

WELCOME TO MATH 152: CALCULUS I

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Lecture 1

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- At Dordt since 2014
- Alma maters: South Dakota ('07), Nebraska ('09, '13)
- Enjoys: running (marathon×4), board games



Things to call me: Professor Janssen, Dr. Janssen

Things *not* to call me: Mike, Mr. Janssen, Janssen



Lila (age 8)



Sam (age 5)

Syllabus exploration

Expectations and Q&A

Average Velocity

Course Intro and Syllabus Exploration

ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNT

- Go to student.desmos.com
- Type in the class code:

XF EP TQ

- Create an account to sign in (this will be required for the preview activities!)
- Find and complete the Syllabus Scavenger Hunt

Highlights

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Access to Canvas/Active Calculus/Edfinity
- Calculus Bundle from Campus Store

- “*Student Hours*” are **your** time!
- Drop in if my door is open!



Canvas Tour

Expectations

- Buy the calculus bundle and do the preview activities in Desmos
- Take care of yourself so you can actively engage in the class

- Make appointments with me! Or just drop by. (Again: I'm in SB 1612.)
- Complete the homework on time.
- Take the exams/quizzes seriously!

- Collaboration is encouraged!
- Make sure you understand a solution before your group/the class moves on.
- All work that you turn in must be your own.

What questions do you have?

QOTD: What is velocity?

EXAMPLE (DESMOS)

My son, Sam, loves throwing things. Suppose he tosses his basketball in the air.

Let $y = s(t) = 64t - 16t^2$ give the height of the basketball in feet at time t in seconds. In groups of 3-4:

1. What is the ball doing on the interval $[0, 2]$?
2. What is the ball doing on the interval $[2, 4]$?
3. What is the ball doing at $t = 2$?
4. Consider the expression

$$AV_{[1,2]} = \frac{s(2) - s(1)}{2 - 1}.$$

What does this measure on the graph of $y = s(t)$? What does it tell us about the motion of the ball? What are the units?

Definition

For an object moving in a straight line with position function $s(t)$, the **average velocity** of the object from $t = a$ to $t = b$ is given by the formula

$$AV_{[a,b]} = \frac{s(b) - s(a)}{b - a}.$$

ACTIVITY 1.1.2 (DESMOS)

The following questions concern the position function given by $s(t) = 64 - 16(t - 1)^2$

- (a) Compute the average velocity of the ball on each of the following time intervals:
[0.4, 0.8], [0.7, 0.8], [0.79, 0.8], [0.799, 0.8],
[0.8, 1.2], [0.8, 0.9], [0.8, 0.81], [0.8, 0.801].
Include units for each value.
- (b) On the provided graph in Figure 1, sketch the line that passes through the points $A = (0.4, s(0.4))$ and $B = (0.8, s(0.8))$. What is the meaning of the slope of this line? In light of this meaning, what is a geometric way to interpret each of the values computed in the preceding question?
- (c) Use a graphing utility to plot the graph of $s(t) = 64 - 16(t - 1)^2$ on an interval containing the value $t = 0.8$. Then, zoom in repeatedly on the point $(0.8, s(0.8))$. What do you observe about how the graph appears as you view it more and more closely?
- (d) What do you conjecture is the velocity of the ball at the instant $t = 0.8$? Why?

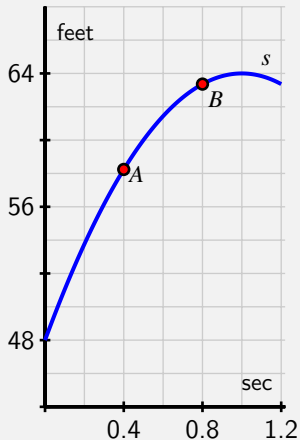


Figure 1: A partial plot of $s(t) = 64 - 16(t - 1)^2$.

ACTIVITY 1.1.3 (DESMOS)

- Compute the average velocity of the ball on the time interval $[1.5, 2]$. What is different between this value and the average velocity on the interval $[0, 0.5]$?
- Use appropriate computing technology to estimate the instantaneous velocity of the ball at $t = 1.5$. Likewise, estimate the instantaneous velocity of the ball at $t = 2$. Which value is greater?
- How is the sign of the instantaneous velocity of the ball related to its behavior at a given point in time? That is, what does positive instantaneous velocity tell you the ball is doing? Negative instantaneous velocity?
- Without doing any computations, what do you expect to be the instantaneous velocity of the ball at $t = 1$? Why?

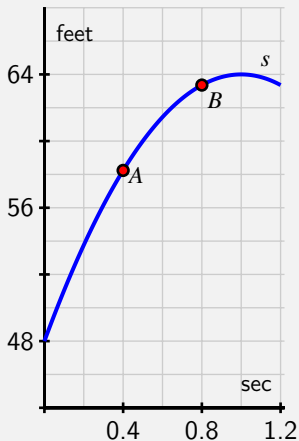


Figure 2: A partial plot of $s(t) = 64 - 16(t - 1)^2$.

ACTIVITY 1.1.4

For the function given by $s(t) = 64 - 16(t - 1)^2$, find the most simplified expression you can for the average velocity of the ball on the interval $[2, 2 + h]$. Use your result to compute the average velocity on $[1.5, 2]$ and to estimate the instantaneous velocity at $t = 2$. Finally, compare your earlier work in Activity 1.1.2.