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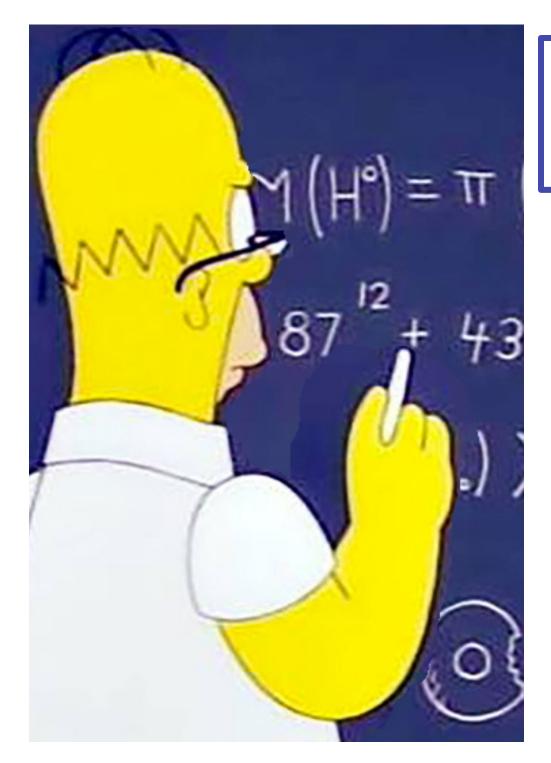
Theme Music:
Elton John
Rocket Man

Cartoon: Jim Unger Herman



"How could I have been doing 70 miles an hour when I've only been driving for ten minutes?"

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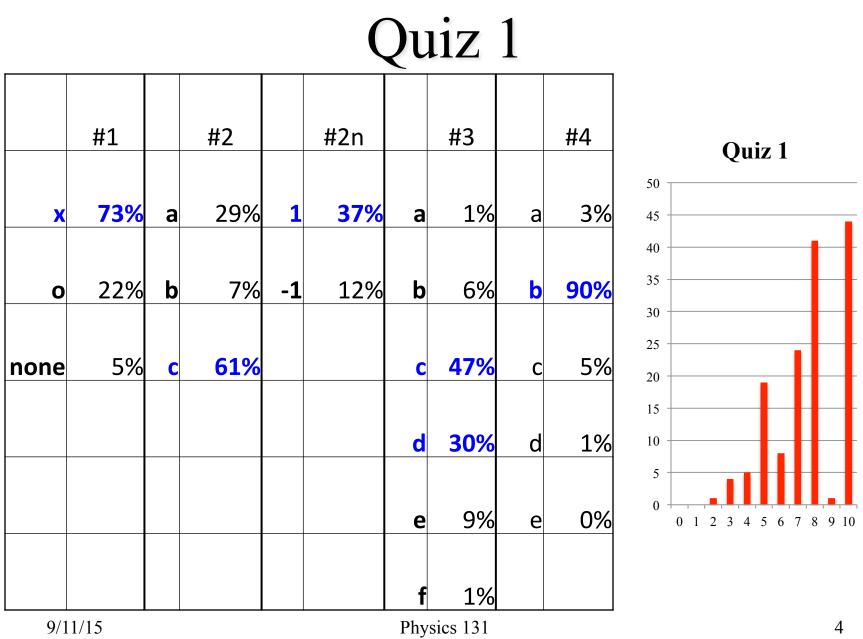
The Equation of the Day

Average and instantaneous velocity

 $=\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$ $\langle v \rangle$

dx $=\frac{dt}{dt}$

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Graphing Position

- Graphs for the eye vs. graphs for the mind.
- Describe where something is in terms of its coordinate at a given time.
- Choose origin
- Choose axes
- Choose scale
- Set scales on graph
- Take data from video
- Construct different graphs
- Fit the graphs with math functions



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The sonic ranger (motion detector)

- The sonic ranger measures distance to the nearest object by echolocation.
 - A speaker clicks 30 times a second.
 A microphone detects the sound bouncing back from the nearest object in front of it.
 - The computer calculates the time delay between and using the speed of sound (about 343 m/s at room temperature) it can calculate the distance to the object.

Foothold ideas: 1D Velocity

- Velocity is the rate of change of position
- Average velocity
 - = (how far did you go?)/(how long did it take you?)

as positive?

$$\left\langle v \right\rangle \!=\! \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Instantaneous velocity = same
(but for short Δt) dxCan this velocity
be negative as well

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

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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 <u>time interval</u>.

 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 <u>specific time</u>.

Knowing-how-to-know icon: Multiple Representations

- We have many different ways that we represent information:
 - Words
 - Equations
 - Diagrams
 - Pictures
- Each gives its own way of building up something "real" in our minds.

