

hi

Lecture 1

velocity and acceleration

housekeeping

Remember:

MasteringPhysics!

Facebook Group!

Homework will be posted Saturday!

Manuscript:

chapters 2, *Tools*, and *Motion* are up at

<http://www.chipbrock.org/details/#head1234>

Remember the readings, videos, and homework on:



quarks, spacetime, & the big bang

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motion is old

The historical physics action?
is understanding motion

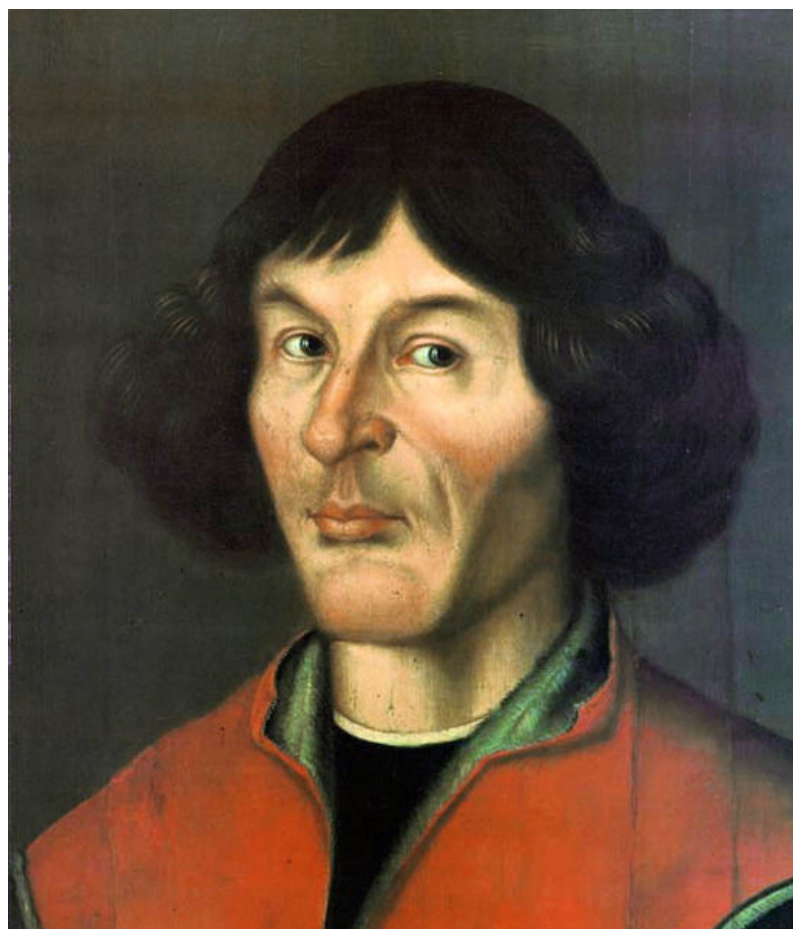


Aristotle?
Physics Poison

motion is old

Planetary motion

Copernicus, Brahe, Kepler, Galileo



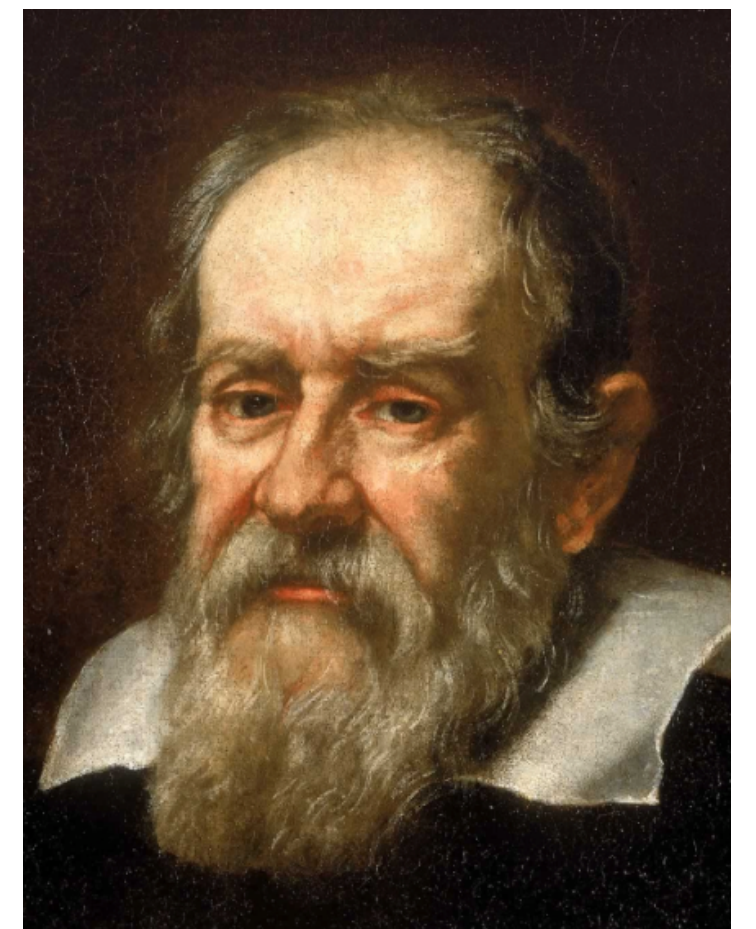
Copernicus



Tycho



Kepler



Galileo

motion is old

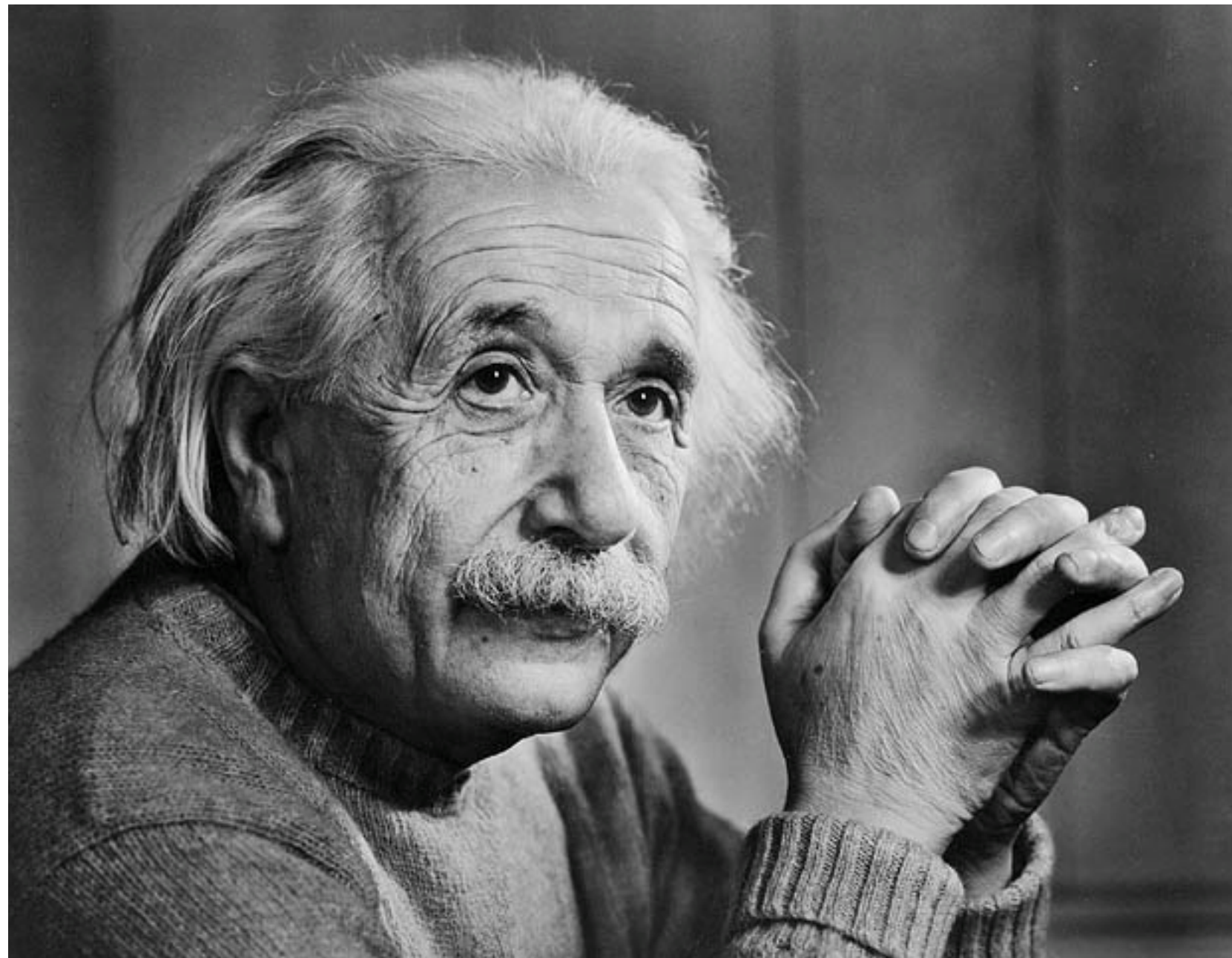
Everything



Isaac Newton

motion became new

Everything, and then some.



