

Researchers at MIT prove that rolling shopping carts will almost invariably hit the most expensive car in their vicinity.



Kinematics

The study of motion in
One Dimension



Unit 2 Motion

- Relative motion
- Quantifying Motion
 - Scalar vs. Vector
 - Speed vs. Velocity
 - Distance vs. Displacement
 - Acceleration
 - Kinematic equations
- Graphical interpretation of motion
- Free fall motion

Classification of Physics Quantities

Vector - quantity with both magnitude (size) and direction

Scalar - quantity with magnitude only

Vectors:

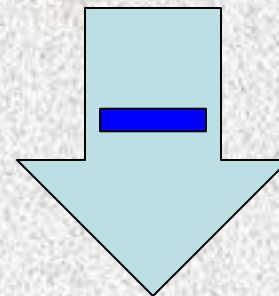
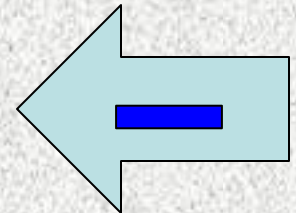
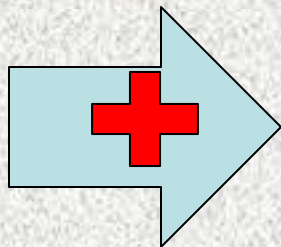
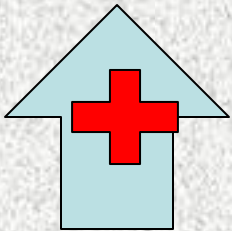
- Displacement
- Velocity
- Acceleration
- Momentum
- Force

Scalars:

- Distance
- Speed
- Time
- Mass
- Energy

Sign Conventions

- Positive sign
 - Travel East, to the right or travel North, upwards
- Negative sign
 - Travel West, to the left or travel South, downwards



Units

Units are not the same as quantities!

Quantity . . . Unit (symbol)

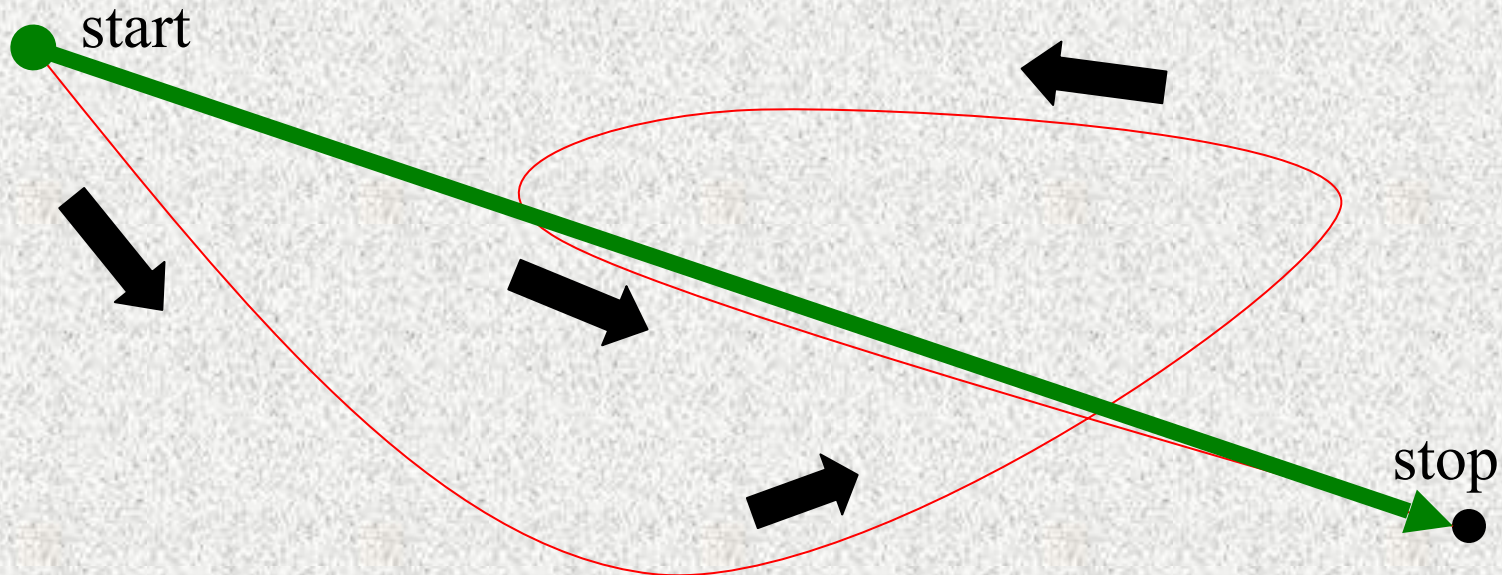
- Displacement & Distance . . . meter (m)
- Time . . . second (s)
- Velocity & Speed . . . (m/s)
- Acceleration . . . (m/s²)
- Mass . . . kilogram (kg)
- Momentum . . . (kg·m/s)
- Force . . . Newton (N)
- Energy . . . Joule (J)

Kinematics definitions

- Kinematics – branch of physics; study of motion
- Distance (d) – how far you have traveled, regardless of direction (length of the path traveled)
- Displacement (d) – where you are in relation to where you started, includes direction (length and direction from start to finish)

Distance vs. Displacement

- You drive the path, and your odometer goes up by 8 miles (your distance).
- Your displacement is the shorter directed distance from start to stop (green arrow).
- What if you drove in a circle?



