

# AN ECLIPSE PROBLEM TO ILLUSTRATE SPEED VS. VELOCITY

- Totality begins in Lincoln City, OR and ends in Charleston, SC 4.5 hours later. If you were to drive, the ***total distance*** of this path is  $4.8 \times 10^3$  km. How fast would you need to drive to follow the totality across the US in m/s?
- The ***displacement*** from Lincoln City to Charleston is  $4.0 \times 10^3$  km. How fast would you need to fly to follow the totality across the US in m/s?



# THINGS I NOTICED FROM QUIZ 1

- Miles per hour (mph), etc – the "per" indicates division.

- $\frac{m}{s}$  ,  $\frac{mi}{hr}$  ,  $\frac{km}{hr}$

- Many people tried to do  $-\frac{9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}}{4.0s}$

- This is  $-9.8 \frac{m}{s^2} * \frac{1}{4s}$



# QUIZ 1

- If you would like to retake the quiz, I will offer another quiz lunch and after school tomorrow and Weds
  - I will keep the better score

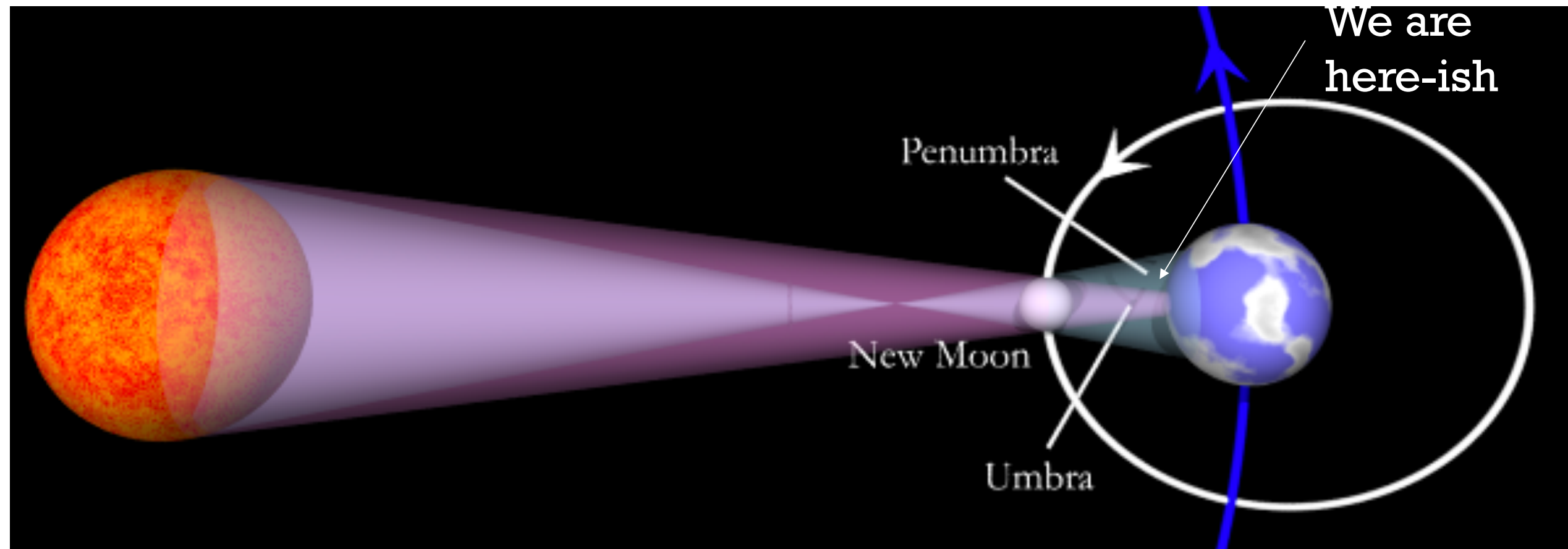


# GOALS FOR TODAY

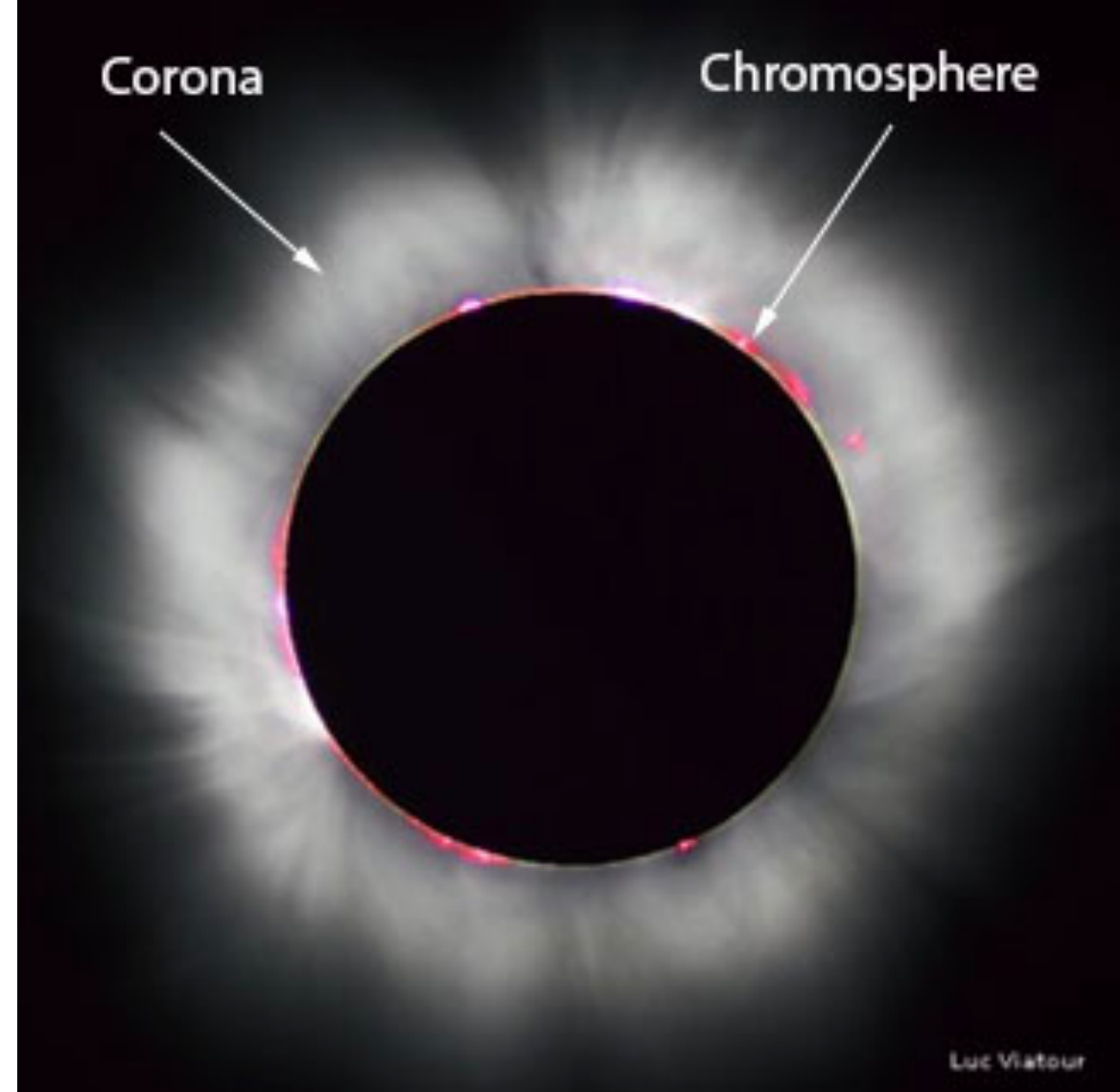
- The eclipse!
- Free fall
- Strategies for solving kinematic equations



# THE ECLIPSE!



- The **corona** is the outer atmosphere of the sun
- The **chromosphere** is the thin layer of the sun's atmosphere just above the photosphere



