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Physics 1

Mechanics of the material point

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Chapter 1: Kinematics of a material point

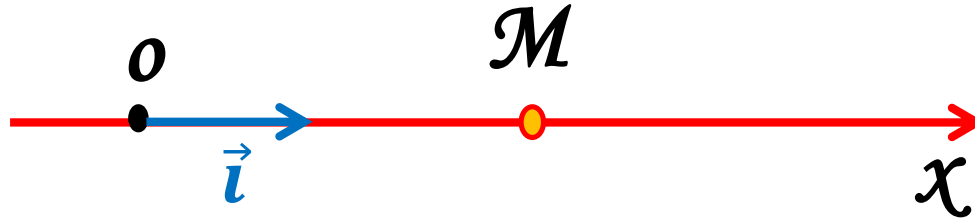
- **Movement characteristics**
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Rectilinear motion

- 1. Uniform Rectilinear Motion*
- 2. Uniformly Varied Rectilinear Motion*
- 3. Rectilinear motion with variable acceleration*
- 4. Sinusoidal rectilinear movement*

Rectilinear motion

Rectilinear motion is a motion of a material point along a trajectory is a straight line.



Position vector:

$$\vec{r} = \overrightarrow{OM} = x\vec{i}$$

Velocity vector:

$$\vec{V} = V_x\vec{i} = \dot{x}\vec{i}$$

Acceleration vector:

$$\vec{a} = a_x\vec{i} = \ddot{x}\vec{i}$$

1. Uniform rectilinear motion

It is a Uniform rectilinear motion that has zero acceleration ($\vec{a} = \mathbf{0}$) and a constant velocity ($\vec{v} = \mathbf{C}$).

Time equation of Uniform rectilinear motion

We choose the OX axis as a rectilinear reference and we put the initial condition :

$$x=f(t) \text{ ?}$$

$$\text{at } t=0 \text{ s } \rightarrow x=x_0$$

We have : $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$

To obtain the expression of the x as a function of time, it is necessary to integrate the expression for the velocity.

$$\Rightarrow dx = v dt \Rightarrow \int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_{t_0}^t v dt \Rightarrow x \Big|_{x_0}^x = vt \Big|_0^t$$

$$x - x_0 = v(t - 0)$$



Equation Uniform rectilinear motion

$$x = vt + x_0$$

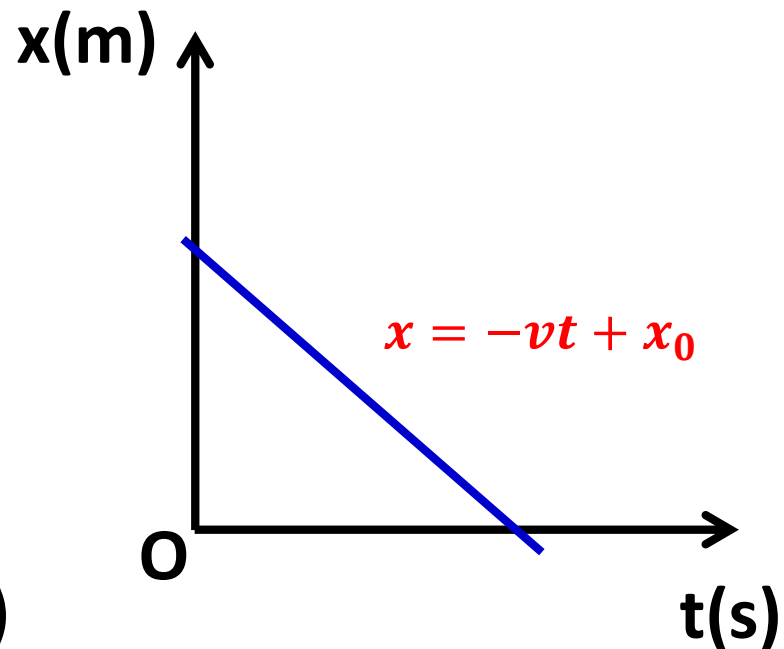
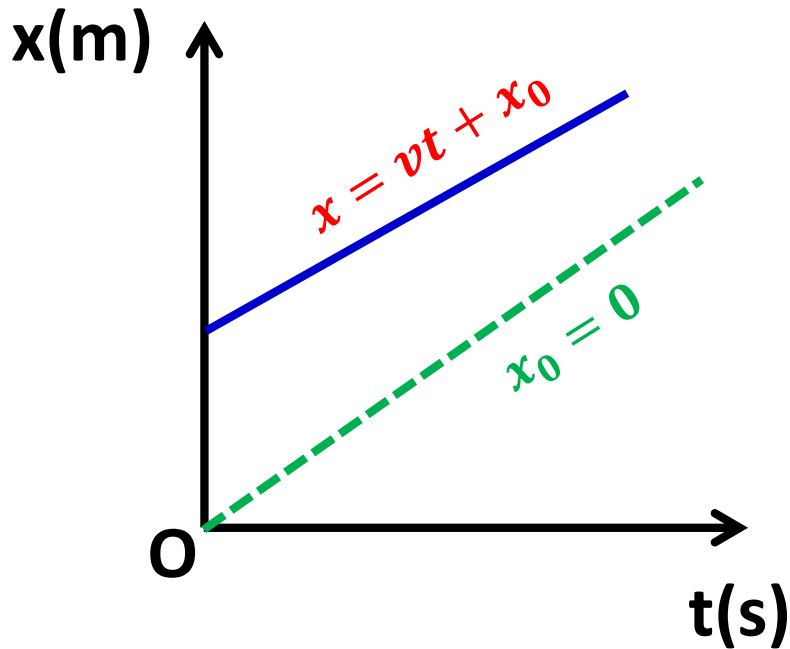
*Final position (m)
at t*

