

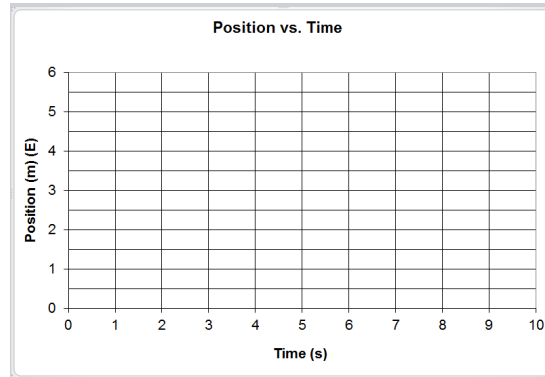
Graphing Position Time Graphs

- Data from a table can be plotted on a position time graph
 - position is on the vertical axis
 - time is on the horizontal axis

Example

- Plot the data for the position time graph

Time (s)	Position (m)
1.0	2.0
2.0	2.5
3.0	3.0
5.0	4.0
8.0	5.5



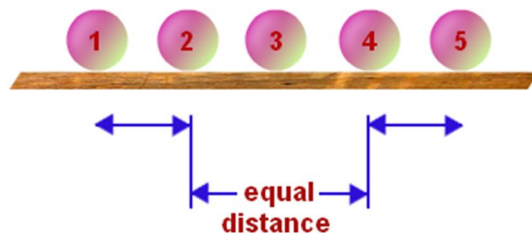
Is this object moving to the left or right? **right**

What do you notice about the shape of the graph? **Straight line**

A straight line passing through all points indicates uniform motion

Uniform Motion

- Uniform motion indicates that an object is not changing **speed**.
- A moving object stays at the **same** speed and continues to travel in the **same** direction
- A resting object **continues to stay at rest**.
- Objects in **uniform motion** travel **equal distances** in **equal time intervals**.

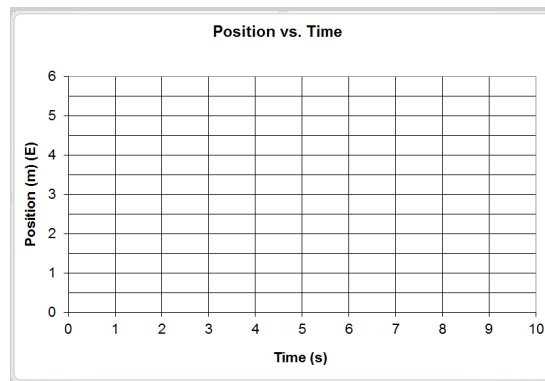


- This picture shows uniform motion because: **each second, the ball travels the same distance; the distance between the ball at each time interval is the same**

Example

- Plot the data for the position time graph

Time (s)	Position (m)
0.0	5.0
2.0	4.0
4.0	3.0
6.0	2.0
8.0	1.0



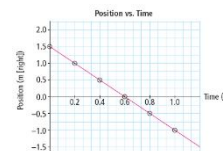
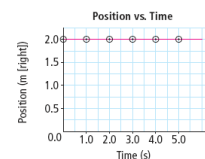
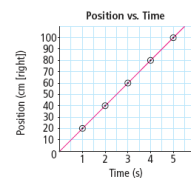
Is this object moving to the left or right? **left**

Is the slope of this line positive or negative? **negative**

The slope of the line on a position time graph indicates **direction**

Slope on a Position Time Graph

- The **slope** of a graph refers to whether a line is going **up** or **down** at an angle, or **is a horizontal line**.
- Positive slope:
 - Indicates motion in the direction of the **positive** y-axis
- Zero slope:
 - Indicates that the object is **stationary**.
- Negative slope:
 - Indicates motion in the direction of the **negative** y-axis.



Line of Best Fit

- Often, real world data has **errors** in measuring
- We draw a **best-fit** line that is a **smooth** curve or a **straight line** that fits the general shape outlined by the points
- We can often draw **several different** best-fit lines

Note: The best-fit line doesn't even need to contain any of the plotted points