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What is Dynamics?

Scientific Definition

Dynamics is a scientific discipline that deals with systems undergoing changes in state.

Engineering Definition Dynamics is a branch of Mechanics that deals with the relation between forces and the motion of bodies.

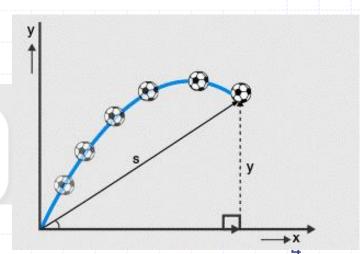
Dynamics is divided into two parts:

<u>Kinematics</u> – the study of motion without reference to any forces

- Study of the geometry of motion
- A purely mathematical construct

KINEMATICS

THE BRANCH OF MECHANICS CONCERNED WITH THE MOTION OF OBJECTS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE FORCES WHICH CAUSE THE MOTION.



<u>Kinetics</u> – the study of motion that results from forces action on bodies

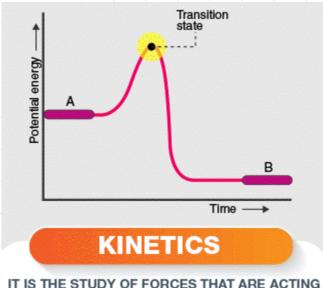
Used to predict motion caused by given forces

- OR -

to determine the forces required to produce a

given motion

Based on physical law



IT IS THE STUDY OF FORCES THAT ARE ACTING ON AN OBJECT UNDER A PARTICULAR MECHANISM.

Kinematics of a Particle



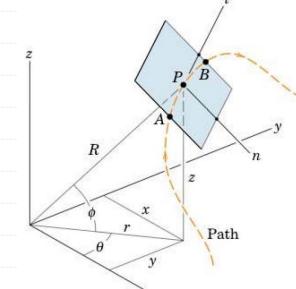
Although each of these planes is rather large, from a distance their motion can be modeled as if each plane were a particle

Kinematics of Particles

Relates <u>motion</u> and time w/o ref. to forces that cause the motion

Here, "motion" is quantified by

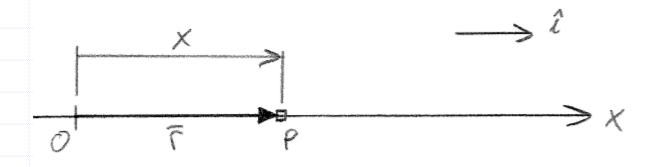
- Pasition F
- Velocity A
- Acceleration ā



Motion Types: D Rectilinear 1 Curvilinear Path of curvilinear translation 3 Relative 9 Dependent

Rectilinear Motion of Particles

Particle is constrained to move in a straight line.



$$\overline{\Gamma} = \overline{OP} = X \widehat{\ell}$$

Position Vector

Comments:

A Scalar

- Magnitude of & Specifies distance of Paway From O
- sign of & indicates the direction of P relative to 0

Scalar notation suffices. (Rectilinear Motion only!)

Pasition X

Velocity N

We <u>define</u>

Instantaneous

Acceleration a

Ave. Acc. =
$$\frac{\Delta n}{\Delta t}$$
 $\left(\frac{m/s}{s} = \frac{m}{s^{\circ}}, \frac{ft}{s^{\circ}}, etc.\right)$

In the limit as At 30

$$a = \frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{d^2X}{dt^2}$$

Shorthand:

