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8.1 The Language of Motion



- Many words are used when describing motion.
- Many of these words have specific meanings in science.
- Some common words used to describe motion include:

- ◆ Distance
- ◆ Time
- ◆ Speed
- ◆ Position



- In short sentences, describe the motion of the soccer ball before and after it is kicked?
- What key words did you use when describing this situation?

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Direction Makes a Difference



- Quantities that are measured or counted have a magnitude but may also contain a direction.
 - ◆ Magnitude refers to the size of a measurement or the amount you are counting.
- Quantities that describe magnitude but do not include direction are called scalar quantities or just scalars.
 - ◆ Example: 25 seconds
- Quantities that describe magnitude and also include direction are called vector quantities or just vectors.
 - ◆ Example: 5 km North



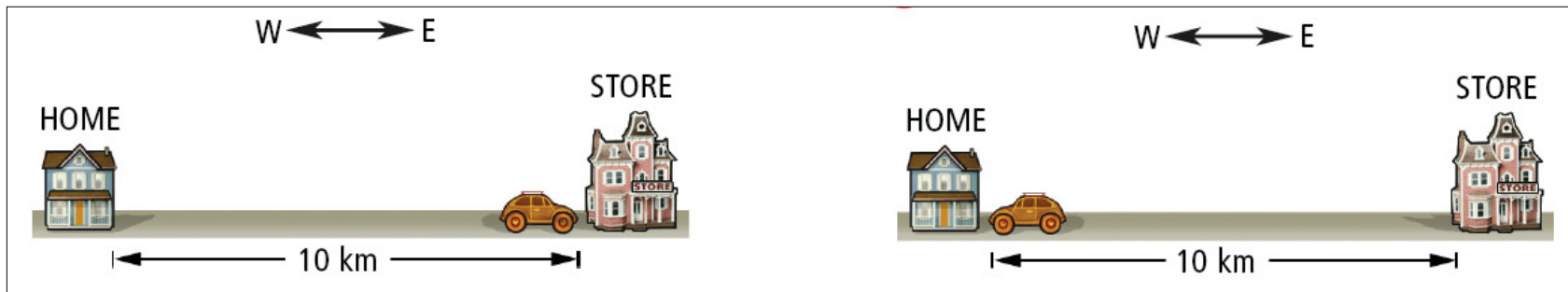
Every time you use a map or give directions, you are using vectors.

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Distance and Position



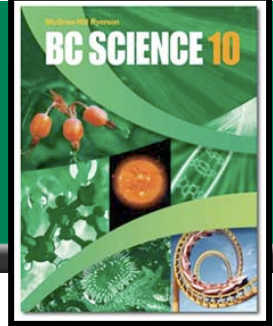
- **Distance (d) is a scalar quantity that describes the length of a path between two points or locations.**
 - ◆ Example: A person ran a distance of 400 m.
- **Position (\vec{d}) is a vector quantity that describes a specific point relative to a reference point.**
 - ◆ Example: The school is 3.0 km East of my house.
- **The SI unit for both distance and position is metres, m.**



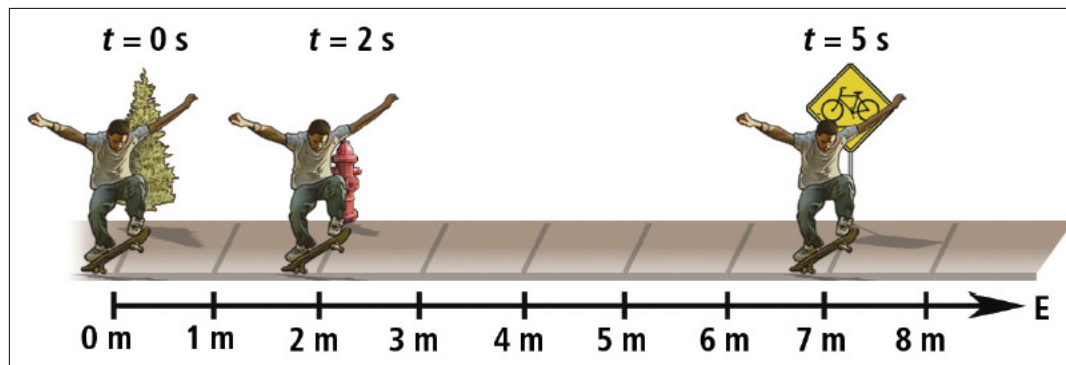
A car leaves home and drives 10 km to the store and then returns home. The car has driven a total distance of 20 km but its final displacement is 0 km.

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Time Interval and Position



- Time (t) is a concept that describes when an event occurs.
 - ◆ Initial time (t_i) is when the event began.
 - ◆ Final time (t_f) is when the event finished.
- Time interval is the difference between the final and initial times.
- Time interval is calculated by: $\Delta t = t_f - t_i$



The time interval to move from the fire hydrant to the sign is calculated by:

$$\Delta t = 5 \text{ s} - 2 \text{ s} = 3 \text{ s}$$

The position of the sign is 7 m east of the tree.

