



Acceleration – Show your Work!!!

1. A car is traveling east at 4 m/s. The car accelerates for 5 s and finishes at a velocity of 13 m/s. What is the car's acceleration?

$$v_i = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_f = 13 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t = 5 \text{ s}$$

$$a = ?$$

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i = 13 - 4 = 9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$t = 5 \text{ s}$$

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

$$= \frac{9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{5 \text{ s}}$$

$$= 1.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

2. A runner is running east at 2 m/s. The runner accelerates to 13.3 m/s in 32 s. What is the runner's acceleration?

$$a = ?$$

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i = 13.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} - 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 11.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$t = 32 \text{ s}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t} = \frac{11.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{32 \text{ s}}$$

$$= 0.35 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

3. A walker is at rest. The walker starts accelerating north at .42 m/s² for 54 s. What is the walker's final velocity?

$$a = 0.42 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Delta v = ?$$

$$t = 54 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta v = a \cdot t$$

$$= (0.42)(54) = 22.68 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

4. A cheetah is at rest. The cheetah starts accelerating north at 8 m/s² for 12 s. What is the cheetah final velocity in km/hr?

$$a = 8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Delta v = ?$$

$$t = 12 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta v = a \cdot t$$

$$= (8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(12 \text{ s})$$

$$= (96 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} \right)$$

$$= 345.6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

5. A penguin starts swimming from rest. The penguin accelerates at 4.3 m/s^2 right and finishes with a velocity of 32 m/s . How long did it take the penguin to reach 32 m/s ?

$$a = 4.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Delta v = 32 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$t = ?$$

$$t = \frac{v}{a} = \frac{32 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{4.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}} = 7.4 \text{ s}$$

6. A rolling ball is at a constant velocity of $+3 \text{ m/s}$. The ball undergoes an acceleration of $+4.3 \text{ m/s}^2$ for 3.4 s . What is the ball's final velocity?

$$a = 4.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i = v_f - 3$$

$$t = 3.4 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta v = a \Delta t$$

$$v_f - 3 = (4.3)(3.4)$$

$$v_f = 17.62 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

7. A rock is moving through the air at 4.3 m/s . The rock has an acceleration of 8.9 m/s^2 . If the rock is accelerated for 8.2 s , what is the rock's final velocity?

$$a = 8.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i = v_f - 4.3$$

$$t = 8.2 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta v = a \Delta t$$

$$v_f - 4.3 = (8.9)(8.2)$$

$$v_f = 77.28 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

8. An object undergoes an acceleration of 2 m/s^2 to the right for 3.2 s and finishes with a velocity 54 m/s . What was the object's starting velocity in both m/s and km/hr ?

$$a = 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i = 54 - v_i$$

$$t = 3.2 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta v = a \Delta t$$

$$54 - v_i = (2)(3.2)$$

$$v_i = 47.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\left(\frac{47.6 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ s}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}} \right) = 171.36 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$