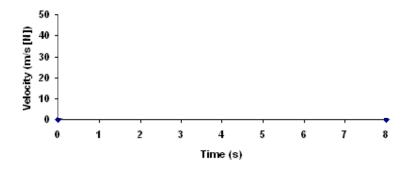
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Recall: A position-time graph, or a distance-time graph, plots an object's displacement verses the time it takes that object to achieve that displacement.

In the same way, a velocity-time graph plots an object's velocity verses time, with the velocity on the y-axis and the time on the x-axis.

Ex: An object starting from rest is moving at the following velocities

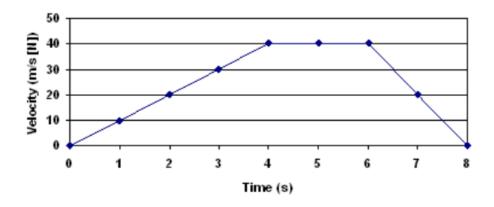
Velocity (m/s [N])	0	10	20	30	40	40	40	20	0
Time (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

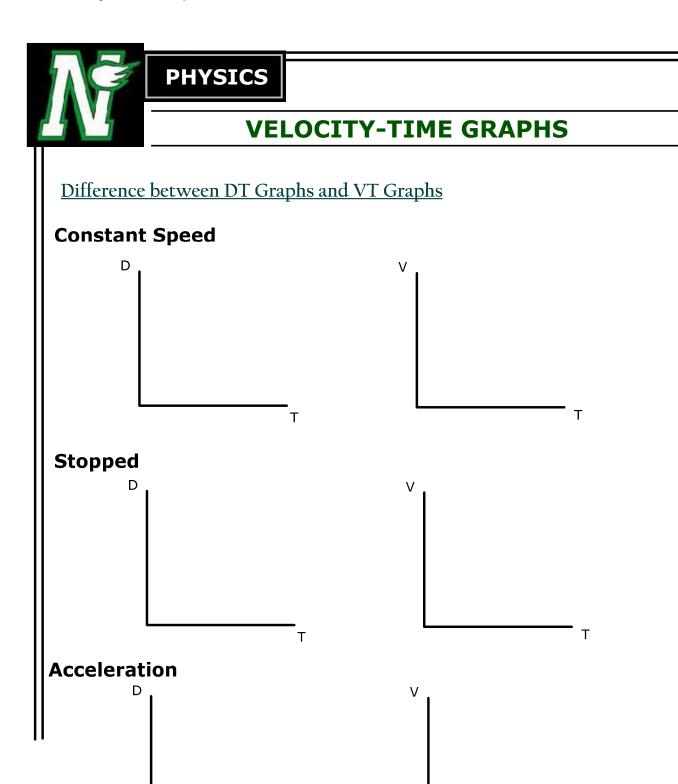




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We can use this v-t graph to find the acceleration and displacement



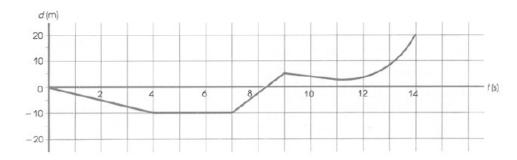


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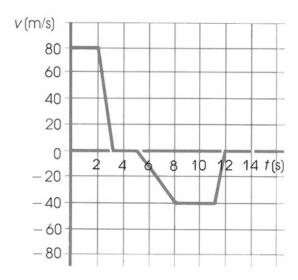


HOMEWORK

- 4. The following graph is that of an object moving in a straight line. East is considered as the positive direction.
 - a. Determine the position of the object after 7.0 s. (-10 m)
 - b. The graph shows five distinct sections. Briefly, and in general terms, describe the motion of the object in each of these sections.
 - c. Considering the whole journey, calculate the average velocity. (1.4 m/s)
 - d. Find the instantaneous velocity at t = 13 s. (8 m/s)
 - e. Using an appropriate scale, draw a velocity-time graph from the position-time graph.



