



DEVIL PHYSICS
THE BADDEST CLASS ON CAMPUS
AP PHYSICS

**2-1: REFERENCE FRAMES AND
DISPLACEMENT**

2-2: AVERAGE VELOCITY

2-3: INSTANTANEOUS VELOCITY

Big Idea

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Enduring Understanding

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Introductory Video: Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration



Mechanics

- The study of the motion of objects and the related concepts of force and energy.
- Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)
- Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727)
- Building blocks of all areas of modern physics

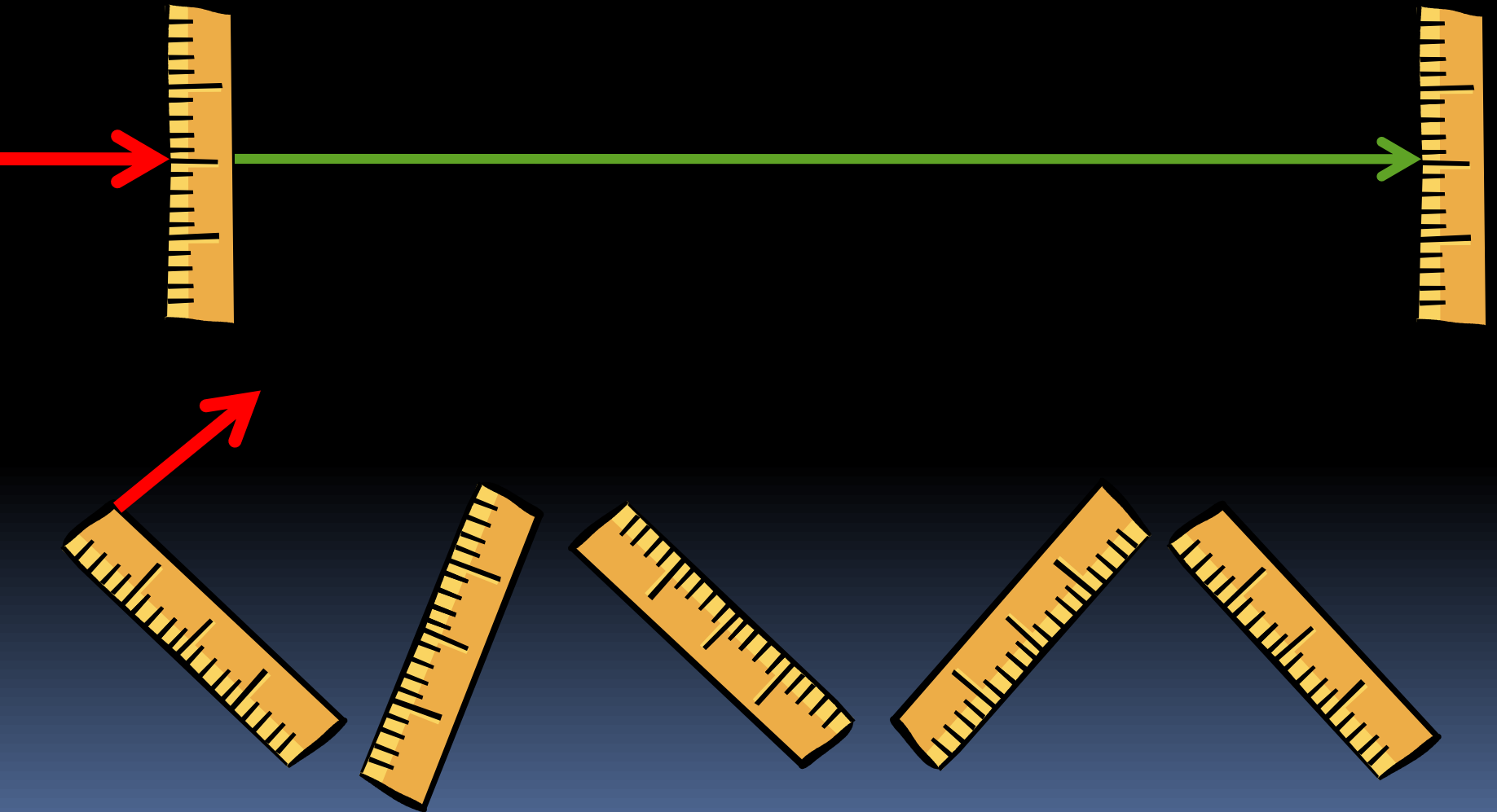
Mechanics

- **Two major divisions:**
 - **Kinematics: description of how things move**
 - **Dynamics: force and why things move the way they do**
- **Chapters 2 and 3 deal with kinematics**

