

# Ch 1 Doing Physics

## Dimensional Analysis:

Dimension of speed:  $[v] = \frac{[\Delta s]}{[\Delta t]} = \frac{L}{T}$

$[\Delta s]$ : dimension of the change of position = L

$[\Delta t]$ : dimension of the change of time = dimension of time = T  
( $\Delta \rightarrow$  "delta")

Dimension of time: T

Dimension of length/position/space: L

Units of speed:  $\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ ,  $\frac{km}{h}$ ,  $\frac{mi}{h}$ , etc...

S.I. units  
(International units)

Dimension of acceleration:  $[a] = \frac{[\Delta v]}{[\Delta t]} = \frac{\frac{L}{T}}{T} = \frac{L}{T^2}$

Acceleration: change of velocity  
over change of time

Units of acceleration:  $\left(\frac{m}{s^2}\right)$ ,  $\frac{km}{h^2}$ ,  $\frac{m}{h^2}$ ,  $\frac{ft}{s^2}$ ,  $\frac{cm}{s^2}$ , etc...

S.I. unit

## Application of dimensional analysis:

$$v = \left(\frac{1}{2}gh^2\right) \rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{2}gh^2\right] = \left[\frac{1}{2}\right] \cdot [g] \cdot [h]^2 = 1 \cdot \frac{L}{T^2} \cdot L^2 = \frac{L^3}{T^2}$$

$$\boxed{v = \sqrt{gh}} \rightarrow [\sqrt{gh}] = \sqrt{[g] \cdot [h]} = \left\{ \frac{L}{T^2} \cdot L \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left\{ \frac{L^2}{T^2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{L}{T}$$

$g$ : acceleration of gravity (SI =  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ )  $\rightarrow [g] = \frac{L}{T^2}$

$h$ : height  $\rightarrow [h] = L$

Dimensional analysis loop hole: numeric constants (with dimension = 1) ②

$$v = \frac{1}{2}gh^2$$

$$v = \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{gh} \rightarrow \left[\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{gh}\right] = \frac{L}{T} \quad \checkmark$$

Dimension  $\leftrightarrow$  units: S.I. or international system

L :	m	(meter)
T :	s	(second)
M (mass) :	kg	(kilogram : kilo = $10^3$ )
Area :	$m^2$	(meter squared)
Volume :	$m^3$	
Energy (kinetic): $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$	$kg \cdot \frac{m^2}{s^2}$	$\equiv$ J (Joules)

Conversions :

- 1 ft = 0.3048 m
- 1 lb = 0.454 kg
- 1 cal = 4.184 J
- 1 h = 3600 s
- 1 day = 86400 s
- 1 km = 1000 m ;  $1 km^2 = 10^6 m^2$
- 1 cm =  $10^{-2}$  m ;  $1 cm^2 = 10^{-4} m^2$

<small>nano</small> ↑ 1 nm	<small>micron</small> ↑ 1 $\mu$ m	1 mm	1 cm	1 km	1 mi	1 in	1 light-year
$10^{-9}$ m	$10^{-6}$ m	$10^{-3}$ m	$10^{-2}$ m	$10^3$ m	1609 m	2.54 cm	$9.46 \times 10^{15}$ m

Results: numbers + units

Scientific notation: using powers of 10 with a coefficient b/w 0 & 9

$$\Delta s = 3\,105\,000\text{ m} = \underbrace{3.105}_{\text{coefficient} < 10} \times \underbrace{10^6}_{\text{power of 10}}$$

in calculator: 3.105 E+6

Accuracy: number of decimal digits

$\pi = 3.1416$  is more accurate than 3.14

↳ Addition & subtraction:  $\pi - 2.14 = 3.1416 - 2.14$  } Calculator: 1.0016  
You: 1.00

↳ keep lowest accuracy

↳ limits of measuring instruments.