velocity (m/s)

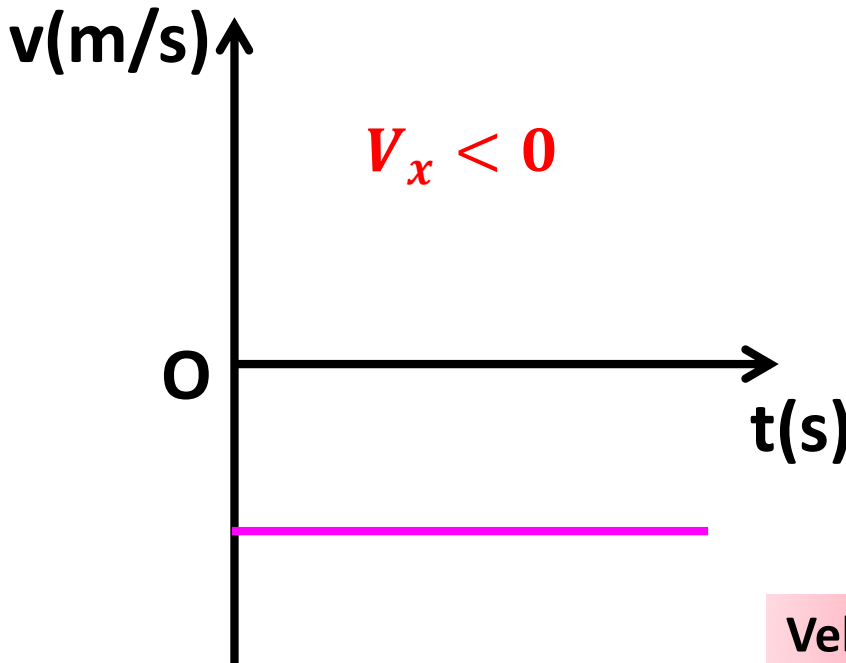
*Initial position (m)
at t=0*



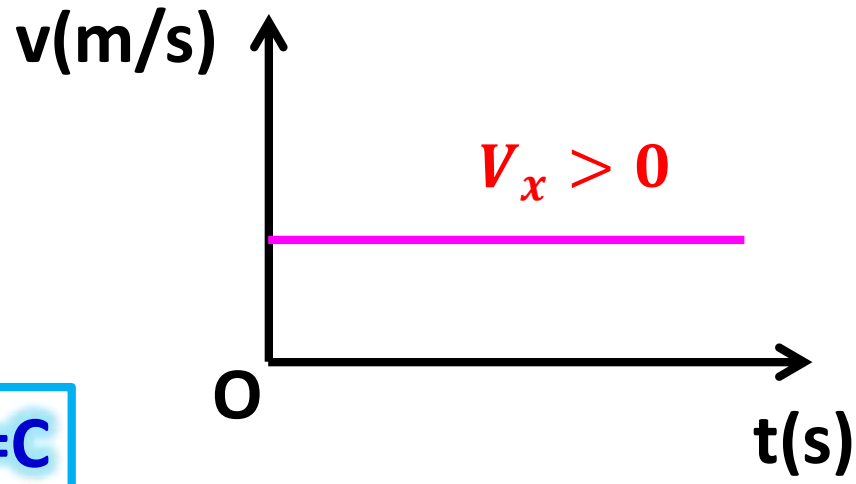
The graphical representation of displacement, velocity and acceleration as a function of time for **uniform rectilinear motion** as follows:



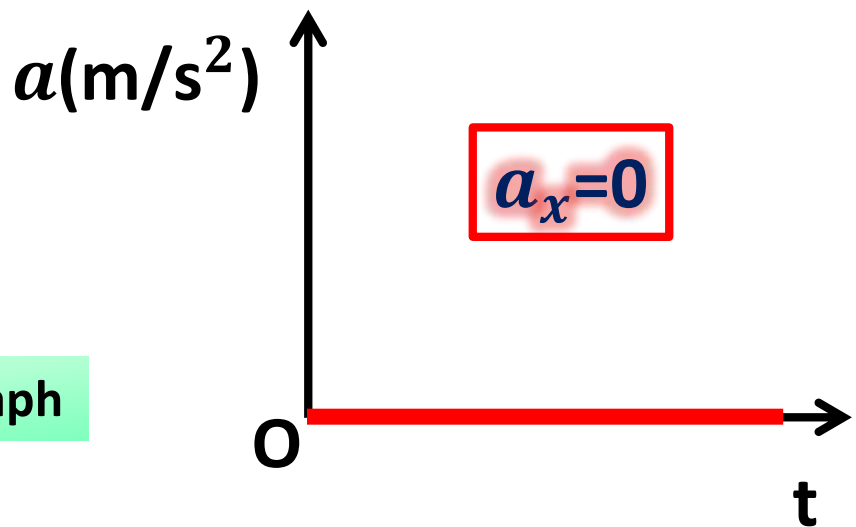
Position – time graph



$V_x = C$



Velocity – time graph



Acceleration – time graph

Example 1

The time equations of the motion of a material point are :

$$x = \frac{t}{3} + 1; \quad y = 3t + 6; \quad z = 0 \quad (\text{all units are in the international system}).$$

- Show that the motion is rectilinear and uniform

Solution

□ Let's first prove the *motion is rectilinear* by finding the trajectory equation.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{t}{3} + 1 \\ y = 3t + 6 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - 1 = \frac{t}{3} \\ y = 3t + 6 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t = 3(x - 1) \\ y = 3t + 6 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} (1) \\ (2) \end{array}$$

$$(1) \rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow y = 3 \times 3(x - 1) + 6 \Rightarrow y = 9x - 9 + 6$$

$$y = 9x - 3$$

Equation of *a straight line*, so the *movement is rectilinear*.

□ For this movement to be **uniform**, the **Velocity must be constant**.

We have the position vector is: $\vec{r} = \overrightarrow{OM} = \left(\frac{t}{3} + 1\right)\vec{i} + (3t + 6)\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$

The velocity vector is: $\vec{v} = \frac{d\overrightarrow{OM}}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$



$$v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + 3^2} = 3.01 \text{ (m/s)} = \mathbf{C}$$

$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow$ This indicates that the movement is uniform.

The movement rectilinear and uniform.

