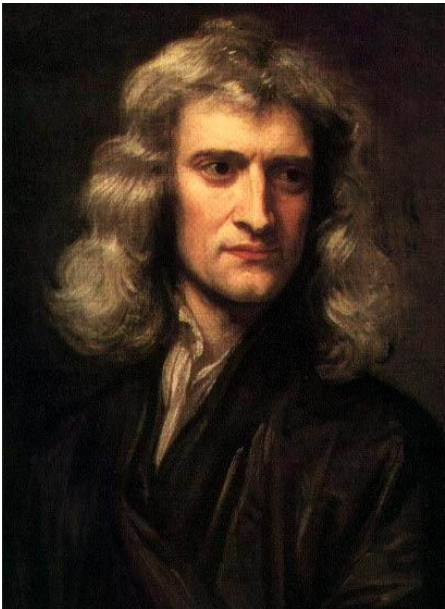


Rectilinear Kinematics

Continuous Motion



Sir Isaac Newton



Leonard Euler

Overview

- Kinematics
- Continuous Motion
- Erratic Motion

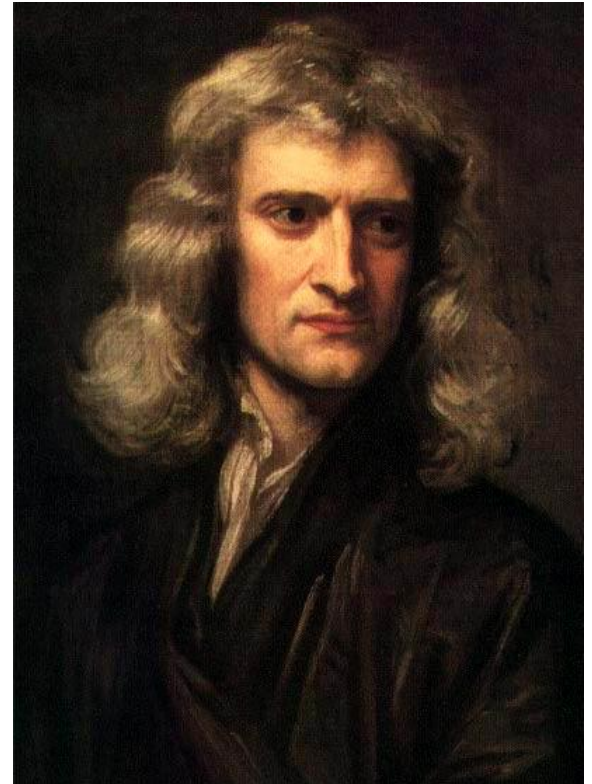


Michael Schumacher. 7-time Formula 1 World Champion

Kinematics

The objective of kinematics is to characterize the following properties of an object at an instant during its in motion:

- Position
- Velocity
- acceleration



Sir Isaac Newton

Kinematics

- Assumptions in kinematics :
 - the object is negligible size and shape (particle)
 - The mass is not considered in the calculations
 - Rotation of the object is neglected
- We shall look at the kinematics of an object moving in a straight line. We call this **Rectilinear Kinematics**

Rectilinear Kinematics: Continuous Motion

- Consider a particle in rectilinear motion from a fixed origin O in the S direction.



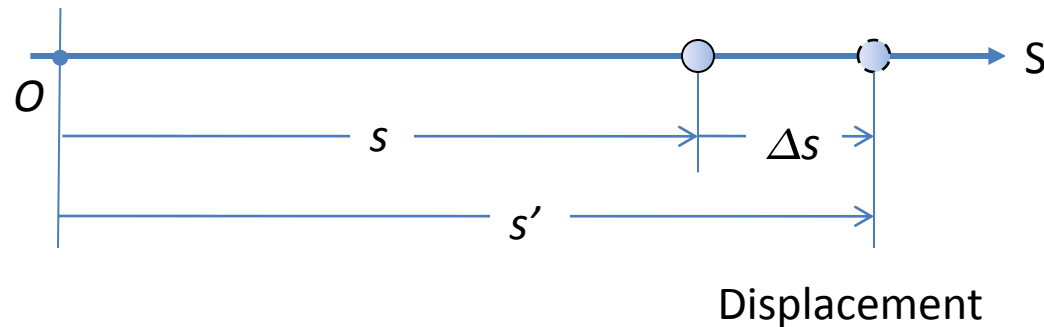
- For a given instant, s is the *position coordinate* of the particle
- The magnitude of s is the *distance* from the origin (in feet, meters or the relevant unit of measure)