Speed, Velocity, & Acceleration

- Speed (v) – how fast you go
- Velocity (\mathbf{v}) – how fast and which way; the rate at which displacement changes
- Acceleration (\mathbf{a}) – how fast you speed up, slow down, or change direction; the rate at which velocity changes

Speed vs. Velocity

- Speed is a scalar (it does not consider direction)
Ex: $v = 20$ mph
- Speed is often the magnitude of velocity.
- Velocity is a vector (it considers both speed and direction). Ex: $\mathbf{v} = 20$ mph at 15° south of west



Velocity & Acceleration Sign Chart

		<i>VELOCITY</i>	
		+	-
A C C E L E R A T I O N	+	Moving forward; Speeding up	Moving backward; Slowing down
	-	Moving forward; Slowing down	Moving backward; Speeding up

Kinematics Formula Summary

For 1-D motion with constant acceleration:

- $v_f = v_i + at$
- $\bar{v} = (v_i + v_f)/2$
- $d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$
- $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$
- $\underline{a} = \Delta v/t$
- $\underline{v} = d/t$

Problem- Solving Method

v_i	
v_f	
Δv	
\bar{v}	
a	
Δx	
Δt	

Graphing Motion

Motion
Graphics

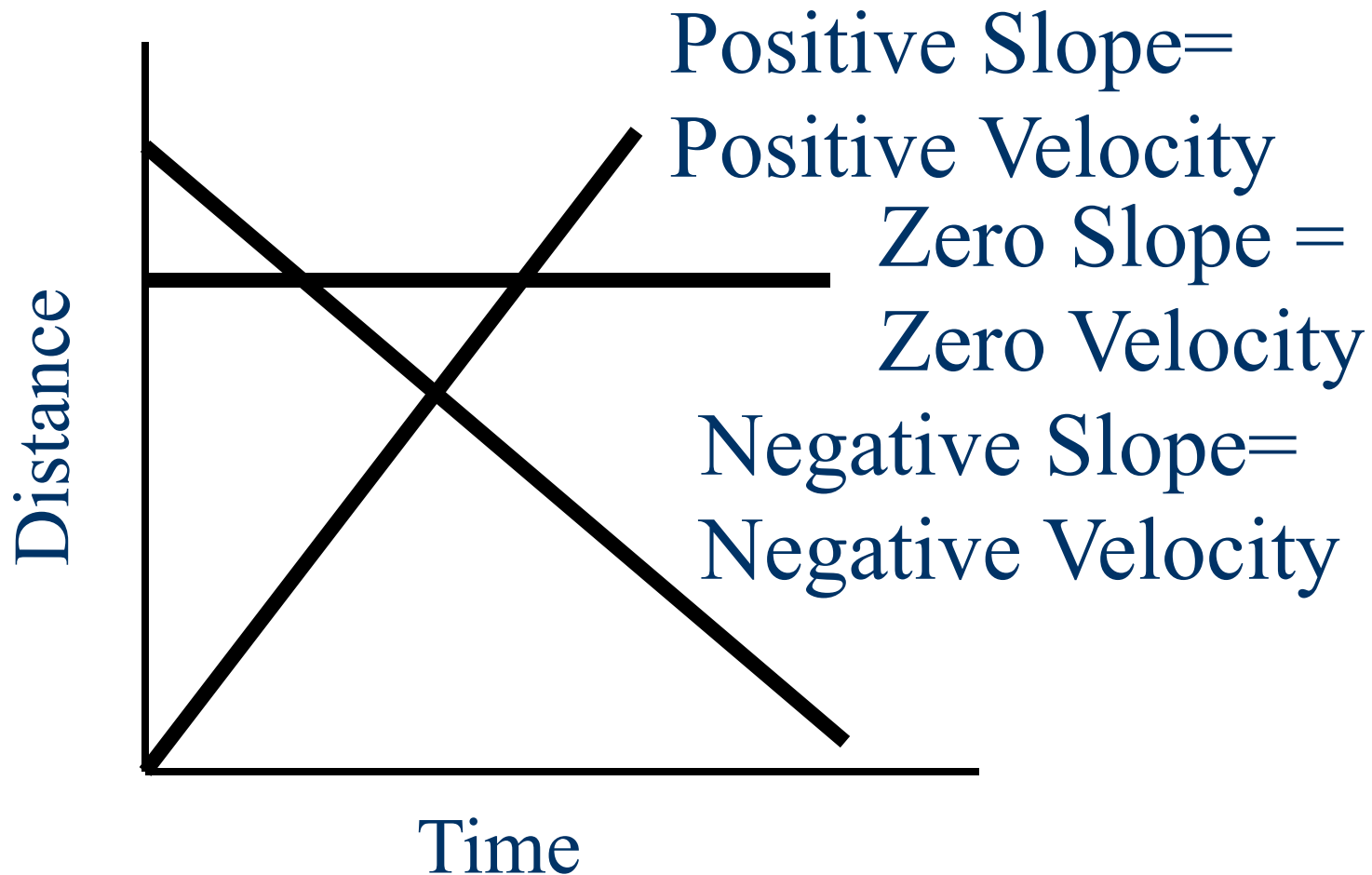
Types of Motion Graphs

- ◆ d-t displacement vs. time
- ◆ v-t velocity vs. time
- ◆ a-t acceleration vs. time