**OK BACK TO STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW**



# FREEFALL

- All objects accelerate toward the Earth under the unforgivable force of gravity
- They pick up speed as they descend





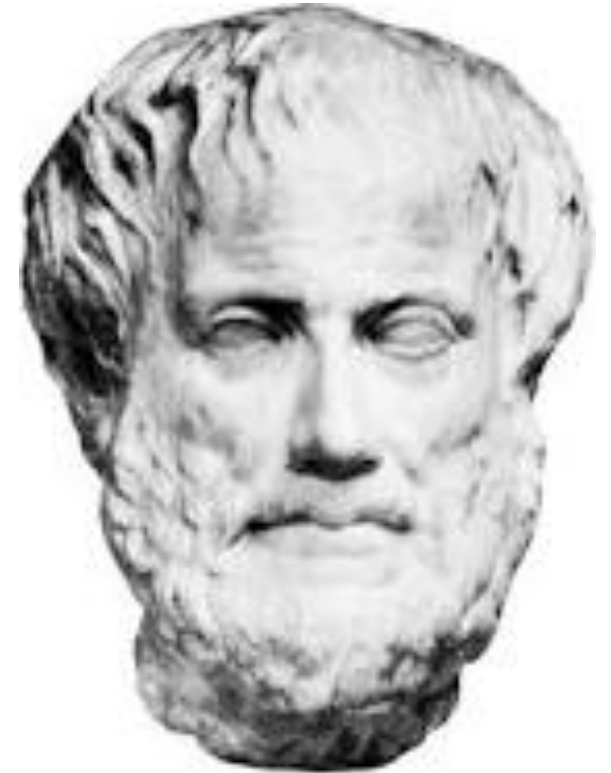
# FREEFALL

- They pick up speed as they descend.
- If acceleration due to gravity is  $-9.8\text{m/s}^2$ , by how much does the speed increase every second?
  - $9.8\text{ m/s}$



# FREEFALL — THE HISTORY

- Up through the 16<sup>th</sup> century, people believed the teachings of Aristotle...
- “A body which is ten times as heavy as another will move ten times as rapidly as the other.”



# FREEFALL — THE HISTORY

- Then Galileo showed up, dropped some masses off the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and came to an interesting conclusion...



- **Acceleration due to gravity affects all objects the same regardless of their mass!**
  - If you dropped an elephant and a mouse off the Tower of Pisa, they would gracefully land at the same time.
- **Any observed differences are due to air resistance.**



- The faster an object goes, the larger **slowing effect** air resistance has on slowing the object.
- **Object shape/area** also plays a role
- Without air resistance, things would fall faster and faster without anything to slow them!