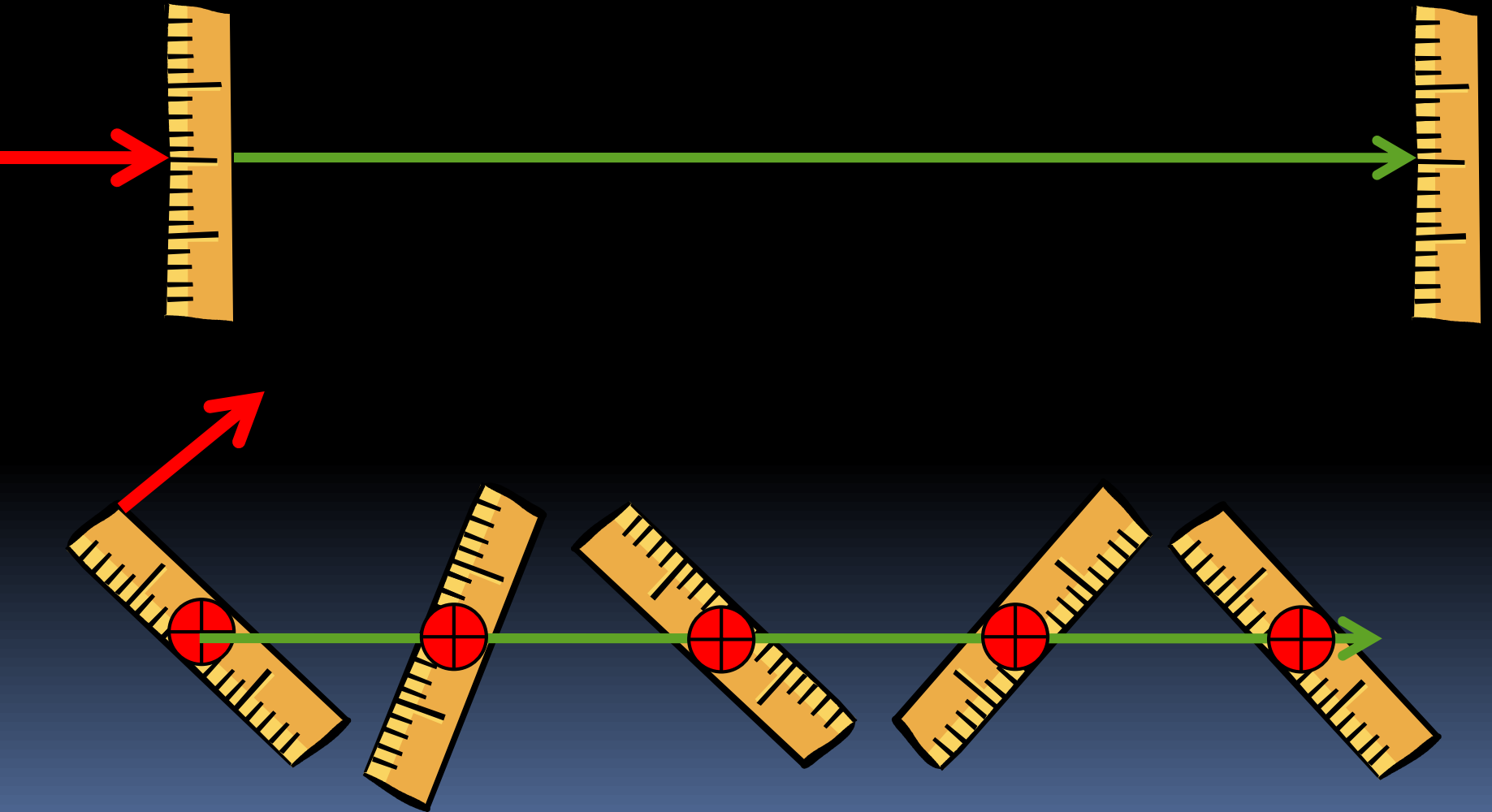
Translational Motion

- Objects that move without rotating
- Moves along a straight-line path
- One-dimensional motion

Translational Motion



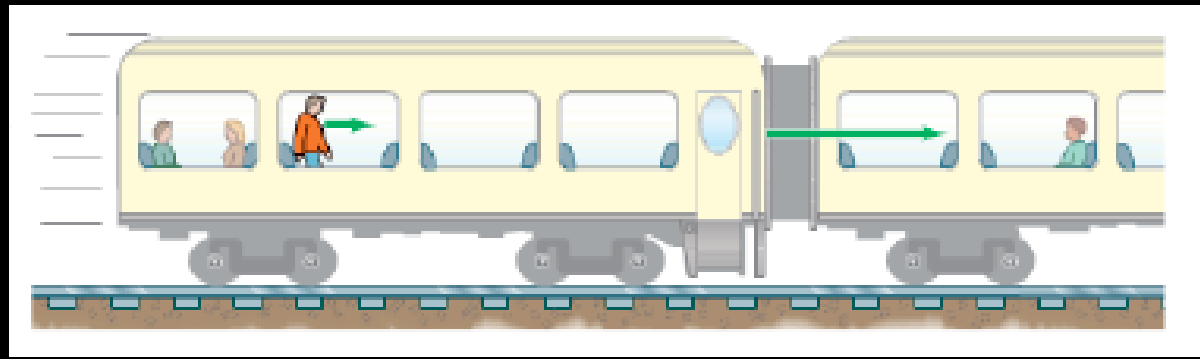
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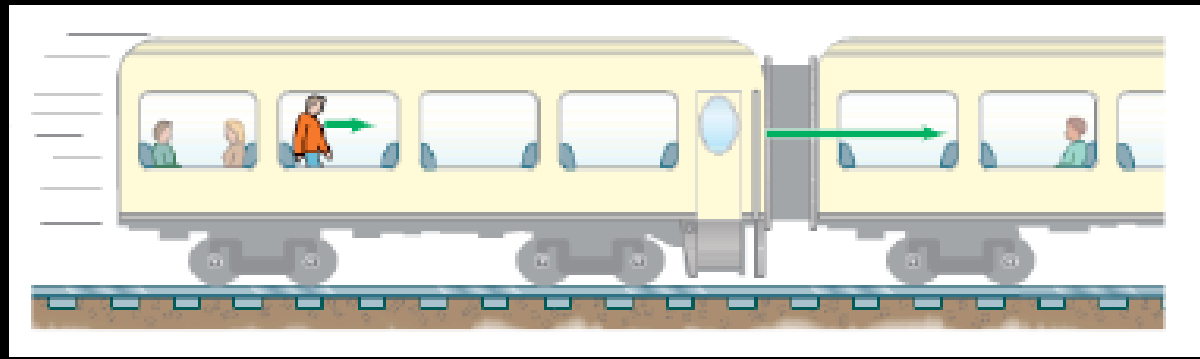
- The point from which you are viewing something
- The point from which you are measuring something
- We normally place a set of *coordinate axes* (a coordinate plane) with the origin resting on the reference point

