# Advanced Kinematics

- I. Vector addition/subtraction
- II. Components
- III. Relative Velocity
- IV. Projectile Motion
- V. Use of Calculus (nonuniform acceleration)
- **VI.** Parametric Equations

	The student will be able to:	HW:
1	Calculate the components of a vector given its magnitude and direction.	1 – 2
2	Calculate the magnitude and direction of a vector given its components.	3 – 4
3	Use vector components as a means of analyzing/solving 2-D motion vertices problems.	5-6
4	Add or subtract vectors analytically (using trigonometric calculations).	7-9
5	Use vector addition or subtraction as a means of solving relative motion problems.	10 – 15
6	State the horizontal and vertical relations for projectile motion and use the same to solve projectile problems.	16 – 24
7	Use derivatives to determine speed, velocity, or acceleration and solve for extrema and/or zeros.	25 – 27
8	Use integrals to determine distance, displacement, change in speed or velocity and solve for functions thereof given initial conditions.	28 - 31
9	Solve problems involving parametric equations that describe motion components	32 - 34

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# Use of Calculus in Kinematics

- An instantaneous rate of change can be defined mathematically as a limit.
- In calculus it is shown that this type of limit is equivalent to a "derivative".
- By definition position, velocity, and acceleration are functions of time that are always related by the rules of derivatives.

$$\vec{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \left( \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} \right)$$

$$Awkward!$$

$$\vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \left( \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} \right)$$

Not awkward – and equivalent to the previous notation. **Derivatives allow** precise and concise definitions for instantaneous rates.

The derivative of an object's position with respect to time is the object's velocity.



The derivative of an object's velocity with respect to time is the object's acceleration.

## Instantaneous Speed



The derivative of an object's distance with respect to time is the object's speed.

Note: l = distance

### Special Case – One-dimensional Motion

- The derivatives just given apply to any and all types of motions.
- However it is easiest to understand and apply to an object moving in one-dimension.
- In this special case position is simply a coordinate on a number line typically "x".
- Directions of vectors are represented by +/-.
- Speed is the absolute value of velocity.

For linear motion with position *x* along the *x*-axis, instantaneous velocity *v* and acceleration *a*:

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} \qquad a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

For convenience the vector symbols are often omitted. But the quantities are still vectors and the sign (+/-) of the quantity equates with direction.

Velocity and Acceleration in 3-D Space

let position, 
$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$



Components of vector rates are derivatives of components! © Matthew W. Milligan