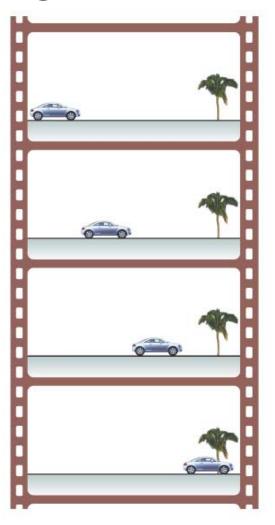
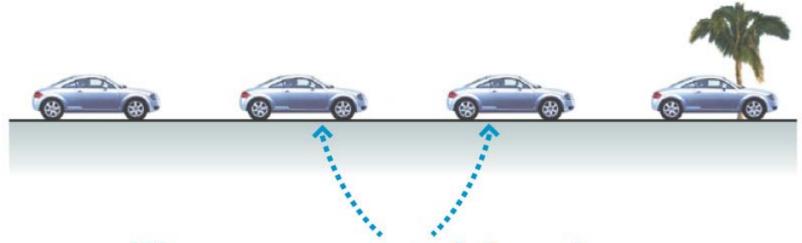
Dot Motion Diagrams

- Simple representation of motion
- Use dots for objects position with time
- Assumes small time intervals
- Like a filmstrip





The same amount of time elapses between each image and the next.

Start









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(a) Motion diagram of a rocket launch

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Numbers show order in which frames were exposed.

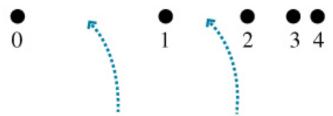
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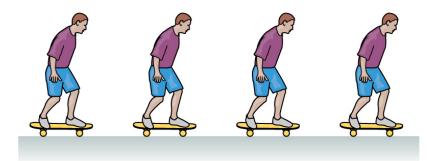
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(b) Motion diagram of a car stopping



The same amount of time elapses between each image and the next.



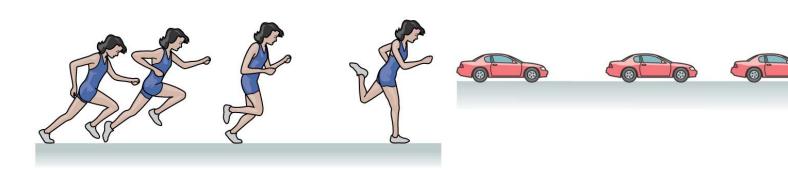


(A)

(B)

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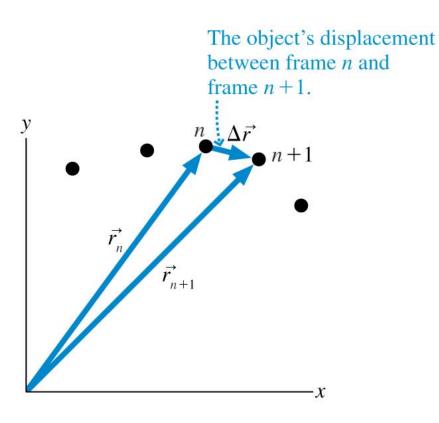
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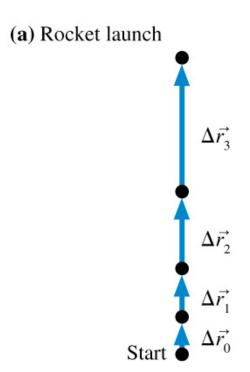
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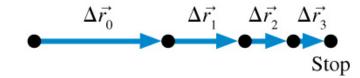
Displacement $\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$