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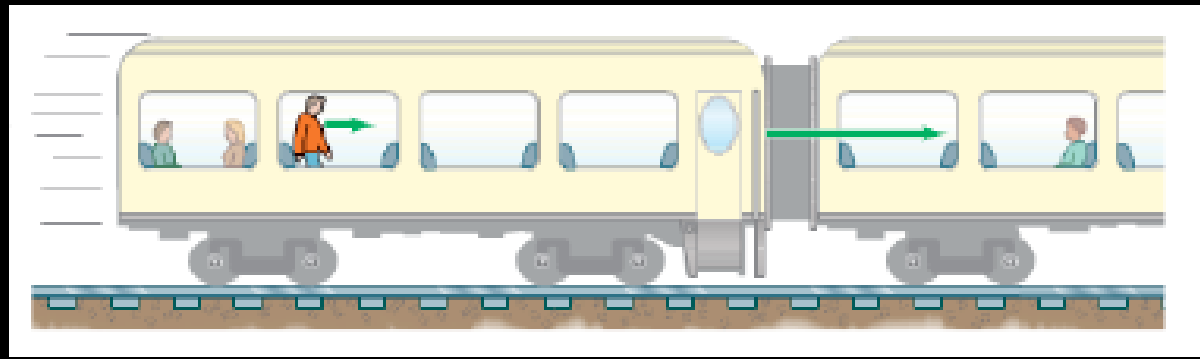
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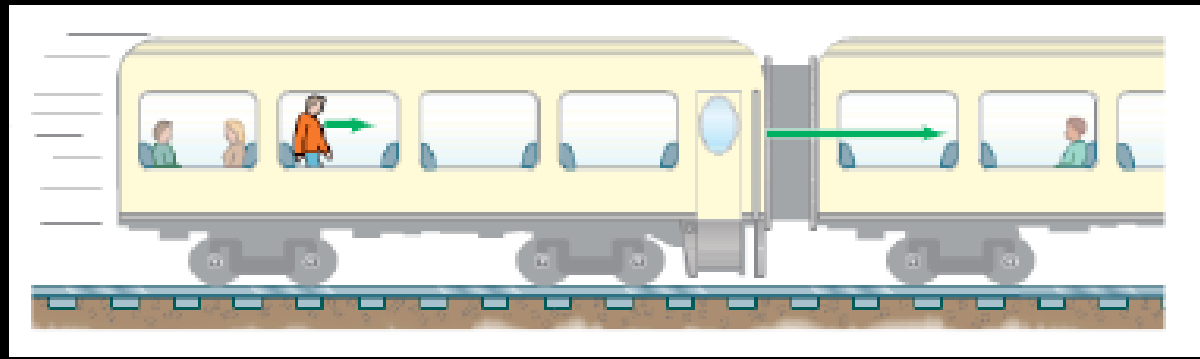
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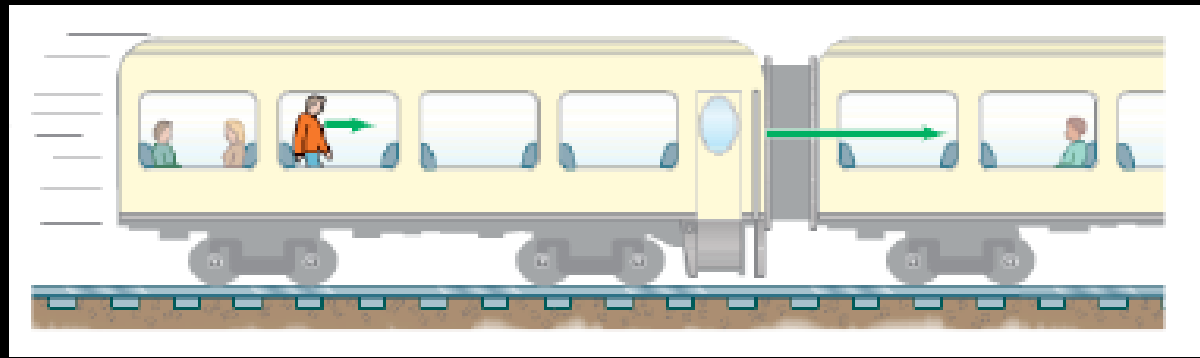
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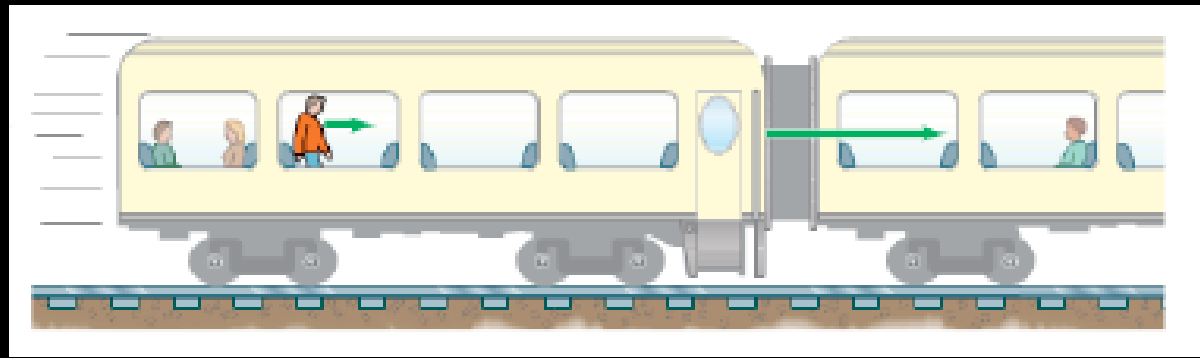
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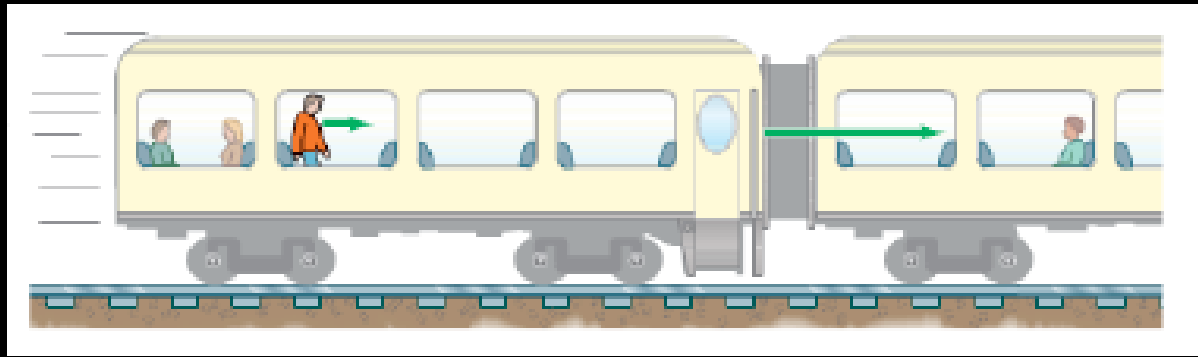
