

3D Time: From Transportation to Physics *Part 3: Kinematics I*



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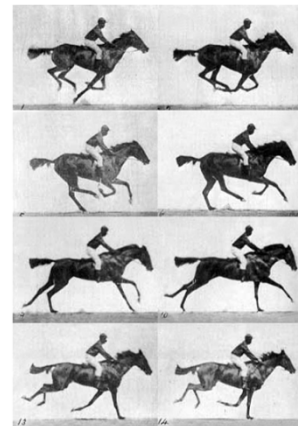
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What is kinematics?

- The study of motion: what is it?
 - Describing, not explaining
 - No forces – that's dynamics
- Speed, velocity, acceleration
- Corresponding terms in 3D time

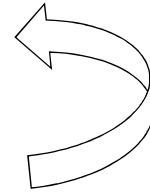


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What is motion?

- Begin with motion – a primitive concept
- Define space and time in terms of motion
- Compare motion to a reference motion
- Space: asynchronous comparison to a reference motion
 - comparing with a ruler
- Time: synchronous comparison to a reference motion
 - comparing with a clock



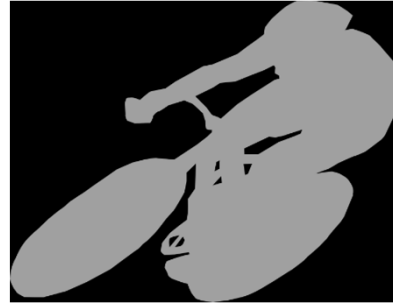
Space and time

- Space is observed asynchronously
 - as with a picture, sculpture
- Time is experienced synchronously
 - as with music, dance
- Space direction: relative to a place
 - dancers converging at a place on the stage
- Time direction: relative to an event
 - dancers converging at a point in time



What is speed?

- Change of distance per unit time
 - average speed, $v = \Delta s / \Delta t$
 - instantaneous speed, $v = ds / dt$
 - a magnitude, $v \geq 0$
- Units
 - m/s, kph, mph
- Independent variable is time
 - dependent variable is distance
- Switch distance and time?



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What is pace?

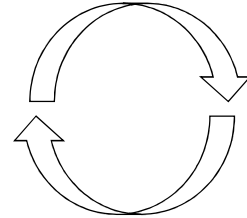
- Change of time per unit distance
 - average pace, $u = \Delta t / \Delta s$
 - instantaneous pace, $u = dt / ds$
 - a magnitude, $u \geq 0$
- Walking, running, cycling
 - e.g., min per km, min per mile
- Independent variable is distance
 - e.g., track length is fixed
 - dependent variable is time
- Lower numbers mean faster



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Speed and pace

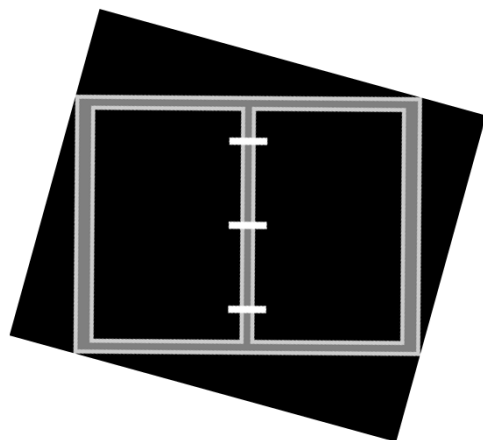
- Inverses
 - pace = $1/\text{speed}$, $u = 1/v$
 - so u and v cannot be zero
 - speed & pace equivalent
- Zero speed
 - no motion but time changes
- Zero pace
 - no motion but distance changes
 - because distance is independent



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Pre-trip planning

- E.g., have an appointment
 - destination is fixed
 - independent variable is length
- Want to get there on time
- What route takes the least time?
- What time to depart?
- Time questions: pace, 3D time



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Circular and cyclic motion

- Clock angle from 12 to 3
 - angle in space or time? both
- Circle
 - θ, s, R
 - angle in space, $\theta = s / R$
- Cycle
 - ϕ, t, Q
 - angle in time, $\phi = t / Q$

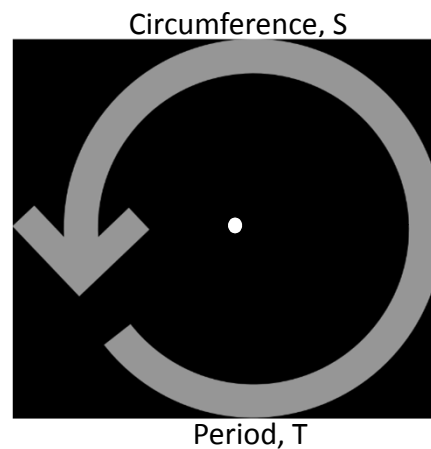


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Angular speed

- Angular distance per unit time, v
 - frequency, f
 - time rate of rotation, ω
- Angular speed, $v = S/T = R/Q$
 - If $S = 1$, then $1/T = f$
 - If $R = 1$, then $1/Q = \omega$
- Units: m/s, rpm, cps, Hz
- Independent variable is time
 - dependent variable is angle in space

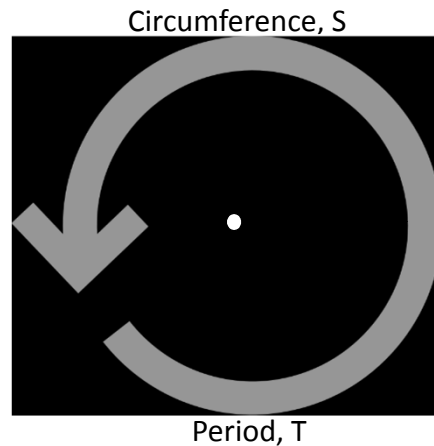


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Angular pace

- Period angle per unit length, u
 - periodicity, h
 - space rate of rotation, ψ
- Angular pace, $u = T/S = Q/R$
 - If $T = 1$, then $1/S = h$
 - If $Q = 1$, then $1/R = \psi$
- Units: s/m, cycles/m
- Independent variable is length
 - dependent variable is angle in time



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Kinematics 1 conclusion

- Began with motion
- Defined space and time
 - reference motion
 - asynchronous and synchronous
- Defined speed and pace
 - angle in space and time
 - angular speed and pace
- Continued with *Part 4: Kinematics II*



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