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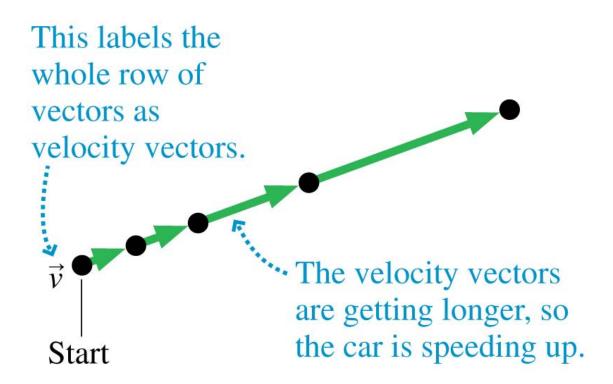


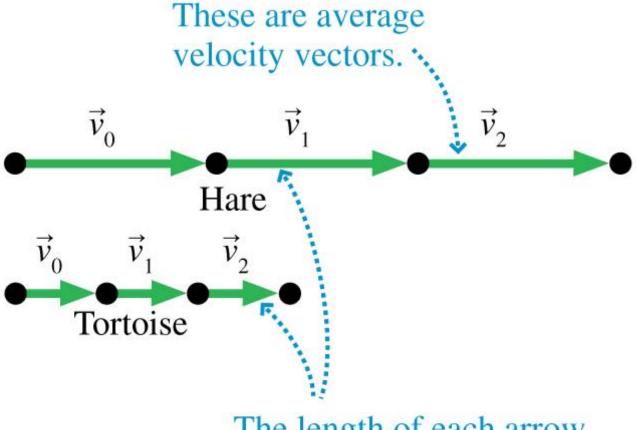
(b) Car stopping



Average Velocity

$$\vec{v}_{average} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$$





The length of each arrow represents the average speed. The hare moves faster than the tortoise.

Acceleration

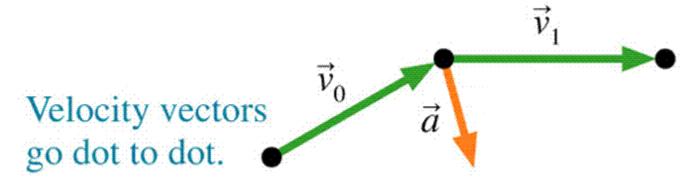
$$\vec{a}_{average} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{\Delta t} \qquad \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1 = \vec{a}\Delta t \qquad \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{a}\Delta t$$

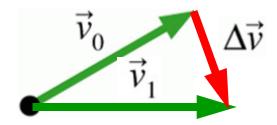
$$\Delta \vec{v} = \vec{a} \, \Delta t$$

$$\vec{v}_1$$

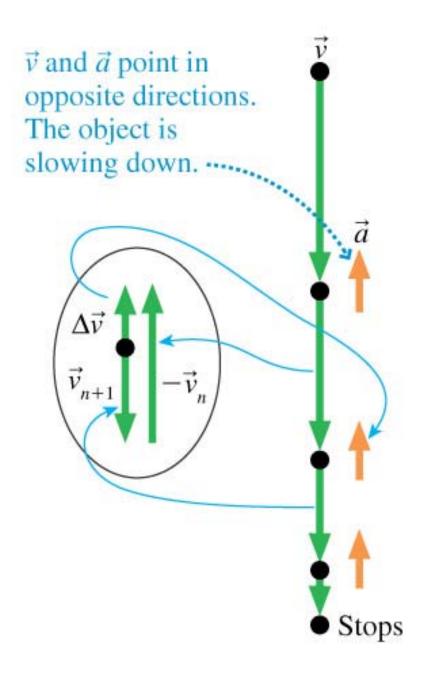
$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 + \Delta \vec{v}$$

Dots show positions at equal time intervals.





 $\Delta \vec{v}$ and \vec{a} are parallel. This is an average acceleration so it is the acceleration at the middle instant or dot.





$$\vec{a} \uparrow \uparrow \vec{v}$$

parallel

$$\vec{a} \uparrow \downarrow \vec{v}$$

antiparallel

$$\vec{a} = 0$$

$$\vec{a} \angle \vec{v}$$