d-t Graph with Constant Speed

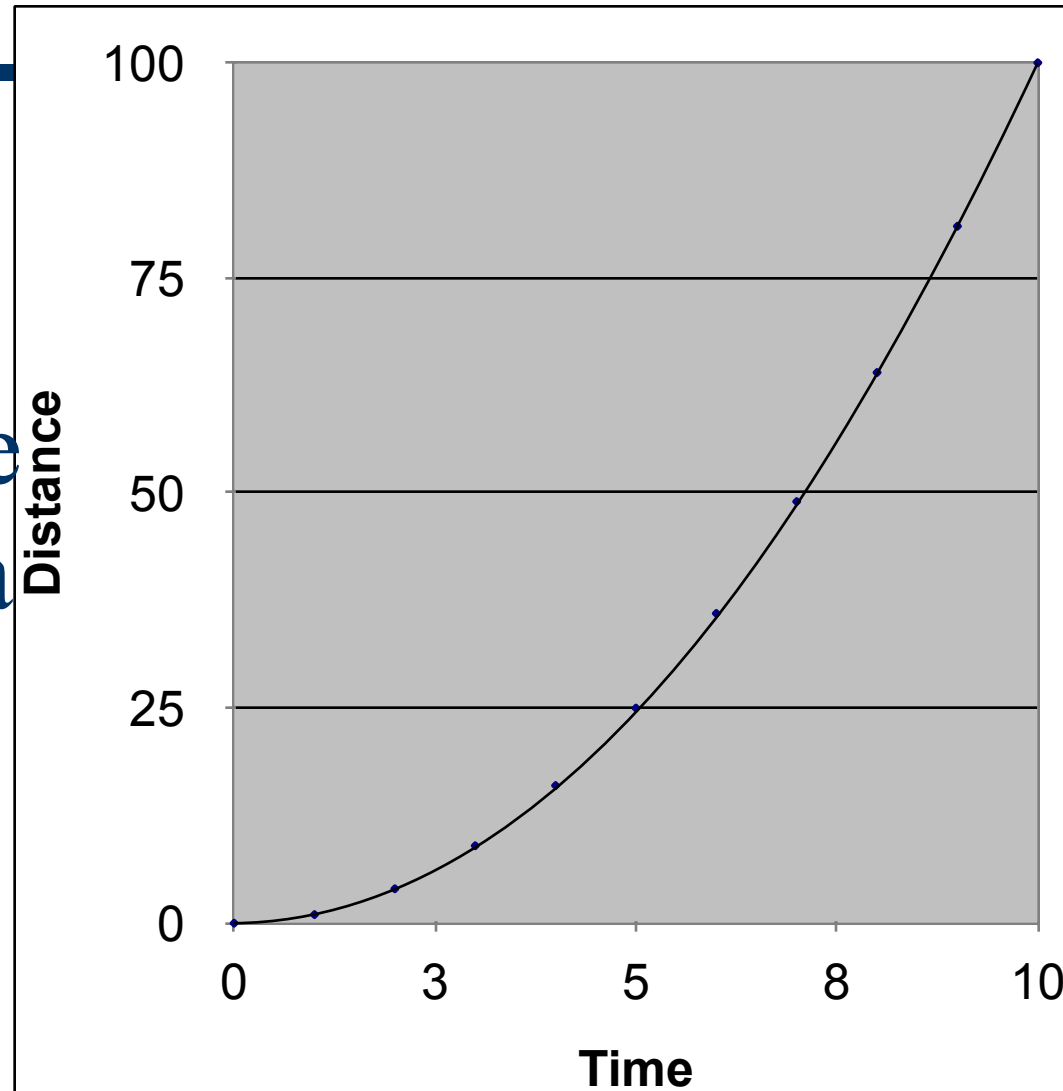
- ◆ The slope of a distance-time graph represents velocity.
- ◆ A constant slope means a constant velocity.
- ◆ The slope can be positive, negative, or zero.

