### *General announcements*

- Your **lab write-up** is due soon . . .
- Need help on the lab or the homework/XtraWrk?
	- Extra help, A, D, E, F
- Clarifications/reminders!
	- "blurb" means brief descriptions of what you're doing in each part. WE have blurbed questions 1, 2, and 3 for you on the template – YOU have to blurb parts a-e for questions  $\overline{4}$  and 5.
	- $-$  The "write-up" is your cover sheet  $+$  answers to any analysis/calculation questions  $+$ graphs of data. Basically the template + your two graphs stapled to the back.
	- Remember to mark clearly on your graphs the two points you used for your calculations!
- About that homework . . . (look at example of "good" work)

#### *Announcements* (*con*'*t.*)

- First test is **Wednesday, 9/6** will cover graphs of motion and 1D kinematics
	- We've covered graphs: how to use slope, x/y values, shape of graph to determine changing position, rate of velocity, acceleration, etc. (e.g. Figure 2.24 - today)
	- See class Website class pdfs $\rightarrow$ 1D Kinematics for resources (e.g. multiple choice questions, more practice problems) plus your textbook and the XtraWrk
	- Expect: 4-5 multiple choice, a page of graph analysis and 2-4 kinematic problems that will require ALL 3 equations (know them!)
	- Come talk to me today or tomorrow if you receive extra time

#### *Figure 2.24 on p51*

- What does this graph represent if it is a:
- Position vs. time graph?
- Velocity vs. time graph?
- Acceleration vs. time graph?





4.)



5.)

#### 1.) As *acceleration versus time* graph:



4.)

6.)

### *Sign conventions*

- The sign of a vector quantity indicates its **direction**.
- This requires that you clearly indicate your coordinate axes!
- What does it mean to have:
	- A positive velocity but negative position?

Moving in + direction, on – side of origin

– Negative displacement and a positive position?

On the + side of origin moving in the - direction

– A positive velocity and positive acceleration? Moving in the + direction and speeding up

When *v* and *a* have same sign, object speeds up

– Negative velocity but positive acceleration? Moving in the – direction and slowing down

When *v* and *a* have opposite signs, object slows down 7.)

## *Using kinematic equations*

• 3 main kinematic equations:

$$
v_2 = v_1 + a(\Delta t) \left[ x_2 = x_1 + v_1(\Delta t) + \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2 \right] \left[ (v_2)^2 = (v_1)^2 + 2a(x_2 - x_1) \right]
$$

- What assumption did we make in order to get these equations?
	- Constant acceleration
	- These equations work for linear motion (1-d) and for 2-d motion (requires a little more set-up but we'll get there)
- Remember to use proper sign conventions!

## *Reminders about kinematic equations*

- We are assuming **uniformly (constant) accelerated motion**
	- For now, that means magnitude and direction are constant
	- Later, we'll talk about changing direction with constant magnitude
	- Subscripts 1 and 2 indicate values at two points in time
	- $-$  **x** is position ( $\Delta x$  means displacement, or change in position)
	- $-$  **v** is velocity (so  $v_2$  is velocity at time 2, etc)
	- **a** is acceleration (assumed to be constant)

*How to solve problems with kinematic equations-- First--the quick and perilous way*

- Read the problem. Twice.
- Pick the equation(s) you need based on what you know and what you want.
- Plug in numbers and check your units and signs.
- **Show all of your work.**

*Example #2* – *sea anemone*

• 1.) The stinger covering sea anemone tentacles accelerates from zero to 80 mph (approx. 40 m/s) in 700 nanoseconds. What is the acceleration?

$$
a = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{\Delta t}
$$
  
=  $\frac{(40 \text{ m/s}) - 0}{(700 \text{x} 10^{-9} \text{s})}$   
=  $57 \text{x} 10^6 \text{ m/s}^2$ 

*How to solve problems with kinematic equations-- Second--the Safe Way*

- Read the problem. Twice.
- Draw a picture and indicate your frame of reference, including where your axes are and which way is  $+$ .
- Write down all the known quantities (with their units) and the unknown quantity you are solving for. A chart is really helpful here (like the lab). Circle the unknowns.
- Do any necessary unit conversions now.
- Pick the equation(s) you need based on what you know and what you want.
- Plug in numbers and check your units and signs.
- **Show all of your work.** 12.)