**AIR RESISTANCE**



- **Terminal velocity** happens when the force of air resistance (drag force) = Force due to gravity  $\rightarrow$  maximum possible speed
- (Side note: terminal velocity for a baseball is 95 mph)

**AIR RESISTANCE**



# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- “Velocity and acceleration will always be pointing in the same direction.”
  - **If you throw a ball up**, velocity is pointing upward but acceleration (gravity) is pointing downward
  - **A braking car** has a velocity going one direction but the acceleration is opposing the velocity, causing it to slow down.



# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- “An object has zero acceleration at its highest point.”
  - An object's *velocity* is 0 at its highest point

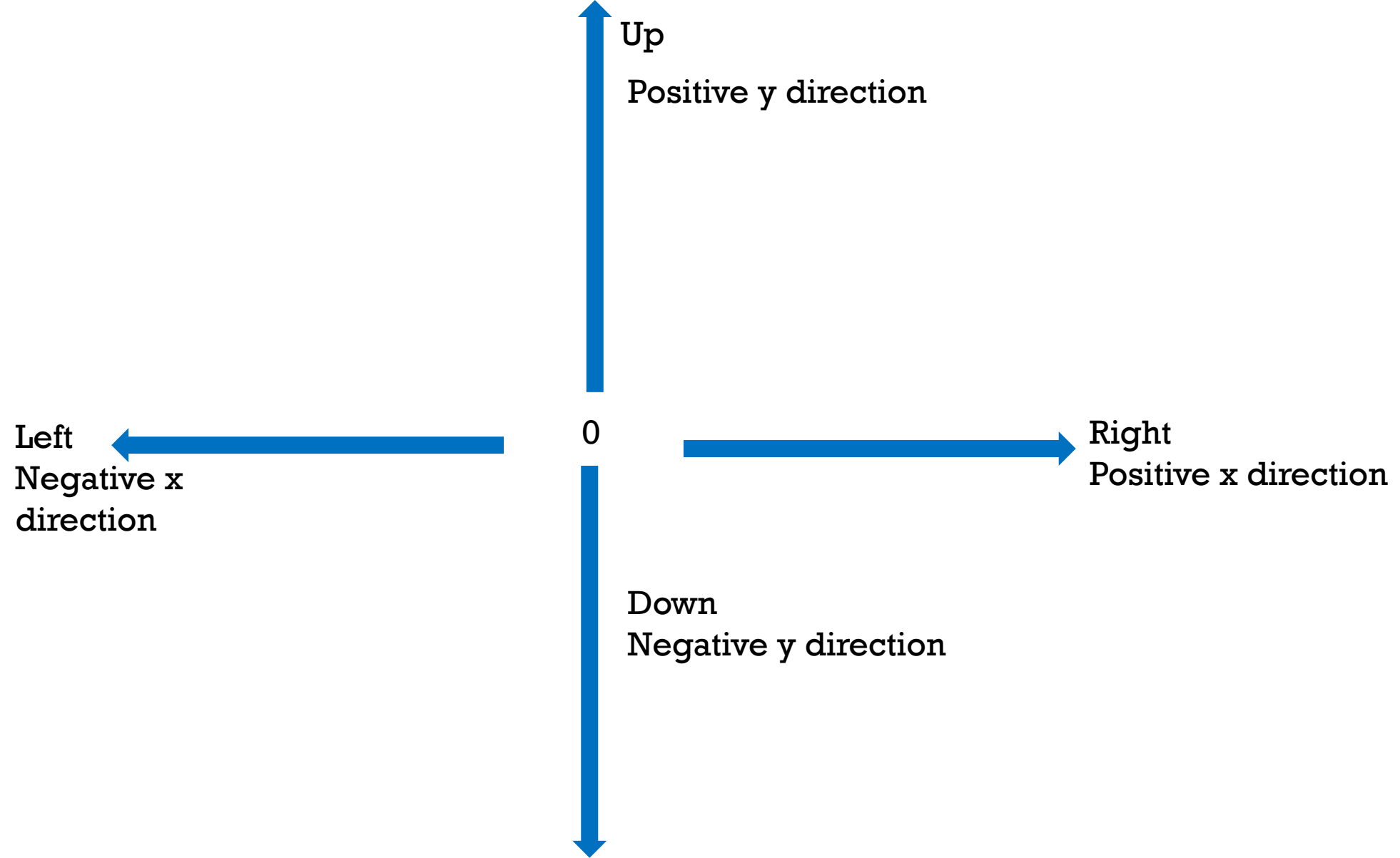




# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

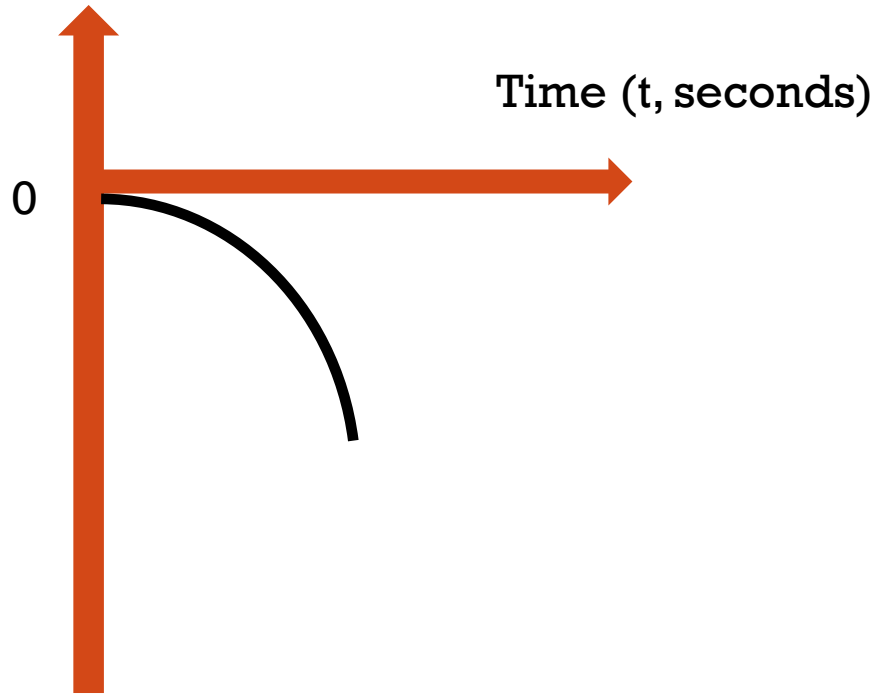
- “An object’s acceleration is increasing as it falls.”
  - Acceleration of an object in free fall is always  $-9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ . It’s the *speed* that is increasing as it falls.