Distance-Time Graph

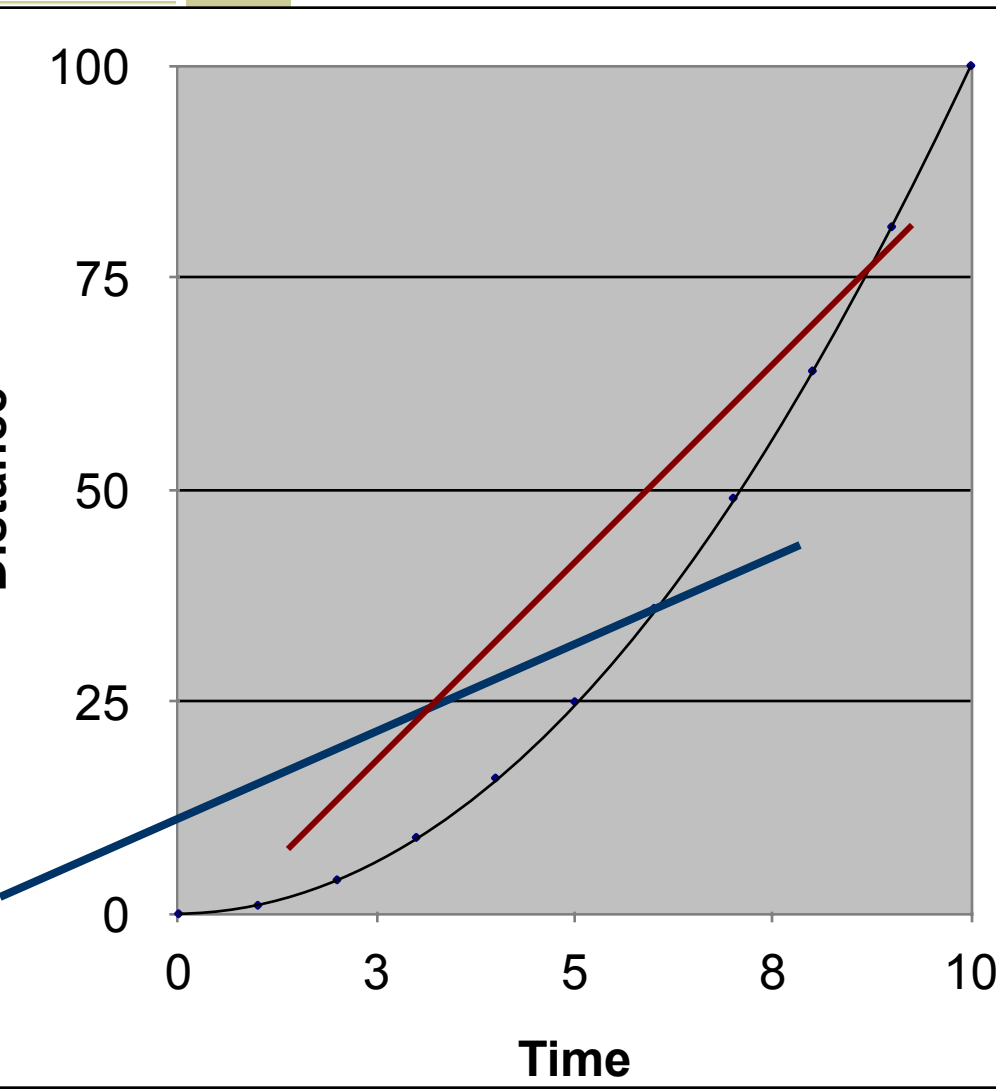


d-t Graph with Changing Velocity

This curve shows a changing slope which means a changing velocity

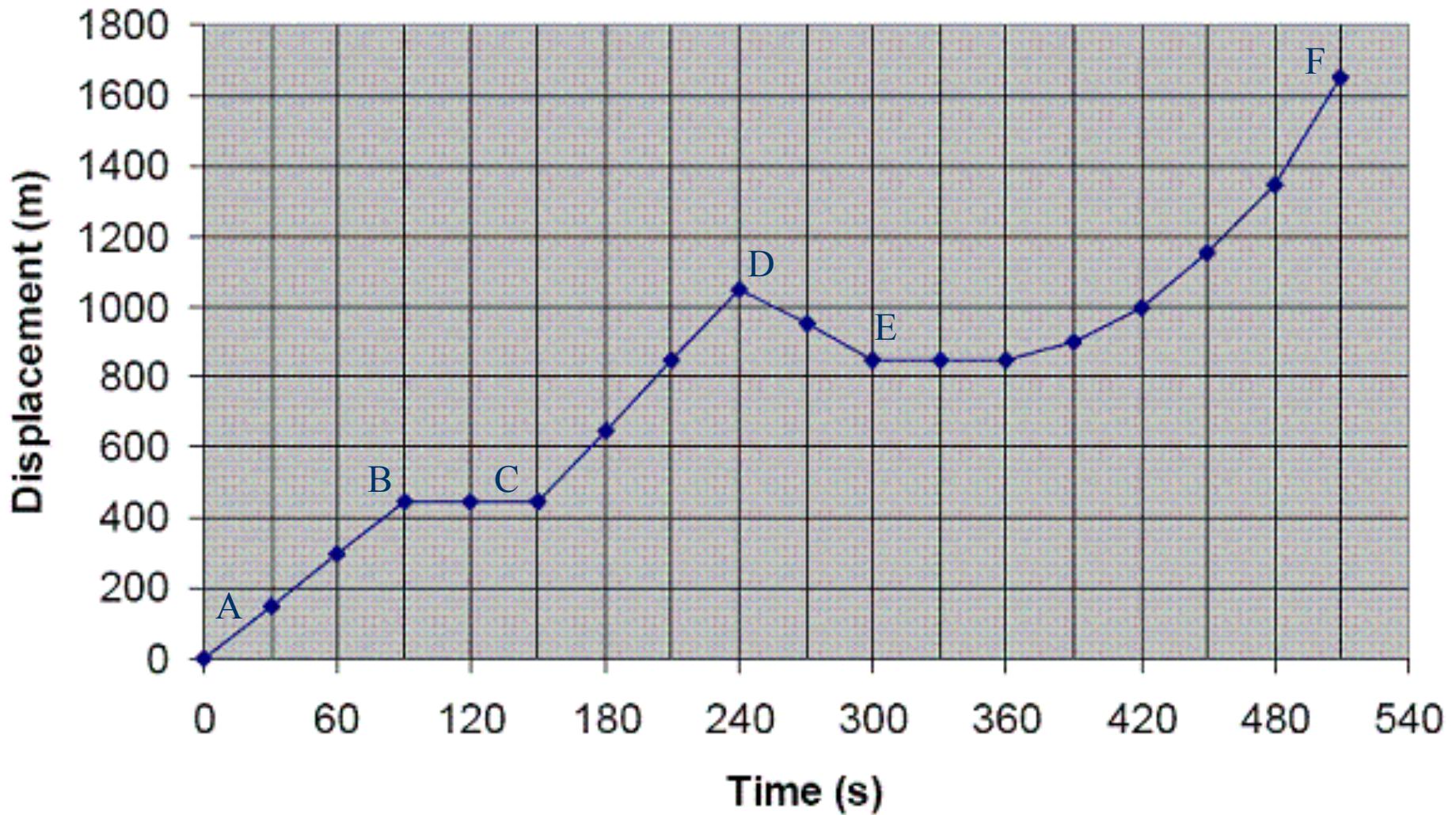


Finding the Velocity

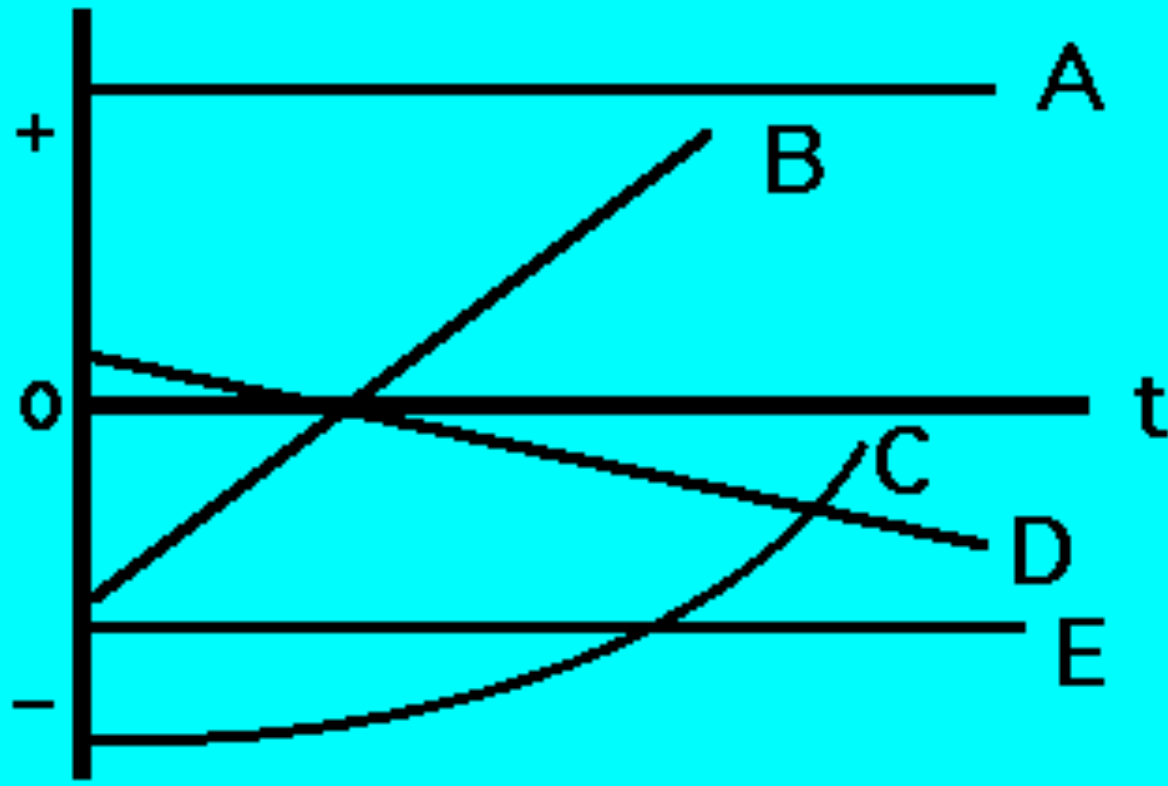


