Chapter 8 Motion and energy

EXTRA WORKSHEET 1: Graphing motion

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In this task, you will need to compare motion in terms of displacement, velocity and acceleration.

Questions

1 Figure 8.1.1 shows the change in position of a stray cat as it runs down a straight laneway.



Figure 8.1.1

Displacement graph of a cat running down a laneway.

a Use Figure 8.1.1 to construct a velocity–time graph of the cat's motion on the axis on the following page.



b Describe the motion of the cat as it runs along the laneway.

2 Figure 8.1.2 shows the motion of a cruise ship as it travels in a straight line from the docks to its destination.



Figure 8.1.2 Motion of a cruise ship.

Calculate the average acceleration of the ship in each of the sections marked
 A–F. Fill out your results in the table:

| Section of motion | Average acceleration (m/s/s) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Α | |
| В | |
| С | |
| D | |
| E | |
| F | |

b Use your results from part **2a** to **construct** an acceleration–time graph of the ship's motion on the axes below:



- c Identify in which sections the ship is:
 - i speeding up: _____
 - ii slowing down: _____
 - iii travelling at a constant speed:
- d Calculate the distance the ship sails in the first 5 seconds of its journey.