Rectilinear Kinematics: Continuous Motion

- Note that the *position coordinate* would be negative if the particle traveled in the opposite direction according to our frame of reference
- *Position* has a magnitude (distance from origin) and is based on a specific direction. It is therefore a *vector quantity*

Continuous Motion - Displacement

- *Displacement* is defined as the change in position



$$\Delta s = s' - s$$

Continuous Motion - Displacement

- *Displacement* is also a vector quantity characterized by a magnitude and a direction
- Note that *distance* on the other hand is a scalar quantity representing the length from an origin.

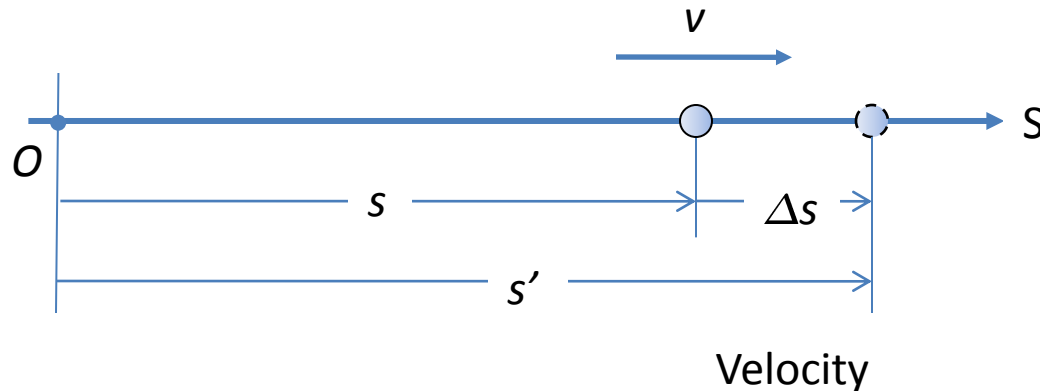


France vs Wales. Six Nations Cup. Lineout

Continuous Motion – Average Velocity

- If the particle undergoes displacement Δs over a time interval Δt , then the *average velocity* over this time interval

$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$



Continuous Motion – Instant. Velocity

- If we were to take smaller and smaller values of Δt , then Δs would also get smaller and smaller.
- At some point would no longer be an interval but a point in the time dimension (instant). The associated velocity is called the *instantaneous velocity*

Continuous Motion – Instant. Velocity

- By definition, *instantaneous velocity*

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} \right)$$

- Alternately represented as

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} \quad (1)$$



Yves Rossy. "Rocketman"

Continuous Motion – Velocity

- *Velocity* is a vector quantity
- If we had moved to the left, the velocity would be a negative value
- The magnitude of the *velocity* is called *speed*
- The units of *velocity* (and *speed*) include ft/s, mph (miles per hour), m/s, kph (kilometers per hour)

Continuous Motion – Average Speed

- Average speed is a positive scalar value defined as the total distance divided by the time elapsed

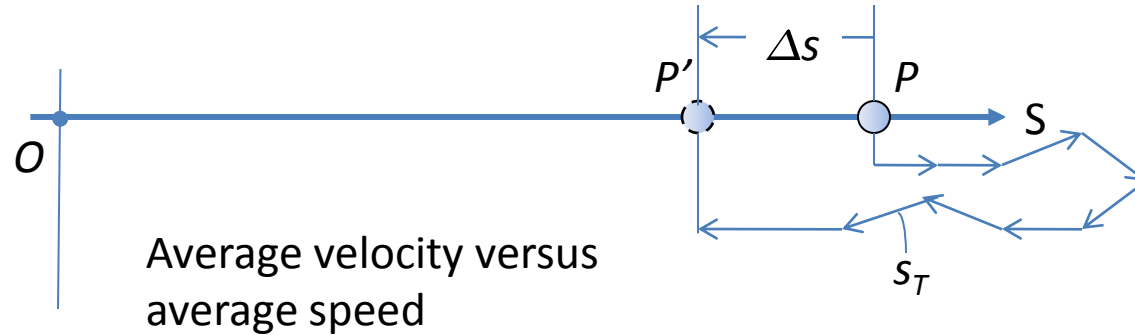
$$\left(v_{sp}\right)_{avg} = \frac{S_T}{\Delta t}$$



