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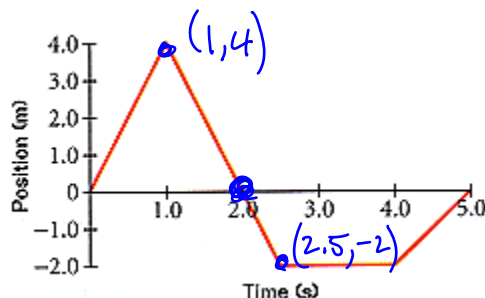
Position and Velocity I

1. If you live 20.0 km from your school and the bus takes 0.77 h to reach the school driving due east, what is the average velocity of the bus? (in m/s)

$$V_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{20 \text{ km}}{.77 \text{ hr}} = \frac{25.97 \text{ km}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}}$$

$$= 7.2 \text{ m/s}$$

2. The graph below gives the position-time graph for a squirrel running along a clothesline.



- a. What is the squirrel's displacement during the time interval from $t = 0$ to $t = 3.0$ s?

$$\Delta x = -2 \text{ m}$$

- b. What is the squirrel's average velocity during this interval?

$$V_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{-2 \text{ m}}{3 \text{ s}} = -.6\bar{6} \text{ m/s}$$

- c. What is the squirrel's velocity at $t = 2$ seconds?

$$\text{Velocity} = \text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-2 - 4}{2.5 - 1} = \frac{-6}{1.5} = -4 \text{ m/s}$$

3. A car traveling in a straight line has a velocity of +6.5 m/s. After 4.5 s, its velocity is +5.0 m/s. What is the car's average acceleration in this time interval? Make sure to give correct units!

$$a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{\Delta t_2 - \Delta t_1} = \frac{5 - 6.5}{4.5 - 0} = \frac{-1.5}{4.5} = -.3\bar{3} \text{ m/s}^2$$

Emily takes a trip, driving with a constant velocity of 89.5 km/h to the north except for a 22 min rest stop. If Emily's average velocity is 74.8 km/h to the north, how long does the trip take in hours? Give the answer to 2 decimal places; your answer should be between 2.10 and 2.30 hours.

Split the problem into two sections

- ① Constant Velocity of 89.5 km/h
- ② Rest stop for 22 min

$$\Delta t_{\text{tot}} = \Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2$$

$$= \Delta t_1 + 22 \text{ min}$$

Find Δt_1

Given

$$V_1 = 89.5 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\Delta x_1 = ?$$

$$\Delta t_1 = ?$$

$$V_2 = 0 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\Delta x_2 = 0 \text{ km}$$

$$\Delta t_2 = 22 \text{ min} = .367 \text{ hrs}$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} = 74.8 \text{ km/h}$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta x_{\text{tot}}}{\Delta t_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{\Delta x_1 + \cancel{\Delta x_2}}{\Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2}$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2}$$

$$V = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta x = V \Delta t$$

Find Δt_1
isolate Δt_1

$$V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{V_1 \Delta t_1}{\Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2}$$

all variables known
except Δt_1

$$V_{\text{avg}} (\Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2) = V_1 \Delta t_1$$

$$(V_{\text{avg}})(\Delta t_1) + (V_{\text{avg}})(\Delta t_2) = V_1 \Delta t_1$$

$$\text{Factor } V_{\text{avg}} \Delta t_1 - V_1 \Delta t_1 = -V_{\text{avg}} \Delta t_2$$

$$\Delta t_1 (V_{\text{avg}} - V_1) = -V_{\text{avg}} \Delta t_2$$

$$\Delta t_1 = \frac{-V_{\text{avg}} \Delta t_2}{(V_{\text{avg}} - V_1)} = \frac{-(74.8)(.367)}{(74.8 - 89.5)} = 1.867 \text{ h}$$

Find Δt_{tot}

$$\Delta t_{\text{tot}} = \Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2 = 2.234 \text{ h}$$