

7. If an object is traveling to the north but slowing down, it has a northward velocity and a southward acceleration.

8. The velocity of an object can be negative when its acceleration is positive. If we define the positive direction to be to the right, then an object traveling to the left that is having a reduction in speed will have a negative velocity with a positive acceleration.

If again we define the positive direction to be to the right, then an object traveling to the right that is having a reduction in speed will have a positive velocity and a negative acceleration.

9. If north is defined as the positive direction, then an object traveling to the south and increasing in speed has both a negative velocity and a negative acceleration. Or, if up is defined as the positive direction, then an object falling due to gravity has both a negative velocity and a negative acceleration.

10. If the two cars emerge side by side, then the one moving faster is passing the other one. Thus car A is passing car B. With the acceleration data given for the problem, the ensuing motion would be that car A would pull away from car B for a time, but eventually car B would catch up to and pass car A.

11. Assume that north is the positive direction. If a car is moving south and gaining speed at an increasing rate, then the acceleration will be getting larger in magnitude. However, since the acceleration is directed southwards, the acceleration is negative, and is getting more negative. That is a decreasing acceleration as the speed increases.

Another example would be an object falling WITH air resistance. As the object falls, it gains speed, the air resistance increases. As the air resistance increases, the acceleration of the falling object decreases, and it gains speed less quickly the longer it falls.

12. Assuming that the catcher catches the ball at the same height at which it left the bat, then the ball will be traveling with a speed of 120 km/h when caught. This is proven in problem 41.

13. As a freely falling object speeds up, its acceleration due to gravity stays the same. If air resistance is considered, then the acceleration of the object is due to both gravity and air resistance. The total acceleration gets smaller as the object speeds up, until the object reaches a terminal velocity, at which time its total acceleration is zero. Thereafter its speed remains constant.

14. To estimate the height, throw the ball upward and time the flight from throwing to catching. Then, ignoring air resistance, the time of rising would be half of the time of flight. With that "half" time, assuming that the origin is at the top of the path and that downward is positive, knowing that the ball started from the top of the path with a speed of 0, use the equation $y = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ with that time and the acceleration due to gravity to find the distance that the ball fell. With the same "half" time, we know that at the top of the path, the speed is 0. Taking the upward direction as positive, use the equation $v = v_0 + at \rightarrow 0 = v_0 - gt \rightarrow v_0 = gt$ to find the throwing speed.

15. The average speed is NOT 80 km/h. Since the two distances traveled were the same, the times of travel were unequal. The time to travel from A to B at 70 km/h is longer than the time to travel from B to C at 90 km/h. Thus we cannot simply average the speed numbers. To find the average speed, we need to calculate (total distance) / (total time). We assume the distance from A to B and the distance from B to C are both d km. The time to travel a distance d with a speed v is $t = d / v$.