

\* Solidworks drawing due FRIDAY 3/5

## LUNAR      LANDER

- What are the different forces that act on a spacecraft?
- How do the size and direction of forces contribute to an object's acceleration?
- How do an object's current velocity and acceleration allow you to predict the motion of the spacecraft?
- How can you understand the use of vectors to show acceleration, velocity and

Free  
body  
diagram → FORCE

## Lunar lander questions:

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lander

↓ gravity

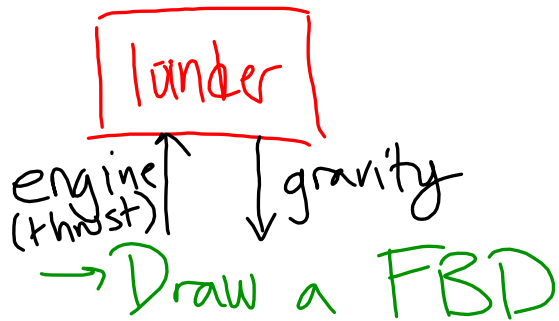
- in the air
- no thrust
- starts with no motion

→ Draw a FBD

→ Predict how the lander will move

The lander will accelerate in the direction of overall force (gravity)

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• moving downward  
with a constant  
velocity (no acceleration)

↑ NO.  
(no acceleration)

→ Is there an overall force?  
IT HAD A VELOCITY ALREADY { If not, what is making the lander move?