Significant figures: s.f.

$$\underline{11\,275\,000}$$

$$\text{s.f.} = 5$$

(zeros at the end are not significant)

$$\underline{11\,275\,002}$$

$$\text{s.f.} = 8$$

↳ Multiplication & division: keep smallest number of s.f.'s (except for numeric constant like  $\pi$ ,  $e$ , etc. which are not measured)

Earth's circumference:  $2\pi R_E = 2 \times \underbrace{3.1416}_{\text{s.f.} = 5} \times \underbrace{6.37 \times 10^6}_{\text{s.f.} = 3}$

$$= \underline{4.002398E7} \rightarrow \underline{4.00 \times 10^7 \text{ m}}$$

s.f. = 7

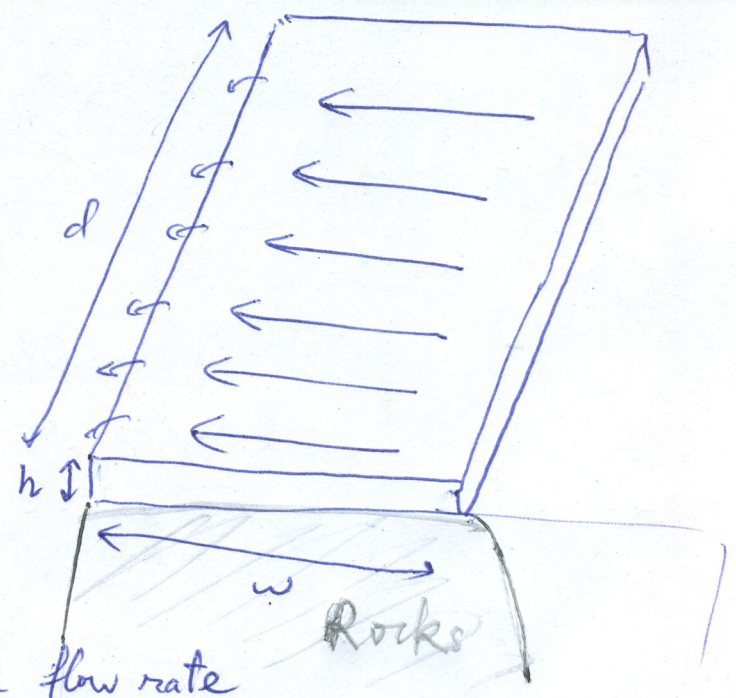
1.41 a) Estimate volume of water over Niagara Falls per second.

Guess:  $5 \times 10^6 \frac{m^3}{s}$  ;  $1.2 \times 10^4 \frac{m^3}{s}$  ;  $8 \times 10^5 \frac{m^3}{s}$

Estimation: approximate shape of water using simple geometries: rectangular slab:

Top of falls:

Volume:  $hwd$



Volume per unit time: or flow rate

$$\frac{h \cdot w \cdot d}{t} = \begin{cases} 1) \frac{h}{t} \cdot w \cdot d \\ 2) h \cdot \left(\frac{w}{t}\right) \cdot d \quad \checkmark \\ 3) h \cdot w \cdot \frac{d}{t} \end{cases}$$

Use this to proceed with estimation since  $\frac{w}{t}$  = speed of water (motion in the other two directions are negligible)

→ Flow rate, need estimates.

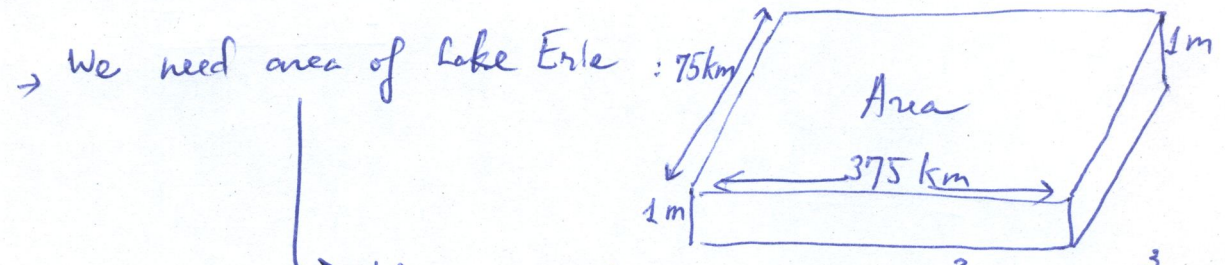
$h$ : thickness of water slab (m)	1m	10m	100m
$\frac{w}{t}$ = speed of water ( $\frac{m}{s}$ )	$\frac{1m}{s}$	$\frac{2m}{s}$	$\frac{5m}{s}$ $\frac{10m}{s}$
$d$ = depth of Falls (m)	100m	1000m	10000m

