

MODEL NAME:

Uniform Acceleration Particle Model

• Description

Particle moving with uniform acceleration

• Properties

- Measure

Position (x) $\rightarrow m$

Time (t) $\rightarrow s$

- Calculate

Displacement ($\Delta \bar{x}$) $\rightarrow m$

Velocity ($\bar{v}$) $\rightarrow m/s$

acceleration ($\bar{a}$) $\rightarrow m/s^2$
or $m/s/s$

$$\bar{a} \equiv \frac{\Delta \bar{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\bar{v}_f - \bar{v}_i}{t_f - t_i}$$

Representations

Graphical

Position - time

Velocity - time

Acceleration - time

Position - (time)²

(Velocity)² - Position

Written/Verbal Descriptions

Diagrammatic

Motion Maps

Velocity

Acceleration

Mathematically

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

Rules of Behavior

- Position-time $\rightarrow x^2$ (parabola)
Velocity-time $\rightarrow x^1$ (line with slope)
Acceleration-time $\rightarrow x^0$ (horizontal line)
- Look at slopes when going from
 $x-t \rightarrow v-t \rightarrow a-t$
- Look at area between function
and time axis when going
from $a-t \rightarrow v-t \rightarrow x-t$
- When velocity and acceleration
vectors are in the same direction,
the object increases in speed
- When velocity and acceleration
vectors are in opposite directions,
the object decreases in speed

Motion of Soccer Ball

- Only when ball is in air
- Whiteboard
 - 3 graphs
 - Equation (quadratic) on $x-t$
 - Equation (linear) on $v-t$