

QUESTION:

Carl Lewis set a world record for the 100.0m run with a time of $t_1=9.86$ seconds. If, after reaching the finish line, Mr Lewis walked directly back to his starting point in $t_2=90.9$ seconds, what is the magnitude of his average velocity for the 200.0?

SOLUTION

The average **speed** is

$$v_{AV} = \frac{L}{t}$$

$L = 100 + 100 = 200$ m - is the distance traveled by Carl Lewis

$$t = t_1 + t_2 = 9.86 + 90.9 = 100.76$$
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Hence, the average speed is

$$\bar{v} = \frac{L}{t} = \frac{200}{100.76} = 1.98$$
 m/s

And, as Lewis turns back to the start, his displacement is equal to zero $\vec{r} = \vec{0}$, and his average **velocity** is

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{r}}{t}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \frac{0}{t_1 + t_2} = 0$$
 m/s

ANSWER

The average speed is $\bar{v} = 1.98$ m/s

The magnitude of the average velocity is 0 m/s