- This graph below describes the motion of an object moving in a straight line. At the beginning it is going east. From the graph determine each of the following.
 - a. the object's displacement in the first 3.0 s (200 m [E])
 - b. the object's displacement between t = 3.0 s and t = 5.0 s (0)
 - c. the total displacement of the object in 14 s (0)
 - d. the average velocity of the object from t = 0 to t = 8.0 s (17.5 m/s [E])

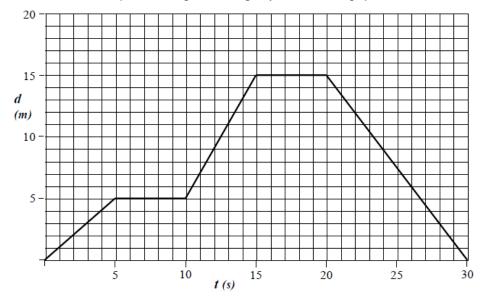




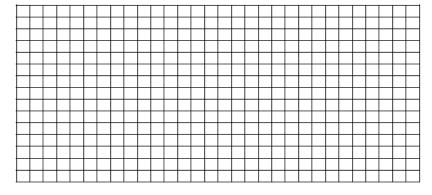
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- 7. The slope of the displacement-time graph is
- 8. The slope of the velocity-time graph is
- 9. The area under the acceleration-time graph is
- 10. The area under the velocity-time graph is

Answer the next series of questions using the following displacement-time graph.



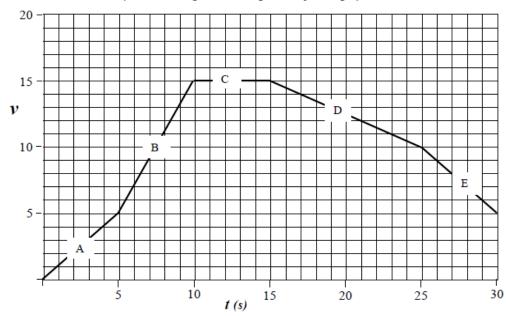
- 11. How far does the object travel during the first 5 seconds (1 to 5 s)?
- 12. How far does the object travel during the second 5 seconds (5 to 10 s)?
- 13. How far does the object travel during the third 5 seconds (10 to 15 s)?
- 14. How far does the object travel during the fourth 5 seconds (15 to 20 s)?
- 15. How far does the object travel during the last 10 seconds (20 to 30 s)?
- 16. During which time interval(s) is the object standing still?
- 17. Does the car ever accelerate in this scenario?
- 18. Draw the velocity time graph for the above scenario.





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Answer the next series of questions using the following velocity-time graph.

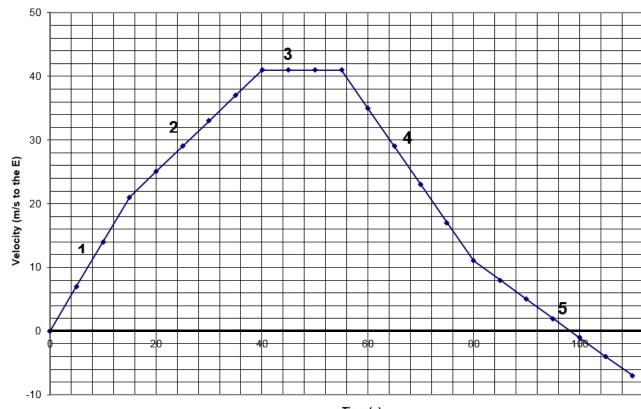


- 19. During which interval(s) is the object accelerating?
- 20. During which interval(s) is the acceleration the greatest?
- 21. During which interval(s) is the object standing still?
- 22. During which intervals does the object have the same speed?
- 23. What is the displacement during interval A?
- 24. What is the displacement during interval B?
- 25. What is the displacement during interval C?
- 26. What is the displacement during interval D?
- 27. What is the displacement during interval E?



HOMEWORK

Velocity-Time Graph



- Time (s)
- **1.** What are the accelerations of this object throughout this motion. In section 5, how would you describe the acceleration before 98 seconds verses after 98 seconds?
- **2.** What is the total displacement of this object?

1.10 - Velocity-Time Graphs

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