

1/16/14 ACCELERATION

ACCELERATION IS THE RATE AT
WHICH AN OBJECT'S VELOCITY
CHANGES.

ACCELERATION IS A VECTOR → DIRECTION
IS IMPORTANT.

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t}$$

$$a = \text{ACCELERATION} \left(\frac{\text{m/s}}{\text{s}} \text{ or } \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{s}} \right)$$

or m/s^2

m/s/s

v = FINAL VELOCITY (m/s)

v_0 = INITIAL VELOCITY (m/s)

t = TIME (SEC)

ACCELERATION PROBLEMS #1

$$(1a) \quad v_0 = 7.5 \text{ m/s} \quad t = 3 \text{ sec} \quad v = 9.1 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(1b) \quad a = ?$$

$$(2) \quad a = \frac{v - v_0}{t}$$

$$(3) \quad a = \frac{(9.1 - 7.5)}{3}$$

$$(4) \quad a = \frac{1.6}{3} = .533 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \text{ DOWN THE STREET}$$

$$(5) \quad \text{Solve for } t$$

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t}$$

$$.533 = \frac{(9.1 - 7.5)}{t}$$

$$t \times .533 = \frac{1.6}{t} \times t$$

$$\frac{.533 \times t}{.533} = \frac{1.6}{.533}$$

$$t = 3.002 \text{ sec} \quad \checkmark$$