The slope of the tangent line to the curve represents the instantaneous velocity

Displacement vs Time



position



Which one(s) are motionless?

Which one(s) have a constant velocity?

Which one(s) are accelerating?

Which one(s) return to their starting position?

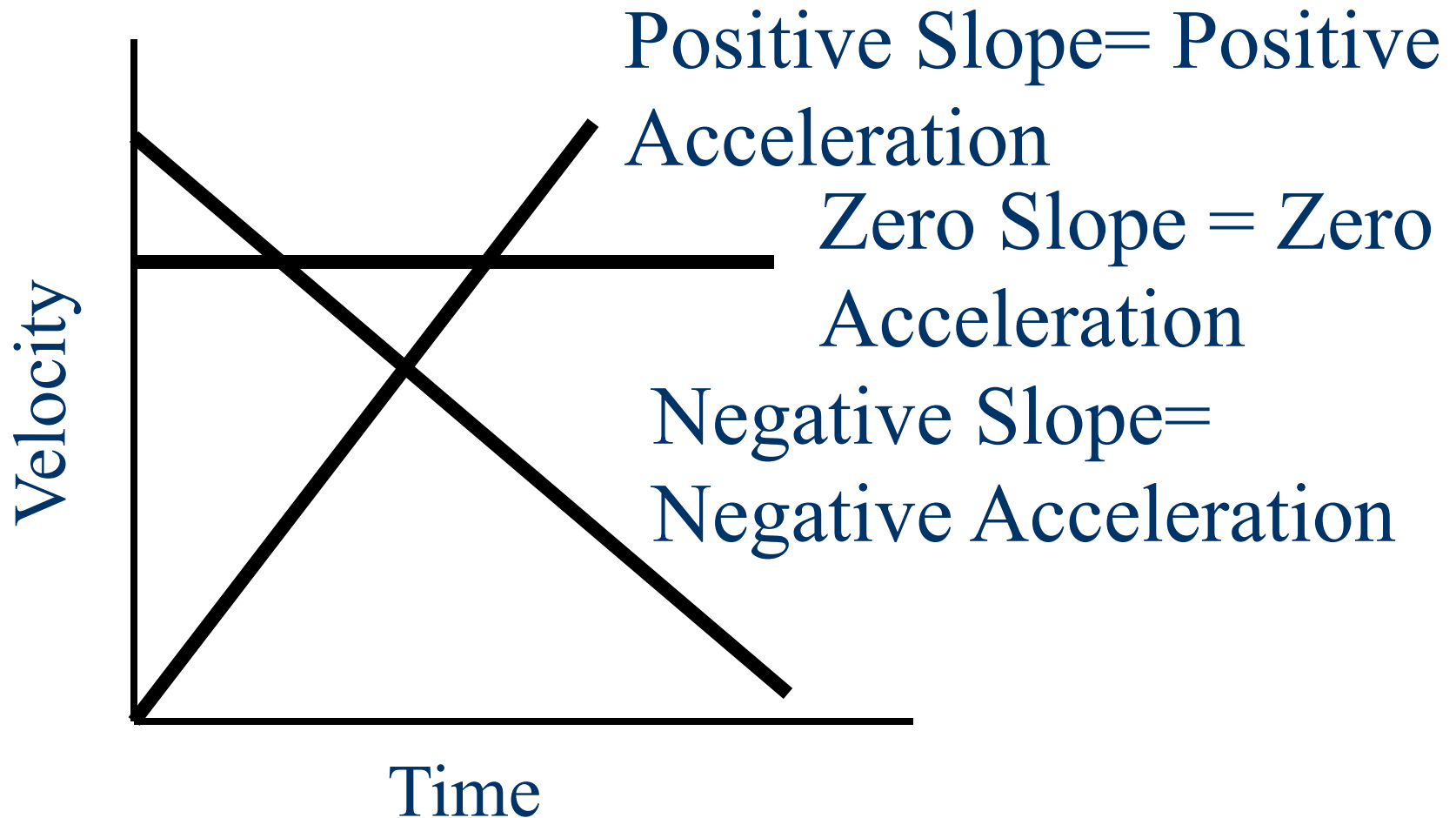
Which one(s) have a positive velocity?

