Answer on Question # 84072, Physics / Mechanics | Relativity

Question 1. Another jogger runs northward in a straight line with an average velocity of $v_1 = 5.0 \text{ m/s}$ for $t_1 = 4.0 \text{ min}$ and then turns around and runs southward with an average velocity of $v_2 = 4.0 \text{ m/s}$ for $t_2 = 3.0 \text{ min}$. What is his average velocity v_{av} ?

Solution.
$$v_i = \frac{s_i}{t_i}, i = 1, 2 \text{ and } s_i = v_i t_i, i = 1, 2.$$

$$v_{av} = \frac{s_1 + s_2}{t_1 + t_2} = \frac{v_1 t_1 + v_2 t_2}{t_1 + t_2} = \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 60 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 60}{4 \cdot 60 + 3 \cdot 60} \approx 4.57 \, m/s.$$

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