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- **Theme Music: Run Like an Antelope**
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- **Cartoon: Johnny Hart**
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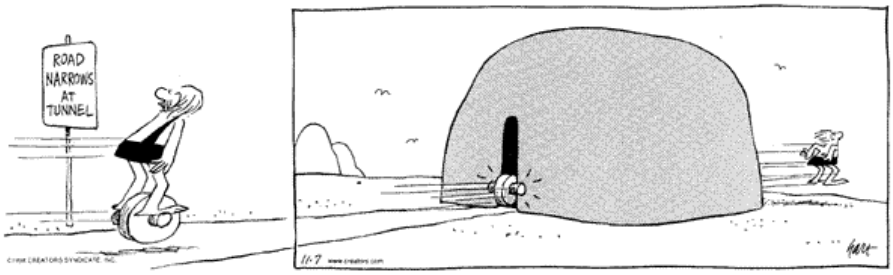

Quiz 1

	1.1		1.2		1.3
a	0%	mR/v^2	35%	a	0%
b	29%	mR/v	6%	b	88%
c	0%	mRv^2	59%	c	0%
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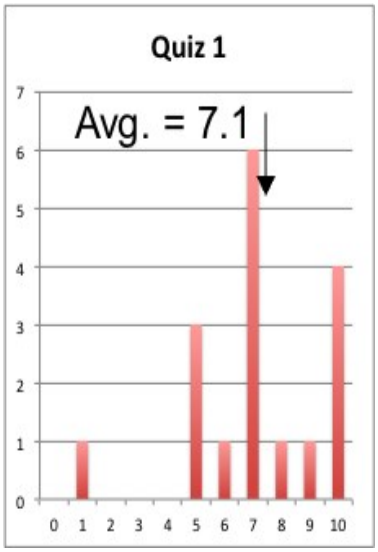


MCAT and Multiple Representations

- **From the recent guide on the revisions taking place to the MCAT. Physical science skills to be tested include:**

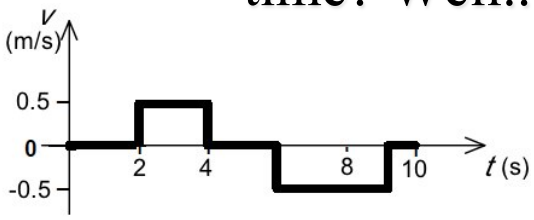
MCAT Preview Guide

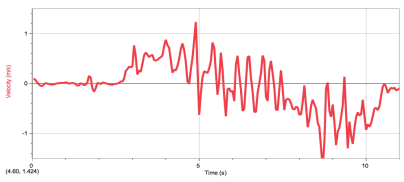
Skill 1: ***Knowledge of Scientific Concepts and Principles***
- Identifying the relationships between different representations of concepts (verbal, symbolic, graphic)
- Using mathematical equations to solve problems

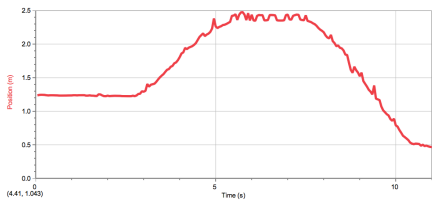
Skill 2: ***Scientific Reasoning and Problem-solving***
- Determining and using scientific formulas to solve problems

Skill 4: ***Data-based and Statistical Reasoning***
- Using, analyzing, and interpreting data in figures, graphs, and tables
- Evaluating whether representations make sense for particular scientific observations and data

Average velocity as a function of time? Well... Yes!







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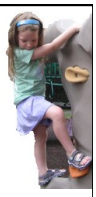
Foothold ideas: Velocity



- Average velocity is defined by

$$\langle \vec{v} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{vector displacement}}{\text{time it took to do it}}$$

Note: an average velocity goes with a time interval.

- Instantaneous velocity is what we get when we consider a very small time interval (compared to times we care about)

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

Note: an instantaneous velocity goes with a specific time.

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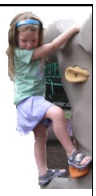
Foothold ideas: Acceleration



- Average acceleration is defined by

$$\langle \vec{a} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time it took to do it}}$$

Note: an average acceleration goes with a time interval.