Albert Einstein

these

are all matters for ISP220

motion is familiar

65 pounds?
65 degrees?
65 furlongs?
65 feet?

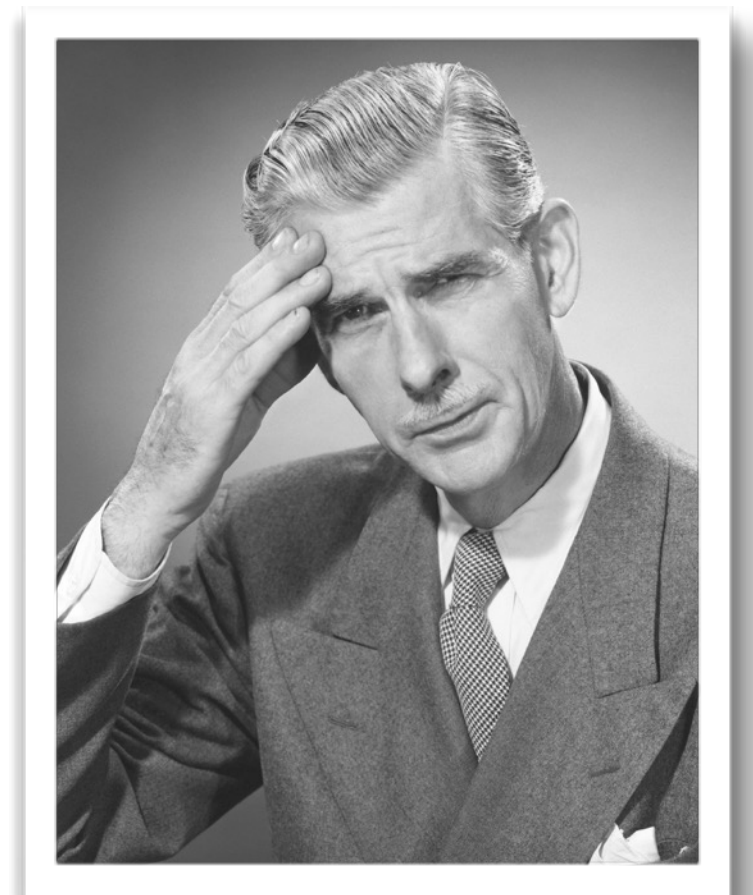


After all:

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance traveled}}{\text{time taken}}$$