Which one(s) meet?

v-t Graph with Constant Acceleration

- ◆ The slope of a speed time graph represents acceleration.
- ◆ A constant slope implies a constant acceleration.
- ◆ The slope can be positive, negative, or zero

Velocity-Time Graph



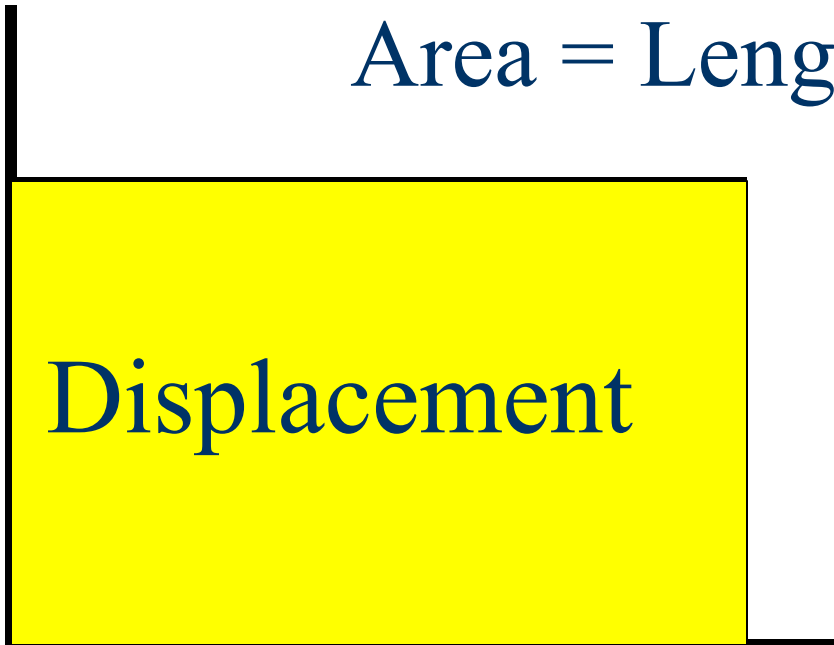
v-t Graph Displacements

- ◆ The area under the curve to the t-axis represents the displacement of the object.
- ◆ The area can be found using simple geometry formulas.
- ◆ The area may be “negative” if the curve lies under the t-axis.