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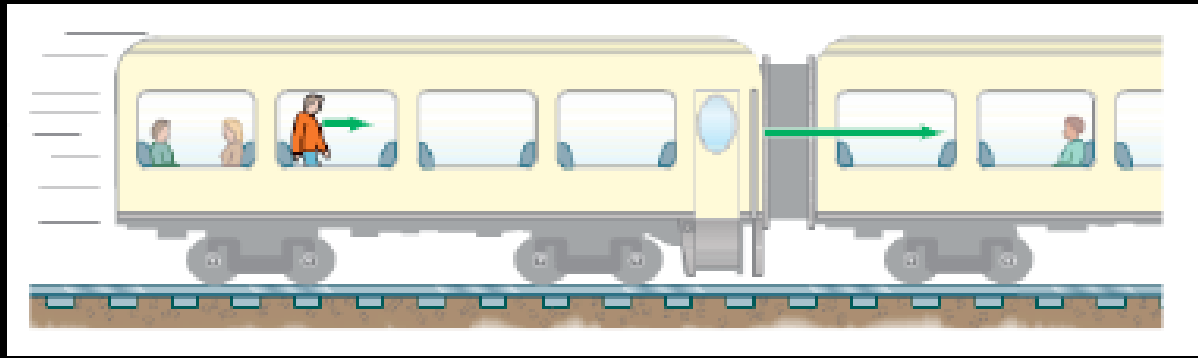
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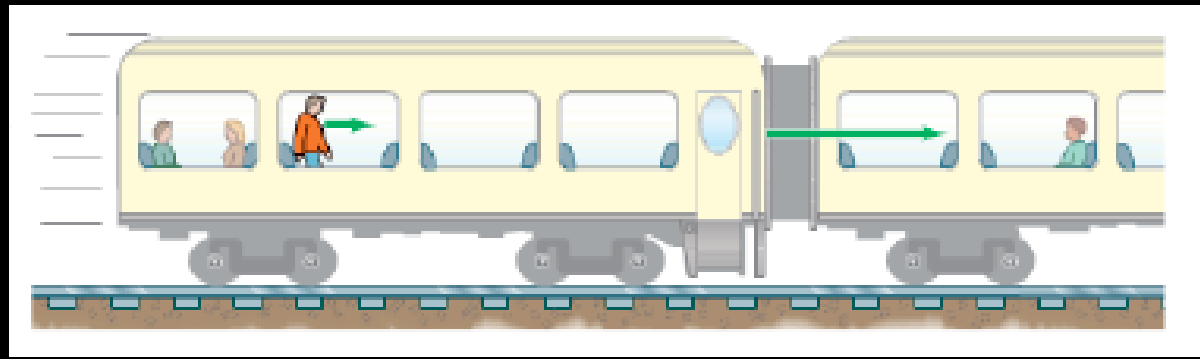
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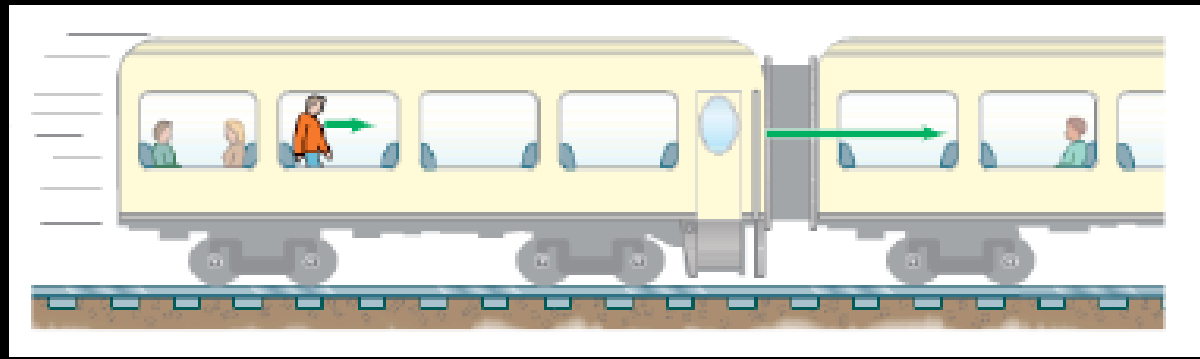
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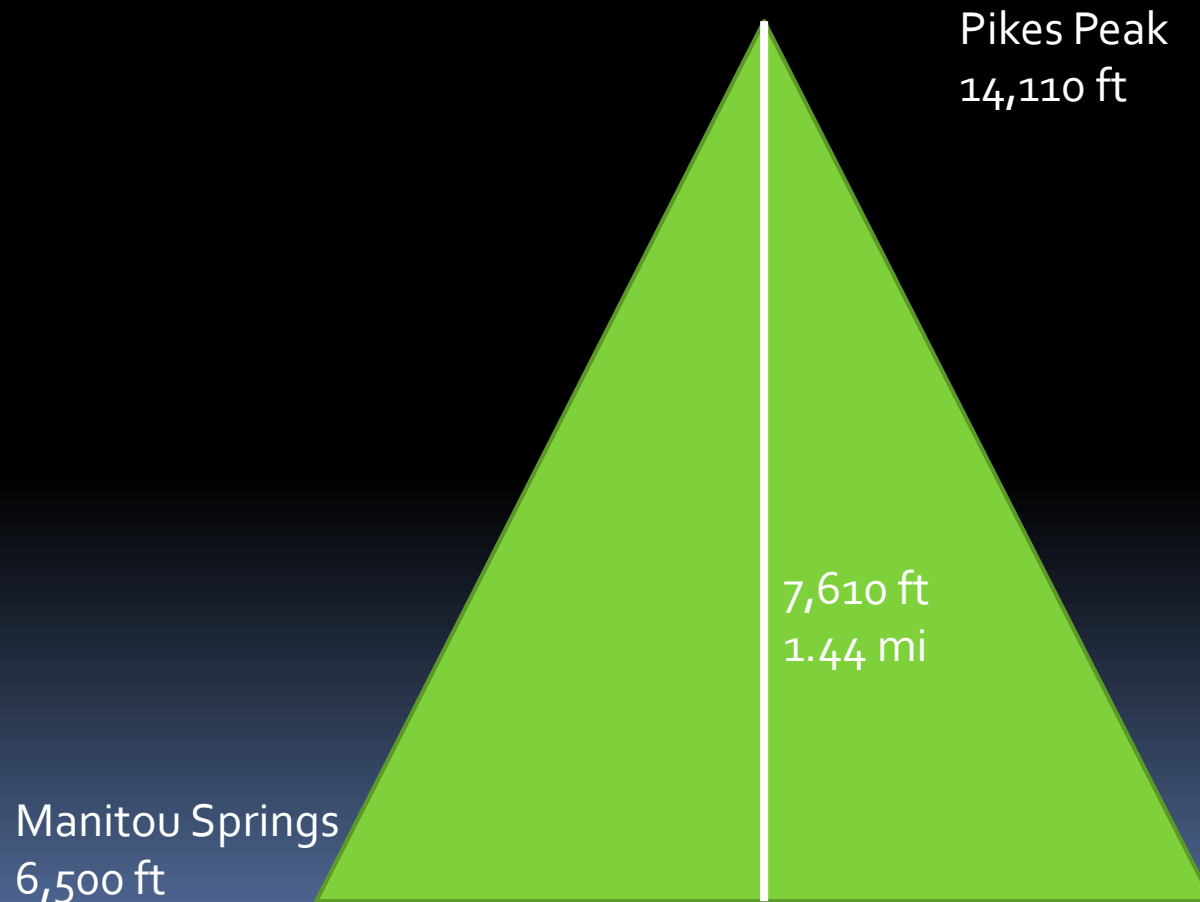
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Distance vs. Displacement