## *Example #2* – *sea anemone*

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In this case, you don't really need a picture. I wouldn't hurt to identify the parameters, though, so:

 $a =$  $V_2 - V_1$ Δt  $=\frac{(40 \text{ m/s}) - 0}{(700 \text{ m/s})^9}$  $(700x10^{-9}s)$  $= 57x10^6$  m/s<sup>2</sup> The kinematic equation that does the job for us is:  $v_1 = 0$  $v_2 = 40.0$  m/s  $t = 700$  ns =  $7 \times 10^{-7}$ s  $a = ?$ 

*Example #3* – *funny car*

• 2.) In 2007, it took 4.77 seconds for a funny car to cover a quarter of a mile (approximately 400 meters) with a top end of 317 mph (approximately 160 m/s).

a.) Assume the acceleration is constant and without using the elapsed time, determine the car's acceleration.

b.) Assume acceleration was constant and determine it using a second approach.

c.) Why the discrepancy?

3.) In 2007, it took 4.77 seconds for a funny car to cover a quarter of a mile (approximately 400 meters) with a top end of 317 mph (approximately 160 m/s).

a.) Assume the acceleration is constant and without using the elapsed time, determine the car's acceleration.

$$
v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2a(x_2 - x_1)
$$
  
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$$
\Rightarrow a = \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2(x_2 - x_1)}
$$
  
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$$
\Rightarrow = \frac{(160 \text{ m/s})^2 - (0)^2}{2(400 \text{ m} - 0)}
$$
  
\n
$$
= 32 \text{ m/s}^2
$$

b.) Assume acceleration was constant and determine it using a second approach.

c.) Why the discrepancy? Acceleration was not constant in real life.

$$
a = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{\Delta t}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{(160 \text{ m/s}) - 0}{(4.77 \text{ s})}
$$
  
= 33.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>

#### *How to solve problems with kinematic equations*—*Two ways*—*The safe way*

- Read the problem. Twice.
- Draw a picture and indicate your frame of reference, including where your axes are and which way is  $+$ .
- Write down all the known quantities (with their units) and the unknown quantity you are solving for. A chart is really helpful here (like the lab). Circle the unknowns.
- Do any necessary unit conversions now.
- Pick the equation(s) you need based on what you know and what you want.
- Plug in numbers and check your units and signs.
- **Show all of your work.**

*Example #1* – *car*

• A car starts from rest and accelerates at  $4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$  for 15 s. How far has the car traveled in 15 s and what is its velocity at that time? (Do this "the safe way," which means you start with a sketch.)



*example #1* – *The safe way*

• A car starts from rest and accelerates at  $4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$  for 15 s. How far has the car traveled in 15 s and what is its velocity at that time?



$$
x_o = 0.00m
$$
  
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x = ?
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$$
v_o = 0.00m/s
$$
  
\n
$$
v = ?
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a = 4.0m/s2
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x = 450m
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\n
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x = 450m
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\n
$$
x = 450m
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v = v_o + at
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v = v_o + at
$$
  
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$$
v = 0.00 + 4(15)
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$$
v = 60m/s
$$

*Back to the car…*

- Assume a hotrod accelerates from rest at a rate of 32 m/s/s.
	- A) Where is it, relative to its starting position, after 2 sec?
	- B) How fast is it going after 2 seconds?



3.) Assume the hotrod accelerates from rest at a rate of 32 m/s/s.

a.) Where is it, relative to the start position, after 2 seconds?

$$
x_2 = x_1 + y_1 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2
$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} (32 \text{ m/s}^2) (2 \text{ s})^2$   
= 64 m

b.) How fast is it going after 2 seconds?

$$
v_2 = v_1 + a(\Delta t)
$$
  
=  $\left(32 \text{ m/s}\right) (2 \text{ s})$   
=  $64 \text{ m/s}$ 



$$
v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2a(x_2 - x_1)
$$
  
= (0 m/s)<sup>2</sup> + 2(32 m/s<sup>2</sup>)(64 m - 0)  
= 64 m/s

6.) 20.)

#### *Back to the car…*



• c.) The hotrod travels another second passed the 2 second point. How fast is it traveling then?

$$
a = \frac{v_3 - v_2}{\Delta t}
$$
  
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$$
\Rightarrow v_3 = v_2 + a\Delta t
$$
  
\n
$$
\Rightarrow v_3 = (64 \text{ m/s}) + (32 \text{ m/s}^2)(1 \text{ s})
$$
  
\n
$$
= 96 \text{ m/s}
$$

*Back to the Car…*

• d.) The hotrod travels 100 meters passed its position at the 2 second point. How fast is it going?