Flow rate:  $\sim 1m \times \frac{5m}{s} \times 1000m = 5000 \frac{m^3}{s}$

b)



Normally Niagara Falls serve as outlet for Lake Erie. If Falls are shutoff how long for water in Lake Erie to rise 1 m:



Volume of water:  $1m \times 75 \times 10^3 \times 375 \times 10^3$

→ How long? →  $t = \frac{\text{volume}}{\text{Flow rate}} = \frac{75 \times 375 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3}{5 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}} = 5.6 \times 10^6 \text{ s}$

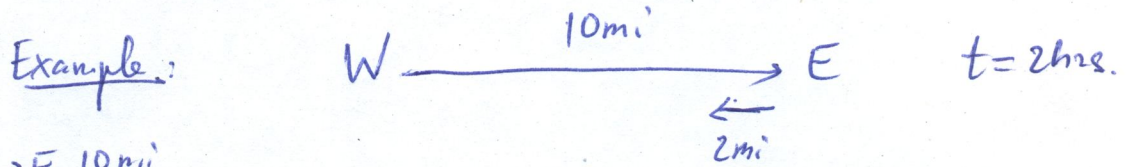
(∵  $t = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{speed}}$ )

$5.6 \times 10^6 \text{ s} \times \frac{1 \text{ day}}{84600 \text{ s}} = 66 \text{ days} \approx 2 \text{ months.}$

# Ch 2 Motion in a Straight Line (1D)

Average motion:

$\hookrightarrow \text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} ; \quad \text{velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$



W  $\rightarrow$  E 10mi  
then returns 2mi  
in 2hrs.

$\hookrightarrow \text{Speed} = \frac{12\text{mi}}{2\text{hrs}} = 6\text{mph} ; \quad \text{velocity} = \frac{8\text{mi}}{2\text{hrs}} = 4\text{mph}$

$\downarrow$   
 direction of motion is included

Average velocity =  $\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta x = \text{change of position or displacement} \\ \Delta t = \text{change of time or time increment} \end{array} \right.$

Instantaneous velocity:  $v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$  (time derivative of the position)

Example:  $x = at^4$

$\downarrow$  position     $\downarrow$  constant     $\hookrightarrow$  time     $\rightarrow$  instantaneous vel.