2. Uniformly Varied Rectilinear Motion

It is a rectilinear motion with constant acceleration ($\vec{a} = C$)

Time equation of Uniformly Varied Rectilinear Motion

We put the initial condition: $at t=0 s \rightarrow v=v_0$

$$\text{We have: } a = \frac{dv}{dt} \Rightarrow dv = a dt \Rightarrow \int_{v_0}^v dv = \int_{t_0}^t a dt$$

$$\Rightarrow v|_{v_0}^v = at|_0^t \Rightarrow v - v_0 = a(t - 0) \Rightarrow \boxed{v = at + v_0} \star$$

If we take the initial condition: $at t=0 s \rightarrow x=x_0$

$$\text{We have: } v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \underbrace{at + v_0}_{\star} \Rightarrow dx = (at + v_0) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_{t_0}^t (at + v_0) dt \Rightarrow x \Big|_{x_0}^x = \frac{at^2}{2} + v_0 t \Big|_0^t$$

$$\Rightarrow x - x_0 = \frac{at^2}{2} + v_0 t$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} at^2 + v_0 t + x_0$$

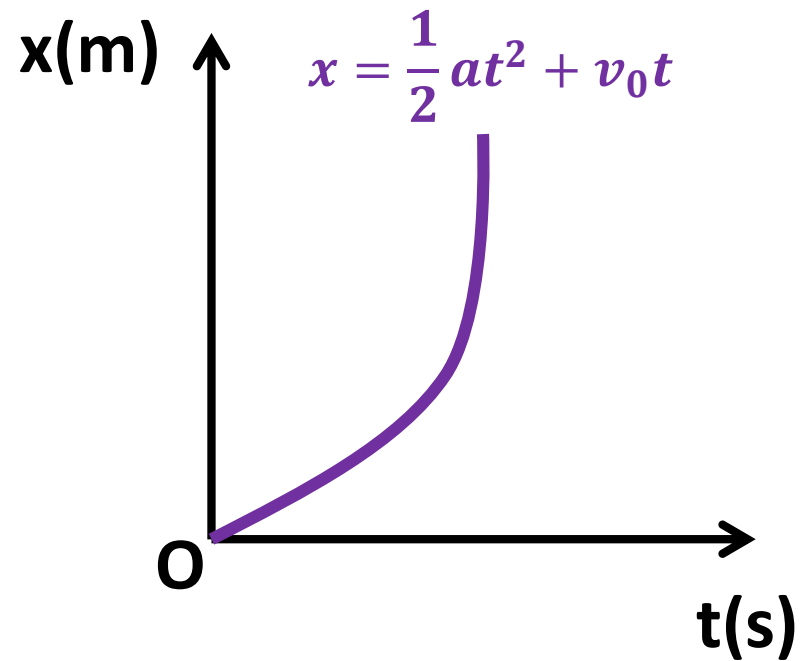
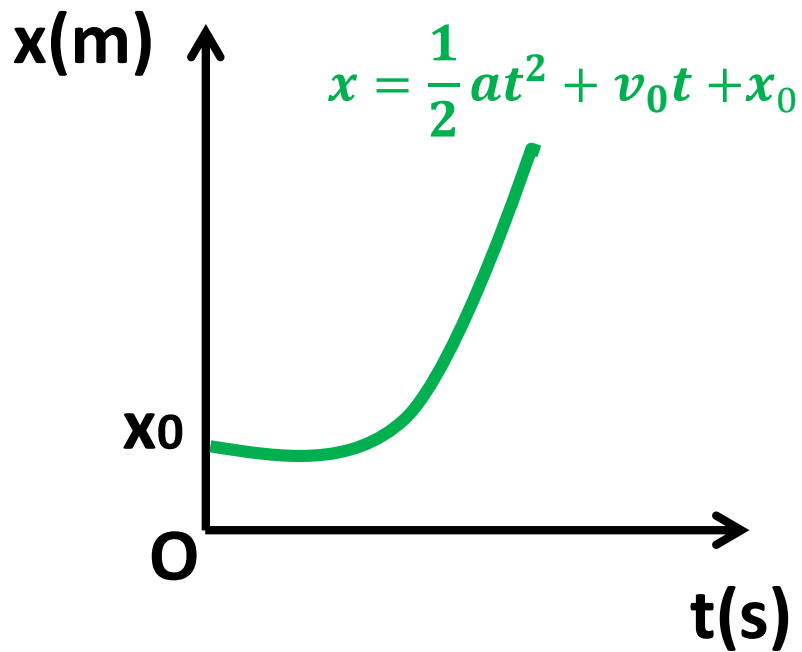
Acceleration (ms⁻²)