Pit Stop. McLaren Mercedes Team, Formula 1

Continuous Motion – Average Speed

- Consider the following motion that occurs over a time interval Δt



- $(v_{sp})_{avg} = \frac{S_T}{\Delta t}$ but $v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$

Continuous Motion - Acceleration

- If the velocity at two instances is known then can obtain the *average acceleration* of the object during the time interval Δt as

$$a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$



Continuous Motion - Acceleration

$$\Delta v = v' - v$$

- If we reduce Δt to an infinitesimally small interval (aka instant), we get the *instantaneous acceleration*

$$a = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} \quad (2)$$

- We can see that acceleration is a vector quantity

Continuous Motion - Acceleration

- Commonly used units: ft/s², m/s², etc
- Substituting Eqn (2) in Eqn (1);

$$a = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

- From Eqn (1) and Eqn (2) if velocity is constant, then $a = 0$
- If $v' < v$, then we will have a negative value of acceleration. This is called *deceleration*

Continuous Motion - Acceleration

- From Eqn (1) we can write

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

- From Eqn (2)

$$dt = \frac{dv}{a}$$

- Equating the above

$$a ds = v dv \quad (3)$$



Galileo Galilei

Equations of Motion: Under Constant Acceleration

Consider the following:

- our acceleration to be constant, i.e. $a = a_c$
- at $t = 0$, $v = v_0$, and $s = s_0$

- From Eqn (2)

$$a_c = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- Rearranging and integrating

$$\int_{v_0}^v dv = \int_0^t a_c dt$$

Motion Under Constant Acceleration

- Solving the definite integral, we obtain velocity as a function of time:

$$v = v_0 + a_c t \quad (4)$$

- Substituting Eqn (4) into Eqn (1)

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = v_0 + a_c t$$

$$\int_{s_0}^s ds = \int_0^t (v_0 + a_c t) dt$$

Motion Under Constant Acceleration

- we obtain position as a function of time:

$$s = s_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a_c t^2 \quad (5)$$

- We can rearrange Eqn (4) as

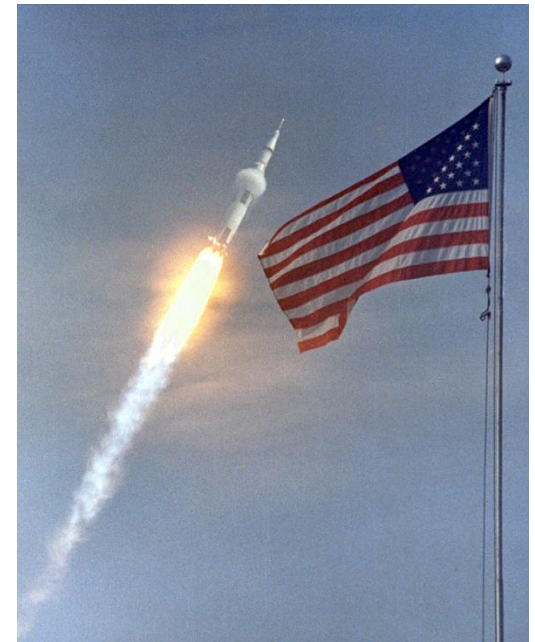
$$t = \frac{v - v_0}{a_c}$$

and substitute in Eqn (5)

Motion Under Constant Acceleration

- We obtain velocity as a function of position

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a_c(s - s_0) \quad (6)$$



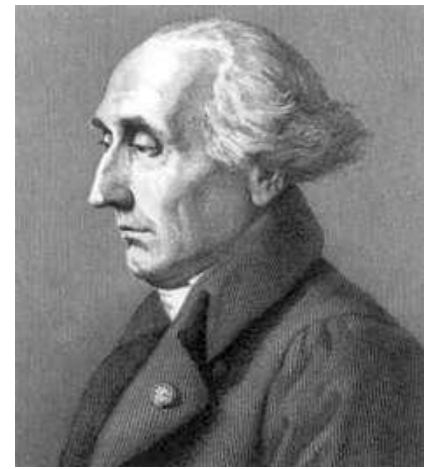
Apollo 11 Launch

How Did That Go ?



