Finding Average Velocity from a Given Graph:

## Problem

The position versus time for a certain particle moving along the x axis is shown. Find the average velocity in the time intervals (a) 0 to $2 s$, (b) 0 to $4 s$, (c) $2 s$ to 4 $s$, (d) $4 s$ to $7 s$, and (e) 0 to $8 s$


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(b) From $t_{i}=0$ to $t_{f}=4 \mathrm{~s}: x_{i}=0, x_{f}=5 \mathrm{~m}$

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\begin{array}{r}
x_{i}=5 m, \quad x_{f}=-5 m \\
v_{\text {avg. }}=\frac{-5 m-5 m}{(7-4) s}=-3.33 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}
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(e) From $t_{i}=0$ to $t_{f}=8 \mathrm{~s}$ :

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\begin{aligned}
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v_{\text {avg }} & =\frac{0-0}{(8-0) s}=0
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Exercise:
Find average velocity in the time intervals
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(h) $t_{i}=7 \mathrm{~s}$ to $t_{f}=8 \mathrm{~s}$


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The direction of velocity is along $x$ axis (Due east in the shown case)

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## Different Instantaneous Velocities



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## NonUniform Motion: velocities of the car at different times



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