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CHAPTER II

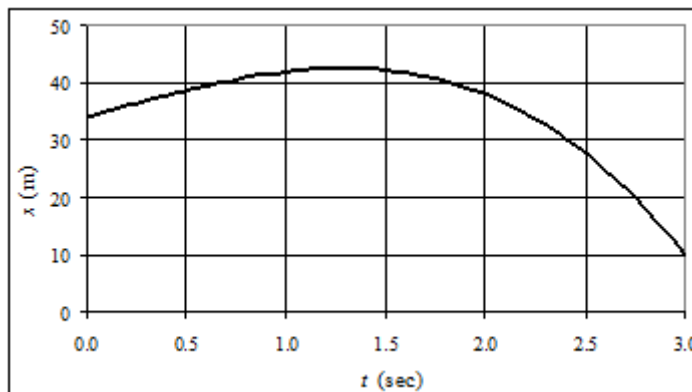
MOTION ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE

PROBLEM SET

- 1) You are driving home from school steadily at 95 km/h for 130 km. It then begins to rain and you slow to 65 km/h. You arrive home after driving 3 hours and 20 minutes. (a) How far is your hometown from school? (b) What was your average speed?

[Answer: a) $2,6 \times 10^2$ km, b) 77 km/h]

- 2) *** The position of a small object is given by $x = 34 + 10t - 2t^3$, where t is in seconds and x in meters. (a) Plot x as a function of t from $t = 0$ to $t = 3.0$ s. (b) Find the average velocity of the object between 0 and 3.0 s. (c) At what time between 0 and 3.0 s is the instantaneous velocity zero? [Answer: a) Figure below, b) -8 m/s, c) 1,3 s]



- 3) A car moving in a straight line starts at $x = 0$ at $t = 0$. It passes the point $x = 25.0$ m with a speed of 11.0 m/s at $t = 3.00$ s. It passes the point $x = 385$ m with a speed of 45.0 m/s at $t = 20.0$ s. Find (a) the average velocity and (b) the average acceleration between $t = 3.00$ s and $t = 20.0$ s. [Answer: a) 21,2 m/s, b) 2,00 m/s²]
- 4) An inattentive driver is traveling 18.0 m/s when he notices a red light ahead. His car is capable of decelerating at a rate of 3.65 m/s². If it takes him 0.200 s to get the brakes on and he is 20.0 m from the intersection when he sees the light, will he be able to stop in time? [Answer: distance=48.0 m > 20.0 m, He will NOT be able to stop in time]



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- 5) A space vehicle accelerates uniformly from 65 m/s at $t=0$ to 162 m/s at $t=10.0 \text{ s}$. How far did it move between $t=2.0 \text{ s}$ and $t=6.0 \text{ s}$?

[Answer: $4,2 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$]

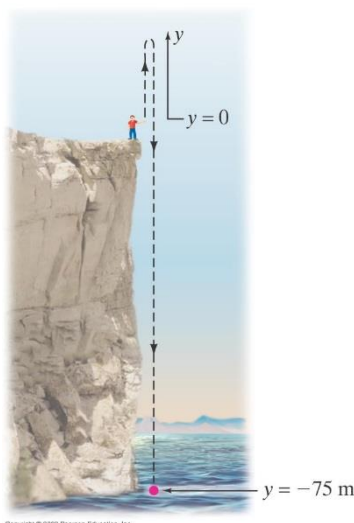
- 6) ***A baseball is seen to pass upward by a window 23 m above the street with a vertical speed of 14 m/s . If the ball was thrown from the street, (a) what was its initial speed, (b) what altitude does it reach, (c) when was it thrown, and (d) when does it reach the street again? [Answer: a) 25 m/s , b) 33 m , c) $1,2 \text{ s}$, d) $5,2 \text{ s}$]

- 7) Given $v(t)=25+18t$, where v is in m/s and t is in s , use calculus to determine the total displacement from $t_1 = 1.5 \text{ s}$ to $t_2 = 3.1 \text{ s}$. [Answer: 106 m]

- 8) A stone is dropped from the roof of a high building. A second stone is dropped 1.50 s later. How far apart are the stones when the second one has reached a speed of 12.0 m/s ? [Answer: $29,0 \text{ m}$]

- 9) ***A stone is thrown vertically upward with a speed of 12.5 m/s from the edge of a cliff 75.0 m high (Fig. 2–49). (a) How much later does it reach the bottom of the cliff? (b) What is its speed just before hitting? (c) What total distance did it travel?

[Answer: a) $5,39 \text{ s}$, b) $40,3 \text{ m/s}$, c) $90,9 \text{ m}$]





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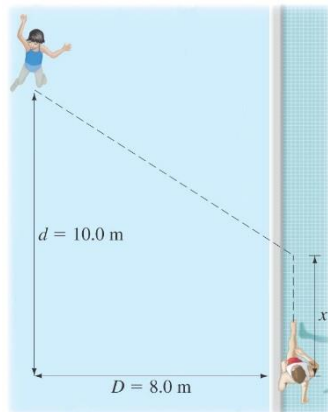
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- 10) A lifeguard standing at the side of a swimming pool spots a child in distress, Fig. 2–53. The lifeguard runs with average speed v_R along the pool's edge for a distance x , then jumps into the pool and swims with average speed v_S on a straight path to the child. (a) Show that the total time it takes the lifeguard to get to the child is given by

$$\frac{x}{v_R} + \frac{\sqrt{D^2 + (d-x)^2}}{v_S}$$

[Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} t &= t_{\text{land}} + t_{\text{pool}} = \frac{d_{\text{land}}}{v_{\text{land}}} + \frac{d_{\text{pool}}}{v_{\text{pool}}} \\ &= \frac{x}{v_R} + \frac{\sqrt{D^2 + (d-x)^2}}{v_S} \end{aligned}]$$



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