- Examples





Joseph Louis Lagrange

Rectilinear Kinematics

Erratic Motion



Overview

- Erratic Motion
- Graphical approach
- Sample problems



Robert H. Goddard (1926)
Rocket pioneer



Erratic Motion

- When the motion of an object is erratic, we cannot use the single continuous function to describe its kinematics
- In other words the acceleration is not constant
- Series of functions have to be used to specify the motion over different time intervals
- In general graphs are used to facilitate the calculations



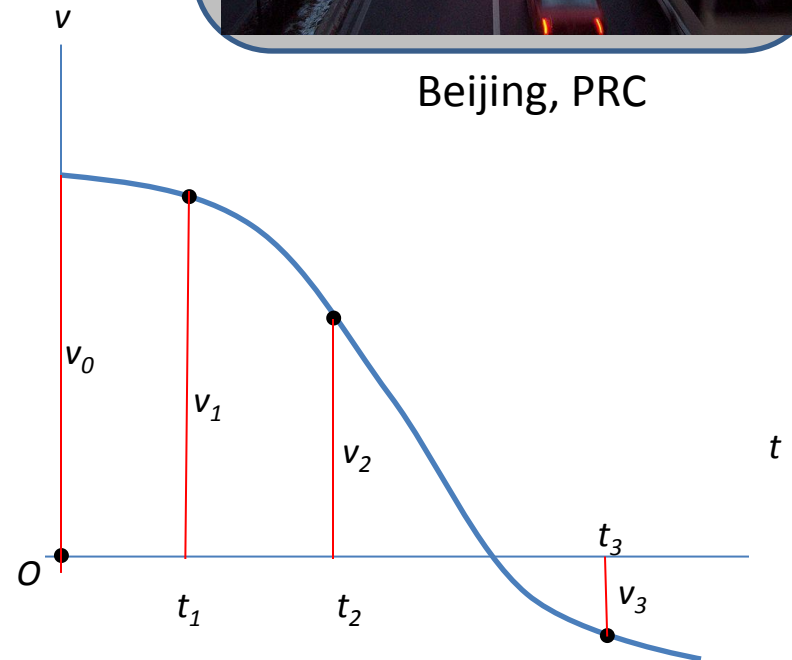
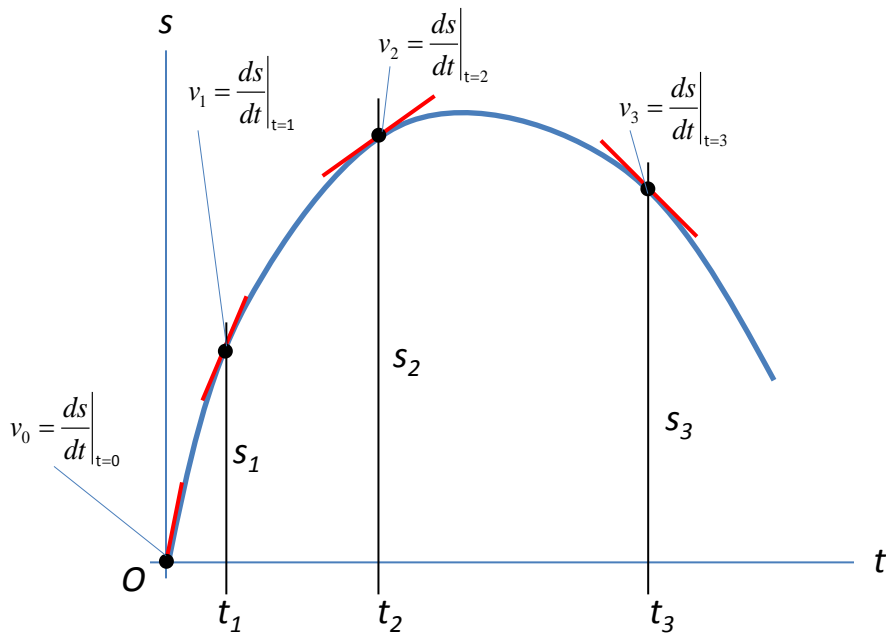
Pierre-Simon Laplace