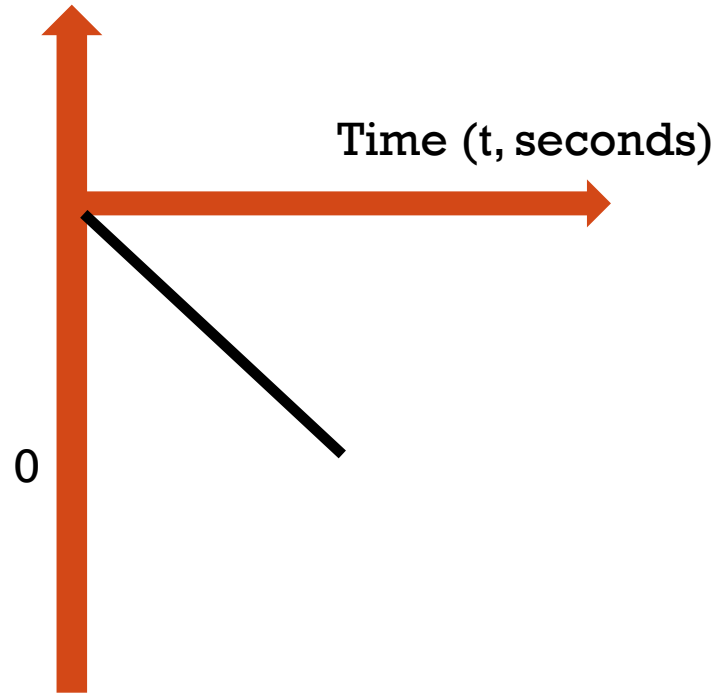


# GRAPHING FREE FALL IF WE JUST DROP THE THING

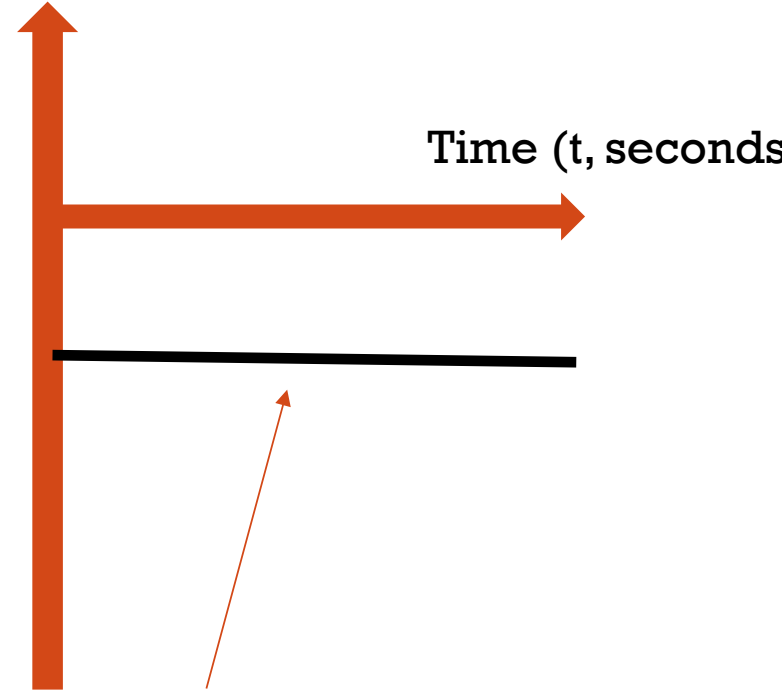
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Velocity (v, m/s)



Acceleration (a, m/s<sup>2</sup>)

