

Graphing Motion

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Part A

The graph in Figure 1 shows data for two objects that start from rest and travel in a straight line. Interpret the graph to answer the following questions.

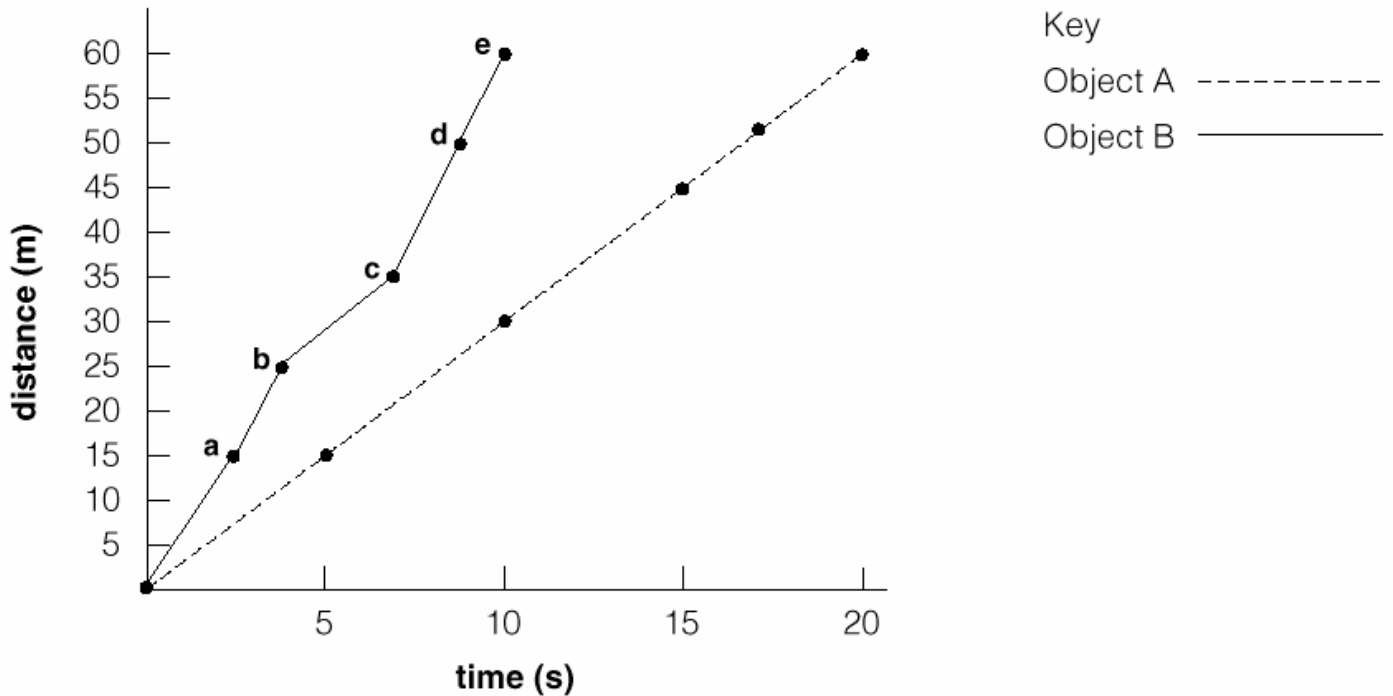


Figure 1 Movement of Objects A and B

1. What does each point plotted on the graph in Figure 1 represent?

2. What does line A tell you about the speed at which object A moved?

3. What does line B tell you about the speed at which object B moved?

4. The lines that connect plotted points on a graph are called the *curve of the graph*. What can you tell about the way object B moved from looking at the curve?

5. Which object moved faster for 50 meters? How do you know?

6. What was object A's speed? Show your calculations.

7. What was object B's speed from start to point b? From point b to point c? From point c to point e? Show your calculations.

8. What was the average speed of object B from start to point e?

Part B

Data Table 1 shows the speed of object C at different times as it moves. Use the information in Data Table 1 to plot a curve on the graph in Figure 2. Fill in the third column on the data table by calculating the speed of the object.

Data Table 1

Distance in meters	Time in seconds	Speed m/s
15	3	
25	2	
10	4	
5	8	
15	3	

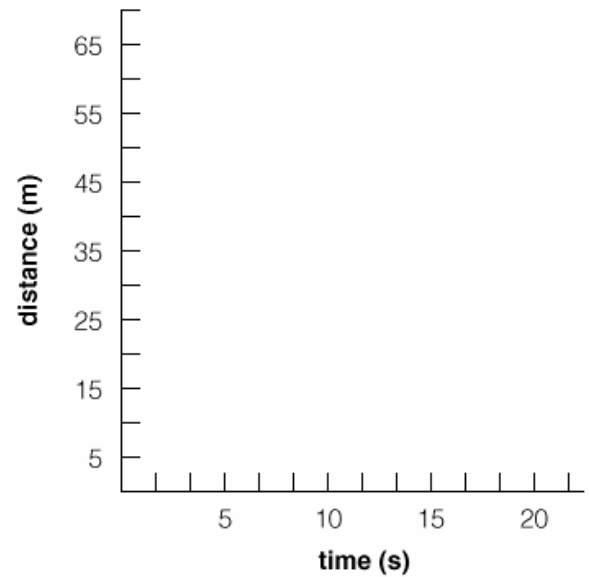


Figure 2 Movement of Object C

1. What was the average speed of object C?

2. Plot the average speed on Figure 2.