$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d(at^4)}{dt} = 4at^3$

Review:  $\frac{dt^n}{dt} = n \cdot t^{n-1}$

$v = 4at^3$

unit for a:  $\frac{m}{s^4}$

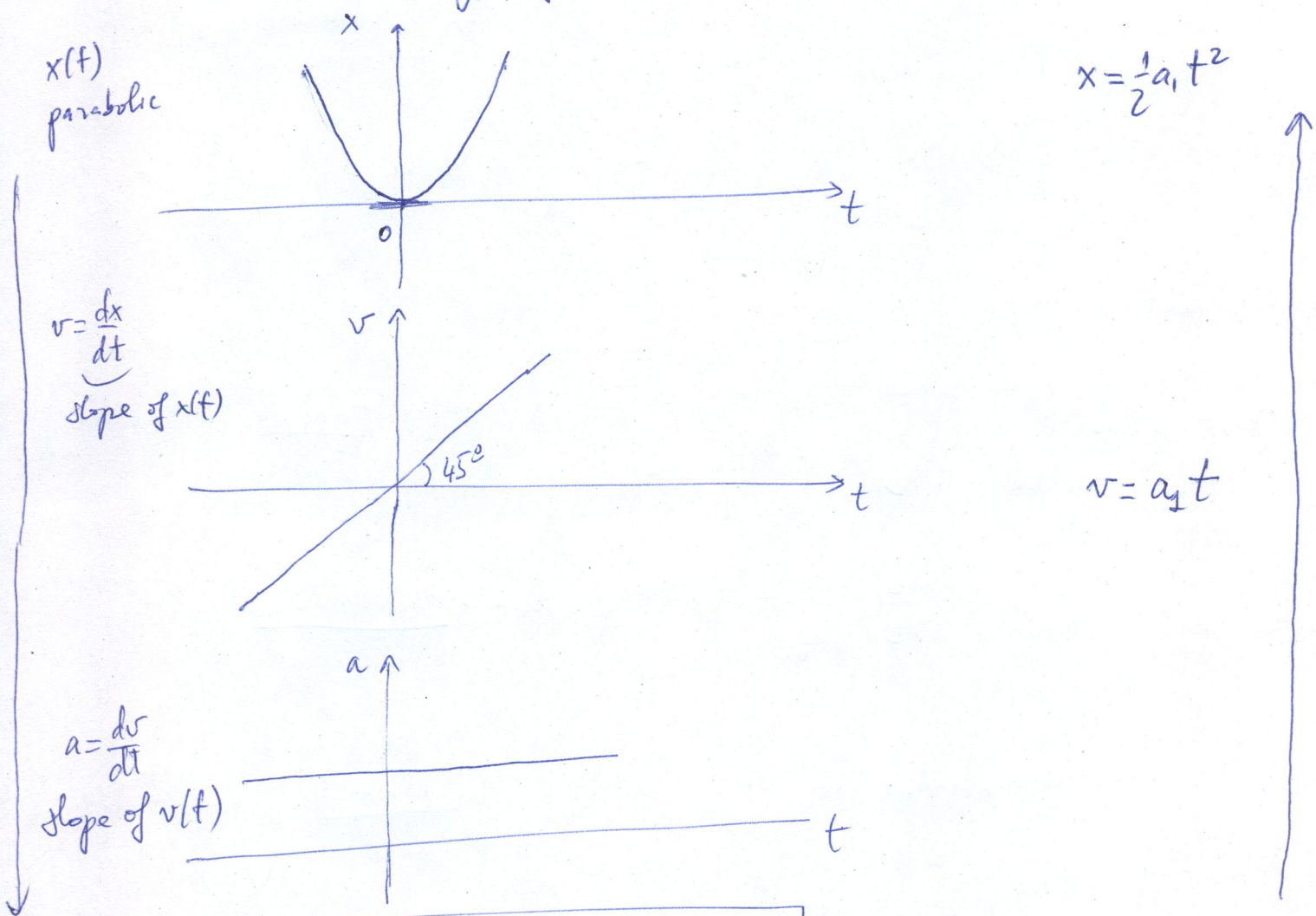
Velocity can change over time  $\rightarrow$  acceleration

Average acceleration  $= \bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta v: \text{change of velocity} \\ \Delta t: \text{change of time} \end{array} \right.$

Instantaneous acceleration  $a = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{dv}{dt}$  (time derivative of velocity)

Example:  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d(4gt^3)}{dt} = 12gt^2$

More common type of motion on our planet:



parabolic  $\rightarrow$  constant acceleration (gravity)

$a = a_1$

Derive kinematic equations (3) for constant acceleration motion:

Constant acceleration  $\Rightarrow \bar{a} = a$  (Average = instantaneous)

$$\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v - v_0}{t - 0}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v = \text{final velocity} \\ v_0 = \text{initial velocity} \\ t = \text{final time} \\ 0 = \text{initial time} \end{array} \right.$

$$\rightarrow a \cdot t = v - v_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{v = v_0 + a \cdot t} \quad (1)$$

1st Kinematic Eq. for constant acceleration

2nd Kinematic eq:

Average velocity:  $\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x - x_0}{t - 0} \Rightarrow x = x_0 + \bar{v} \cdot t \quad (A)$

Mathematically:  $\bar{v} = \frac{1}{t-0} \int_0^t v \cdot dt \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (v_0 + a \cdot t) \cdot dt$

$$= \frac{v_0}{t} \int_0^t dt + \frac{a}{t} \int_0^t t dt$$

$$= \frac{v_0}{t} [t]_0^t + \frac{a}{t} \left[ \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right]_0^t = \frac{v_0}{t} t + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v_0 + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} v_0 + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(v_0 + a \cdot 0) + (v_0 + a \cdot t)]$$

(B)  $\bar{v} = \frac{1}{2} [v_0 + v]$  ( $\bar{v}$  is  $(v_0 + v)$  divided by 2)



(9)

Plug (B) into (A) =  $x = x_0 + \bar{v} \cdot t$   
 $= x_0 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)}_{\bar{v} \text{ (B)}} \cdot t$

$\stackrel{(i)}{=} x_0 + \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v_0 + a \cdot t) \cdot t$

$\Rightarrow x = x_0 + v_0 \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t^2$  (2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Kinematic eq. for constant acceleration

Comes from  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Definitions of } \bar{v}, \bar{a}, \\ \text{constant acceleration } \bar{a} = a \\ \text{Math eqns for } \bar{v} \text{ \& some algebra.} \end{array} \right.$

Constant acceleration motion in 1D:

$v = v_0 + a \cdot t$  (1)

$x = x_0 + v_0 \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$  (2)

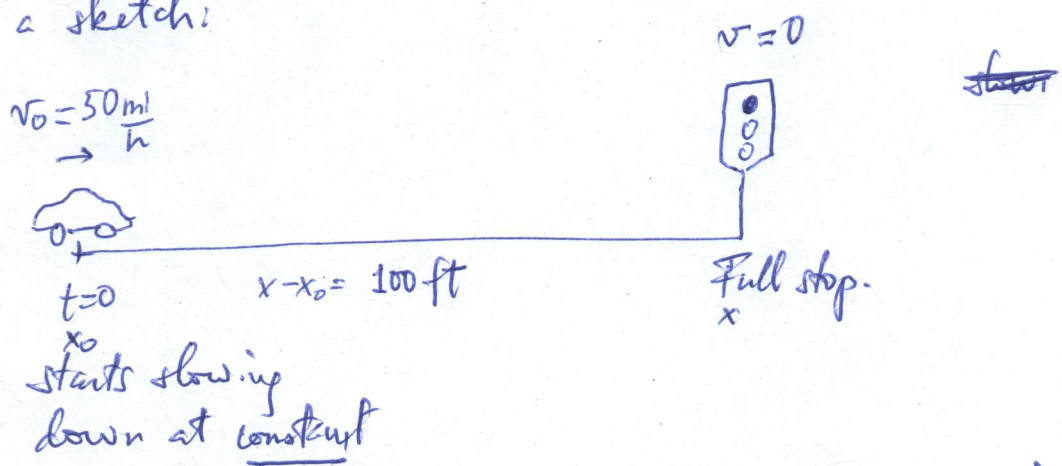
can derive from (1) & (2):  $\frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{x - x_0} = 2 \cdot a$  (3)

Note: (i) There is no time in (3)  
(when time is not given)

(ii) Notation: final =  $x, v$   
initial =  $x_0, v_0$

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Step 1) Reread the problem identifying all information and make a sketch:



$x_0$   
starts slowing  
down at constant

rate → can apply the kinematic eqs for constant acceleration

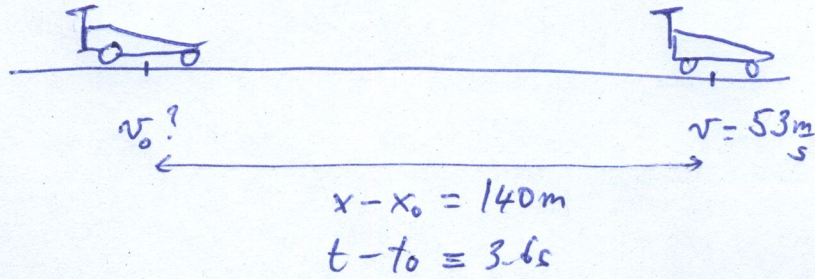
Alternative #1 = start with eq-3) (time is not given)

$$0 - 22.35^2 = 2 \cdot a \cdot 30.48 \rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{1}{2} \frac{-(22.35^2)}{30.48} = -8.192 \frac{m}{s^2}}$$

Conversion:  $50 \frac{mi}{h} \cdot \frac{1609m}{mi} \cdot \frac{1h}{3600s} = 22.35 \frac{m}{s}$

$$x - x_0 = 100 \cancel{ft} \cdot \frac{0.3048m}{1ft} = 30.48m$$

2.59 Statement: Racing car under constant (horizontal) acceleration  $\rightarrow$  Kinematic eqs. for constant accel. in 1D.  
 Step 1) Sketch with given information



Step 2)  
 a) 
$$\begin{cases} \text{Eq. 2: } x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \\ \text{Eq. 1: } v = v_0 + a t \end{cases}$$
 one eq. & 2 unknowns  $\rightarrow$  need Eq. 1.

$\rightarrow$  Math solution:

(i) solve for a  $\rightarrow a = \frac{v - v_0}{t}$  (Eq. 1) (a is now a function of  $v_0$ )

(ii) solve for  $v_0$  then for a  $\rightarrow x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v - v_0}{t} \right) t^2$

$x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2} v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} v t$

Now solve for  $v_0 \rightarrow v_0 = \frac{2}{t} \left[ (x - x_0) - \frac{1}{2} v t \right]$

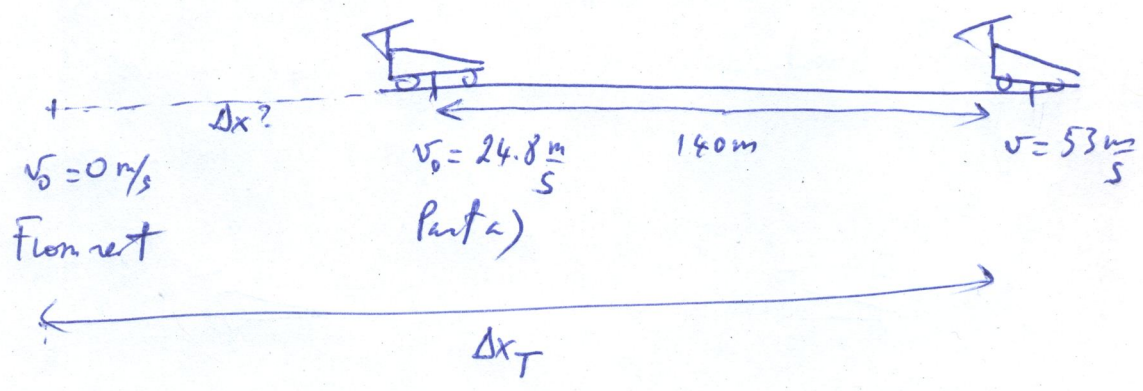
$v_0 = \frac{2(x - x_0)}{t} - v$

$= \frac{2 \cdot 140}{3.6} - 53 = \boxed{24.8 \frac{m}{s}}$

check:  $v_0 < v$  ✓

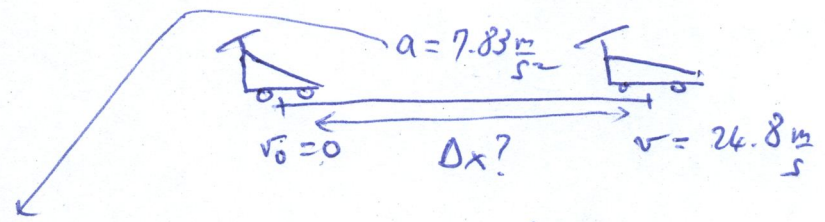
$a = \frac{53 - 24.8}{3.6} = 7.83 \text{ m/s}^2$  also: Eq:  $\frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{x - x_0} = 2a$   
 $a = \frac{1}{2} \frac{53^2 - 24.8^2}{140} = 7.83 \frac{m}{s^2}$

b)



