

# Acceleration Due to gravity

0.

pen falls

1.

$\vec{v} \downarrow$

2.

$\vec{a} \downarrow$

3.

A)  $\uparrow$  B)  $\downarrow$

4.
- speeding up

so  $\vec{v}$  &  $\vec{a}$

are same

direction

Without air resistance,  
everything on Earth falls  
with acceleration  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \downarrow$

$9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$  After 1s, object moving at  $9.8 \text{ m/s}$

$1 \text{ m/s} = 2.2 \text{ mi/hr}$  After 2s,  $19.6 \text{ m/s}$   
After 3s,  $29.4 \text{ m/s}$   
⋮

throw pen up in the air

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2.

1.

0.
- $\vec{v} \uparrow$

$\vec{a} \downarrow$

A)  $\uparrow$  B)  $\downarrow$

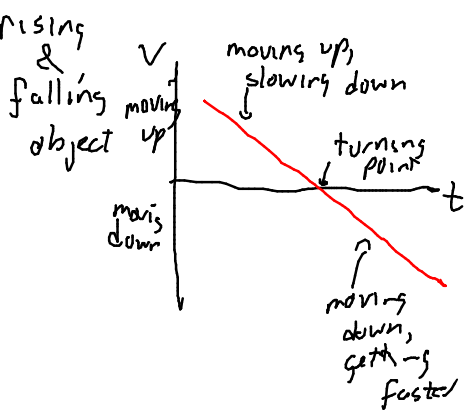
At top of flight,

$$\vec{v} = 0$$

$\vec{a}$  at top: A)  $\uparrow$  B) 0 C)  $\downarrow$

$$\vec{a} = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \downarrow \text{ even at top}$$

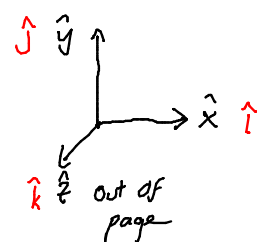
You can have acceleration even if  $\vec{v} = 0$   
"turning point"



acceleration = slope of velocity vs time graph

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

To write vectors with numbers,  
we first need basis vectors

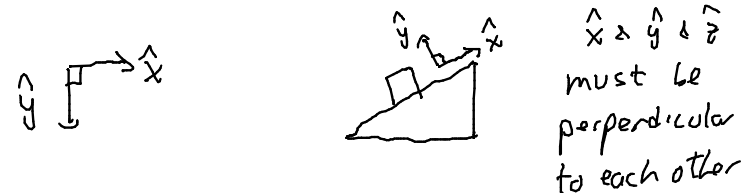


$\hat{x}$  is a unit vector which points in  $+x$  direction  
and has magnitude  $|\hat{x}| = 1$ .

A velocity of  $5 \text{ m/s}$  in  $+x$  direction

$$\vec{v} = (5 \text{ m/s}) \hat{x}$$

We can choose other bases



$\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$   
must be  
perpendicular  
to each other

Write other vectors as sums of  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$

e.g.  $\frac{2\hat{x}}{\hat{x} \quad \hat{x}}$  component form

$3\hat{x} - 6\hat{y}$

$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$

e.g.  $\vec{A} = -2\hat{x} + 3\hat{y}$   $A_x = -2$

$(-2\hat{x} + 3\hat{y}) + (3\hat{x}) = (-2\hat{x} + 3\hat{x}) + 3\hat{y}$   
 $= \hat{x} + 3\hat{y}$

$3(-2\hat{x} + 3\hat{y}) = -6\hat{x} + 9\hat{y}$

Magnitude

$\vec{F} = 1\hat{x} + 2\hat{y} \text{ N}$   $|\vec{F}| = ?$

$|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$

Generally,  $|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$

e.g.  $\vec{A} = -2\hat{x} + 3\hat{y} + 4\hat{z}$

$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 16}$   
 $= \sqrt{29} \approx 5.38$