Representing Motion

1.1 Motion: A First Look

Exercises 1–5: Draw a motion diagram for each motion described below.
- Use the particle model to represent the object as a particle.
- Six to eight dots are appropriate for most motion diagrams.
- Number the positions in order, as shown in Figure 1.4 in the text.

1. A car accelerates forward from a stop sign. It eventually reaches a steady speed of 45 mph.

2. An elevator starts from rest at the 100th floor of the Empire State Building and descends, with no stops, until coming to rest on the ground floor. (Draw this one *vertically* because the motion is vertical.)

3. A skier starts *from rest* at the top of a 30° snow-covered slope and steadily speeds up as she skies to the bottom. (Orient your diagram as seen from the *side*. Label the 30° angle.)
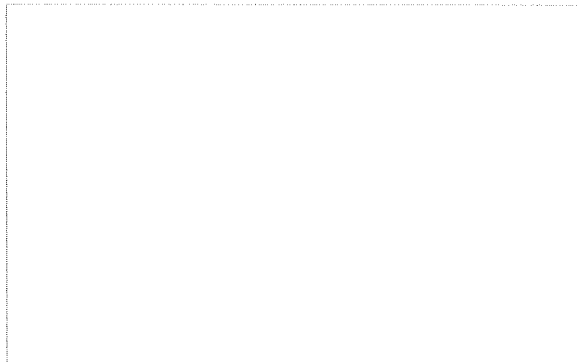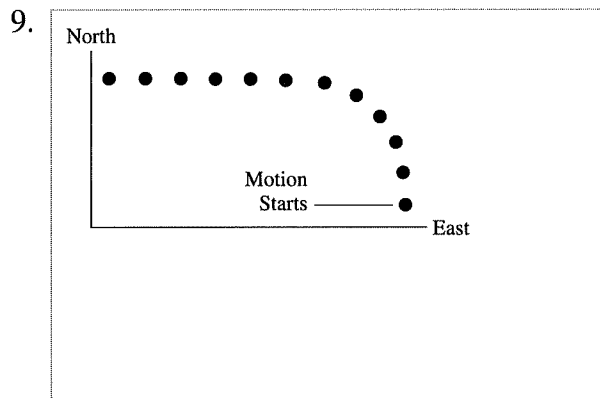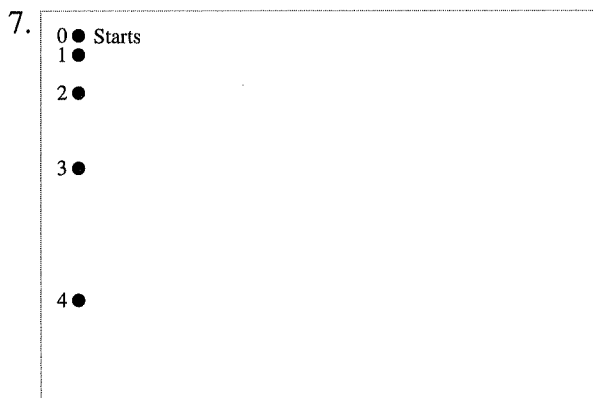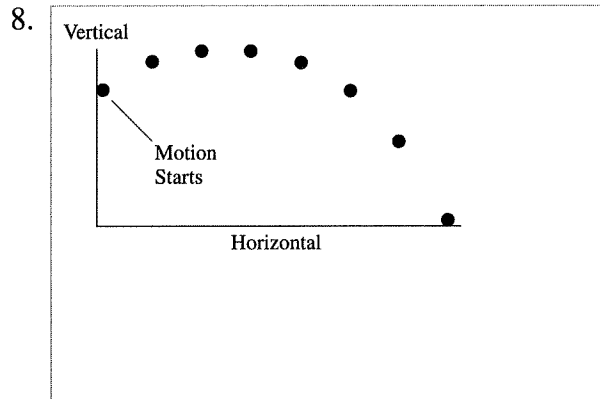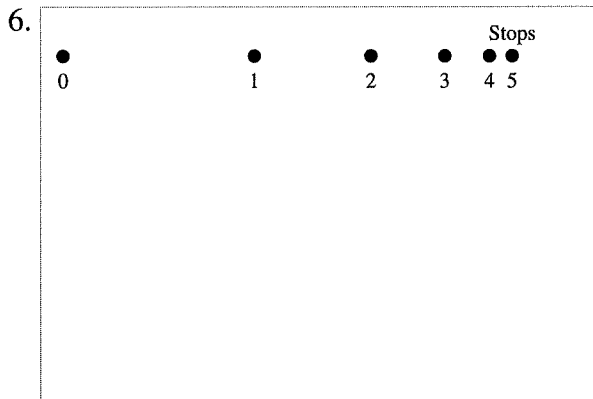
4. The space shuttle orbits the earth in a circular
   orbit, completing one revolution in 90 minutes.

