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PHYSICS

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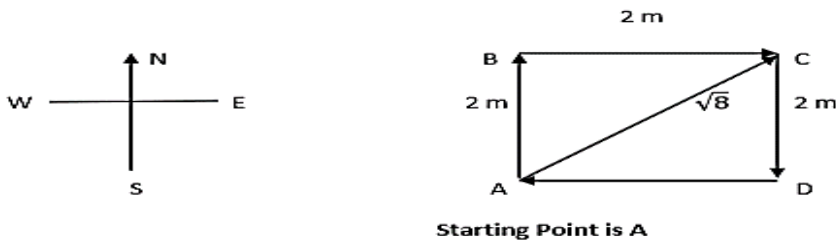
STRAND 1 MECHANICS

NO. CONCEPT IN BRIEF: KINEMATICS

Distance and Displacement

- The symbol used for both distance and displacement is (d).
- Distance and displacement both involve a change in position.
- Distance is a scalar quantity while displacement is a vector.

Example: A model train travels around the track from A to B then to C and to D and back to A as shown below.



The table shows the distance moved by the train and the displacement at various stages of the journey around the track.

	Distance travelled	Displacement From Start
At B	2 m	2 m north
At C	4 m	$\sqrt{8}$ m northeast
At D	6 m	2 m east
Back at the Start, A	8 m	0 m

1 During a competition, a competitor begins by travelling 5.0 km west. She then travels 2.0 km north and finally travels 5.0 km east.

- (a) What distances did she travelled?
(b) What is her displacement from the start?

CONCEPT IN BRIEF: KINEMATICS

Speed and Velocity

- Speed is defined as distance travelled per unit time.

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance (m)}}{\text{time (s)}}$$

- The SI unit of speed is m/s and is a scalar quantity for example 2 m/s.
- Velocity can be defined as speed in a given direction.

$$\text{VELOCITY} = \frac{\text{displacement (m)}}{\text{time (s)}}$$

- The SI unit of velocity is the same as that of speed i.e. m/s and it is a vector quantity.

2.	<p>A car is driven 3.0 km east for 5 minutes, then 4.0 km south for 8 minutes and finally 3.0 km west for 2.0 minutes.</p> <p>(a) Calculate the cars average speed in km/h for the whole trip. (b) Find the cars average velocity in km/h for the whole trip.</p>
	<p>CONCEPT IN BRIEF: KINEMATICS</p> <p>Acceleration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceleration is when an object changes velocity (i.e. speed increases, slows down or changes direction). • It is calculated by dividing the change in velocity by the time taken for the change in velocity to occur. • The unit of acceleration is meter per second per second (m/s^2). $\text{Acceleration} = \frac{\text{Change in velocity}}{\text{Change in time}}$ $a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceleration is used both as scalar and a vector quantity. When used in scalar, acceleration is calculated from. $\text{Acceleration} = \frac{\text{Change in speed}}{\text{Change in time}}$
3	<p>A car travelling at 5 m/s change its speed to 30 m/s in the time of 10 seconds. Calculate its acceleration.</p>