- Distance: measurement of the entire length travelled without respect to direction
 - Includes magnitude only, a scalar
- Displacement: change in *position* of an object, or, how far the object is from its original position and in what direction
 - Includes both magnitude and direction, a vector

Distance vs. Displacement

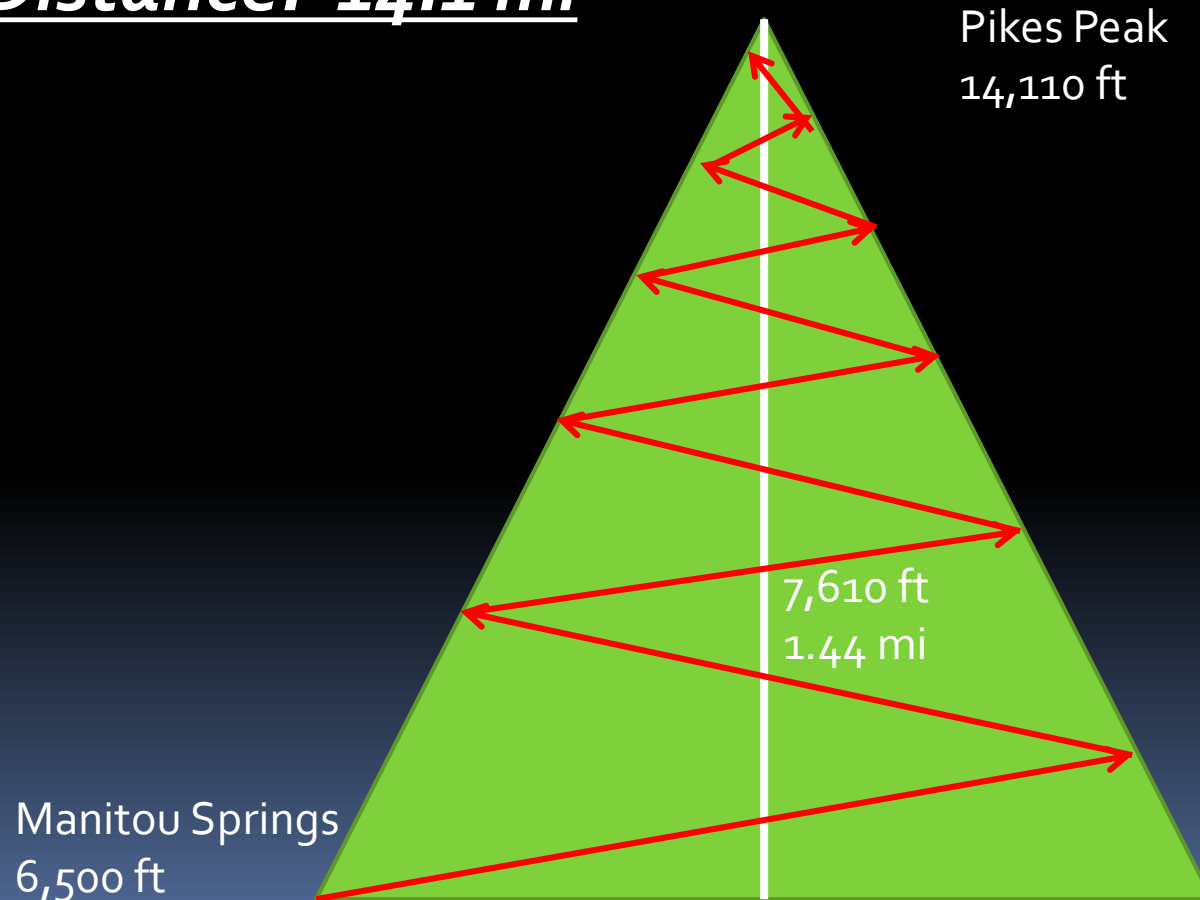
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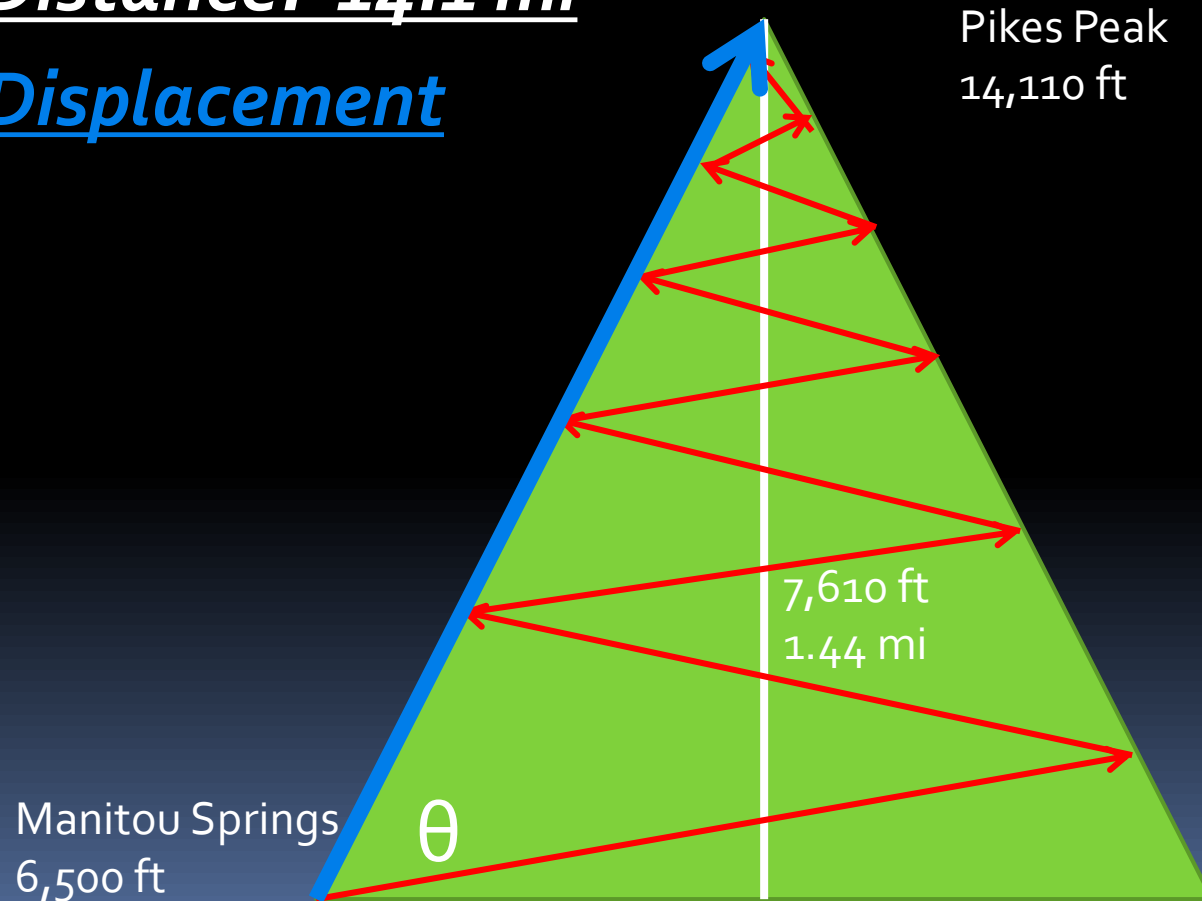