- Instantaneous acceleration is what we get when we consider a very small time interval (compared to times we care about)

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

Note: an instantaneous acceleration goes with a specific time.

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Technical term alert!

- Note that in physics we use the term "**acceleration**" in a technically defined way:
  - "acceleration" = changing velocity
- The object may be speeding up or slowing down or keeping the same speed and changing direction. We still say "it is accelerating."
- In common speech "*acceleration*" = speeding up, "*deceleration*" = slowing down, and "*turning*"=changing direction.
- How many (physics) accelerators are there on your car?

Uniformly changing motion

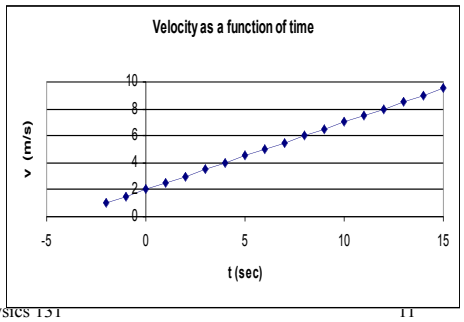
- If an object moves so that it changes its velocity by the same amount in each unit of time, we say it is in uniformly accelerated motion.
- This means the average acceleration will be the same no matter what interval of time we choose.

$$< \vec{a} > = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \vec{a}_0$$

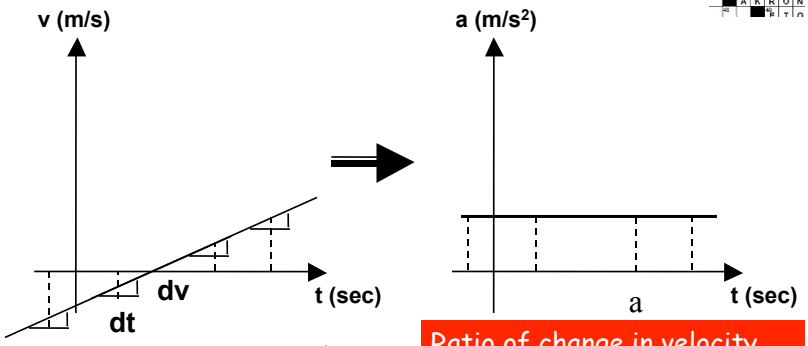
$$\Delta \vec{v} = \vec{a}_0 \ \Delta t$$

$$\vec{v}(t_2) - \vec{v}(t_1) = \vec{a}_0 \ \Delta t$$

$$\vec{v}_{final} = \vec{v}_{initial} + \vec{a}_0 \ \Delta t$$



Velocity to acceleration



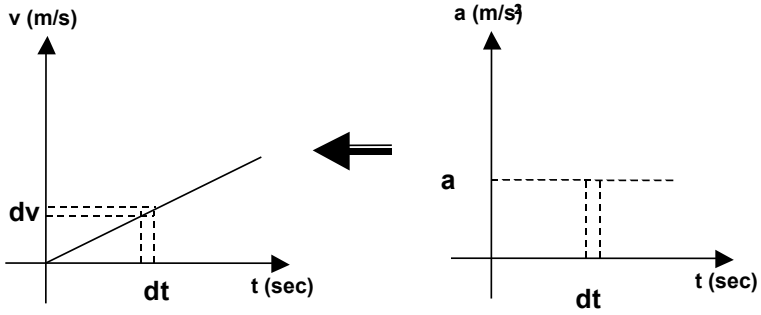
$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Ratio of change in velocity that takes place to the (small) time interval

Difference of two velocities at two (close) times

$$a(t) = \frac{v(t + \Delta t/2) - v(t - \Delta t/2)}{\Delta t}$$

Acceleration to velocity



$$dv = a(t)\,dt$$

change in velocity over a small time interval

sum ("Σ") in the changes in velocity over many small time intervals

$$v = \sum dv = \int a(t)\,dt$$

What have we learned? ☑

- Position $\hat{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$
  (where x and y are signed lengths)
- Velocity $\langle \vec{v} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$ $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$
- Acceleration $\langle \vec{a} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$ $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$
- Seeing from the motion
- Seeing consistency (graphs & equations)

Figuring out acceleration

- Look at the y-t, and v_y-t plots for a ball going up and down.
- Acceleration is the derivative of the velocity. How is the velocity changing? Why?

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$