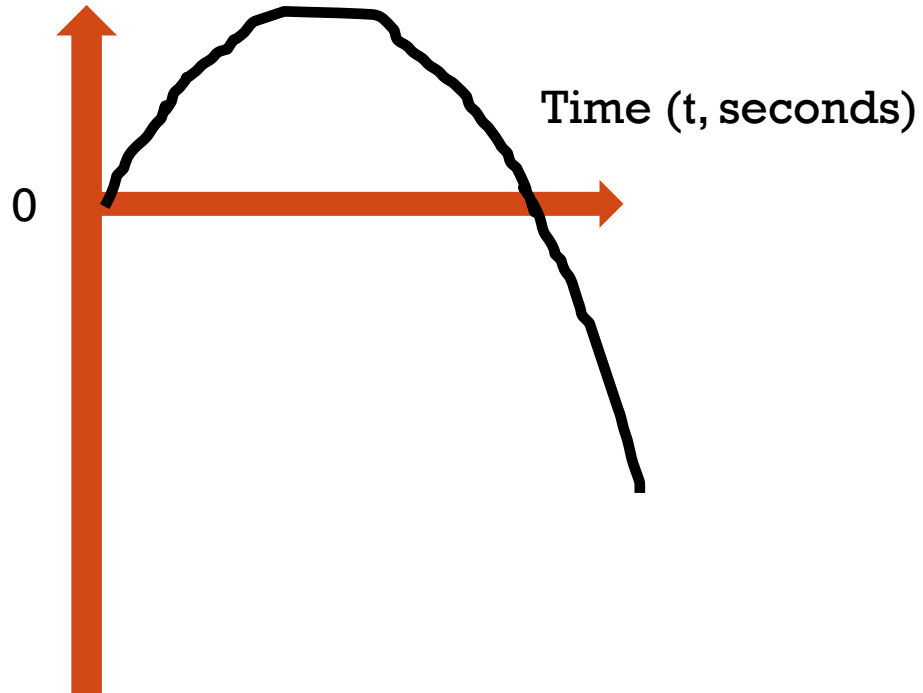


What is the value of this acceleration?

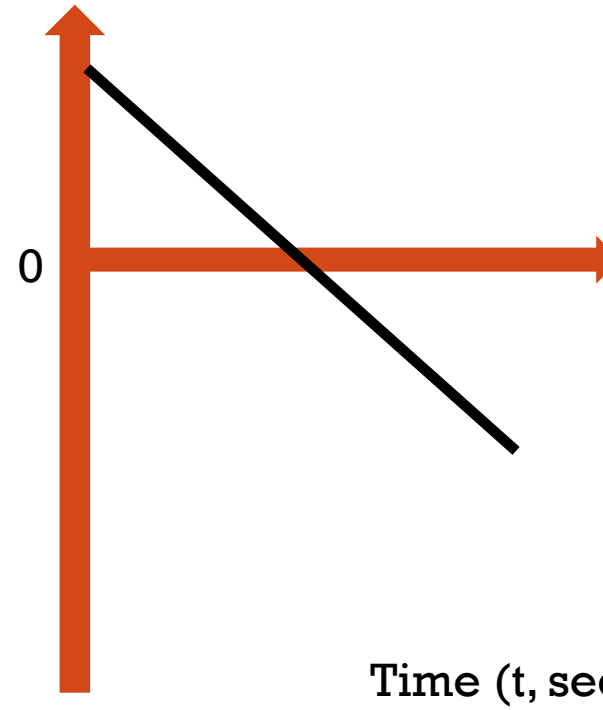


# GRAPHING FREE FALL IF WE THROW THE THING UP

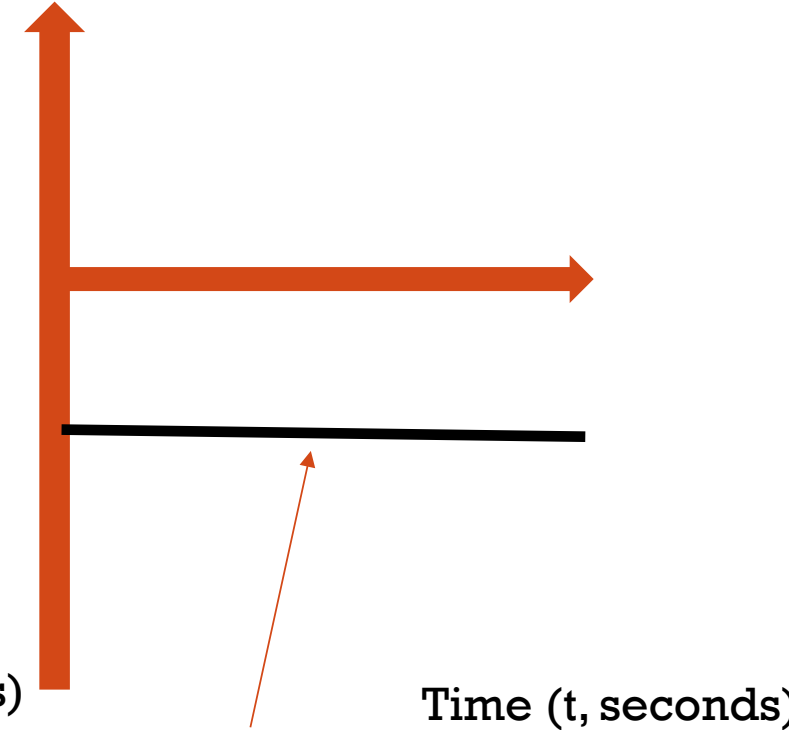
Position (y, meters)



Velocity (v, m/s)



Acceleration (a, m/s<sup>2</sup>)

