

18. We use Eq. 2-2 (average velocity) and Eq. 2-7 (average acceleration). Regarding our coordinate choices, the initial position of the man is taken as the origin and his direction of motion during $5 \text{ min} \leq t \leq 10 \text{ min}$ is taken to be the positive x direction. We also use the fact that $\Delta x = v\Delta t'$ when the velocity is constant during a time interval $\Delta t'$.

- (a) Here, the entire interval considered is $\Delta t = 8 - 2 = 6 \text{ min}$ which is equivalent to 360 s , whereas the sub-interval in which he is *moving* is only $\Delta t' = 8 - 5 = 3 \text{ min} = 180 \text{ s}$. His position at $t = 2 \text{ min}$ is $x = 0$ and his position at $t = 8 \text{ min}$ is $x = v\Delta t' = (2.2)(180) = 396 \text{ m}$. Therefore,

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{396 \text{ m} - 0}{360 \text{ s}} = 1.10 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (b) The man is at rest at $t = 2 \text{ min}$ and has velocity $v = +2.2 \text{ m/s}$ at $t = 8 \text{ min}$. Thus, keeping the answer to 3 significant figures,

$$a_{\text{avg}} = \frac{2.2 \text{ m/s} - 0}{360 \text{ s}} = 0.00611 \text{ m/s}^2 .$$

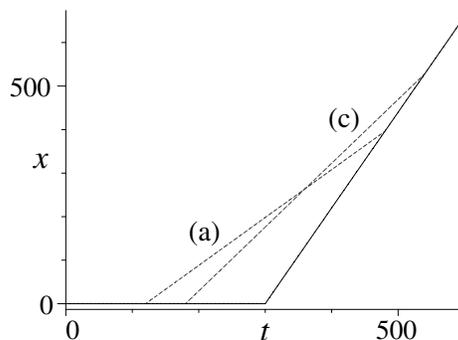
- (c) Now, the entire interval considered is $\Delta t = 9 - 3 = 6 \text{ min}$ (360 s again), whereas the sub-interval in which he is moving is $\Delta t' = 9 - 5 = 4 \text{ min} = 240 \text{ s}$. His position at $t = 3 \text{ min}$ is $x = 0$ and his position at $t = 9 \text{ min}$ is $x = v\Delta t' = (2.2)(240) = 528 \text{ m}$. Therefore,

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{528 \text{ m} - 0}{360 \text{ s}} = 1.47 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (d) The man is at rest at $t = 3 \text{ min}$ and has velocity $v = +2.2 \text{ m/s}$ at $t = 9 \text{ min}$. Consequently, $a_{\text{avg}} = 2.2/360 = 0.00611 \text{ m/s}^2$ just as in part (b).

- (e) The horizontal line near the bottom of this x -vs- t graph represents the man standing

at $x = 0$ for $0 \leq t < 300 \text{ s}$ and the linearly rising line for $300 \leq t \leq 600 \text{ s}$ represents his constant-velocity motion. The dotted lines represent the answers to part (a) and (c) in the sense that their slopes yield those results.



The graph of v -vs- t is not shown here, but would consist of two horizontal “steps” (one at $v = 0$ for $0 \leq t < 300 \text{ s}$ and the next at $v = 2.2 \text{ m/s}$ for $300 \leq t \leq 600 \text{ s}$). The indications of the average accelerations found in parts (b) and (d) would be dotted lines connected the “steps” at the appropriate t values (the slopes of the dotted lines representing the values of a_{avg}).