Velocity = Slope of $s - t$ graph at time t

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

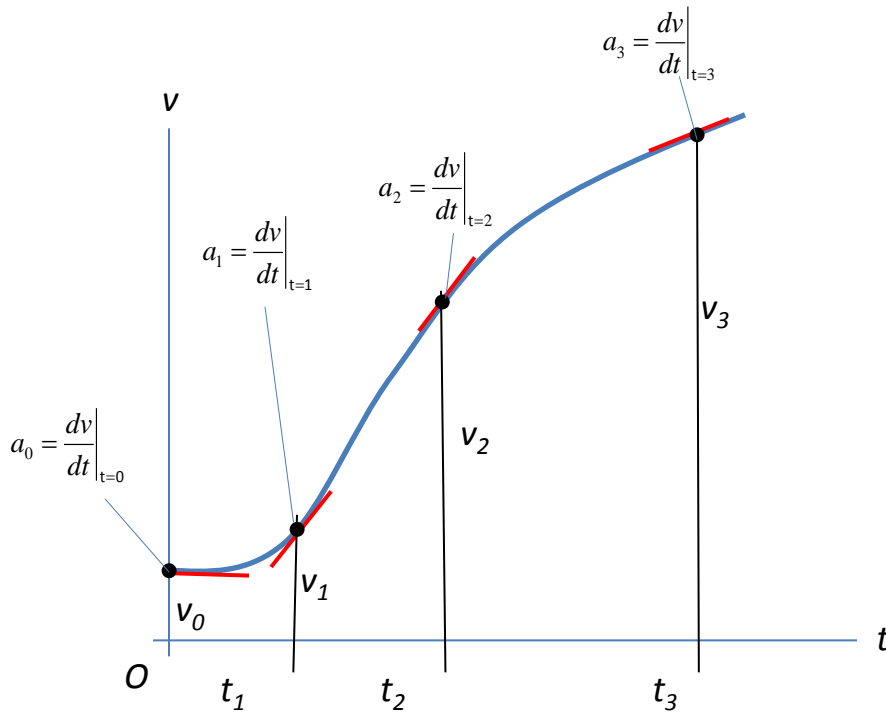


Beijing, PRC

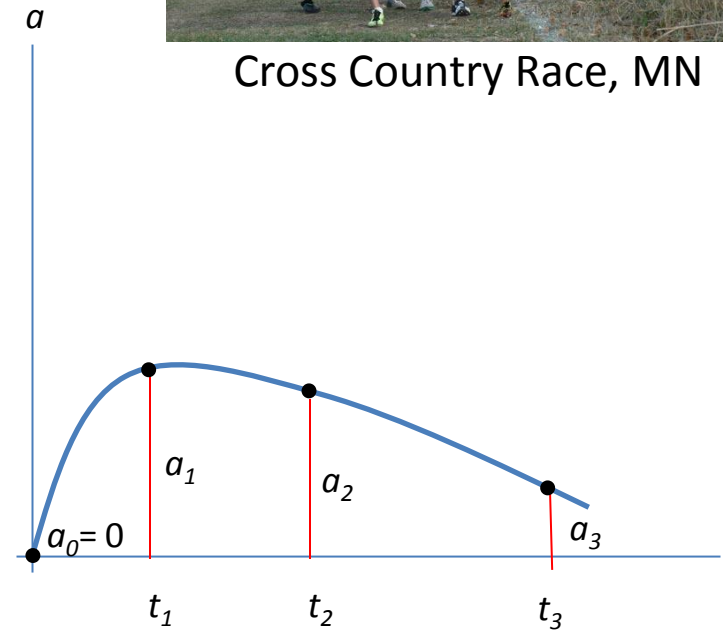


