

# Distance, Time, Speed

$d$  – *distance* travelled

$v$  – average *speed*

$$v = \frac{d}{\Delta t}$$

$\Delta t = t_{final} - t_{initial}$  – travel *time*  
 $\Delta$  (Delta) stands for “change”

Physical Quantity	Standard Units (metric system)	Other Units
Length, distance ( $d$ )	meter (m)	kilometer: 1km = 1000m centimeter: 1cm = 0.01 m 1 mile $\approx$ 1.6 km; 1ft $\approx$ 0.3m; 1inch $\approx$ 2.5 cm
Time ( $t$ )	second (s)	hour: 1hr = 3600 s
Speed ( $s$ )	m/s	km/hr, mile/hr (mph) cm/s, km/s.....

# Homework 2

**Problem 1.** Below is the schedule of “*Acela*” train that runs from Washington DC to New York City:

<b>Washington (0 mi)</b>	<b>5:00 am</b>
<b>Baltimore (41 mi)</b>	<b>5:30 am</b>
<b>Philadelphia (135 mi)</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>
<b>New York (226 mi)</b>	<b>7:42 am</b>



Find the average speed (in miles per hour, mph) for each of the three segments, and for the whole trip. Convert your results first to km/hr, and then to meters per second (m/s):

Segment	Speed (mph)	Speed (km/hr)	Speed (m/s)
Washington-Baltimore			
Baltimore-Philadelphia			
Philadelphia-NYC			
Washington-NYC			

**Problem 2.** Measure speed of a moving object (toy, rain drop on a window, a pet...). Sketch your experiment, record your data and compute the result (both in the units in which you made your measurements, and in m/s).