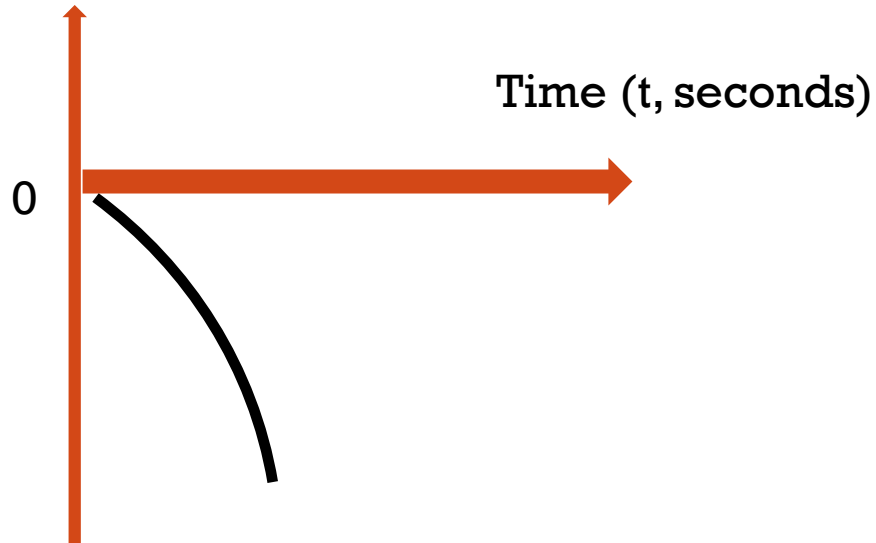


What is the value of this acceleration?

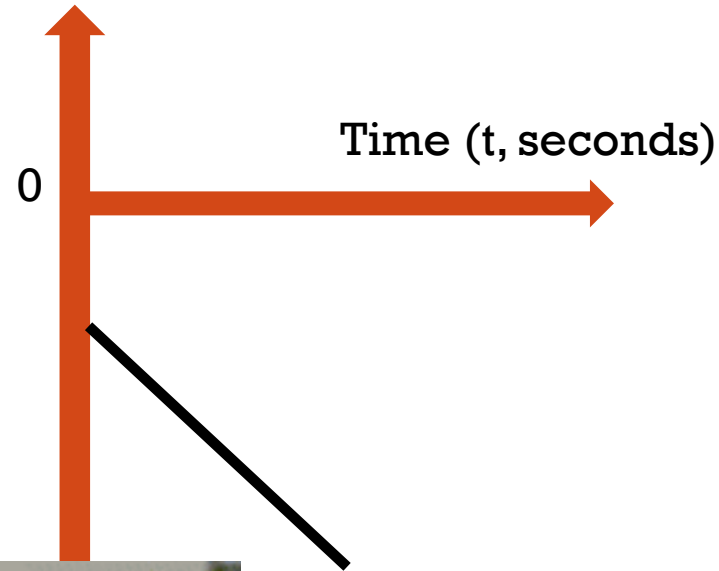


# GRAPHING FREE FALL IF WE THROW THE THING DOWN

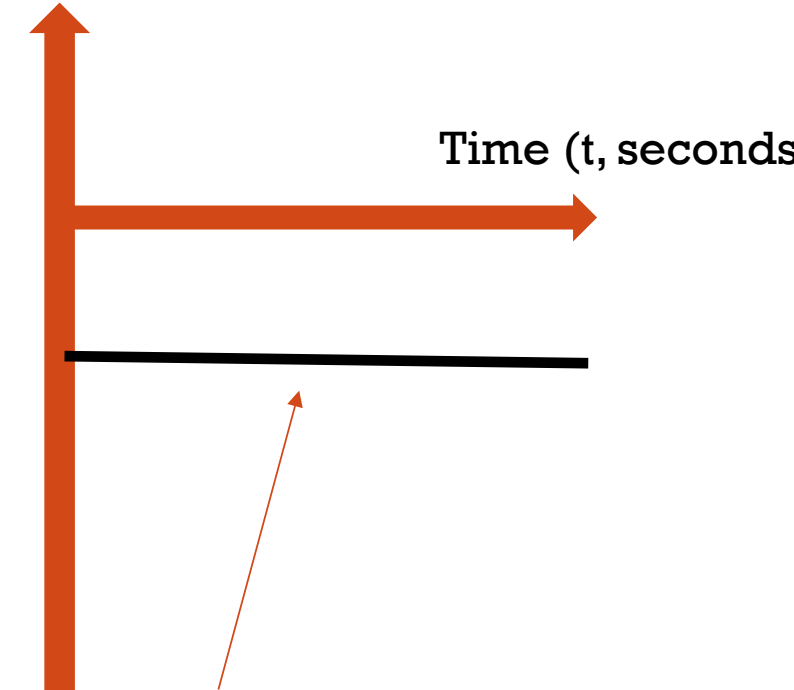
Position (y, meters)



Velocity (v, m/s)



Acceleration (a, m/s<sup>2</sup>)



What is the value of this acceleration?