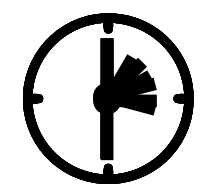
sounds simple

we'll make it complicated

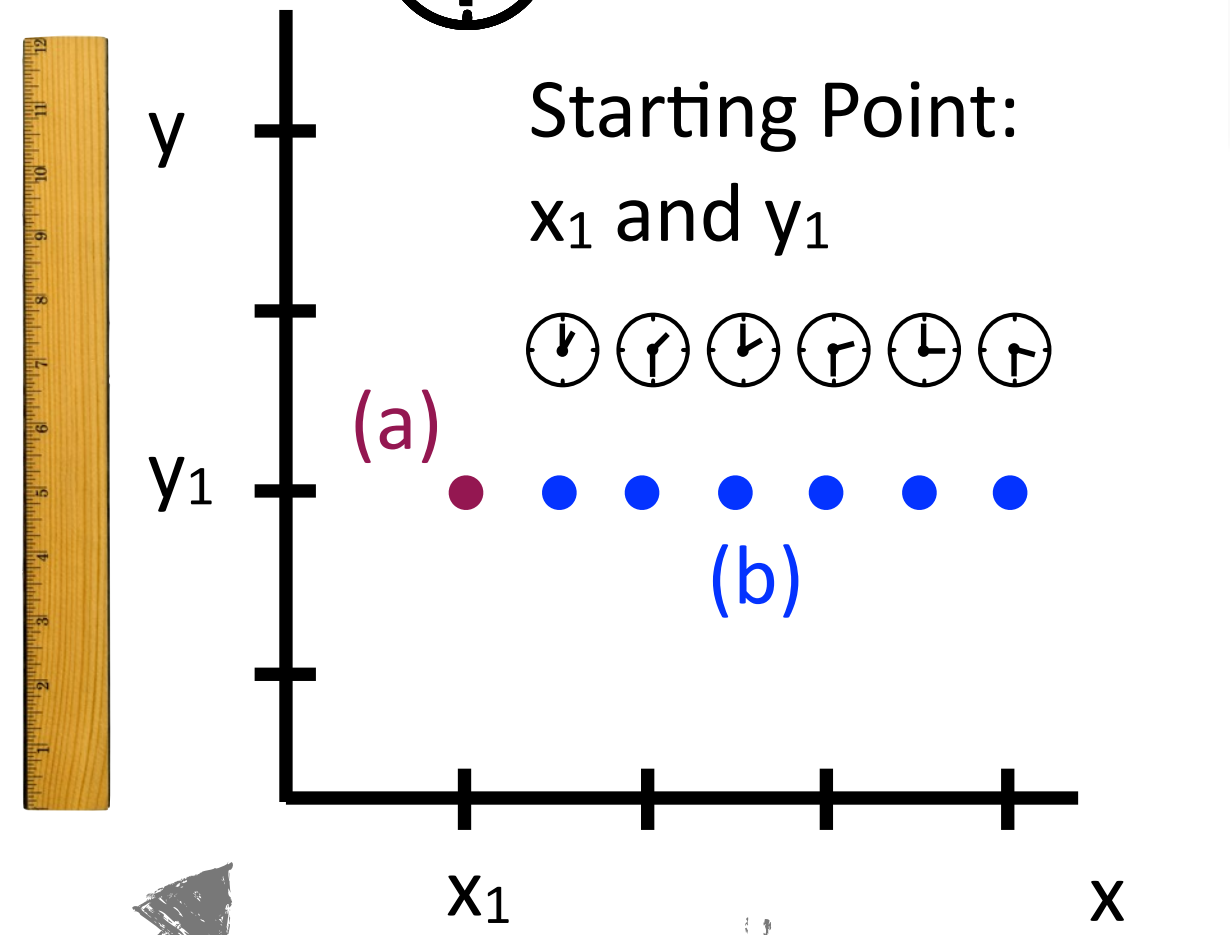


constant speed
represented in
2 ways

space
time

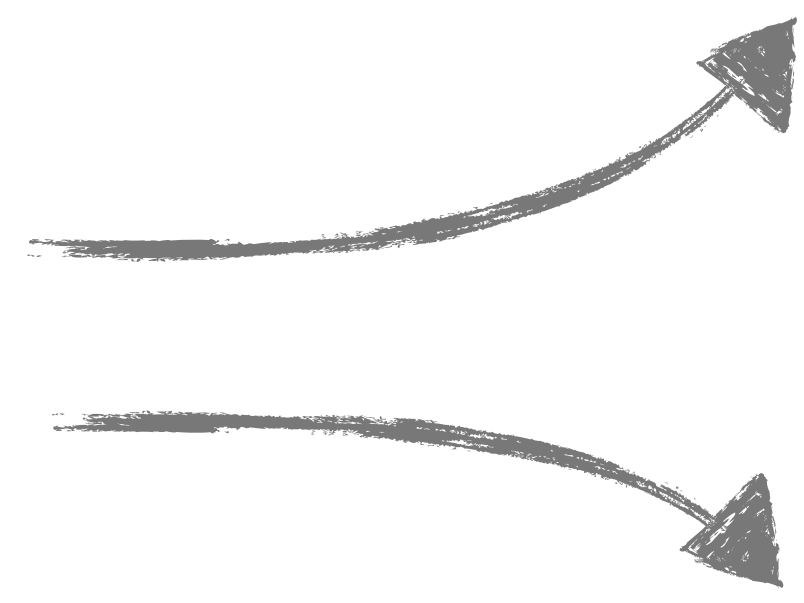