v-t Graph Displacements

$$\text{Area} = \text{Length} \times \text{Width}$$

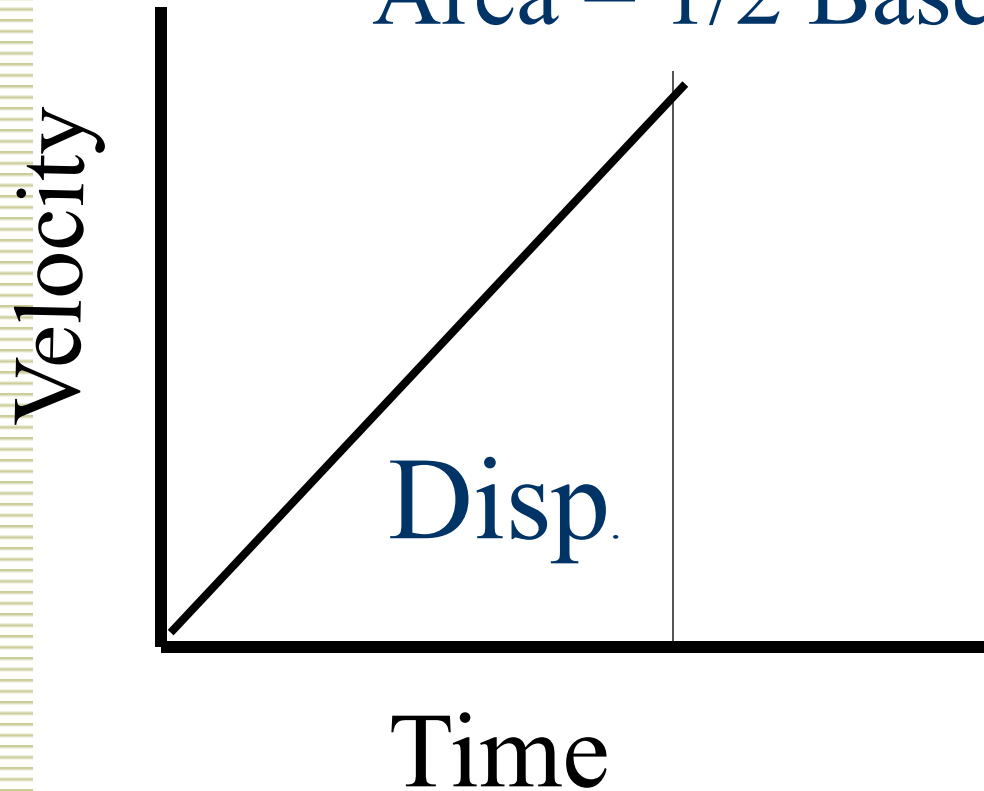
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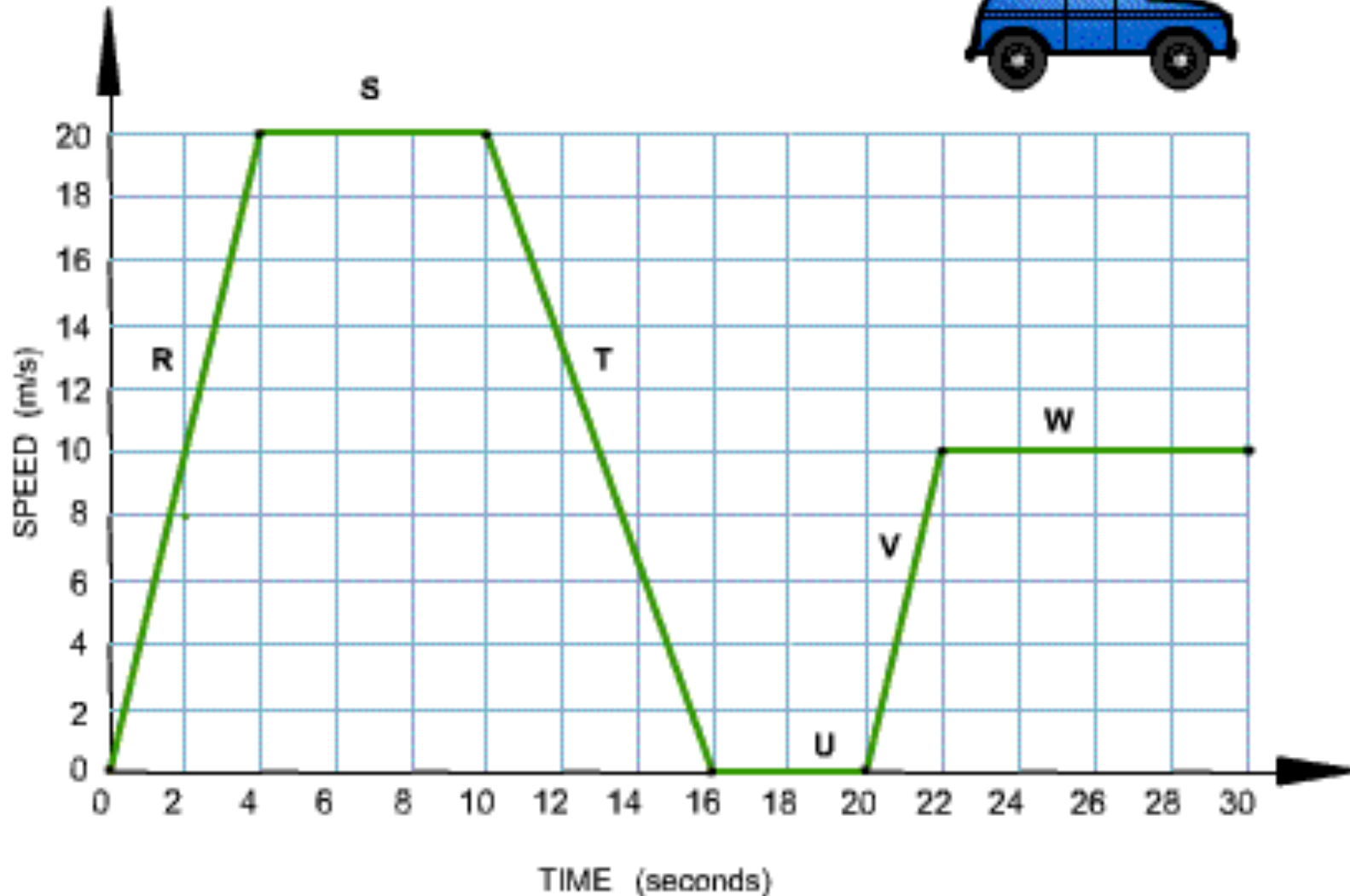
Time