$$(') = \frac{\partial()}{\partial t}$$

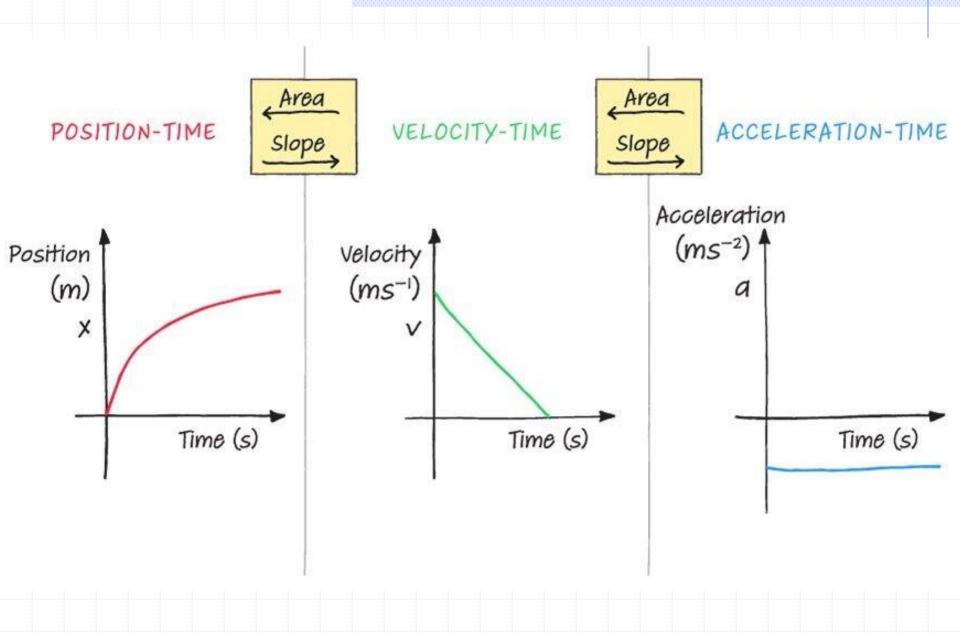
$$\alpha = \dot{x} = \ddot{x}$$

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Dynamics is concerned with bodies that have accelerated motion
- Kinematics is a study of the geometry of the motion
- Kinetics is a study of the forces that cause the motion
- Rectilinear kinematics refers to straight-line motion

- Speed refers to the magnitude of velocity
- Average speed is the total distance traveled divided by the total time; this is different from the average velocity which is the displacement divided by the time

- The acceleration, a = dv/dt, is negative when the particle is slowing down or decelerating.
 - A particle can have an acceleration and yet have zero velocity

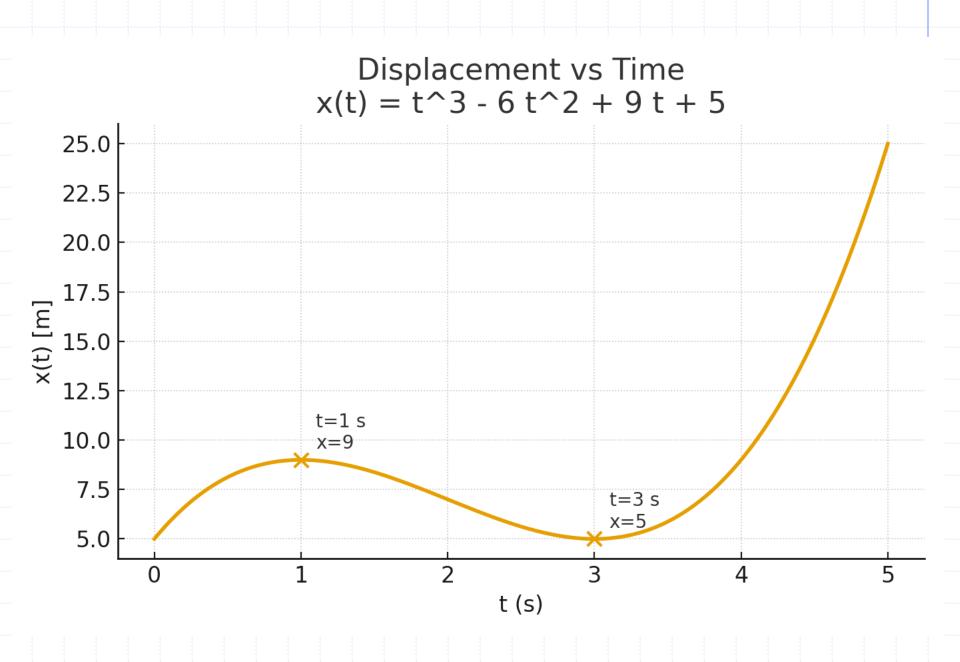


Example 1

A particle moves along a line with position:

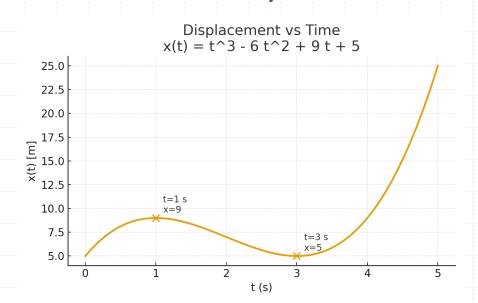
$$x(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t + 5$$
 (m, t in s)

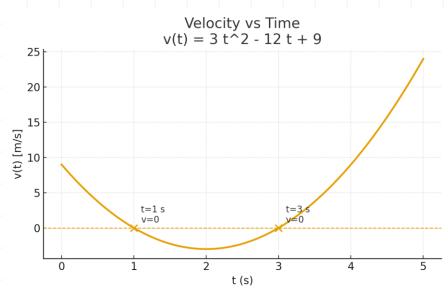
- ◆Tasks:
- a) Find the total distance traveled from t=0 to t=5 s.
- b) Determine acceleration at the critical times when velocity is zero.