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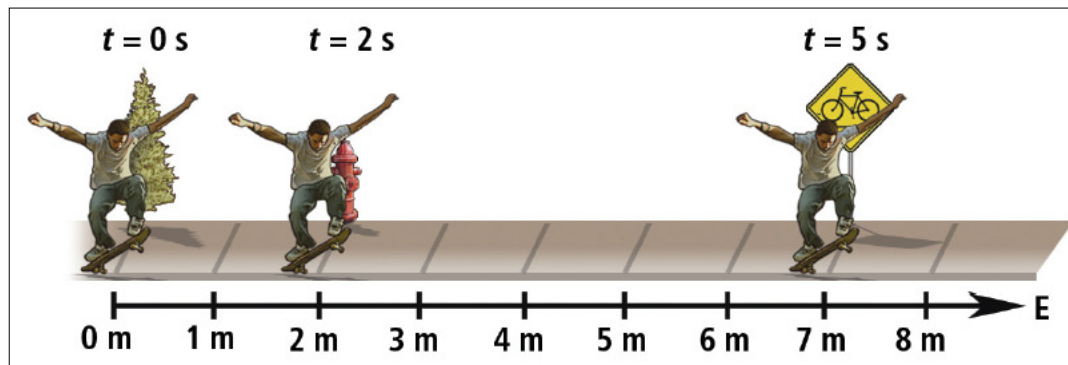
Displacement and Distance



- Displacement describes the straight-line distance and direction from one point to another.
 - ◆ Displacement describes how much an object's position has changed.
- Displacement is equal to the final position minus the initial position.

$$\Delta \vec{d} = \vec{d}_f - \vec{d}_i$$

- The SI unit for displacement is metres, m.



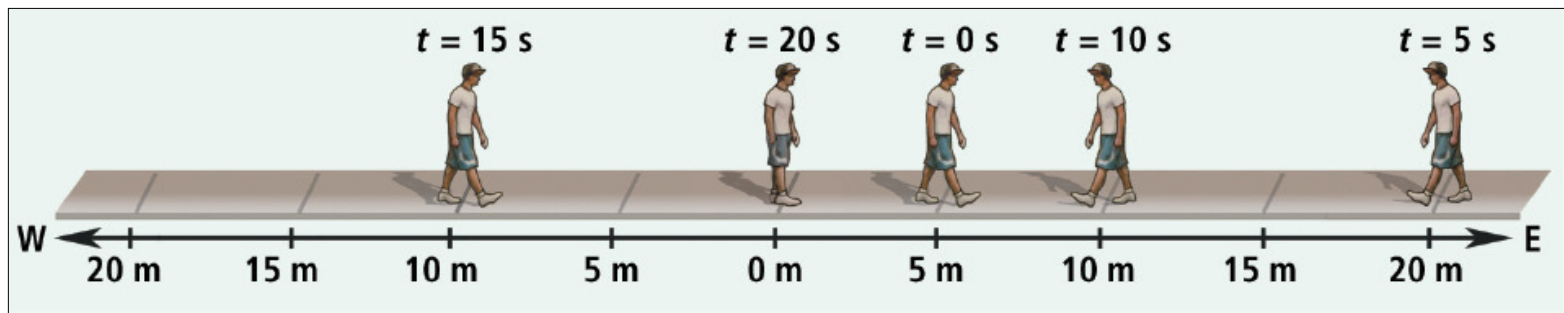
Between 2 s and 5 s, the skateboarder's:
displacement is 5 m [E].
distance travelled is 5 m.

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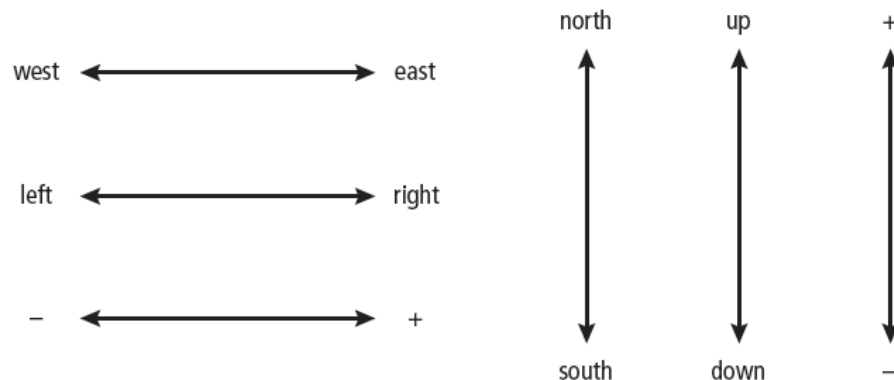
Watch for Signs



When using vector quantities, opposite directions are given opposite signs.



