

Chapter 1: Kinematics.

1.2: Distance and Displacement:

→ The **Distance** is the length of the path the object took in travelling from one place to another. The distance is a **scalar quantity** that only have a magnitude

→ The **Displacement** is the distance travelled, but it is a **vector quantity** that has both magnitude and direction.

1.3: Speed and Velocity:

→ The **velocity** of an object is the change in its position, divided by the time it took for this change to occur. velocity is a **vector** and it has both a magnitude and direction.

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}, \quad \Delta x = \text{displacement}, \quad \Delta t = \text{time interval}.$$
$$\rightarrow \Delta x = x_f - x_i$$

→ The **Speed** is the magnitude of the velocity. Speed is a scalar, and it doesn't have a direction.

$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}, \quad \Delta x = \text{distance}.$$

1.4: Acceleration:

→ **Acceleration** is defined to be the rate of change (in time) of the velocity.

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

→ characteristics of the acceleration:

- 1) Acceleration is a vector, it has a direction as well as a magnitude.
- 2) The object may decelerate (slow down) if the acceleration vector points in the opposite direction to that object's velocity vector.
- 3) There are three ways an object can accelerate: a change in velocity, a change in direction, a change in both velocity and direction.
- 4) An object may have an acceleration without its speed changing at all.

1.5: Average Velocity or Speed:

$$\vec{V}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{d}}{t} \quad \vec{d} = \text{displacement}$$

* Deriving a general relationship between the distance, initial velocity, and constant acceleration:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{d} &= \vec{V}_{avg} t \\ d &= \frac{1}{2} (v_i + v_f) t \\ \vec{a} &= \frac{v_f - v_i}{t} \\ \boxed{at + v_i = v_f} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{d} = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$v_f = v_i + at \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad \quad \text{--- ③}$$