

## T5.3 – Vectors & Motion

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## (A) Review – Basic Physics

- The velocity (or speed) of an object is defined as the rate at which the object's position changes
- Speed of an object is a scalar quantity (magnitude or amount of speed only)
- Velocity of an object is a vector quantity (magnitude as well as a direction)

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## (A) Review – Basic Physics

- A basic physics formula for speed is distance/time and so a basic formula for distance is speed x time

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

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

$$\text{distance} = \text{speed} \times \text{time}$$

$$d = st$$

- A basic physics formula for velocity is displacement/time and a basic formula for displacement is velocity x time

$$\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$$

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

$$\text{displacement} = \text{velocity} \times \text{time}$$

$$\vec{d} = \vec{v} \times t$$

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## (A) Review – Basic Physics

- Now let's take our basic physics formula for velocity is displacement/time and a basic formula for displacement is velocity x time and introduce a slight change:

- How do I determine the displacement of an object?

- I would find the difference between its initial position and its final position:

- displacement = change in position =  $\Delta d = d_f - d_i$

$$\text{velocity} = \frac{\Delta d}{\text{time}} = \frac{d_f - d_i}{t}$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{\Delta d}}{\text{time}} = \frac{\vec{d}_f - \vec{d}_i}{t}$$

$$\Delta d = d_f - d_i = \text{velocity} \times \text{time}$$

$$\vec{d} = \Delta \vec{d} = \vec{d}_f - \vec{d}_i = \vec{v} \times t$$

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## (A) Review – Basic Physics

- And now we will make one final adjustment to our formula:

- displacement = change in position =  $\Delta d = d_f - d_i = v t$

$$\vec{d}_f - \vec{d}_i = \vec{v} \times t$$

$$\vec{d}_f = \vec{d}_i + \vec{v} \times t$$

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- Consider  $b = a + td$  or consider  $r = a + tb$
- So if we consider the equation  $b = a + td$ , in the new context of motion, what do the parameters and variables represent??
- b
- a
- t
- d

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- b → position vector of the object at some arbitrary time ("final" position)
- a → position vector of the object at the "beginning"
- t → the time elapsed between position 1 (beginning) and position 2 (end)
- d → velocity vector

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## (B) ALTERNATE APPROACH → Vector Equations of Lines

- To study the vector equations and motion, let's define 2 points as: A(3,10) and B(9,8) → but now let's consider them as POSITIONS ON A MAP AS WE MOVE from position A to position B
- And to simply illustrate our point, let's further add the element of time → our change in positions from A to B took one hour

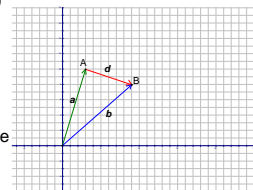
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## (B) ALTERNATE APPROACH → Vector Equations of Lines

- Our "starting" point was A(3,10) and our "final" point was B(9,8)
- Draw the line segment AB
- AB= [6,-2]
- If we consider vector  $d$  → we travelled 6 km in a positive x direction and 2 km in a negative direction in one hour
- Recall that  $d = vt$
- So that  $d = 1 \times [6,-2]$



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## (B) ALTERNATE APPROACH → Vector Equations of Lines

- To continue our study the vector equation and motion, let's define 2 points as: A(3,10) and B(15,6) → and again let's consider them as POSITIONS ON A MAP AS WE MOVE from position A to position B
- And to simply illustrate our point, let's further add the element of time → our change in positions from A to B took another one hour for a total elapsed time of 2 hours

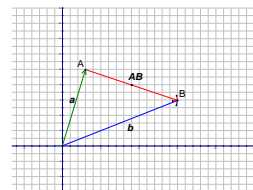
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## (B) ALTERNATE APPROACH → Vector Equations of Lines

- Our "starting" point was A(3,10) and our "final" point was B(15,6)
- Draw the line segment AB
- AB= [12,-4]
- If we consider vector  $d$  → we travelled 12 km in a positive x direction and 4 km in a negative direction in two hours
- Recall that  $d = vt$ ,
- so that  $[12,-4] = 2 \times [6,-2]$