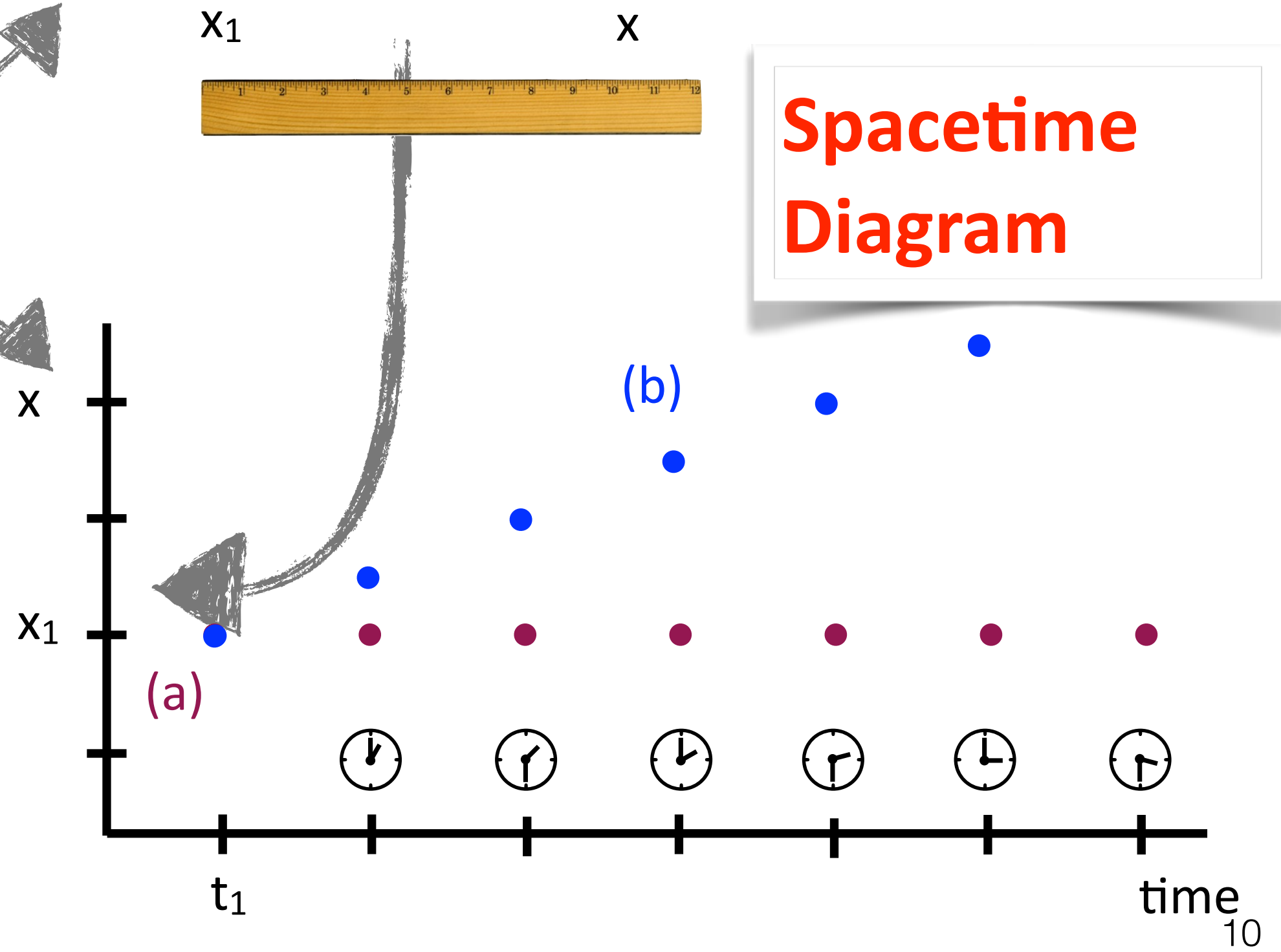


Space Diagram



(a) sitting still

Spacetime Diagram



conventional notation

"delta"

" Δ ": "change-in" or "difference" = (where you **end up** – where **you started**)

