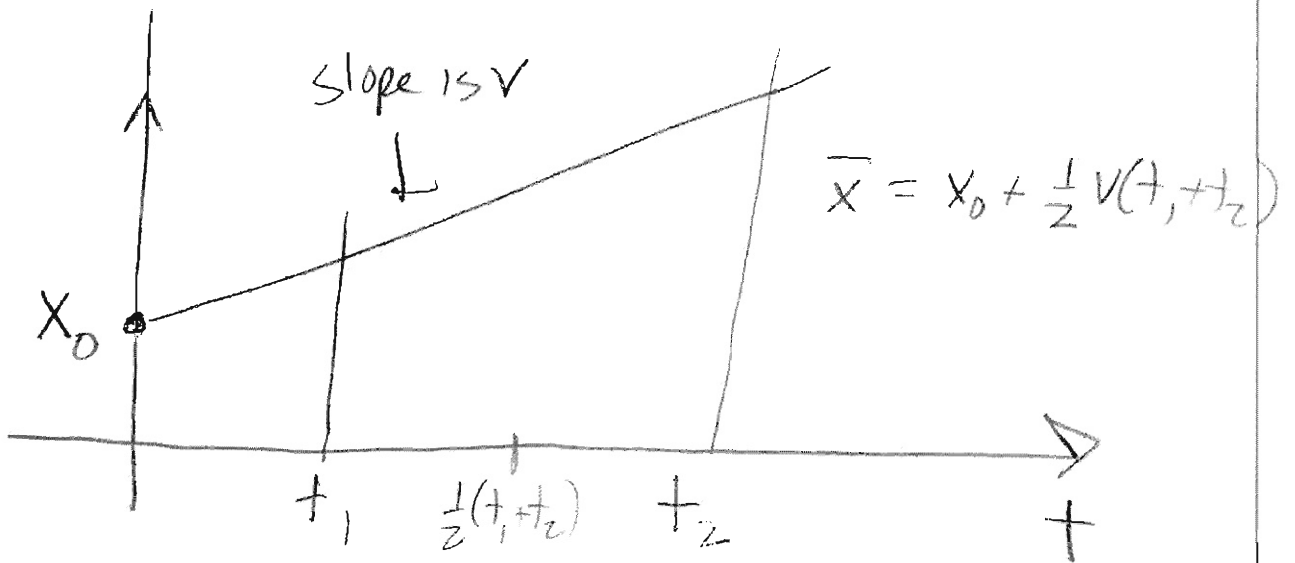


## Constant Velocity

$$x = A + Bt$$

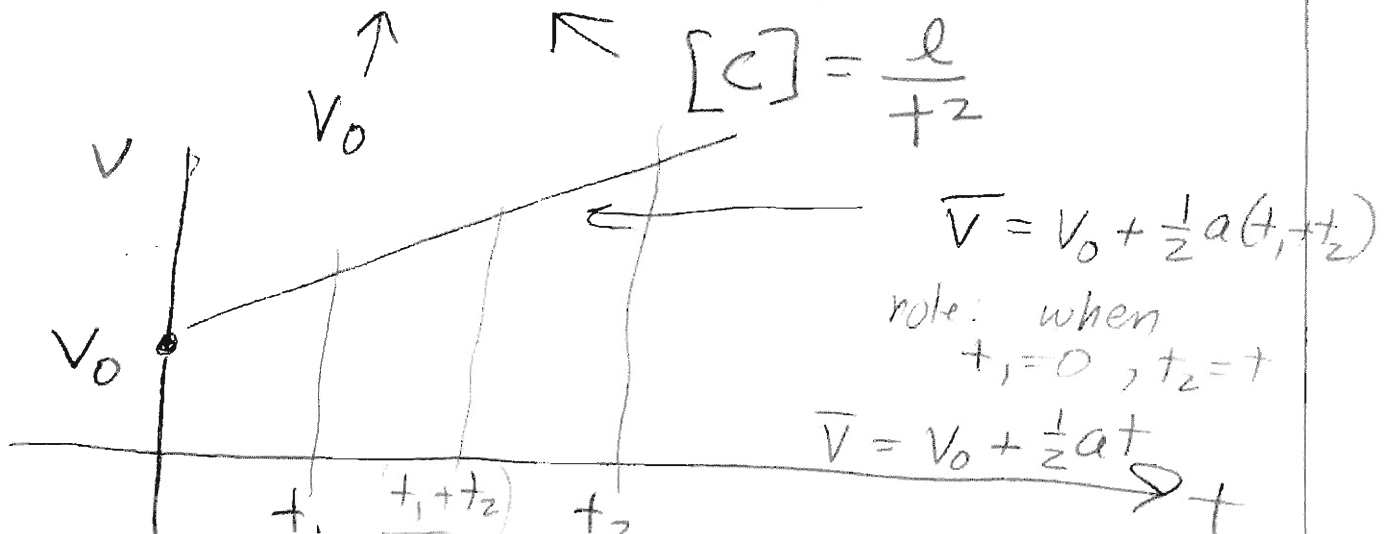
$[x] = l$       position when  $t = 0$ , aka  $x_0$        $[B] = \frac{l}{t}$  like m/s  
 $[A] = l$  (length)      B aka  $v$