Alternatives { (i) Find  $\Delta x$  then  $\Delta x_T = \Delta x + 140m$   
 (ii)  $\Delta x_T$

(i) Find  $\Delta x$ :



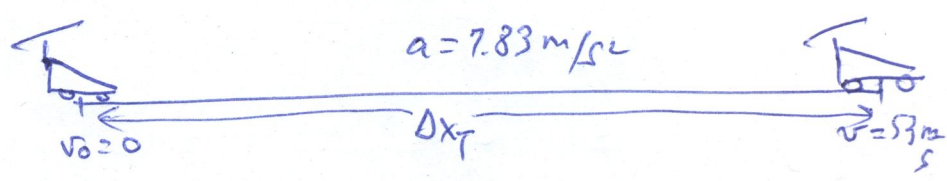
Same acceleration as in the second part of trajectory (part a)  
 ↑  
 Constant acceleration!

→ No time ⇒ Eq. 3:  $\frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2a} = x - x_0$

$\Delta x = \frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2a} = \frac{24.8^2 - 0}{2 \times 7.83} = 39.37m$

$\Delta x_T = 39.37 + 140 = 179.37m$  ✓

(ii) Find  $\Delta x_T$ :

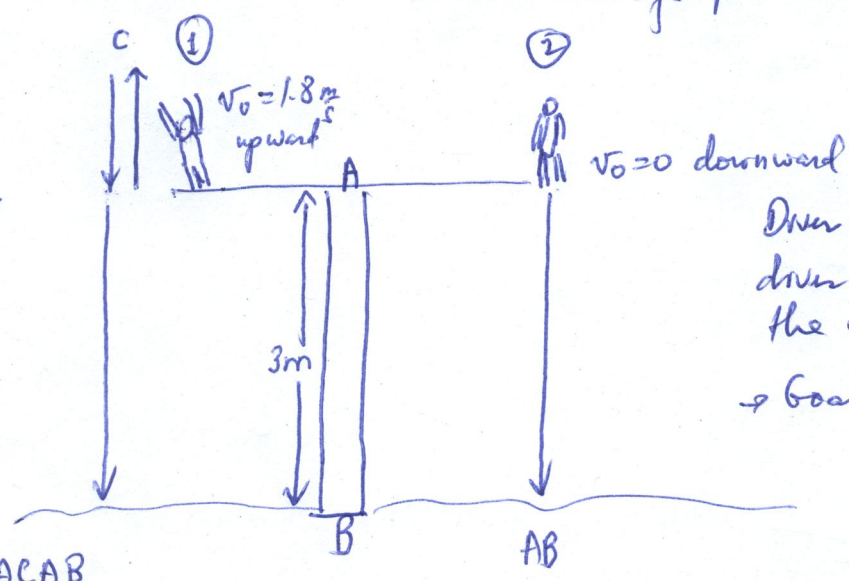


$\Delta x_T = \frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2a} = \frac{53^2}{2 \times 7.83} = 179.37m$  ✓

2.69 Statement: Divers under constant acceleration (vertical, due to gravity)

↳ Kinematic eqs for constant acceleration 1D

Step 1 = Sketch



Diver #2 steps off when diver #1 passes platform on the way down.  
 ↳ Goal: compare motions of the two divers as they hit water.

a)

Trajectory: ACAB

Step 2: use eqs to find final speeds @ B for both divers

Anticipation: (before you start calculations)

- a) Diver #1 will hit water first: when he pass platform on the way down (at A) he starts with  $v_0 = 1.8 \frac{m}{s}$  downward (while diver #2 starts with  $0 \frac{m}{s}$  downward)
- b) Also diver #1 will hit water @ higher speed.

