

Change in Velocity

- There are many times when an object's velocity does not remain constant

- change direction
- speed up/accelerate

- When the velocity of an object is changing, it is moving with non-uniform motion.

- Uniform motion feels like no push/pull on you

- Non-uniform motion feels like a push or pull as the velocity changes

- friction makes objects slow down
- gravity
- running from a stop.

* the more the velocity changes, the stronger the push/pull.

Changes in Velocity

- Change in velocity can be represented by the equation:

$$\Delta \vec{v} = \vec{v}_f - \vec{v}_i$$

- Positive changes in velocity occur when your final velocity is larger than your initial velocity

Example:

$$\vec{v}_i = +3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = +8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta \vec{v} = +8 \text{ m/s} - (+3 \text{ m/s})$$

$$= +5 \text{ m/s}$$

- Negative changes in velocity occur when your initial velocity is larger than your final velocity

Example:

$$\vec{v}_i = +4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = +2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta \vec{v} = (+2 \text{ m/s}) - (+4 \text{ m/s})$$

$$= -2 \text{ m/s}$$

- Constant velocity occurs when your initial and final velocities are equal. $\Delta \vec{v} = 0 \text{ m/s}$

because constant means no change.

on a position-time graph, constant velocity makes a straight line