$$x = x_0 + vt$$



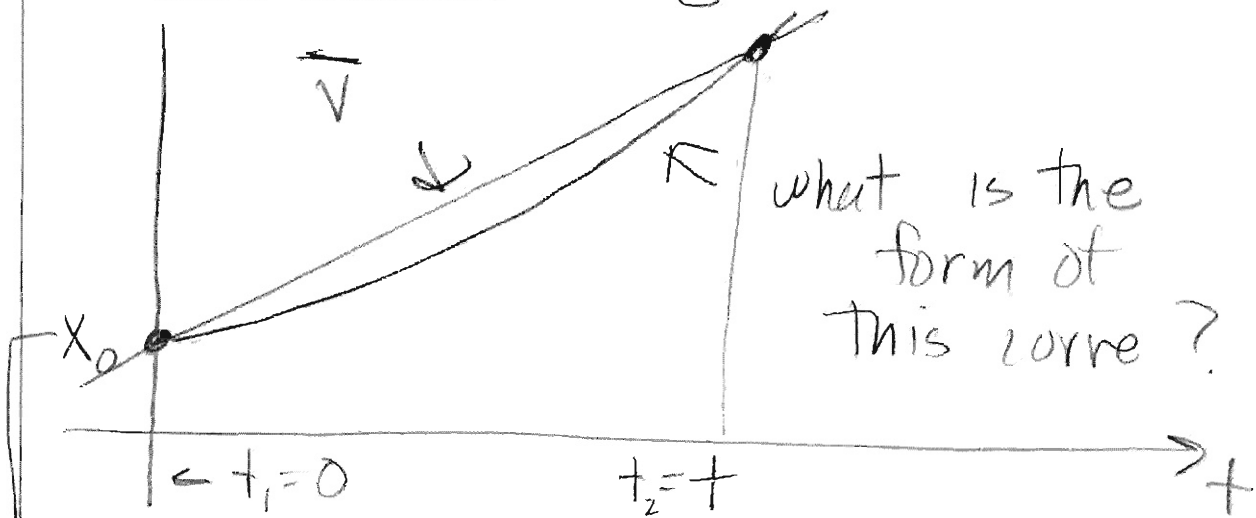
## Constant Acceleration

$$v = B + Ct = v_0 + at$$



Want  $x(t)$ ...

Method #1, "algebraic"



→ starting position is not  
determined by velocity

$$x = x_0 + \bar{v}t$$

$$= x_0 + (v_0 + \frac{1}{2}at)t$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

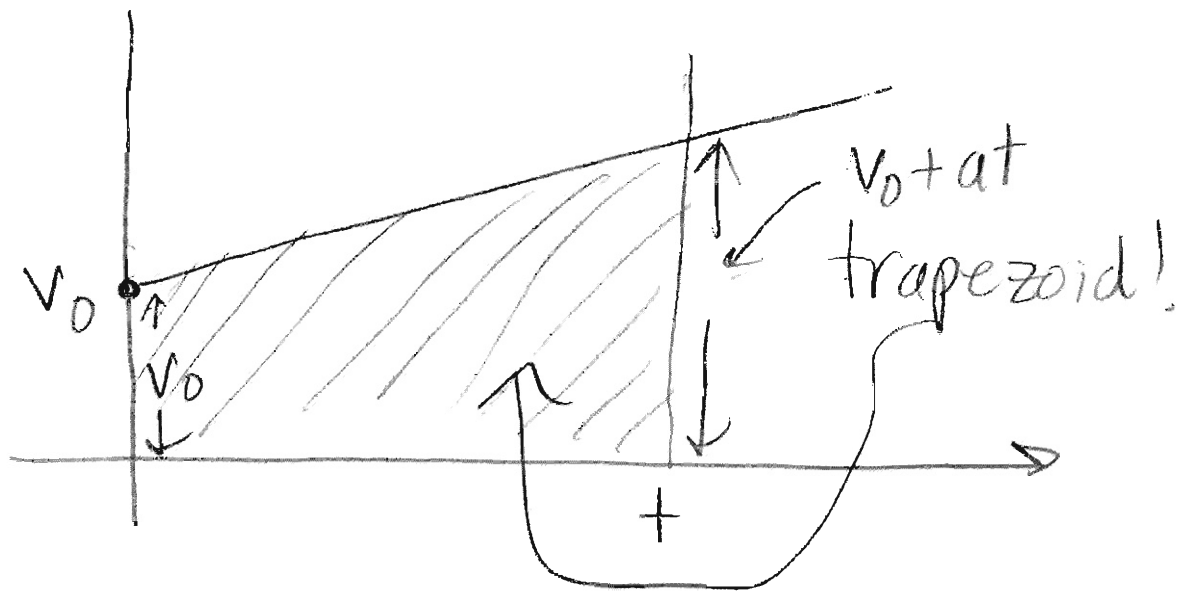
$$\dot{x} = v = \frac{dx}{dt} = v_0 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}at = v_0 + at$$