Calculations: Eq 3 =  $\frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{(x - x_0)} = 2 \cdot a \leftrightarrow \frac{v_B^2 - v_A^2}{x - x_0} = 2 \cdot g$   
 This problem  $a = g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Diver #1

$$v_{B1}^2 = 2 \cdot g \cdot (x - x_0) + v_{A1}^2$$

$$v_{B1} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 3 + 1.8^2}$$

$$= 7.88 \text{ m/s}$$

Diver #2

$$v_{B2} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 3 + 0}$$

$$= 7.67 \frac{m}{s}$$

b) Which diver hits water first & by how much?

→ Calculate time for each to cover AB

$$\begin{cases} \text{Eq 1} \checkmark \\ \text{Eq 2} \end{cases} \quad v_B = v_A + a \cdot t \rightarrow \text{solve for } t$$

↑  
g

Diver #1

$$t_1 = \frac{v_{B1} - v_{A1}}{g}$$

$$= \frac{7.88 - 1.8}{9.81}$$

$$= 0.62s$$

Diver #2

$$t_2 = \frac{v_{B2} - v_{A2}}{g}$$

$$= \frac{7.67 - 0}{9.81}$$

$$= 0.78s$$

Diver #1 hits water 1st, 0.16s before Diver #2

Other alternatives to calculate  $t_1$ :

(i) Include whole trajectory for diver #1  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$   
up & down

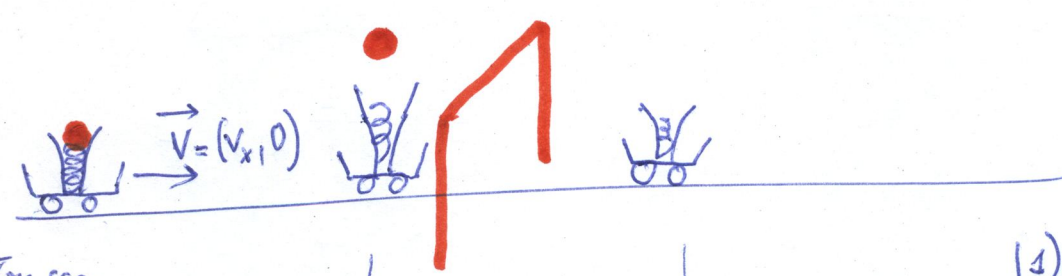
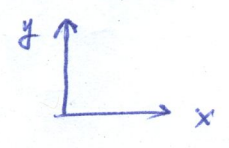
Total time:  $t_{ACAB} \Rightarrow t_{AB} = t_{ACAB} - t_{ACA}$   
 ↳ sign is important ( $a = -g$  for AC;  $a = +g$  for CAB)

(ii) Include trajectory from highest point to water:  $C \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$

# ch3 Motion in two & three dimensions:

Visual experiment #1:

Reference



- Toy car to roll on track @  $\vec{V}$
- Has funnel with spring
- Velocity of ball is  $\vec{V} = (v_x, 0)$

→ spring released ball is launched up ward

→ Velocity of ball is  $\vec{V} = (v_x, v_y)$   
↓ due to spring release

- Assumptions.
- 1) (no friction) b/w car wheels & track
  - 2) air drag is negligible

car continues at same speed through the gate.

Big question: will ball fall back into funnel on car?  
 (or in front of it or behind it?)

Statements.

- 1)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{acceleration for ball} \\ \text{acceleration for car} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yes in } y\text{-direction due to gravity} \\ \text{None in } x\text{-direction} \\ \text{none in either direction.} \end{array} \right.$
- 2)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \text{ If motion in } y \text{ affects motion in } x \text{ then ball will miss funnel.} \\ \checkmark \text{ If motion in perpendicular directions are independent } \rightarrow \text{ ball will fall back into funnel} \end{array} \right.$