5. Bob throws a ball at an upward 45° angle
   from a third-story balcony. The ball lands on
   the ground below.
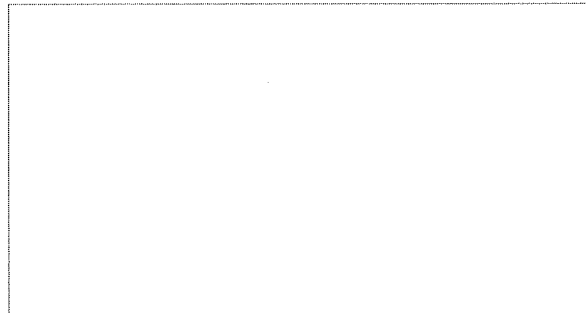
Exercises 6–9: For each motion diagram, write a short description of the motion of an object that
will match the diagram. Your descriptions should name *specific* objects and be phrased similarly
to the descriptions of Exercises 1 to 5. Note the axis labels on Exercises 8 and 9.

6.

Stops
●   ●   ●   ● ●●
0   1   2   3   4 5

8.

Vertical

Motion
Starts

Horizontal

7.

0 ● Starts
1 ●
2 ●
3 ●
4 ●

9.

North

Motion
Starts ———— ●
East

# 1.2 Position and Time: Putting Numbers on Nature

10. Redraw each of the motion diagrams from Exercises 1 to 3 in the space below. Add a coordinate axis to each drawing and label the initial and final positions. Draw an arrow on your diagram to represent the displacement from the beginning to the end of the motion.

11. In the picture below, Joe starts walking slowly but at constant speed from his house on Main Street to the bus stop 200 m down the street. When he is halfway there, he sees the bus and steadily speeds up until he reaches the bus stop.

    a. Draw a motion diagram in the street of the picture to represent Joe's motion.

    b. Add a coordinate axis below the picture with Joe's house as the origin. Label Joe's initial position at the start of his walk as x_1, his position when he sees the bus as x_2, and his final position when he arrives at the bus stop as x_3. Draw arrows above the motion diagram to represent Joe's displacement from his initial position to his position when he first sees the bus and the displacement from where he sees the bus to the bus stop. Label these displacements Δx_1 and Δx_2, respectively.

    Joe's house   Bus stop

                                                    Main Street
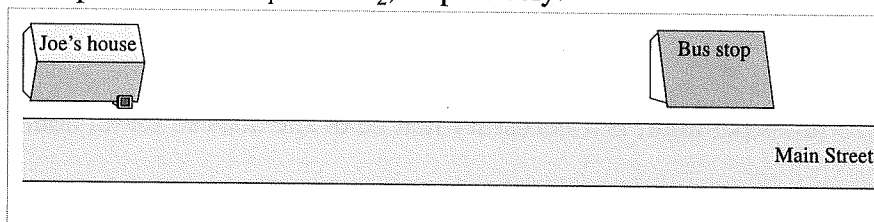
    c. Repeat part b in the space below but with the origin of the coordinate axis at the location where Joe starts to speed up.
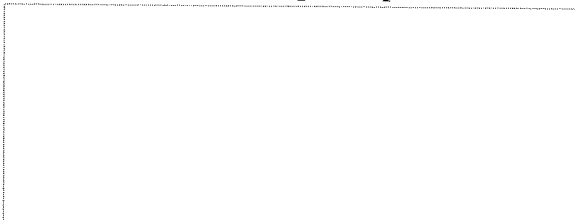
    d. Do the displacement arrows change when you change the location of the origin?

1.3 Velocity

12. A moth flies a distance of 3 m in only one-third of a second.
    a. What does the ratio 3/(1/3) tell you about the moth's motion? Explain.

    b. What does the ratio (1/3)/3 tell you about the moth's motion?

    c. How far would the moth fly in one-tenth of a second?

    d. How long does it take the moth to fly 4 m?

