

18. We use Eq. 2-2 (average velocity) and Eq. 2-7 (average acceleration). Regarding our coordinate choices, the initial position of the man is taken as the origin and his direction of motion during  $5 \text{ min} \leq t \leq 10 \text{ min}$  is taken to be the positive  $x$  direction. We also use the fact that  $\Delta x = v\Delta t'$  when the velocity is constant during a time interval  $\Delta t'$ .

- (a) Here, the entire interval considered is  $\Delta t = 8 - 2 = 6 \text{ min}$  which is equivalent to  $360 \text{ s}$ , whereas the sub-interval in which he is *moving* is only  $\Delta t' = 8 - 5 = 3 \text{ min} = 180 \text{ s}$ . His position at  $t = 2 \text{ min}$  is  $x = 0$  and his position at  $t = 8 \text{ min}$  is  $x = v\Delta t' = (2.2)(180) = 396 \text{ m}$ . Therefore,

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{396 \text{ m} - 0}{360 \text{ s}} = 1.10 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (b) The man is at rest at  $t = 2 \text{ min}$  and has velocity  $v = +2.2 \text{ m/s}$  at  $t = 8 \text{ min}$ . Thus, keeping the answer to 3 significant figures,

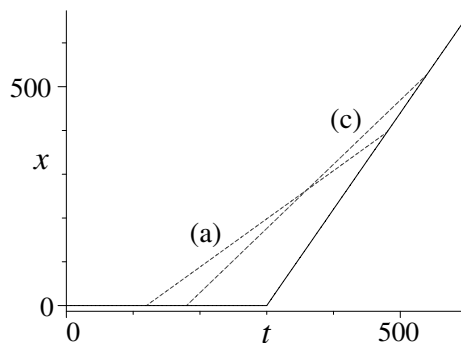
$$a_{\text{avg}} = \frac{2.2 \text{ m/s} - 0}{360 \text{ s}} = 0.00611 \text{ m/s}^2 .$$

- (c) Now, the entire interval considered is  $\Delta t = 9 - 3 = 6 \text{ min}$  ( $360 \text{ s}$  again), whereas the sub-interval in which he is moving is  $\Delta t' = 9 - 5 = 4 \text{ min} = 240 \text{ s}$ . His position at  $t = 3 \text{ min}$  is  $x = 0$  and his position at  $t = 9 \text{ min}$  is  $x = v\Delta t' = (2.2)(240) = 528 \text{ m}$ . Therefore,

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{528 \text{ m} - 0}{360 \text{ s}} = 1.47 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (d) The man is at rest at  $t = 3 \text{ min}$  and has velocity  $v = +2.2 \text{ m/s}$  at  $t = 9 \text{ min}$ . Consequently,  $a_{\text{avg}} = 2.2/360 = 0.00611 \text{ m/s}^2$  just as in part (b).

- (e) The horizontal line near the bottom of this  $x$ -vs- $t$  graph represents the man standing at  $x = 0$  for  $0 \leq t < 300 \text{ s}$  and the linearly rising line for  $300 \leq t \leq 600 \text{ s}$  represents his constant-velocity motion. The dotted lines represent the answers to part (a) and (c) in the sense that their slopes yield those results.



The graph of  $v$ -vs- $t$  is not shown here, but would consist of two horizontal “steps” (one at  $v = 0$  for  $0 \leq t < 300 \text{ s}$  and the next at  $v = 2.2 \text{ m/s}$  for  $300 \leq t \leq 600 \text{ s}$ ). The indications of the average accelerations found in parts (b) and (d) would be dotted lines connected the “steps” at the appropriate  $t$  values (the slopes of the dotted lines representing the values of  $a_{\text{avg}}$ ).