

MOTION

CHAPTER NO.8

SUB: PHYSICS

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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Students will be able

- Define rest and motion
- Identify objects in motion and rest
- Define distance and displacement



Rest and motion

Rest

A body is said to be at rest if it does not change its position with respect to its immediate surroundings and with respect to time.

Example

The chairs of the dining table are at rest unless and until they are moved, and the flower vase, table, and the blackboard in the class room are all at the position of rest.

EXAMPLES FOR THE STATE OF REST



Tools lying on the floor



Bench in the Park



Books on the table

Motion

A body is said to be in motion if it changes its position with respect to its immediate surroundings and with respect to time.

Example

The blades of a rotating fan, the hands of a working wall clock, a moving car, a spinning top and satellites are all in motion. Rest and motion are relative terms, A body seems to be at rest with respect to one object, but may appear to be in motion with respect to some other object.

A person on a railway platform is at rest with respect to another person on the same platform, but is in motion with reference to a person looking at him from a train crossing that platform. Similarly, a passenger sitting in the train will appear at rest to another passenger on the same train.

EXAMPLES FOR THE STATE OF MOTION



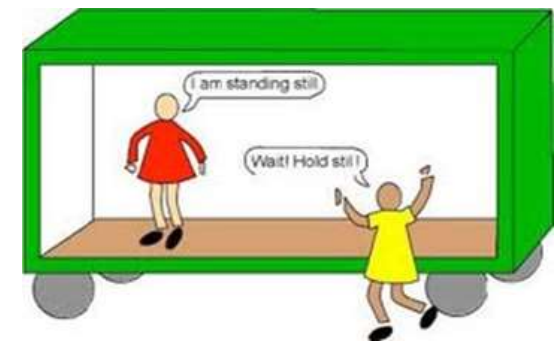
Sea Surfing



High Speed Train



Snowboarding



Rest and motion are relative

An object can be in motion relative to one set of objects while at rest relative to some other set of objects. Thus, rest and motion are relative terms.

This can be understood by following examples.

Examples: These two states i.e. (rest and motion) are relative, relative means they are related to each other, because all the observation about an object in rest and motion depend upon frame of reference in which we are doing observation, these states varies according to frame of reference.

Person sitting in a bus is in rest according to his fellow passengers, inside the bus, but he is in motion according to the person standing on bus station observing the moving bus. So this is just the matter of frame of reference in which we are observing.



fig. 1



fig. 2

Scalar and Vector Quantities

A physical quantity which has only magnitude but no specific direction is called a **scalar quantity**.

- Examples: length, distance, area, mass, time, energy, etc.

A physical quantity which has both magnitude and direction is called a **vector quantity**.

- Examples: displacement, velocity, acceleration, force, weight, etc.

Distance and Displacement

Distance

- The actual length of the path covered by a moving body, irrespective of the direction, is called the distance travelled by it.
- The distance covered by an object is described as the total path length covered by an object between two endpoints.
- Distance is a numerical quantity.
- Distance is a scalar quantity, as it has only magnitude and no direction.
- The SI unit of distance is the metre (m).

Displacement

- The shortest possible distance covered by a body between two points in a particular direction is known as its displacement.
- Displacement is a vector quantity, as it has both magnitude and direction.
- The SI unit of displacement is the metre (m).
- Zero Displacement – When the first and last positions of an object are same, the displacement is zero.

For Example, consider the diagrams given below.

Differences between distance and displacement:

1. Distance is the length of the actual path travelled by a body, whereas displacement is the shortest distance between the initial and final positions of a body.
2. Distance is a scalar quantity whereas displacement is a vector quantity.
3. Distance is always positive, whereas displacement can be negative, zero or positive.
4. Distance never decreases with time. For a moving body, it is never zero. Displacement can decrease with time. For a moving body, it can be zero.

HOME ASSIGNMENT

1. An object has moved through a distance. Can it have zero displacement? If yes, support your answer with an example.
2. A farmer moves along the boundary of a square field of side 10 m in 40 s. What will be the magnitude of displacement of the farmer at the end of 2 minutes 20 seconds from his initial position?

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