we deal in

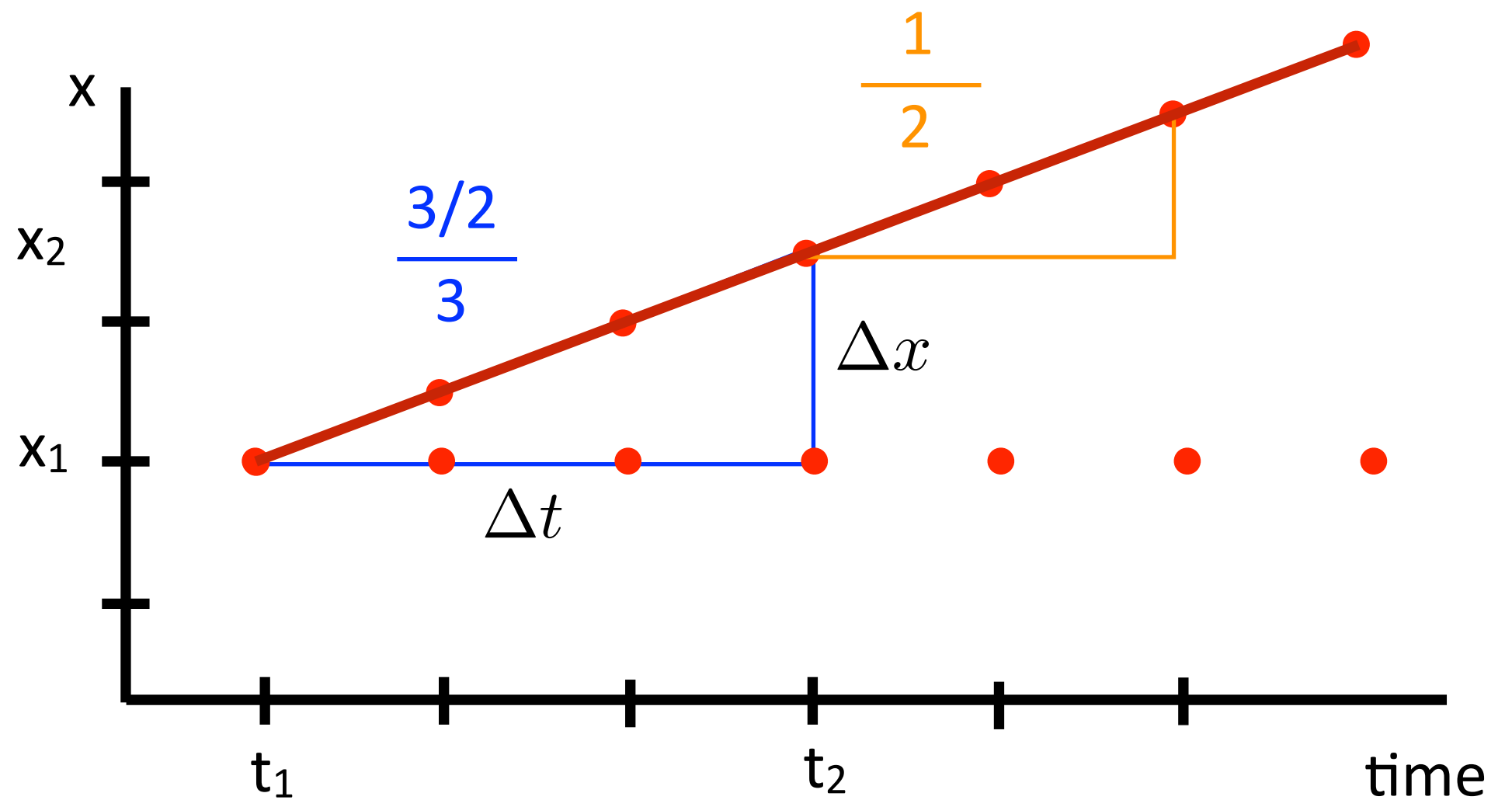
average speed.

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

so, we'll use functions

Speed

Distance over time



$v = \text{speed} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

the slope of the x-t curve

“v” for “velocity”
(stay tuned)

Velocity is the change of distance in time:

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

conventional notation

" x_0 "

little subscript 0: “where you start” or “initial position”