Initial velocity (m/s)

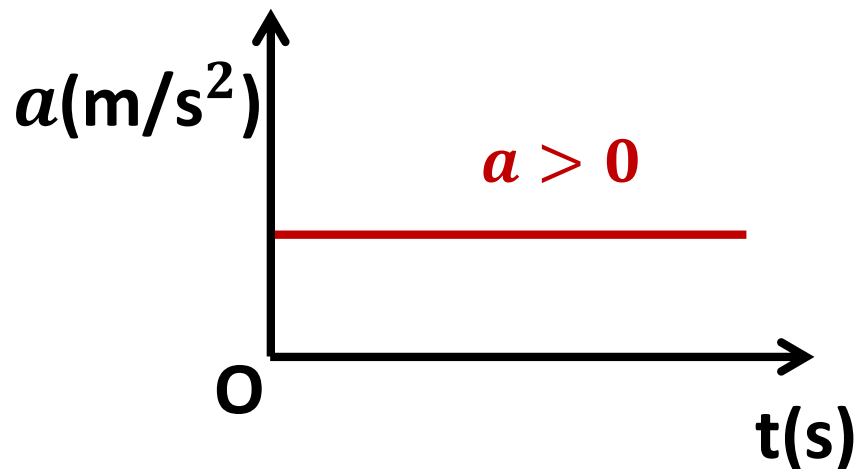
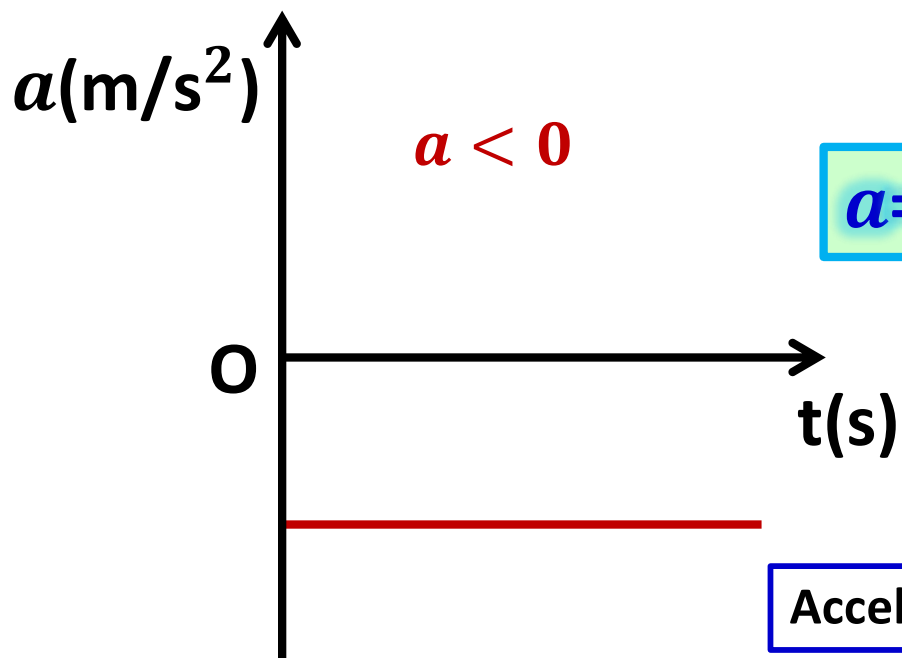
