

Acceleration:

Change in vel
w/ respect to time

$$Avg = \langle \vec{a} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$$

The 4 Kinematics Equations

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$$

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$2a\Delta x = v^2 - v_0^2$$

Free Fall Acceleration

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

constant accel is
grav only in free fall

Check for Understanding 5:

a) Is it possible to tell from an object's **acceleration by itself**, whether an object is speeding up or slowing down? Explain

no because you don't know
the velocity

b) What does it mean for an object to have **negative acceleration**?

to travel in the opposite
direction.

Check for Understanding 6:

Say whether the following objects are in free fall, yes or no?

1. An artificial satellite orbiting the earth Y
2. A ball, immediately after it's been thrown upwards in a vacuum Y
3. A projectile moving through the air, with no air resistance Y
4. A helium balloon floating up to the sky N

Example 1

A rocket takes off **vertically** from the launch pad with **no initial velocity** but a constant upward **net acceleration of 2.25 m/s^2** . At **15.4 s** after blastoff, the engines fail completely so the only force on the rocket from then on is the pull of gravity.

a) What is the **maximum height** the rocket will reach above the launch pad? b) How fast is the rocket moving at the instant before it crashes onto the launch pad?

$$a) v = 15.4 \cdot 2.25$$

$$v = 34.65 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2.25 \cdot 15.4^2$$

$$\Delta x = 266.805$$

$$61.25 + 266.805 = 328.06$$

$$2 \cdot 9.8 \cdot \Delta x = 34.65^2$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{34.65^2}{2 \cdot 9.8}$$

$$\Delta x = 61.25$$

$$b) 2(-9.8)328 = -v^2$$

$$\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.8 \cdot 328} = v$$

$$v \approx 80 \text{ m/s}$$