

Position (x): an object's location relative to the origin (0m) from a particular frame of reference.

Initial Position

$x_i = 0m$
 x_o

Final Position

$x_f = 4.5m$

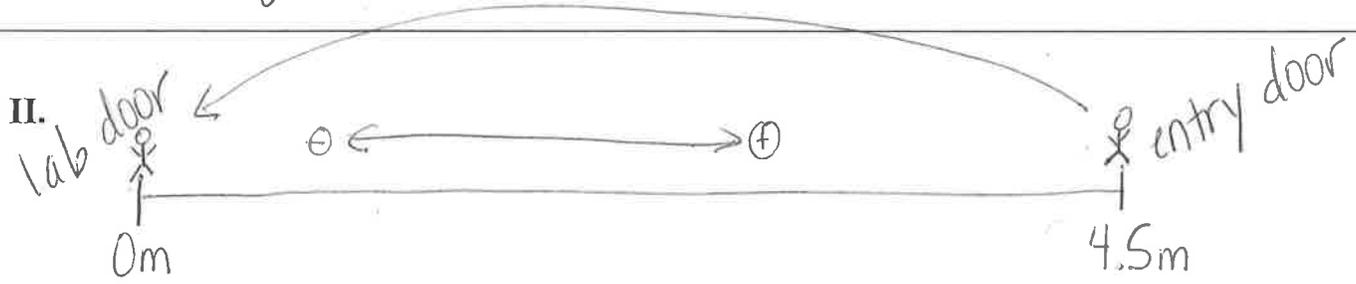
Change in Position

$\Delta x = x_f - x_i = 4.5m$

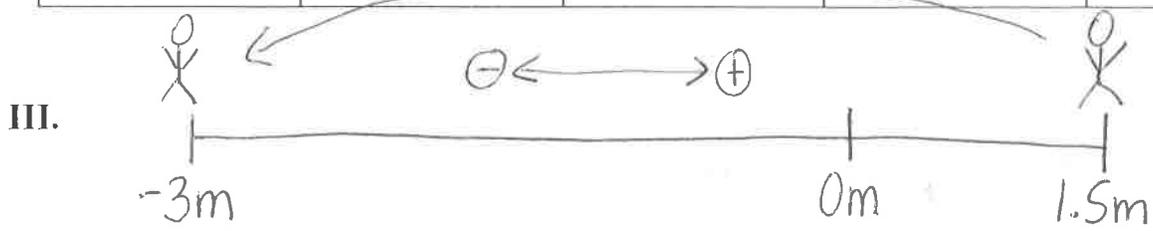
$4.5m - 0m = 4.5m$

Distance (d): The actual length traveled by the object.

Displacement (Δx or d): The change in position of the object relative to the origin.



Initial Position	Final Position	Change in Position	Displacement	Distance
4.5m	0m	$x_f - x_i$ $0m - 4.5m$	-4.5m	4.5m



Initial Position	Final Position	Change in Position	Displacement	Distance
1.5m	-3m	$x_f - x_i$ $-3m - 1.5m$	-4.5m	4.5m

Speed and Velocity

I.

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entry



0m



4.5m

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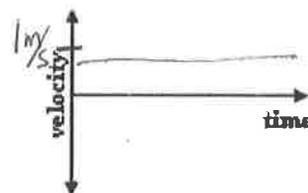
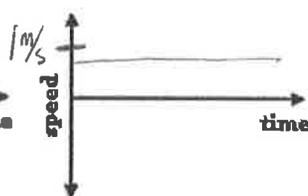
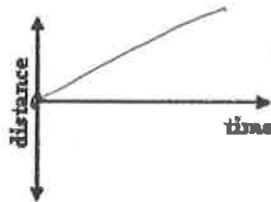
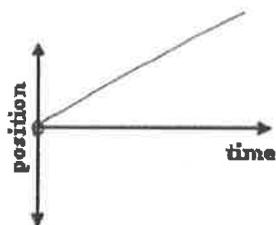
Speed (v): distance traveled per unit time

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

$$\frac{4.5\text{m}}{5\text{s}} = 0.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Velocity (v): displacement vs. unit time
has magnitude + direction

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{d}}{t} = \vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t}$$



II.