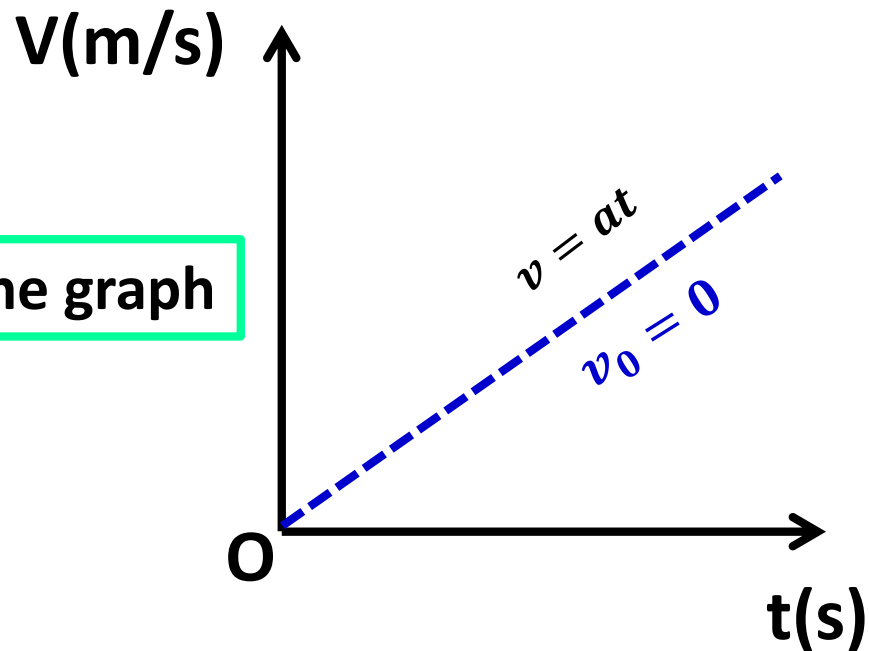
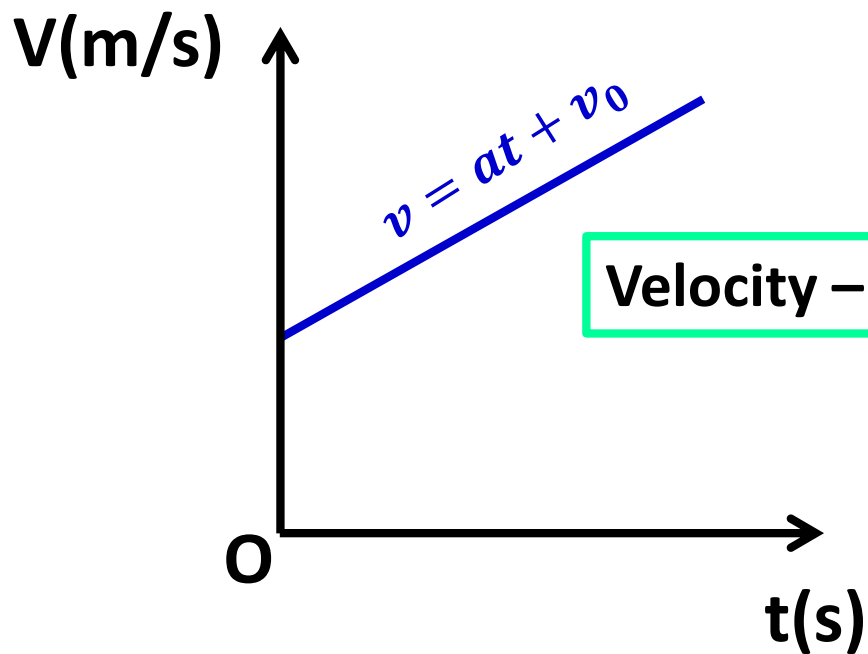
Initial position (m)