Acceleration = Slope of $v - t$ graph at time t

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = a$$



Cross Country Race, MN

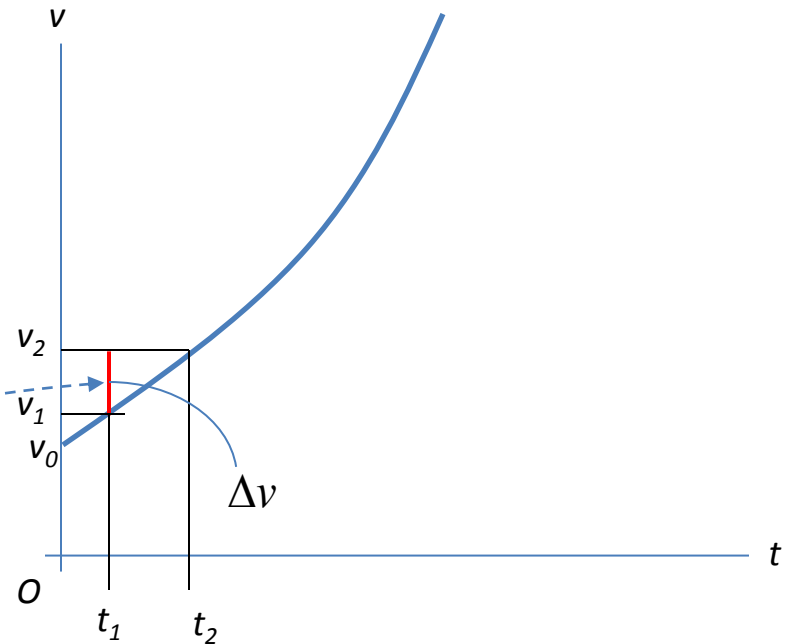
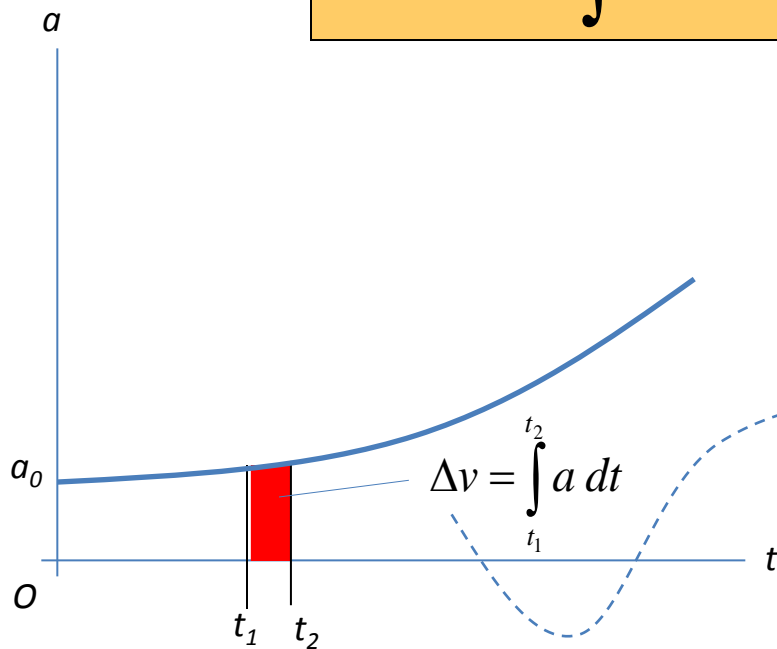