Step 1. Velocity

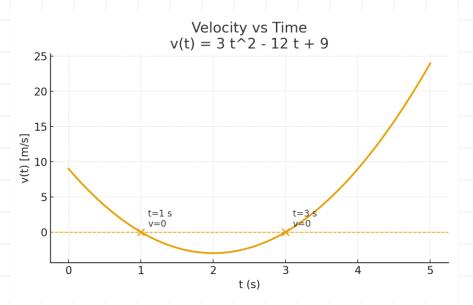
- $v(t) = dx/dt = 3t^2 12t + 9 = 3(t-1)(t-3)$
- Turning points where v(t)=0: t = 1 s, t = 3 s

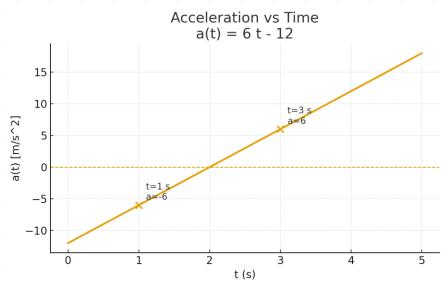




Step 2. Acceleration

- a(t) = dv/dt = 6t 12
- \bullet a(1) = -6 m/s² (negative, local maximum)
- \bullet a(3) = +6 m/s² (positive, local minimum)





Step 3. Positions

Evaluate position at key times:

$$x(0) = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$x(1) = 9 \text{ m}$$

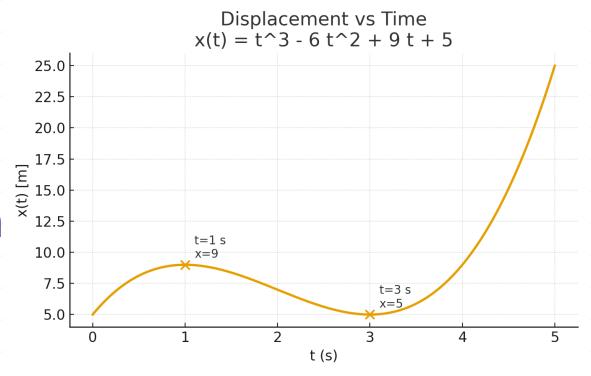
$$x(3) = 5 \text{ m}$$

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$$x(5) = 25 \text{ m}$$

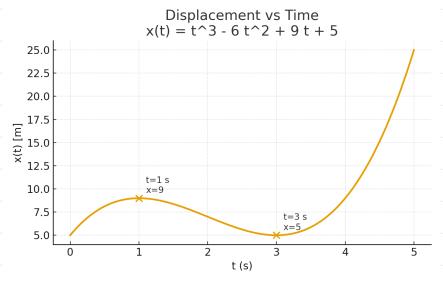
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Step 4. Distances

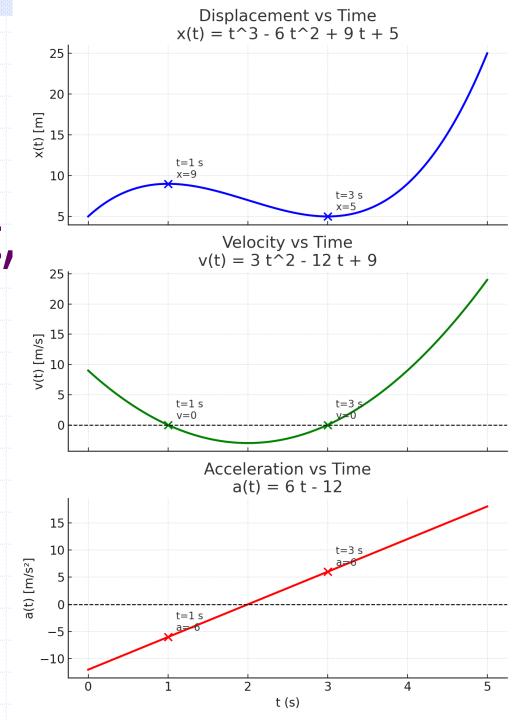
- Distance traveled in each interval:
- $\bullet 0 \rightarrow 1 \text{ s: } |9 5| = 4 \text{ m}$
- 1 \rightarrow 3 s: |5 9| = 4 m
- $3 \rightarrow 5 \text{ s: } |25 5| = 20 \text{ m}$
- ◆ Total Distance = 28 m (Answer)