Equation Uniformly Varied Rectilinear motion

The graphical representation of acceleration, velocity and displacement as a function of time for *Uniformly Varied Rectilinear Motion* as follows.



Position – time graph



Example 2

A point body moves in the axis OX such that its velocity at time 't' is given by:

$$v = 3t - 9$$

1- Find the time equation of this movement knowing that at time $t = 0$, $x = 3$ m.

2- Deduce the equation of acceleration. What is the nature of the movement?

Solution

1- We have: $v = \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow dx = v dt \Rightarrow dx = \overbrace{(3t - 9)}^v dt$

$$\int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_{t_0}^t (3t - 9) dt \Rightarrow x - x_0 = \frac{3t^2}{2} - 9t \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{3t^2}{2} - 9t + x_0 \quad \star$$

$$x_0 \quad \boxed{?}$$

We have : $\begin{cases} t = 0 \\ x = 3m \end{cases} \quad (1) \rightarrow \star$

$\star \leftrightarrow 3m = \frac{3(0)^2}{2} - 9(0) + x_0 \Rightarrow x_0 = 3m \quad (2)$

(2) $\rightarrow \star \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}t^2 - 9t + 3$ Equation of the movement

$a(m/s^{-2})$ (red arrow pointing to $\frac{3}{2}$)
 $v_0 (m/s)$ (green arrow pointing to -9)
 $x_0(m)$ (purple arrow pointing to 3)

2-We have : $v = 3t - 9 \Rightarrow a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 3(m/s^{-2}) \Rightarrow a = 3(m/s^{-2}) = C$

The acceleration is constant $a = 3(m/s^{-2})$

\Rightarrow The movement is Uniformly Varied Rectilinear

3. Rectilinear motion with variable acceleration

If a material point's trajectory is a straight line and its acceleration is a function of time ($a=f(t)$ variable), then its movement is said to be rectilinear with variable acceleration.

Example 3

A particle is moving on the x -axis. At time $t=0$, the particle is at the point where $x=4m$. The velocity of the particle at time t is $(-t^2 + 9t)$ (m/s).

1- Find the equation of acceleration. What is the nature of the movement?

2- Deduce the expression for the displacement of the particle from at time $t=0$.

Solution

1- We have : $v = -t^2 + 9t \Rightarrow a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -2t + 9 \Rightarrow a = -2t + 9$ $a=f(t)$

\Rightarrow The movement is Rectilinear with variable acceleration

$$2\text{-We have: } \begin{cases} t = 0 & (1) \\ x = 4m \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad v = -t^2 + 9t$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow dx = v dt \Rightarrow dx = \overbrace{(-t^2 + 9t)}^v dt$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_{t_0}^t (-t^2 + 9t) dt \Rightarrow x - x_0 = \frac{-t^3}{3} + \frac{9t^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-t^3}{3} + \frac{9t^2}{2} + x_0 \quad \star$$

$$(1) \rightarrow \star \Rightarrow 4 = \frac{-(0)^3}{3} + \frac{9(0)^2}{2} + x_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_0 = 4m} \quad (2)$$

$$(2) \rightarrow \star \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{-t^3}{3} + \frac{9t^2}{2} + 4}$$

4. Sinusoidal rectilinear movement

The motion of a material point is rectilinear sinusoidal if its time equation can be written in the form :

$$x = X_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

Or

$$x = X_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

x : instantaneous abscissa (m), it varies between two extreme values

$$-X_m \leq x \leq +X_m \text{ because } -1 \leq \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \leq +1$$

X_m : Amplitude (m).

ω : Pulse of movement (rad/s).

φ : Initial phase (rad).

$\omega t + \varphi$: Instant phase (rad).

$$-X_m \leq \underbrace{X_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)}_X \leq X_m$$

Expression of velocity

By deriving the time equation we obtain the expression for instantaneous velocity

We have: $x = X_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \Rightarrow v = \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$



$$[\cos f(x)]' = f'(x)(-\sin f(x))$$

$$v = -X_m \omega \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

This velocity varies between two extreme values:

$$-1 \leq \sin(\omega t + \varphi) \leq +1 \Rightarrow -X_m \omega \leq \overset{v}{-X_m \omega \sin(\omega t + \varphi)} \leq X_m \omega$$

$$\Rightarrow -X_m \omega \leq v \leq +X_m \omega$$

Expression of acceleration

We have: $v = -X_m \omega \sin(\omega t + \varphi) \Rightarrow a = \ddot{x} = \frac{dv}{dt}$