$$\text{average } v = \text{speed} = \frac{x - x_0}{t - t_0}$$

conventional notations

average of a quantity

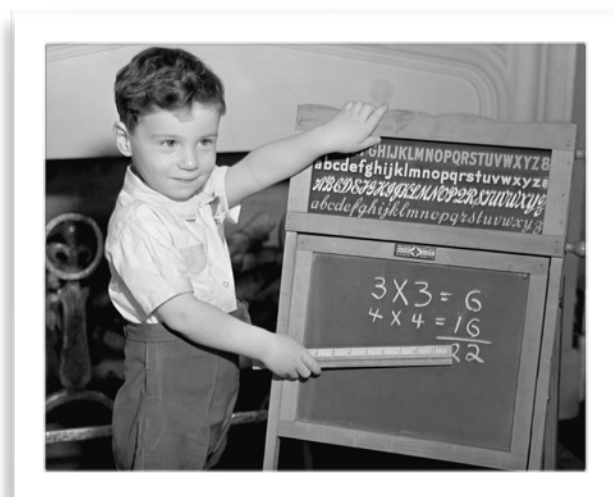
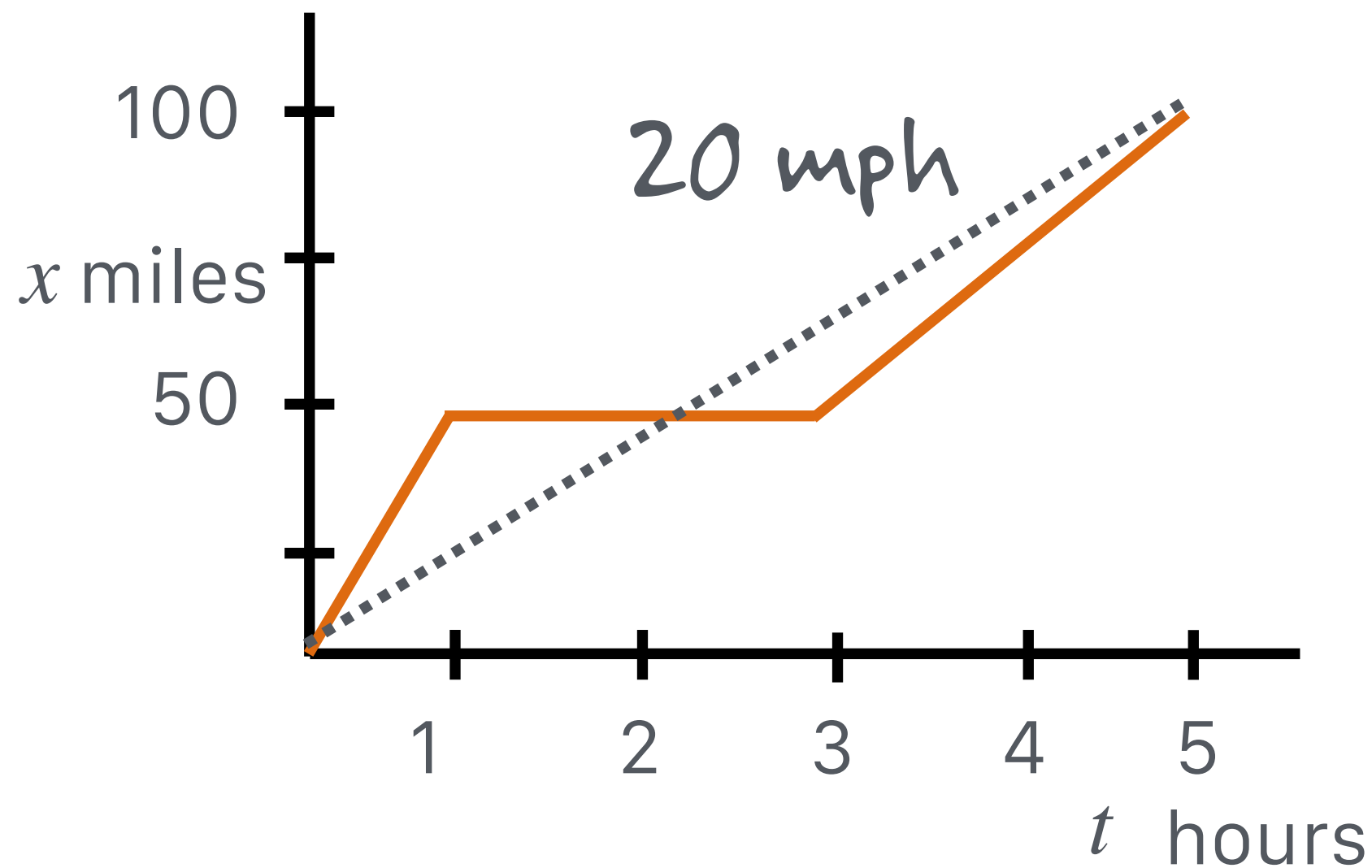
$$\overline{X} \quad \text{or} \quad \langle X \rangle$$

average speed

is always:

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\text{total distance traveled}}{\text{total time}}$$

what's the
average
velocity



average speed? careful!

normally, you think of the average of something:

Tuesday I had 90 students and if today I have 10, what would you call the average attendance for the week?