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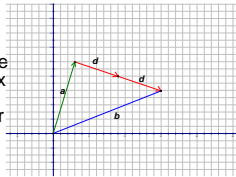
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## (B) ALTERNATE APPROACH → Vector Equations of Lines

- To continue our study the vector equation and motion, let's define 2 points as: A(3,10) and B(21,4) → and again let's consider them as POSITIONS ON A MAP AS WE MOVE from position A to position B

- And to simply illustrate our point, let's further add the element of time → our change in positions from A to B took another one hour for a total elapsed time of 3 hours

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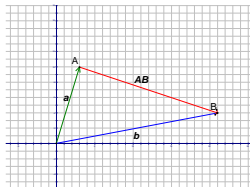
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- Our "starting" point was A(3,10) and our "final" point was B(21,4)

- Draw the line segment AB
- AB = [18, -6]

- If we consider vector  $d \rightarrow$  we travelled 18 km in a positive x direction and 6 km in a negative direction in three hours

- Recall that  $d = vt$ ,
- so that  $[18, -6] = 3 \times [6, -2]$



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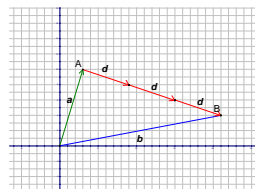
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## (C) Vector Equations of Lines & Motion - Summary

- So now our vector equation  $b = a + td$  has new meanings for  $b, a, t, d$  that are consistent with the motion application:

- $b \rightarrow$  position vector of the object at some arbitrary time ("final" position)
- $a \rightarrow$  position vector of the object at the "beginning"
- $t \rightarrow$  the time elapsed between position 1 (beginning) and position 2 (end)
- $d \rightarrow$  velocity vector

- And given our new context, I will rewrite the vector equation for motion as  $b = a + tv$  or  $d_t = d_1 + tv$

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## (D) Examples

- The vector equation of a moving object is given by  $[x, y] = [7, 5] + t[6, -8]$ , where  $t$  is time in hours and distances are in km.

- Find the initial position of the object.
- Find the velocity of the object. EXPLAIN what the velocity vector means about the motion of the object.
- Determine the speed of the object
- Where is the object located 4 hours after it starts its motion

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## Example

- A racing car is moving with a velocity vector parallel to  $[-8, 15]$  with a speed of 136 miles per hour. Determine the velocity vector of the racing car.

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## Example

- My son is riding his bike. His starting point is described by the position vector  $5i + 10j$  m and he is moving with a velocity vector of  $3i - j$  m/min.
- (a) Determine his position at ANY point in time.
- (b) Determine his position 4 minutes after he started riding from his starting point
- (c) Determine his speed
- (d) If our house location is described by the position vector  $xi - 2j$ , at what time does he get home?
- (e) What is the value of  $x$  given our position vector  $xi - 2j$

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## Example

- The parametric equations for a moving object are given by  $x(t) = 4 + 5t$  and  $y(t) = 5 - 2t$ , where  $t \geq 0$  seconds and  $x$  &  $y$  are measured in meters
- (a) Determine the vector equation describing the objects displacement.
- (b) What is the speed of the object?
- (c) An obstacle is located at the position described by the point  $(39, -9)$ . Will the object collide with the obstacle?
- (d) Use your calculator to graph the objects motion.
- (e) EXPLAIN what you must do to determine the closest distance between the object to the origin

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## Example

- Andrew is riding his skateboard and Ian is riding on his scooter. Andrew's position at any moment is given by  $A = [-8, 3] + t[4, 3]$  and Ian's position at any moment is given by  $I = [2, -7] + t[2, 5]$ , where  $t \geq 0$  and is measured in minutes and all distances are in meters. Both boys start their motions at the same time.
- (a) Who has a greater speed?
- (b) How far apart are the boys 4 minutes after they begin riding?
- (c) If they maintain their motions as described, will Mr S have to get out the first aid kit?

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## (G) Homework

- HW
- Ex 17B #1bc, 2ab, 3ad;
- Ex 17C #1, 2ad, 3, 4abe,
- IB Packet #2, 3

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