Notes

- Displacement vs Distance:
 displacement = 20 m,
 distance = 28 m
- At t=1 s and t=3 s: velocity = 0, acceleration changes sign

Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration



Determination of Particle Motions

- Typically acc. Known (measured, via F=mā)
- Vel. & pos. found via integration

Common Cases:

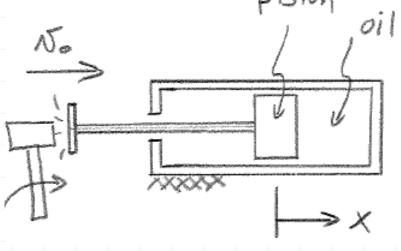
$$\bigcirc$$
 $a = a(t)$

Integrate Directly (Show by Example)

Special Cases:

lead to Kinematic Eguations

Example 2



$$a(N) = \frac{dN}{dt}$$
 \Rightarrow $dt = \frac{dN}{a(N)} = \frac{dN}{KN}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^t dt = -\frac{1}{K} \int_{N_0}^{N_0} \frac{dN}{N}$$

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$$\Rightarrow t-0 = \frac{1}{K} \left(\ln |w| - \ln |w_0| \right)$$

$$=\frac{1}{K}\ell_{n}\left(\frac{N}{N_{o}}\right)$$

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$$N(t) = \frac{\partial X}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $dX = N(t) dt = N_0 e^{-Kt} dt$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{X_0}^{x} dx = \sqrt{s} \int_{0}^{t} e^{-Kt} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow X - X_0 = N_0 \cdot \frac{1}{K} e^{-Kt} / \frac{t}{0}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{50}}{K} \left(e^{-Kt} - 1 \right)$$

$$X(t) = \frac{N_o}{K} \left(1 - e^{-Kt} \right)$$

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$$\Omega(N) = \frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{dN}{dX} \frac{dX}{dt} = \frac{dN}{dX} N$$

$$\Rightarrow dX = \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} = \frac{1}{-Kx} = \frac{1}{K} dx$$

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$$\Rightarrow \int_{X_0}^{X} dX = \frac{1}{K} \int_{X_0}^{X_0} dX$$

$$\Rightarrow X - X_0 = \frac{1}{K} (X - X_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow X - X_0 = -KX$$

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 $N(X) = N_o - KX$

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Uniform Rectilinear Motion

$$\alpha = \frac{dN}{dt} = 0$$
 \Rightarrow $N = const.$

Then
$$N = \frac{\partial X}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \partial X = N dt$$

pos. - time

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Uniformly Accelerated Rectilinear Motion

Then

$$a = \frac{dN}{dt}$$
 \Rightarrow $dN = adt$

$$N = N_0 + \alpha t$$

vel. - time

Now consider

$$N = \frac{\partial X}{\partial t} \implies \partial X = N(t) dt$$

$$N_0 + \alpha t$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda X = (N_0 + \alpha t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow X - X_0 = N_0 t + \alpha \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$X = X_0 + N_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

pos-time

Another relationship - Invoke chain rule

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx} \implies v dv = a dx$$

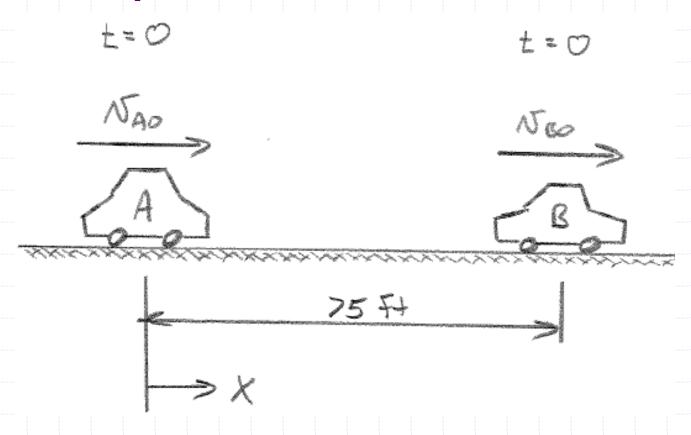
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \alpha(X - X_0)$$

vel. - pos,

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Example 3



Data:

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$$N = N_o + \alpha t - 0$$

$$X - X_o = N_o t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 - 3 \in \frac{pos. - time}{s^2 - N_o^2} = 2\alpha (X - X_o) - 3$$

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$$N_{AO} = \left(24 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{NV}}\right) \left(\frac{5280 \text{ Ft}}{1 \text{mi}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{hV}}{3600 \text{ S}}\right) = 35.2 \text{ ft/s}$$
 $N_{BO} = 36 \text{ mph} = 52.8 \text{ ft/s}$
 $N_{AO} = \frac{N_{AO}}{A} =$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $(a_A - a_B)t^2 + a(N_{A0} - N_{B0})t + a(X_{A0} - X_{B0}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $(3\frac{1}{5})t^{2} + (-35.0\frac{1}{5})t + (-150\frac{1}{1}) = 0$

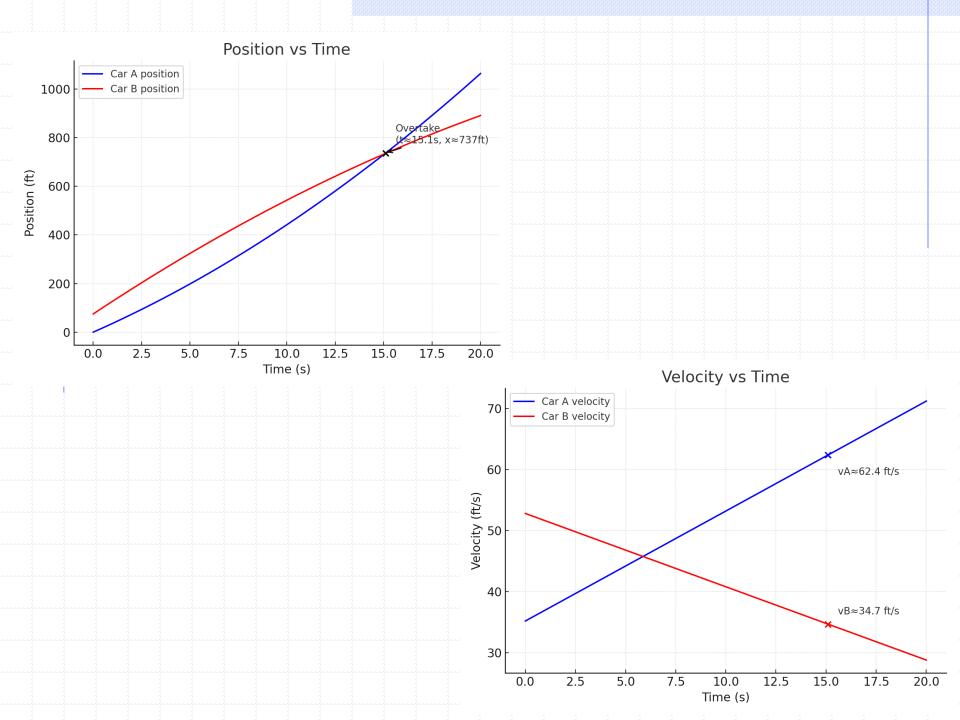
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$$t_{1,3} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^3 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$X_p = 737$$
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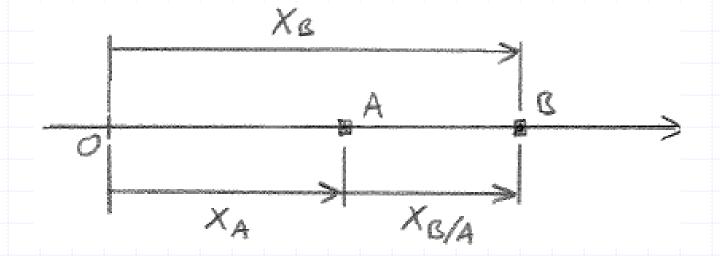


Relative Rectilinear Motion

-> Relative motions are often more important than absolute motions.

We define XB/A = XB-XA

BYA reads "B with respect to A"



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de to obtain

Rectilinear Motion

Velocity and Acceleration

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} \qquad a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Cases 1,2,3:
$$a = a(t), a = a(x), a = a(v)$$

Integrate directly.

Rectilinear Motion

Velocity and Acceleration

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} \qquad a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Cases 4,5: a = 0, a = constant

$$x = x_o + vt$$

$$v = v_o + at$$

$$x - x_o = v_o t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

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