Common sign conventions



Between 0 s and 15 s the person's displacement is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \vec{d} &= \vec{d}_f - \vec{d}_i \\ &= 10 \text{ m [W]} - 5 \text{ m [E]} \\ &= -10 \text{ m} - 5 \text{ m} \\ &= -15 \text{ m} \\ &= 15 \text{ m [W]}\end{aligned}$$

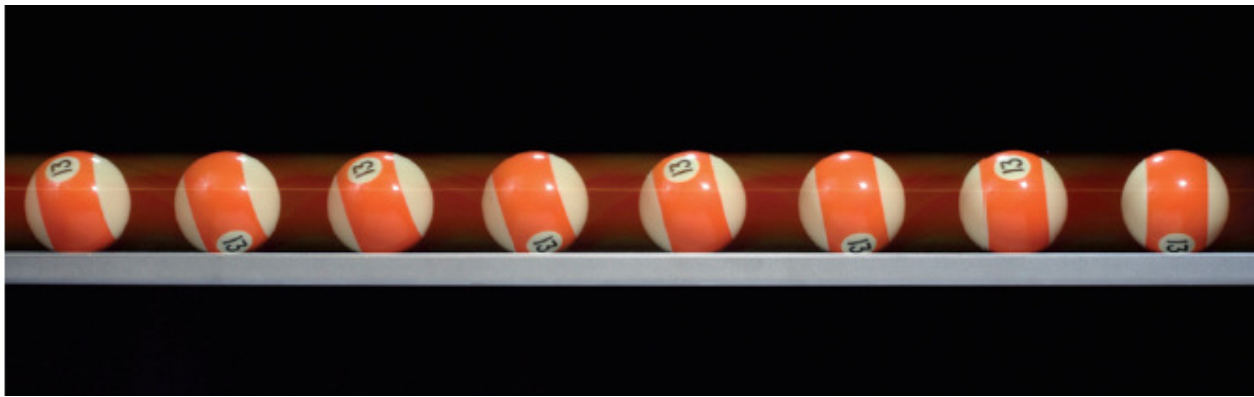
What distance did the person walk in this same time interval?

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Uniform Motion



- **Objects in uniform motion travel equal displacements in equal time intervals.**
- **Objects in uniform motion do not speed up, slow down, or change direction.**



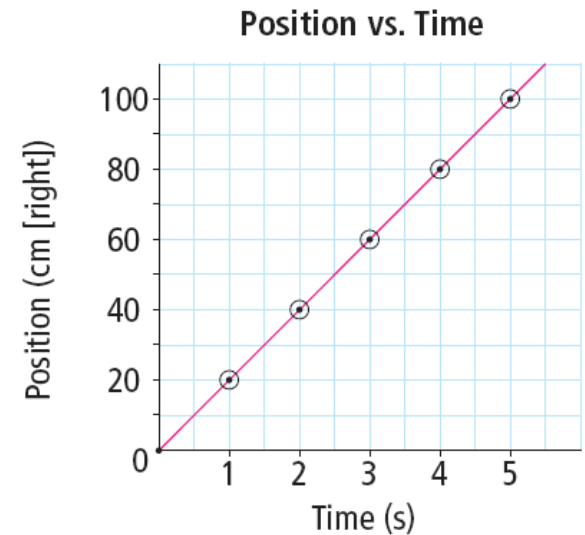
The position of the ball in this photo is shown at equal time intervals. How would you determine if this motion is uniform motion?

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Graphing Uniform Motion



- Motion of an object can be analyzed by drawing a position-time graph.
- A position-time graph plots position data on the vertical axis (y axis) and time data on the horizontal axis (x axis).
- A best-fit line is a smooth curve or straight line that most closely fits the general shape outlined by the points.
- Uniform motion is represented by a straight line on a position-time graph.
 - ◆ The straight line passes through all the plotted points.



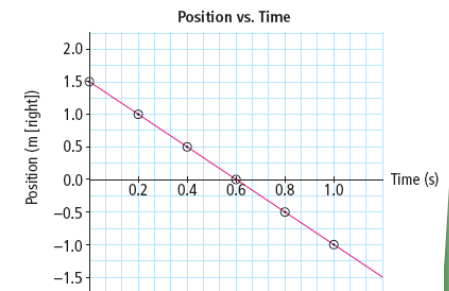
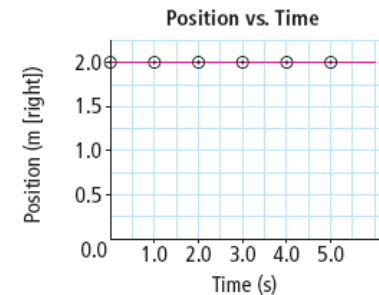
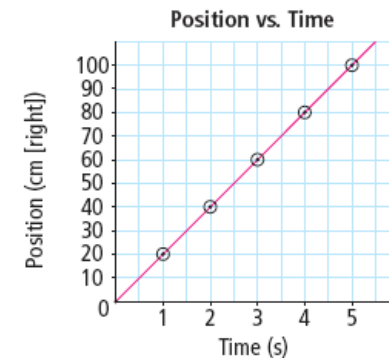
A straight line passing through the plotted data indicates uniform motion.

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Slope



- The slope of a graph refers to whether a line is horizontal or goes up or down at an angle.
- Positive slope
 - ◆ Slants up to the right.
 - ◆ Indicates motion in the direction of the positive y axis.
- Zero slope
 - ◆ Horizontal line.
 - ◆ Indicates that the object is stationary.
- Negative slope
 - ◆ Slants down to the right.
 - ◆ Indicates motion in the direction of the negative y axis.



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