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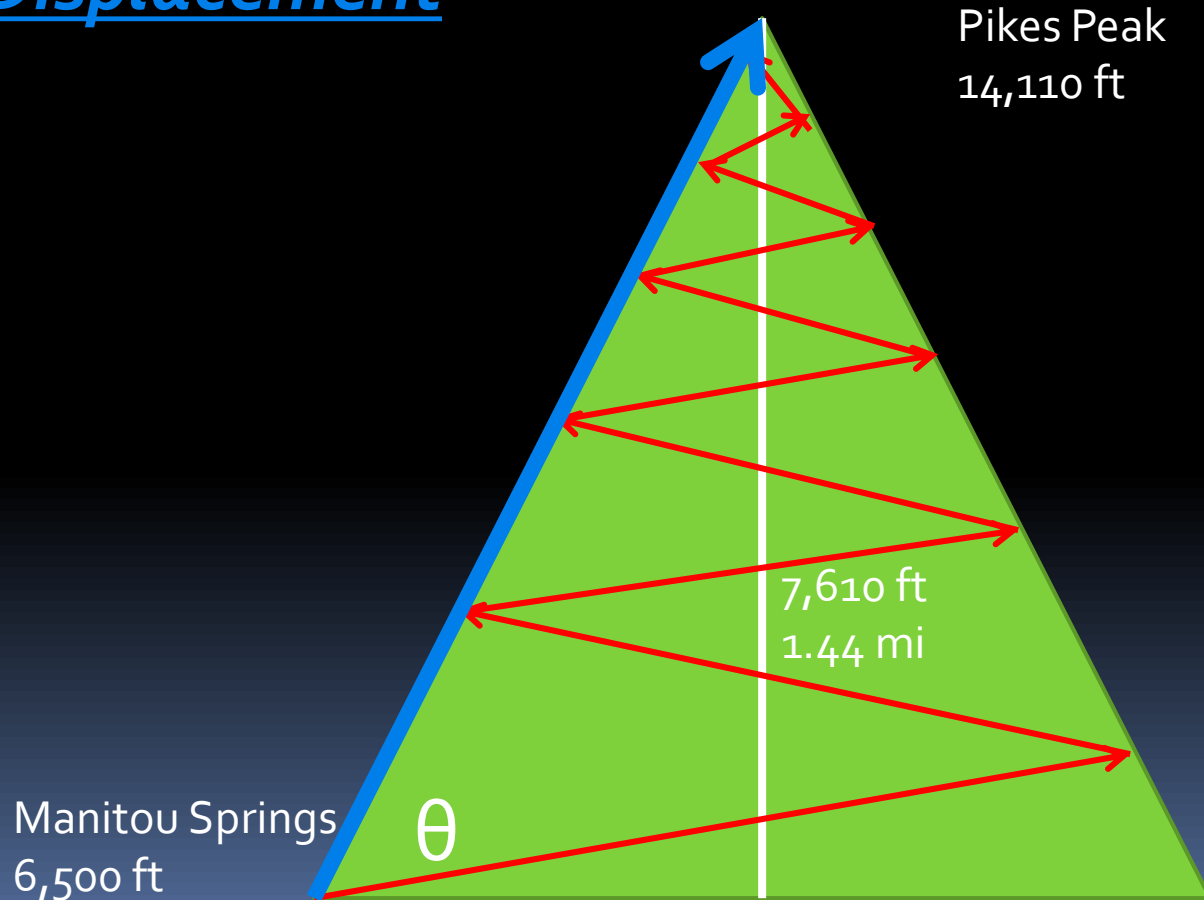
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Scalar vs. Vector

Distance: 14.1 mi

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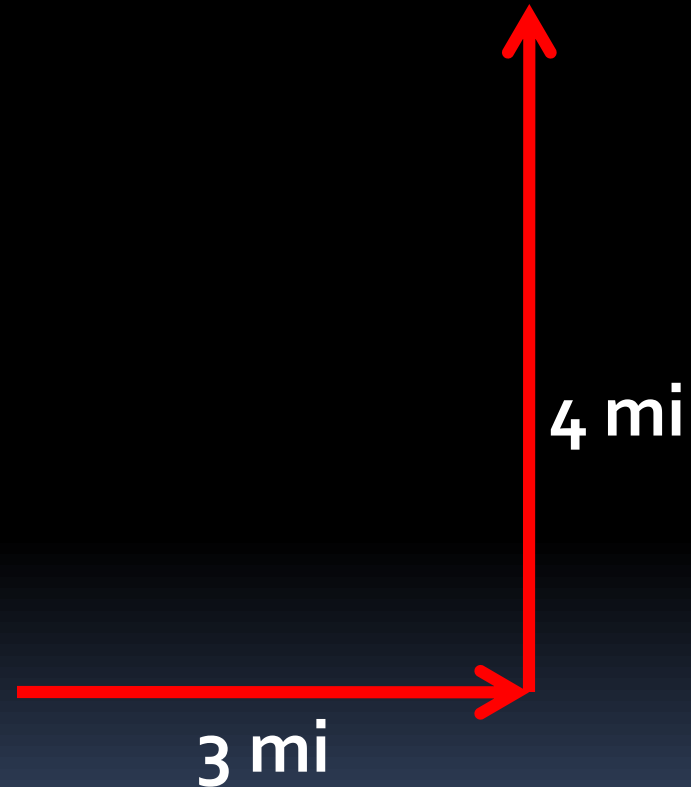
$$\Delta x = -17 - 23 = -40$$

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- Your displacement is 40 to the left

Displacement

- Example 2: Having nothing better to do, you walk 3 miles east and 4 miles north.
 - What distance did you travel?
 - What was your displacement?
 - Why couldn't you find anything better to do?