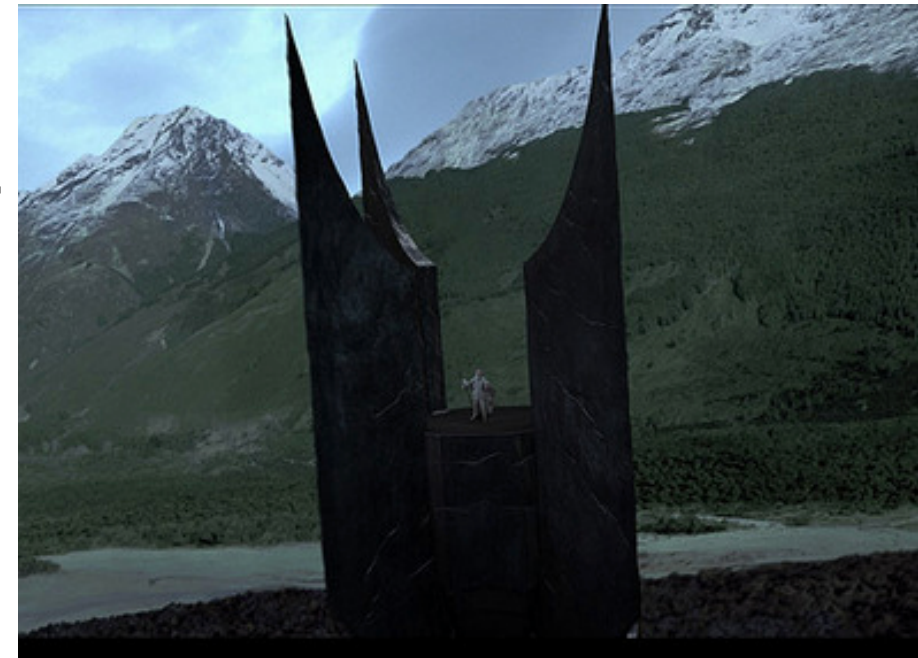


# CALCULATIONS WITH FREEFALL

- Kinematic equations stay the same, but now  $g$  replaces  $a$ , where  $g = -9.81\text{m/s}^2$ , remember it is negative because  $g$  points down.
- $x_f = x_i + v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \rightarrow x_f = x_i + v_i t + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{9.8\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) t^2$



- Saruman is conducting physics experiments from atop the Tower of Orthanc.
- If he drops his seeing stone (a ball) from the peak of his fortress, how far will the ball have fallen after 1.00 s, 2.00 s, and 3.00 s? (Neglect air resistance)
  - 4.90 m, 19.6 m, 44.1 m
- Plot these on a position vs. time graph
- Now graph the velocity at each of those time points.





# HANG TIME

- Estimate how long your favorite basketball player will be in the air if they can jump 1.0 m. (Remember – the hang time will be the amount of time it takes the player to go up and down!)

$$x_f = x_i + v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$v_i = 0$$

$$x_i = 0$$

$$1.0m = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{9.8m}{s^2} \right) t^2$$