 $v_1 = 0$   $v_2 = 64$  m/s  $v_3 = 96$  m/s  $v_4 = ?$  $x_1 = 0$  $a = 32 \text{ m/s}^2$   $a = 32 \text{ m/s}^2$   $a = 32 \text{ m/s}^2$   $a = 32 \text{ m/s}^2$  $t_1 = 0$  sec  $t_2 = 2$  seconds  $t_3 = 3$  seconds  $t_4 = ?$  $x_2 = 64 \text{ m}$   $x_3 = ?$  $x_4 = x_2 + (100 \text{ m}) = 164 \text{ m}$  $v_4^2 = v_2^2 + 2a\Delta x$  $= (64 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(32 \text{ m/s}^2)[(164 \text{ m}) - (64 \text{ m})]$  $\Rightarrow$   $v_4 = 102$  m/s

*Back to the car…*

e.) How long did it take to get to the 100 meter mark passed the  $t = 2$  second point?



# *How to tackle complex problems*

- Sometimes you'll end up with two objects, multiple equations, and multiple unknowns, or just multi-stage problems that take some thinking. It's good to know how to set up and solve these types of equations.
- This is where **drawing a picture**, **indicating your axes**, and **keeping consistent signs** is critical!

# *Two Car problem: the set-Up*

- The Question: Two cars traveling in opposite directions start out 1600 meters apart. Car A moves with constant velocity 10 m/s. Car B starts from rest and accelerates toward Car A picking up speed at a rate of 4 m/s/s.
	- a.) Relative to where Car A started, where do they pass?
	- b.) How long did it take for them to pass?
	- c.) How fast is Car B moving when they pass?

*Two car problem: the set-up*

- 1. Sketch the set-up and put a coordinate axes on the sketch.
	- Indicate the known and unknown values for both cars on the sketch.
	- Note that car B's acceleration is <u>negative</u> so  $a_{\text{carB}} = -4 \text{ m/s}^2$
	- Note that each car will take the same amount of time to reach the "pass point"



## *The Two car problem: parts a+b*

• 2. We're looking for displacement of car A, essentially, so we need an equation for car A:

$$
x_2 = x_1 + v_1 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2
$$
  
\n
$$
\Rightarrow x_{\text{pass}} = x_{A,1} + v_{A,1} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_A (\Delta t)^2
$$
  
\n
$$
\Rightarrow x_{\text{pass}} = 10t
$$

• We also need an equation  $x_2 = x_1 + v_1 \Delta t +$ for car B: 1 2  $a(\Delta t)^2$ 

$$
\Rightarrow x_{\text{pass}} = x_{\text{B},1} + v_{\text{B},1} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_{\text{B}} (\Delta t)^2
$$
  

$$
\Rightarrow x_{\text{pass}} = (1600) + \frac{1}{2} (-4) t^2
$$

*The two-car problem: parts a+b*

3. Now we combine the equations to solve simultaneously:

$$
x_{\text{pass}} = 10t
$$
 (from Car A)  
 $x_{\text{pass}} = (1600) + \frac{1}{2}(-4)t^2$  (from Car B)

Equating:

$$
10t = (1600) + \frac{1}{2}(-4)t^{2}
$$
  
\n
$$
\implies t = 25.8 \text{ sec}
$$

Now, find how far A travels in that time:

$$
\Rightarrow x_{pass} = 10t
$$
  
= (10 m/s)(25.8 sec)  
= 258 m

*The two-car problem: part C*

c) how fast is car B moving when they pass?

We now know the time in which they travel, so for car B:

$$
v_{B, pass} = v_{B,1} + a_B (\Delta t)
$$
  
= (-4 m/s<sup>2</sup>)(25.8 sec)  
OR = -103.2 m/s

$$
\left(v_{B,\text{pass}}\right)^{2} = \left(v_{B,1}\right)^{2} + 2a_{B}\left(x_{B,\text{pass}} - x_{B,1}\right)
$$

$$
= 2\left(-4 \text{ m/s}^{2}\right)\left[(258 \text{ m}) - (1600 \text{ m})\right]
$$

$$
= \pm 103.6 \text{ m/s}
$$

*and you have to put the sign in manually . . .* 

*Why all these steps?*

- The "two-car" problem is a great example for why you should be methodical in your solutions and follow all these steps.
	- You are less like to make a silly mistake or get lost.
	- Your reader is less likely to be confused or be unable to follow your work.
	- Both result in more likely correct answers (and points)
- *Bottom line:* even on simple problems, practice all steps of this technique, because when things get nasty, it's the thing that allows you to make progress even when feeling confused!