$$a = -X_m \omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$



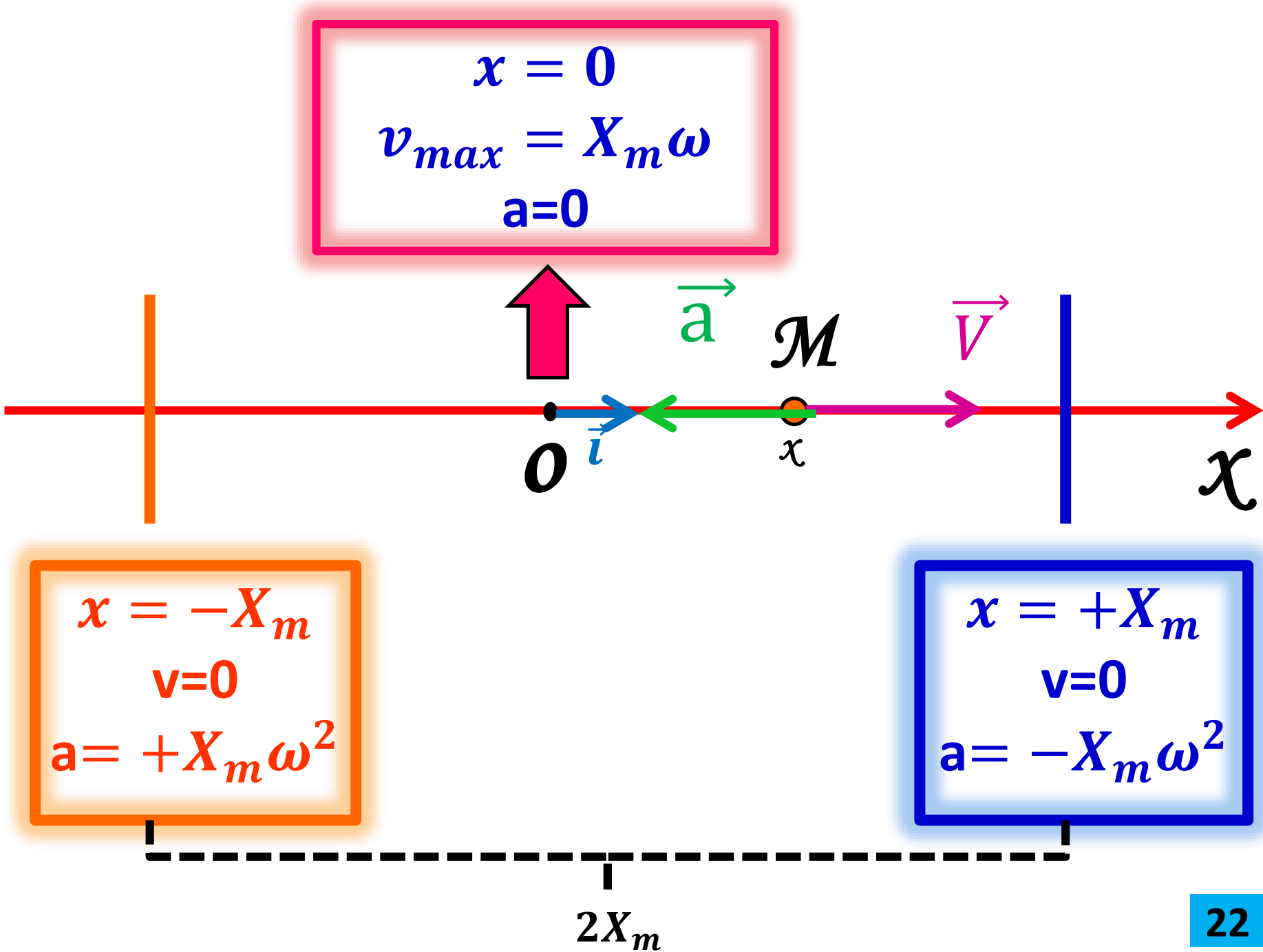
$$a = -x \omega^2$$

This acceleration varies between two extreme values:

$$-X_m \omega^2 \leq a \leq +X_m \omega^2$$

$$-1 \leq \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \leq +1$$

$$-X_m \omega^2 \leq \underbrace{-\omega^2 X_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)}_a \leq X_m \omega^2$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 0 \\
 v_{max} &= X_m \omega \\
 a &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= -X_m \\
 v &= 0 \\
 a &= +X_m \omega^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= +X_m \\
 v &= 0 \\
 a &= -X_m \omega^2
 \end{aligned}$$