13. a. If someone drives at 25 miles per hour, is it necessary that he or she does so for an hour?

    b. Is it necessary to have a cubic centimeter of gold to say that gold has a density of 19.3 grams per cubic centimeter? Explain.

1.4 A Sense of Scale: Significant Figures, Scientific Notation, and Units

14. How many significant figures does each of the following numbers have?

   a. 6.21 _____   e. 0.0621 _____   i. 1.0621 _____

   b. 62.1 _____   f. 0.620 _____   j. 6.21×10^3 _____

   c. 6210 _____   g. 0.62 _____   k. 6.21×10^{-3} _____

   d. 6210.0 _____   h. .62 _____   l. 62.1×10^3 _____

15. Compute the following numbers, applying the significant figure standards adopted for this text.

   a. $33.3 \times 25.4 =$ _____   e. $2.345 \times 3.321 =$ _____

   b. $33.3 - 25.4 =$ _____   f. $(4.32 \times 1.23) - 5.1 =$ _____

   c. $33.3 \div 45.1 =$ _____   g. $33.3^2 =$ _____

   d. $33.3 \times 45.1 =$ _____   h. $\sqrt{33.3} =$ _____

16. Express the following numbers and computed results in scientific notation, paying attention to significant figures.

   a. $9{,}827 =$ _____   d. $32{,}014 \times 47 =$ _____

   b. $0.000000550 =$ _____   e. $0.059 \div 2{,}304 =$ _____

   c. $3{,}200{,}000 =$ _____   f. $320. \times 0.050 =$ _____

17. Convert the following to SI units. Work across the line and show all steps in the conversion. Use scientific notation and apply the proper use of significant figures. **Note:** Think carefully about g and h. Pictures may help.

   a. $9.12\,\mu\text{s} \times$

   b. $3.42\,\text{km} \times$

   c. $44\,\text{cm/ms} \times$

   d. $80\,\text{km/hr} \times$

   e. $60\,\text{mph} \times$

   f. $8\,\text{in} \times$

   g. $14\,\text{in}^2 \times$

   h. $250\,\text{cm}^3 \times$

18. Use Tables 1.4 and 1.5 and Examples 1.4 and 1.5 to assess whether or not the following statements are *reasonable*.

a. Joe is 180 cm tall.

b. I rode my bike to campus at a speed of 50 m/s.

c. A skier reaches the bottom of the hill going 25 m/s.

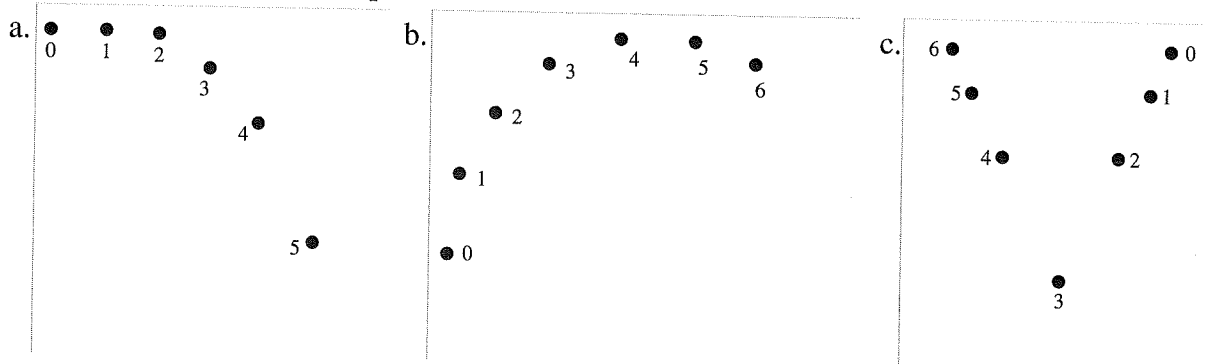d. I can throw a ball a distance of 2 km.

e. I can throw a ball at a speed of 50 km/hr.