Change in velocity from $a - t$ graph

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = a$$

$$dv = a dt$$

$$\Delta v = \int a dt$$

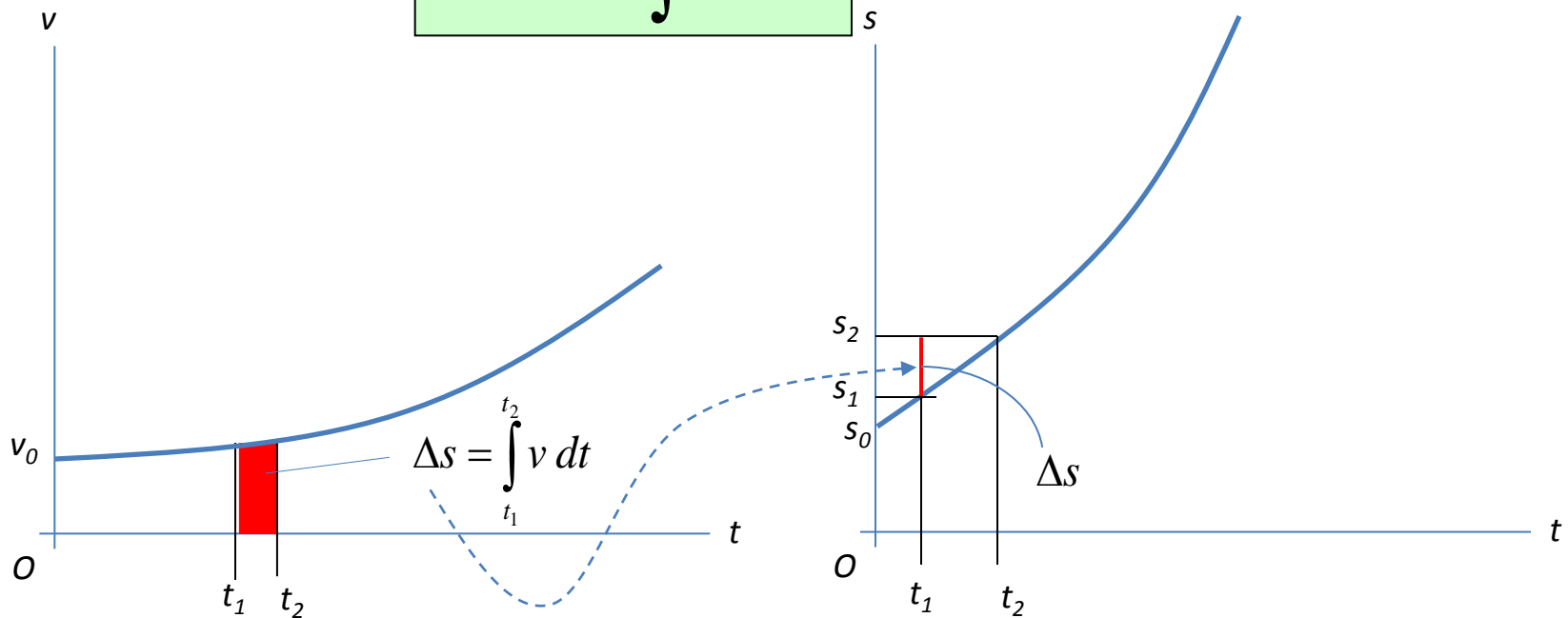


Displacement from $v - t$ graph

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

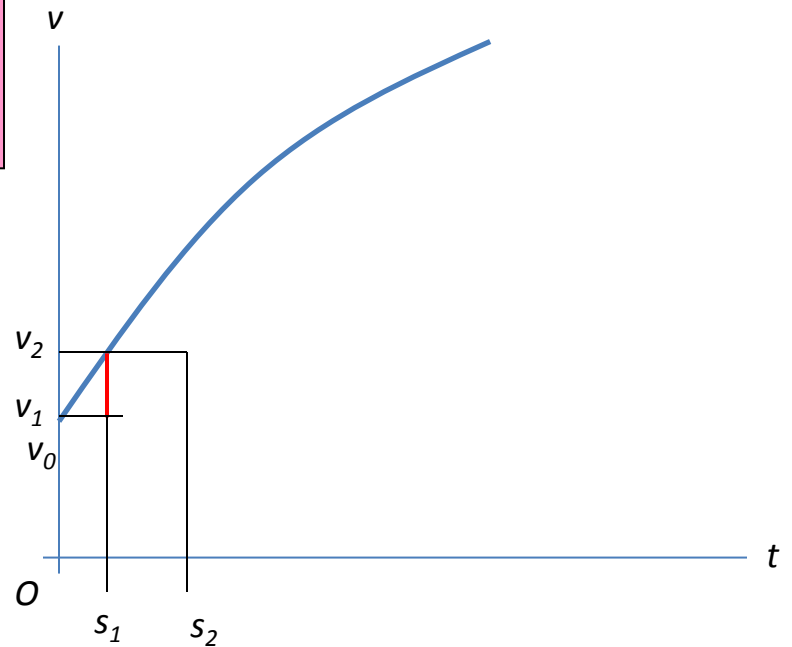
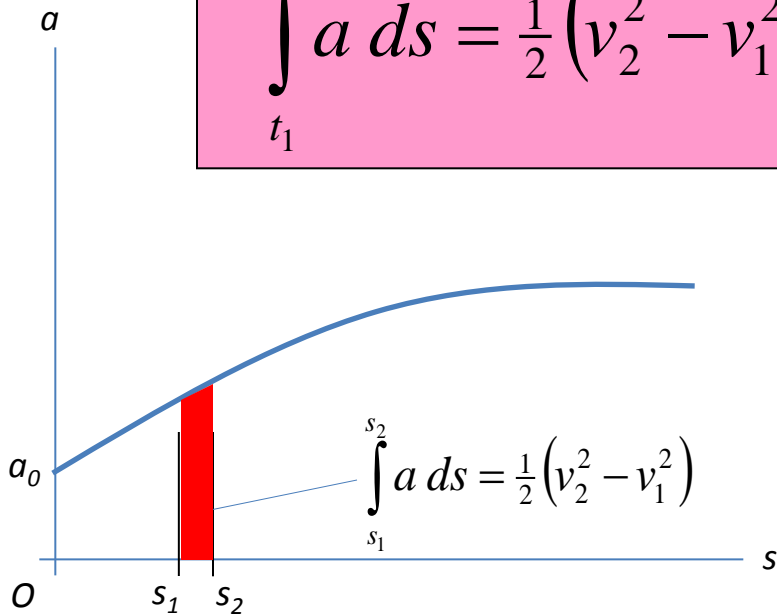
$$ds = v dt$$

