What You Need to Know

Use equations of kinematics to solve problem in 1D and 2D

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

$$v = v_0 + at$$

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

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

$$v_{avg} = \Delta x / \Delta t \text{ or } v_{avg} = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v_f)$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \downarrow$$

Tell the direction of acceleration from change in velocity

speeding up $\Leftrightarrow \vec{v}$ and \vec{a} point in same direction

slowing down $\Leftrightarrow \vec{v}$ and \vec{a} point in opposite directions

• If \vec{a} is at an angle to \vec{v} , the object turns

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t,$$

if t is large, $\vec{v} \& \vec{a}$ point same direction