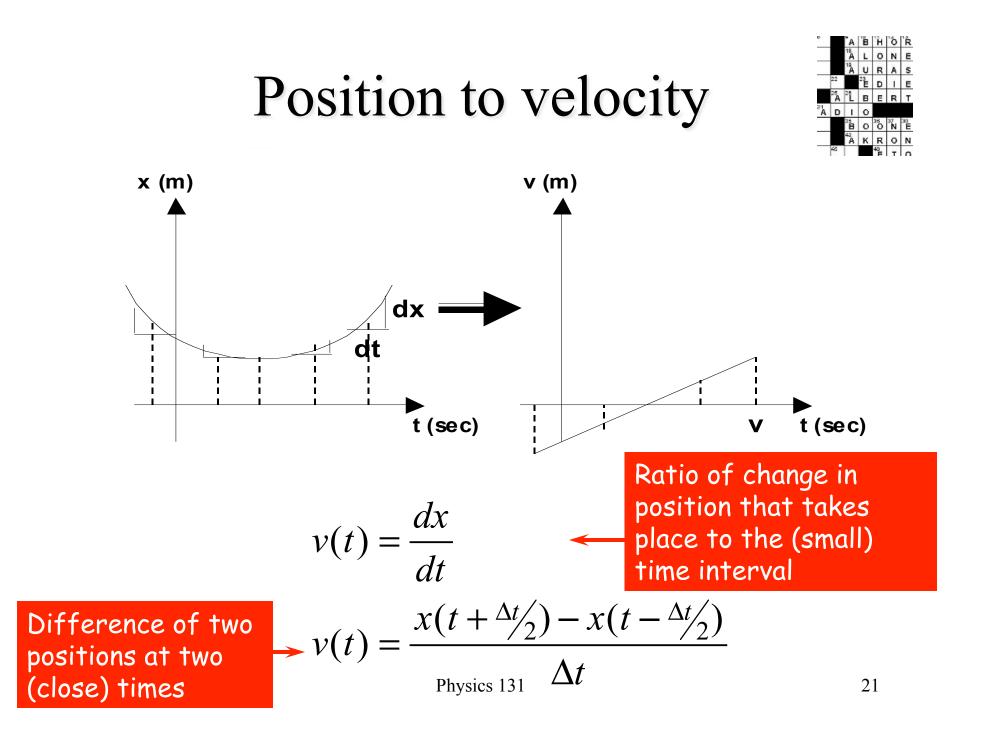


Knowing-how-to-know icon: Coherence – Your safety net

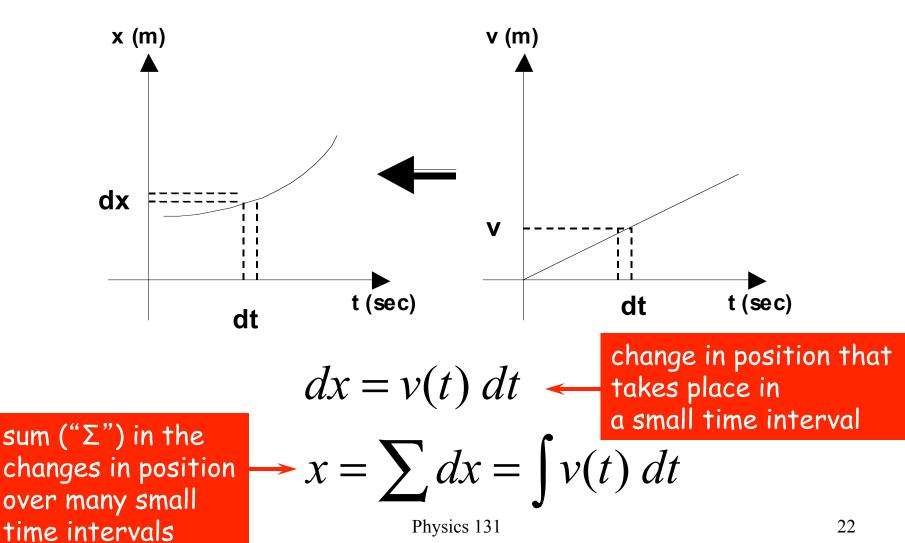
- Throughout the class we will be looking to see physical situations in a variety of different ways.
- The consistency among the different views protects us against errors of reconstructed memory.



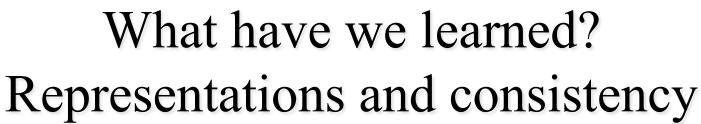








Velocity to position



- Visualizing where an object is \rightarrow at different times
- Visualizing how fast an object is moving \rightarrow a velocity graph at different times
- Position graph \rightarrow velocity graph
- Velocity graph \rightarrow position graph 9/11/15

a position graph

slopes
$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$
 $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$
areas $\Delta x = v \Delta t$ $\Delta x = \int v dt$



Graphing Velocity: Figuring it out from the motion

- An object in uniform motion has constant velocity.
- This means the instantaneous velocity does not change with time. Its graph is a horizontal line.
- You can make sense of this by putting your mind in "velocity mode" and running a mental movie.