$$\ddot{x} = a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a$$

Method #2, "geometric"

Displacement is area under  
the velocity curve.

(a) "go with it"  
 when constant acceleration

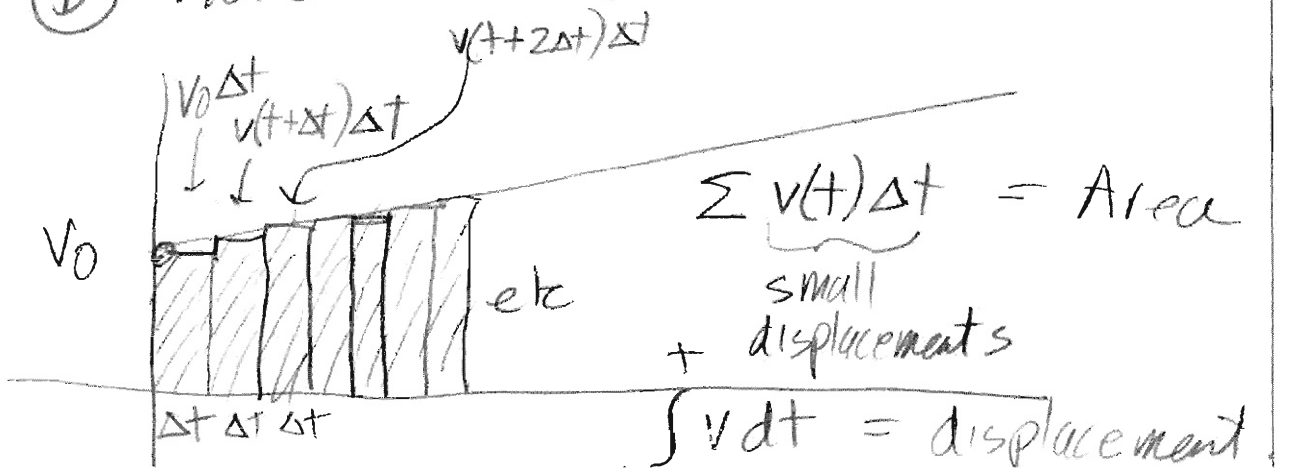


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} (v_0 + v_0 + at) \times t \\ &= v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \end{aligned}$$

Position = (initial position) + displacement

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

(b) more detailed.



homework :  $x(t) = A + Bt + Ct^2 + Dt^3$

$$v(t) = \dot{x}(t) = B + 2Ct + 3Dt^2$$

$$a(t) = \dot{v}(t) = 2C + 6Dt$$

When  $a(t) = \text{constant}$  ( $D=0!$ )

can combine  $v = v_0 + at$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

to eliminate  $t$ ... what  
good.. your last problem PS#2

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

$$(x - x_0) = v_0 \left( \frac{v - v_0}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{2} a \left( \frac{v - v_0}{a} \right)^2$$

$$\text{displacement} = \left( \frac{v - v_0}{a} \right) \left( v_0 + \frac{1}{2} (v - v_0) \right)$$

$$(x - x_0) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{a} (v - v_0) (v + v_0)$$