-3m



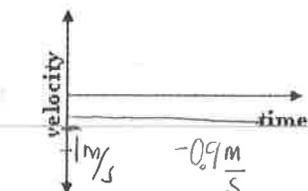
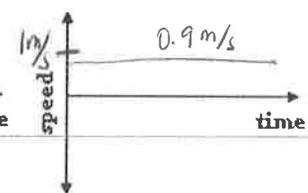
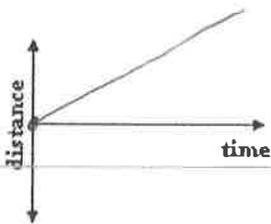
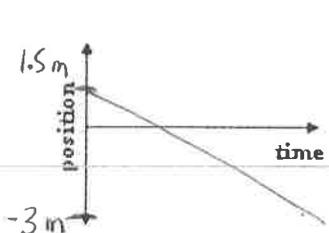
0m

1.5m



Speed = $v = \frac{d}{t} = \frac{4.5\text{m}}{5\text{s}} = 0.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

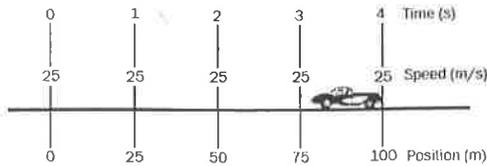
Velocity = $\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{d}}{t} = \frac{-4.5\text{m}}{5\text{s}} = -0.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$



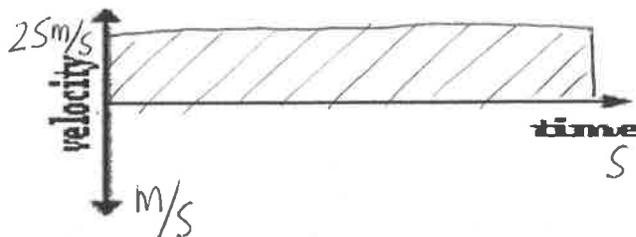
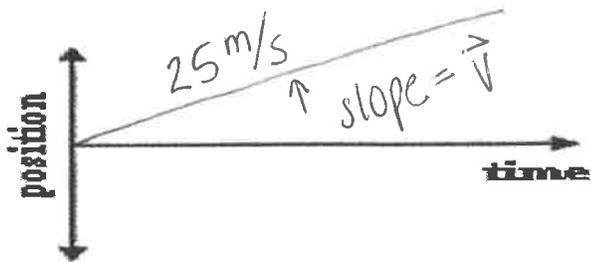
1. If a person is moving in the positive direction, it has a ... \oplus displacement and \oplus velocity

2. If a person is moving in the negative direction, it has a ... \ominus (negative) displacement and \ominus velocity

The following shows a car moving at a constant speed.



Time (s)	0	1	2	3	4
Displacement (m)	0	25	50	75	100
Velocity (m/s)	25	25	25	25	25



1. What does the slope of the position-time graph represent?

$$\text{slope} = \text{velocity} = \frac{d}{t}$$

2. What does the area under the velocity-time graph represent?

area represents displacement

$$l \times h = \frac{m}{s} \cdot s = m \text{ or } "d"$$

Magnitude: the value of a quantity (number plus a unit)

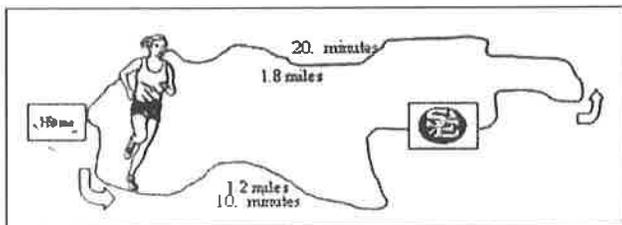
Scalar: quantity consists of magnitude only

Examples of scalar quantities: speed, distance, mass

Vector: magnitude + direction

Examples of vector quantities: velocity, displacement, force

A student runs from home to school and back.



	Running from home to school	Round trip
Distance	1.2 miles	3.0 miles
Displacement	1.0 mile	0 miles
Speed	$\frac{1.2 \text{ mi}}{10 \text{ min.}} = 0.12 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{min.}}$	$\frac{3.0 \text{ miles}}{30 \text{ min.}} = 0.10 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{min.}}$
Velocity	$\frac{1.0 \text{ mile}}{10 \text{ min.}} = 0.1 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{min.}}$	$\frac{0 \text{ miles}}{\text{min.}}$

3. When is the distance an object travels equal to its displacement (in magnitude)?

travel in a straight line without turning

4. When is the speed of an object equal to its velocity (in magnitude)?

same

5. How can you drive at a constant speed but not at a constant velocity?

turning