## What is Physics?

Notes: U1P1a

- The main goal of Physics is straight forward. It to describe $\qquad$ that has happened in the universe's $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ that $\qquad$ in the universe's $\qquad$ . To achieve this lofty goal Physics focuses on two simple ideas:
 - which describes current positio
$\circ$
- which explains how $\qquad$ evolves over time.
- The Physics believes if you can successfully understand and plot the course of every particle of matter throughout its existence, then you have achieved perfect knowledge for all time.


## Math in Physics

- Let's be very clear. MATH IS $\qquad$ PHYSICS. Math is $\qquad$ even a science.
- Math is a condensed and precise $\qquad$ for ideas. Learning the rules for Math is really learning $\qquad$ (and about as much fun). For anyone who has fallen in love with a particular story, poem or song, however, you have experienced something similar to what a Mathematician or Physicist experiences with their proof that opens their eyes to a truth they never before realized.


## Scientific Diagrams

A $\qquad$ is a single $\qquad$ used to clearly define the physical in terms of well demarcated $\qquad$ . It is $\qquad$ for homework problem. It is $\qquad$ for $\qquad$ lab report.

- Objects should be drawn well enough to be $\qquad$ .
- Variables that occur at a $\qquad$ instant in time are drawn exactly where they happen. Typical adjectives include: and $\qquad$ .
- Variables that occur over an extended $\qquad$ are drawn near the $\qquad$ of the action and use a $\qquad$ to
show where the variable starts and $\qquad$ . Typical adjectives include: $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ .


## Motion Graphs

$\circ$ A
 is a series of pictures drawn at regular $\qquad$ intervals. Its purpose is to show how $\qquad$ changes. Objects can be drawn clearly or as single dots. -

## Movement (Speed vs. Velocity)

- You have probably learned in a non-Physics
class that velocity is speed but with
$\qquad$ . This is $\qquad$ .
- Speed (a $\qquad$ ) is a change in $\qquad$ compared to time.
- Velocity (a $\qquad$ ) is a change in $\qquad$ compared to time.
- Speed and velocity only have the same value if you move $\qquad$ or the period of time is very $\qquad$ .


## Average vs Instantaneous

○ $\qquad$ variables take place over an infinitesimal amount of time.

- $\qquad$ variables take place over a $\qquad$ /measurable amount of time.
○ $\qquad$ speed $=\mid$ $\qquad$ velocity


## Acceleration

- Velocity is the $\qquad$ over the $\qquad$ - a.k.a. the $\qquad$ that
$\qquad$ changes. As an equation $v_{\text {avg }}=$ $\qquad$ .
- Acceleration is the $\qquad$ over the $\qquad$ - a.k.a. the $\qquad$ that $\qquad$ changes. As an equation $\mathrm{a}_{\text {avg }}=$ $\qquad$ .
- Note: Acceleration does NOT mean, "To get $\qquad$ ." $\qquad$ change in ' $v$ ' counts.
- Since velocity is a $\qquad$ (not a scalar), there are two ways to get acceleration,
- Change the $\qquad$ of velocity by $\qquad$ . In a car this means to $\qquad$ .
- Change the $\qquad$ of the velocity, by $\qquad$ . In a car this means to $\qquad$ .
- In both cases, you can tell that $\qquad$ is changing even if your eyes are $\qquad$ .
(Note: Constant velocity $\qquad$ be felt; otherwise traveling in an $\qquad$ would hurt.)


## Deceleration vs. Acceleration

- Deceleration means Velocity , not $\qquad$ acceleration.
Acceleration Motion
- Free fall is how an object moves through the $\qquad$ , so long as air $\qquad$ 1 can be ignored (which is most of the time for our level of Physics).
- In this situation, on Earth, when an object is falling downward, its acceleration will be $9.8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ pointing $\qquad$ , because Earth's $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$ = $\qquad$ .
- When an object is rising upward, $\mathrm{a}=$ $\qquad$ , because $\qquad$ causes the acceleration.
- When an object is at the top of its motion, $\mathrm{a}=$ $\qquad$ , because $\qquad$ .
Suppose and arrow is fired upward with an initial velocity of $30 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. How will it move?
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## d-t, v-t, a-t Graphs and Three Main Types of Motion

Constant $\qquad$


Constant $\qquad$



Constant $\qquad$