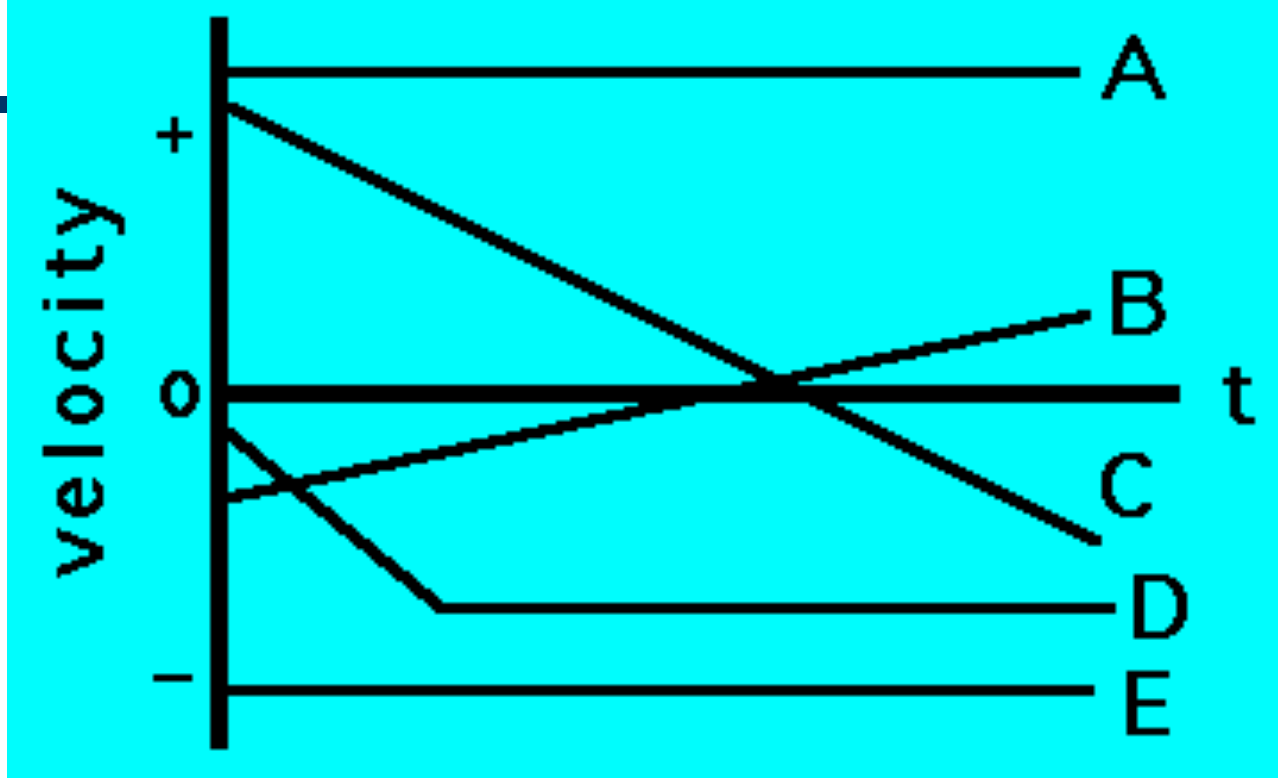
v-t Graph Displacements

$$\text{Area} = 1/2 \text{ Base} \times \text{Height}$$



Speed of a car v. time





Which one(s) are motionless?

Which one(s) change their motion?

Which one(s) have a constant velocity?

Which one(s) have a positive velocity?

Which one(s) are accelerating?

Which one(s) displace the least?

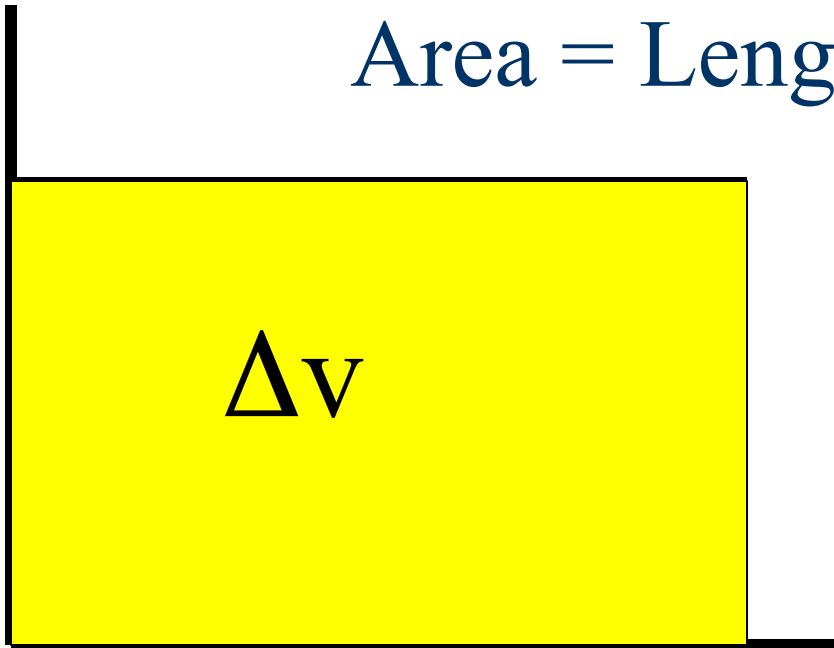
a-t Graph with Constant Acceleration

- ◆ The slope of an acceleration-time graph will be zero in this course.
- ◆ A zero slope implies a constant acceleration.
- ◆ The area under the curve represents the change in velocity of the object.

a-t Graph Change in Velocities

Area = Length x Width

Acceleration



Time

Summary

- ◆ d-t Graph
 - Slope represents velocity
- ◆ v-t Graph
 - Slope represents acceleration
 - Area under curve represents displacement
- ◆ a-t Graph
 - Area under curve represents Δv