$$\Delta s = \int v dt$$



Graphs of $v - s$ & $a - s$ (Velocity)

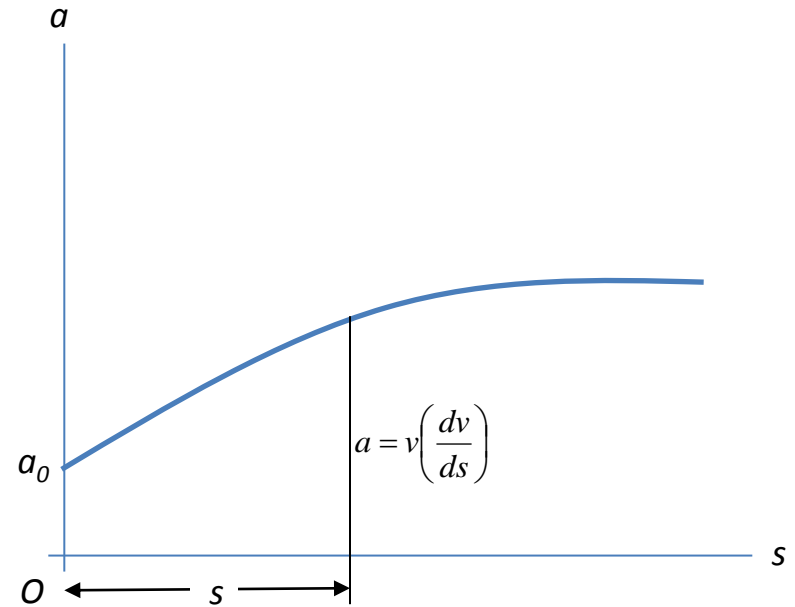
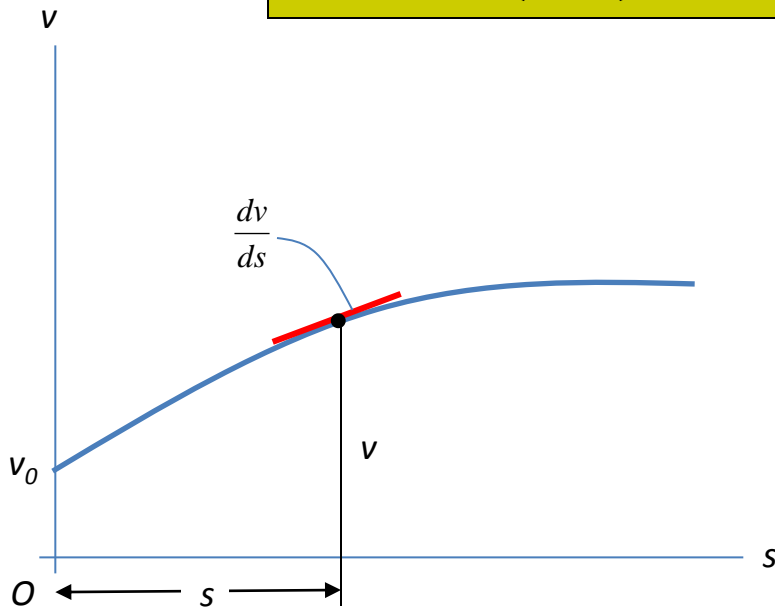
$$a \, ds = v \, dv$$
$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} a \, ds = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} v \, dv$$
$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} a \, ds = \frac{1}{2} (v_2^2 - v_1^2)$$



Graphs of $v - s$ & $a - s$ (Acceleration)

$$a ds = v dv$$

$$a = v \left(\frac{dv}{ds} \right)$$



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