Embarrassing.

$$\text{average attendance} = \frac{\text{Tuesday's} + \text{Thursday's}}{2} = 50$$

BUT: Suppose you traveled:

20 mph for 2 hours

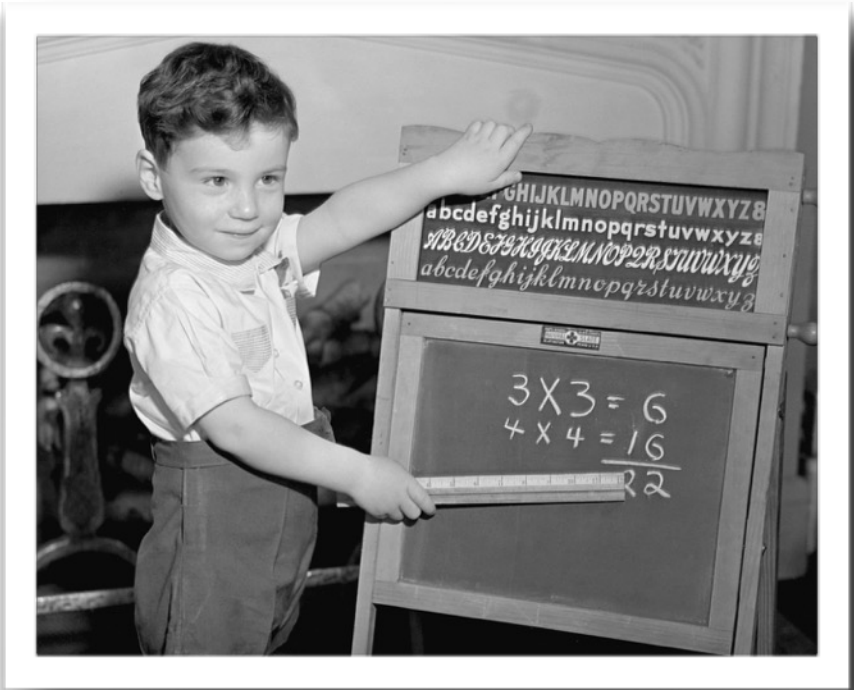
40 mph for 4 hours.

~~Is your average velocity~~

$$\frac{1}{2}(20 + 40) = 30 ?$$

this is an average of averages...a easy trap

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\text{total distance traveled}}{\text{total time}} = \frac{40 + 160}{6} = \frac{200}{6} = 33.3$$



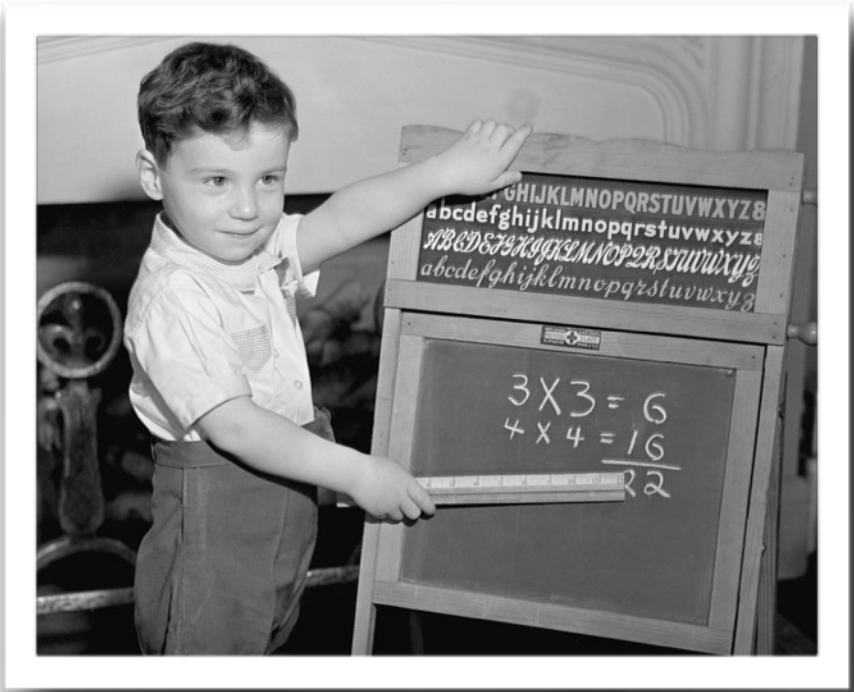
a number :

the speed of light

186,000 miles per sec

what's this speed in:

miles/hr, meters/second



a number :

the speed of light

186,000 miles per sec

how far (in meters) does light travel in:

1 year

kinds of motion

in time:

constant speed: "uniform motion"

changing speed: "accelerated motion"

changing speed at constant rate: "uniformly accelerated motion"