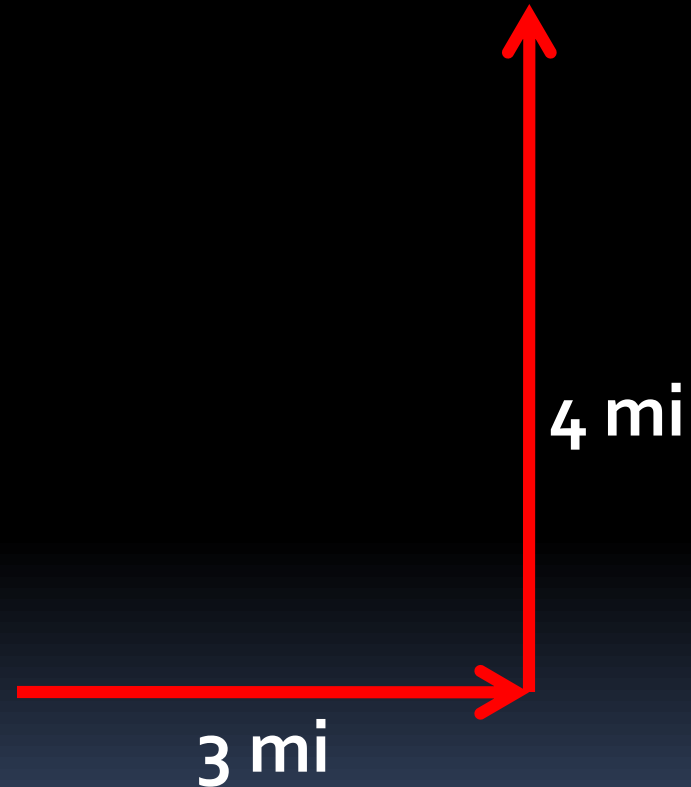
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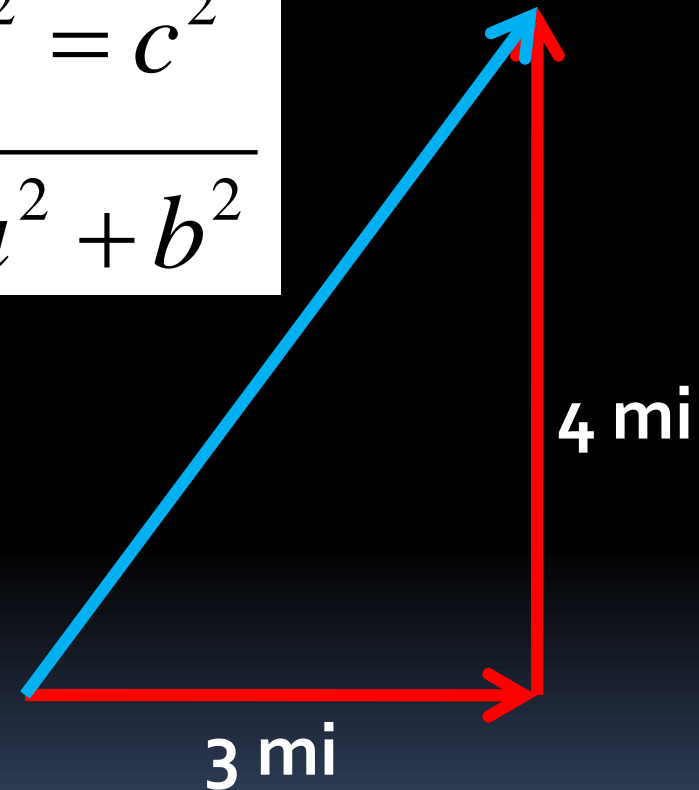
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 - Pythagorize 5 mi
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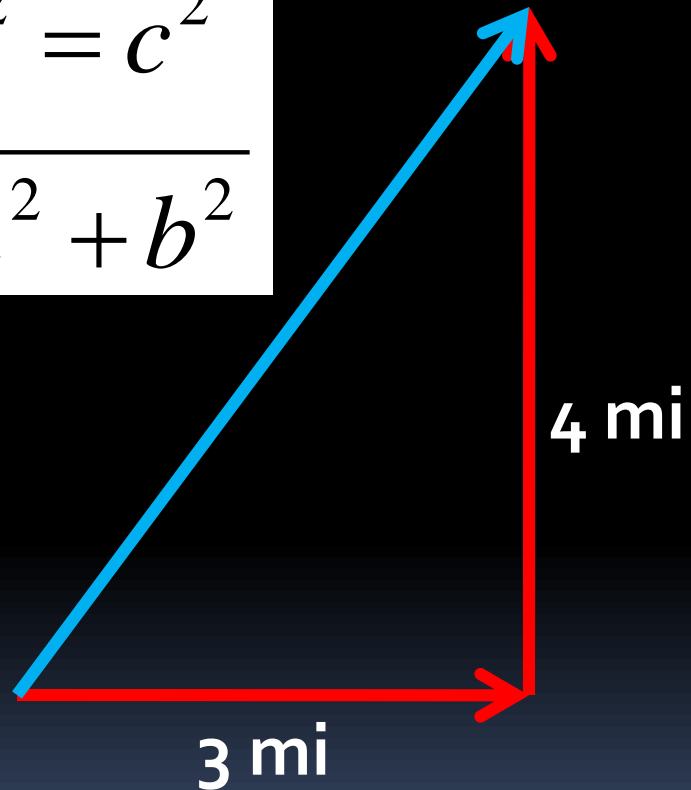
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 - You had already finished all your physics homework!

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Speed

- *Distance* traveled in a given time interval
- *Distance* per unit time
- 60 mph, 35 m/s
- **Vector or scalar?**

Average Speed

- Distance travelled divided by time elapsed
- Avg. speed = distance travelled/time elapsed