$\frac{1}{2}$  the hang time =  $t = 0.45$  seconds

Hang time = 0.90 seconds



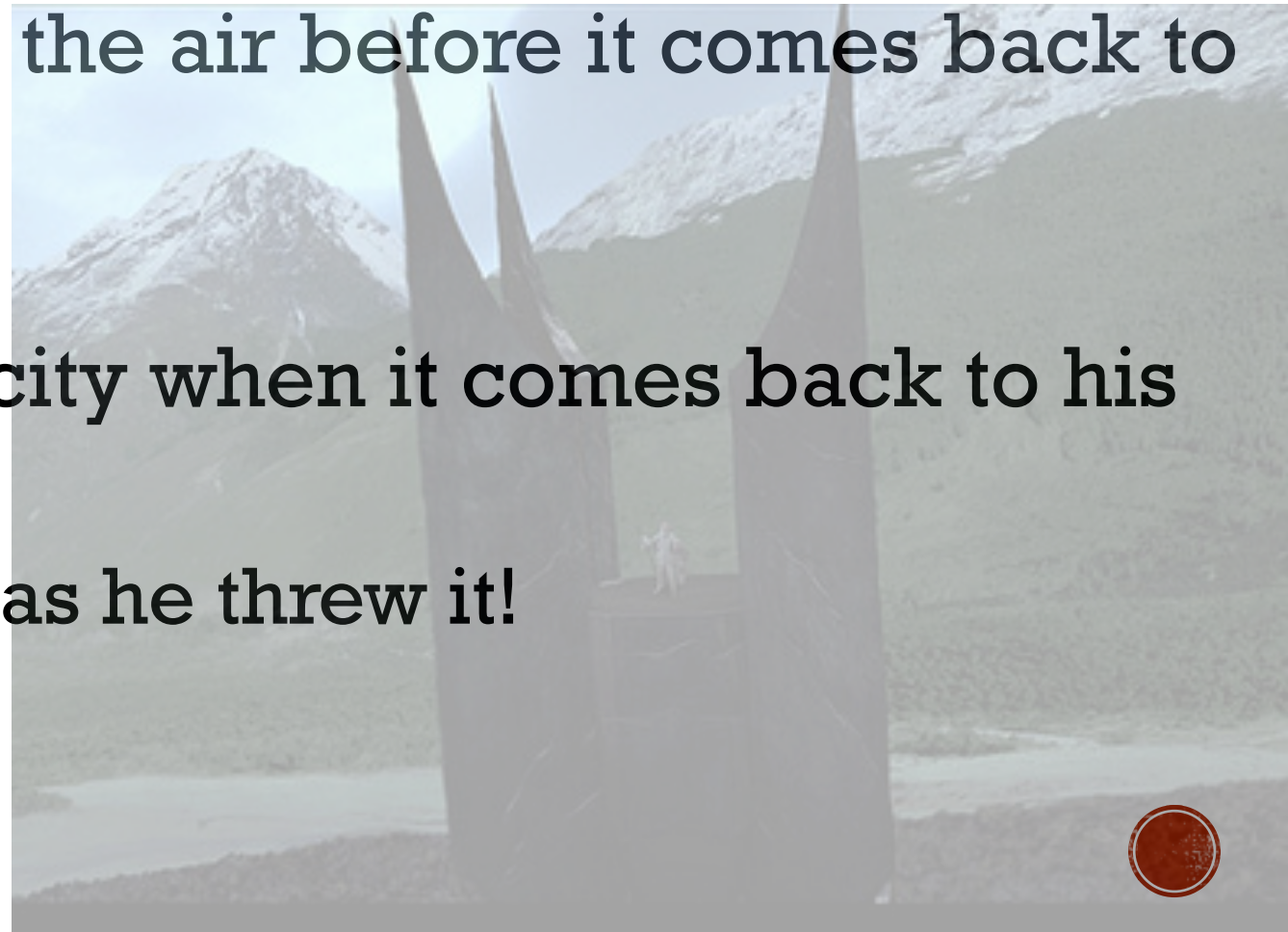


# STRATEGIES FOR SOLVING A KINEMATICS PROBLEM

- *Draw it out first*
- *Figure out your **unknowns**/what you are solving for*
- *Write down your **knowns/givens***
- *Make sure everything is in the right **units***
- ***Find the equation** that best fits your unknowns and knowns*
- ***Solve!***

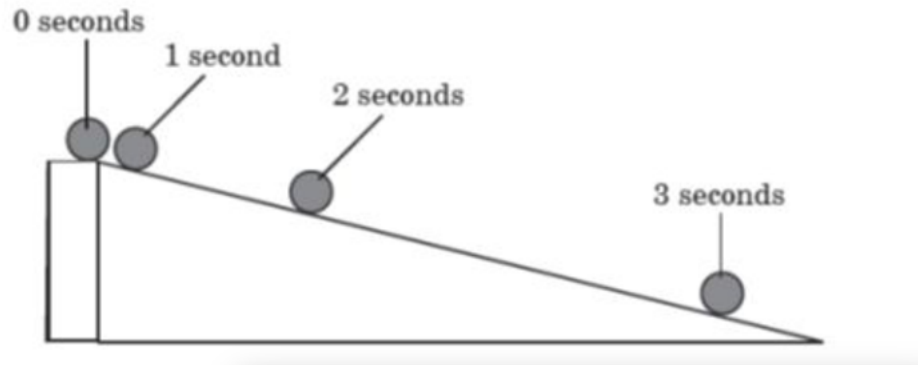


- Saruman now throws the ball *upward* at 3.00 m/s
- How high does the ball go?
  - 0.459 m
- How long is the ball in the air before it comes back to his hand?
  - 0.612 s
- What is the ball's velocity when it comes back to his hand?
  - -3.00 m/s – the same as he threw it!



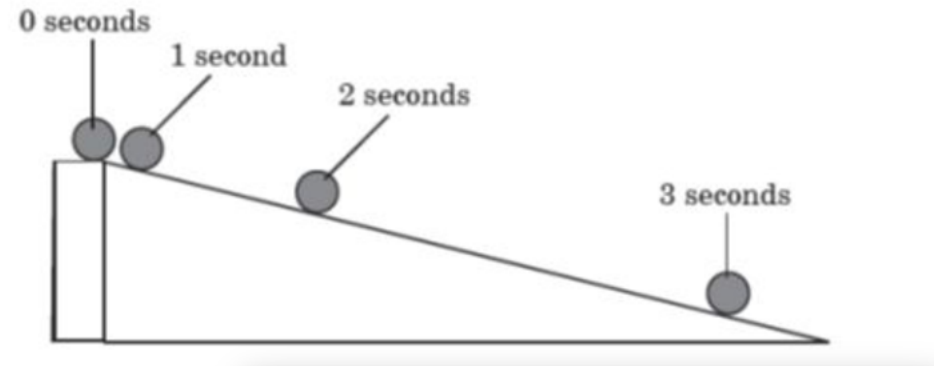
# GALILEO'S RAMPS

- In addition to dropping objects off the Tower of Pisa, Galileo also measured acceleration by rolling balls on “inclined planes”

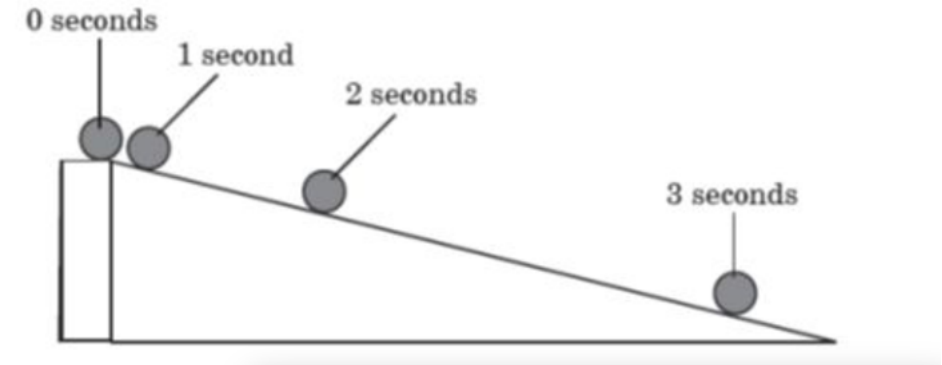


# GALILEO'S RAMPS

- He noticed that a ball rolling down an inclined plane will **pick up the same amount of speed in successive seconds**



- For example, a ball rolling down a plane at a certain angle picks up 2 m/s every second it rolls
- Instantaneous velocity at 1-second intervals may be 0, 2, 4, 6, 8...m/s
- **Instantaneous velocity = acceleration \* time passed**



# GALILEO'S RAMPS

- The steeper the plane, the higher acceleration the ball experiences