f. Joan's newborn baby has a mass of 33 kg.
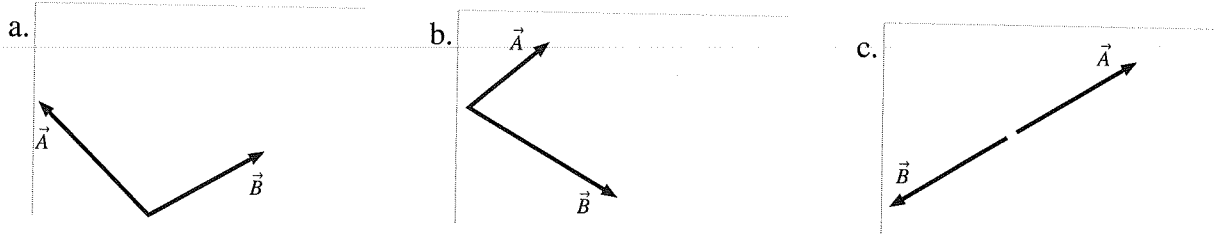
g. A hummingbird has a mass of 3.3 g.

1.5 Vectors and Motion: A First Look

19. For the following motion diagrams, draw an arrow to indicate the displacement vector between the initial and final positions.

a.

b.

c.

20. In each part of Exercise 19, is the object's displacement equal to the distance the object travels? Explain.

21. Draw and label the vector sum $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$.

a.

b.

c.

**Exercises 22–26:** Draw a motion diagram for each motion described below.
* Use the particle model.
* Show and label the *velocity* vectors.

22. Galileo drops a ball from the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Consider the ball's motion from the moment it leaves his hand until a microsecond before it hits the ground. Your diagram should be vertical.

23. A rocket-powered car on a test track accelerates from rest to a high speed, then coasts at constant speed after running out of fuel. Draw a vertical dashed line across your diagram to indicate the point at which the car runs out of fuel.
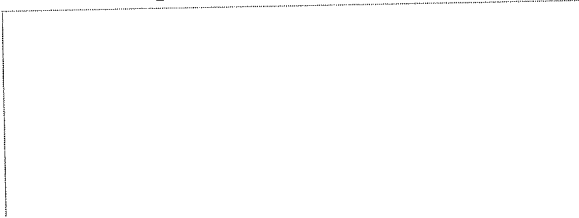
24. A bowling ball being returned from the pin area to the bowler starts out rolling at a constant speed. It then goes up a ramp and exits onto a level section at very low speed. You'll need 10 or 12 points to indicate the motion clearly.
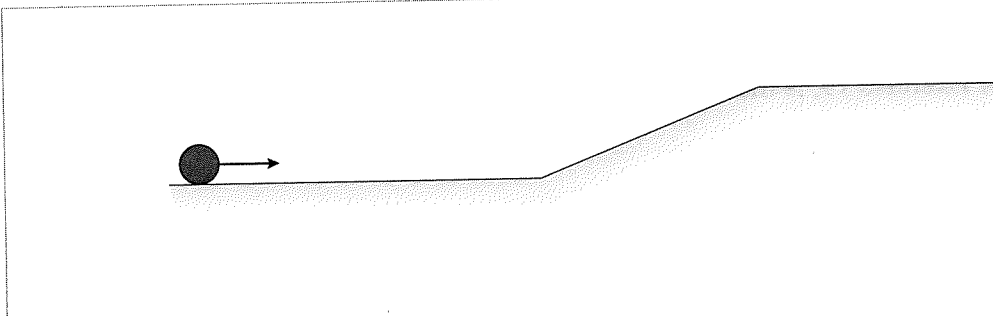
25. A car is parked on a hill. The brakes fail, and the car rolls down the hill with an ever-increasing speed. At the bottom of the hill it runs into a thick hedge and gently comes to a halt.
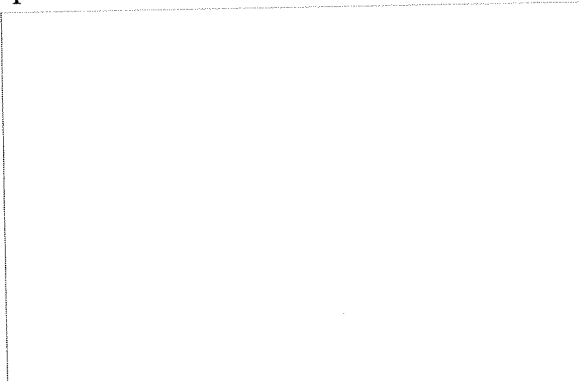
26. Andy is standing on the street. Bob is standing on the second-floor balcony of their apartment, about 30 feet back from the street. Andy throws a baseball to Bob. Consider the ball's motion from the moment it leaves Andy's hand until a microsecond before Bob catches it.