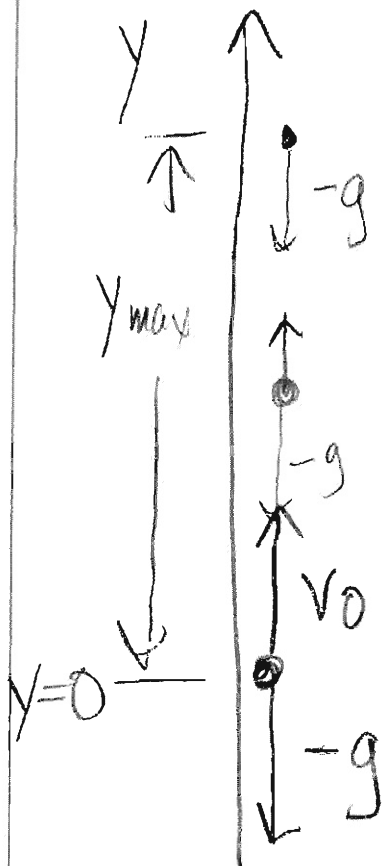
$$\boxed{v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(x - x_0)}$$

{ "potential  
energy

Gravity: near earth's surface,  
makes a uniform downward  
acceleration of  $a = -g$

$$g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

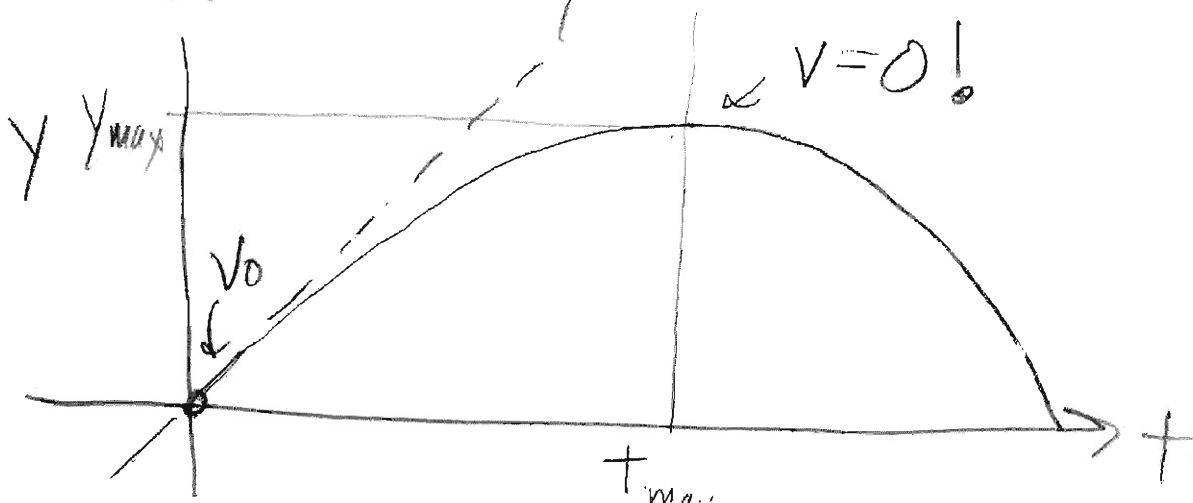
(10 m/s<sup>2</sup> often OK!)



Measure velocity  
with  $h$

launch a ball with  $v_0$   
upward

suppose it rises to height  $y_{\max}$   
(above release position!)... what  
was initial velocity.



$$0^2 - v_0^2 = 2(-g)(y_{\max} - 0)$$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{2gy_{\max}}$$

$$y_{\max} = 5 \text{ m}, \text{ say.}$$

$$v_0 \approx \sqrt{2 \cdot 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot 5 \text{ m}} = \sqrt{100 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}}$$

$$\boxed{v_0 \approx 10 \text{ m/s}} \quad 1 \text{ m/s} = 2.24 \text{ mph}$$

$$v_0 \approx 22 \text{ mph}$$

$$\text{Suppose } v_0 = 100 \text{ mph } (\approx 5 \times 22)$$

$$y_{\max} \propto v_0^2 \approx 25 \times 5 \text{ m}$$

$$\approx 125 \text{ meters}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$4 \text{ meters/story}$$

$$\approx 30 \text{ story bldg}$$

$$\rightarrow t_{\max} ?$$

$$v = v_0 - gt$$

$$0 = v_0 - gt_{\max}$$

$$\boxed{t_{\max} = \frac{v_0}{g} = \frac{10 \text{ m/s}}{10 \text{ m/s}^2} = 1 \text{ s}}$$

How long to fall back?  
another is!  $v?$   $-v_0$ .