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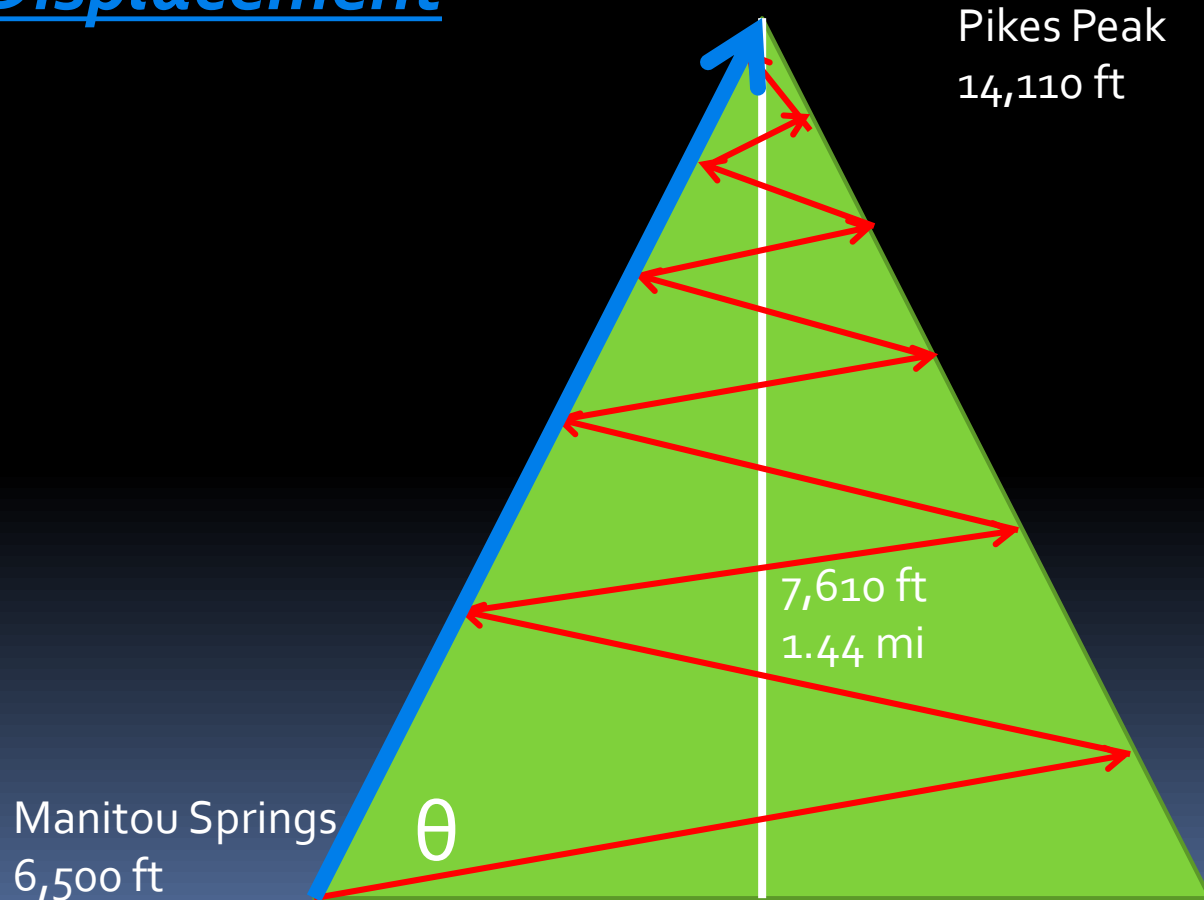
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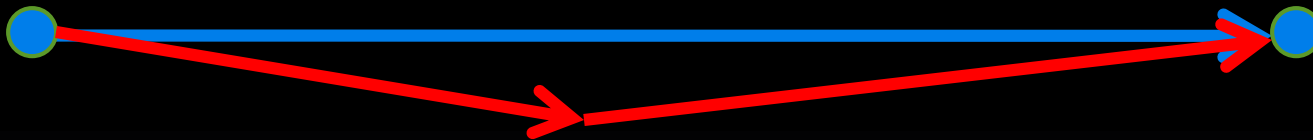
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Distance equals displacement



Distance is greater than or equal to displacement but never less than displacement

Speed vs. Velocity

- *Can the magnitude of the velocity ever be more than speed for any given timed movement of a body?*
- *Since distance is always greater than or equal to displacement*
- *And since speed is distance/time*
- *And since velocity is displacement/time*
- *Speed will always be greater than or equal to velocity*

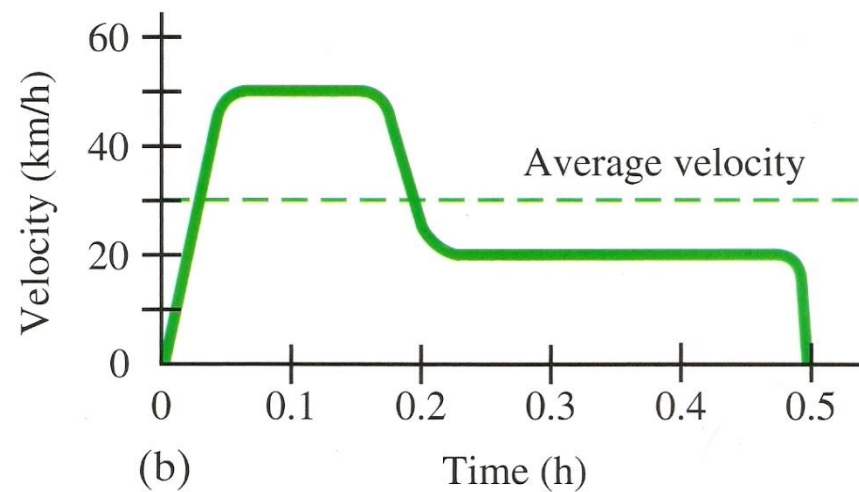
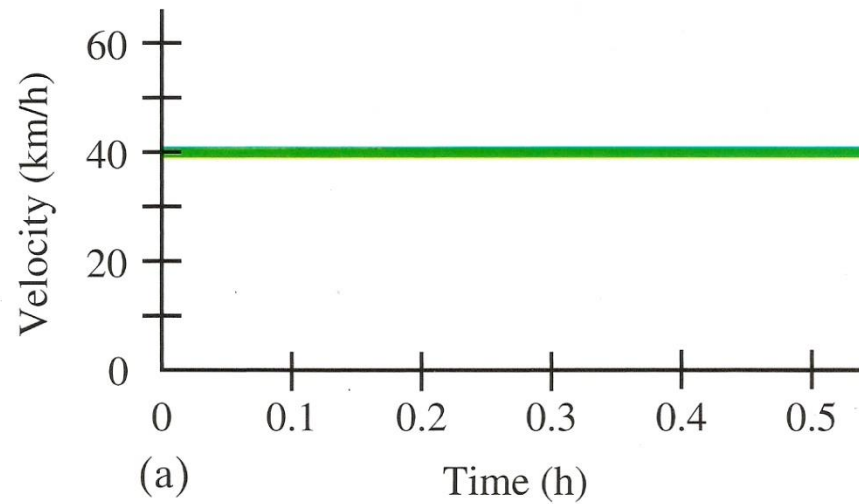
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Average Velocity of a Car



Average Velocity – Air Track

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Instantaneous Velocity

- Velocity at a split second of time
- *The average velocity of an infinitesimally short time interval*

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$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\bar{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

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Instantaneous Velocity

- **Instantaneous speed will always equal the magnitude of the instantaneous velocity.
Why?**

Instantaneous Velocity

- **Instantaneous speed will always equal the magnitude of the instantaneous velocity. Why?**
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Homework

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