

2-46 | Rain falls 1700 m from a cloud.

Say they start at rest ($v_0 = 0 \text{ m/s}$)
and that we don't have to worry about
air resistance. Falling things are
accelerated down at -9.8 m/s^2

(constant acceleration)

We know: $(x - x_0) = 1700 \text{ m}$. $a = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ $v_0 = 0$

We'd like:

a) how fast is it going? ✓

Table 2-1 has solved out the algebra of the equations
of constant motion for us, looks like eq. 2-16 is what we need:

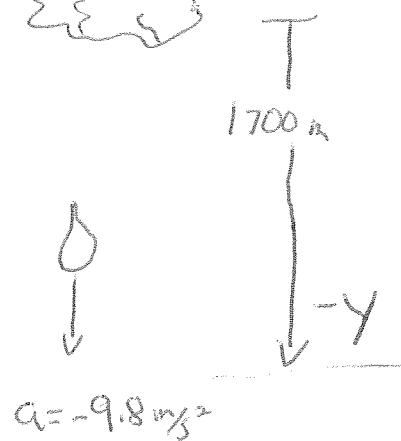
$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$v^2 = 0^2 + 2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(1700 \text{ m}) = 33,320 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{33,320 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}} = \pm 183 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Which way? negative = down, so $v = -183 \text{ m/s}$.

b) Would it hurt?

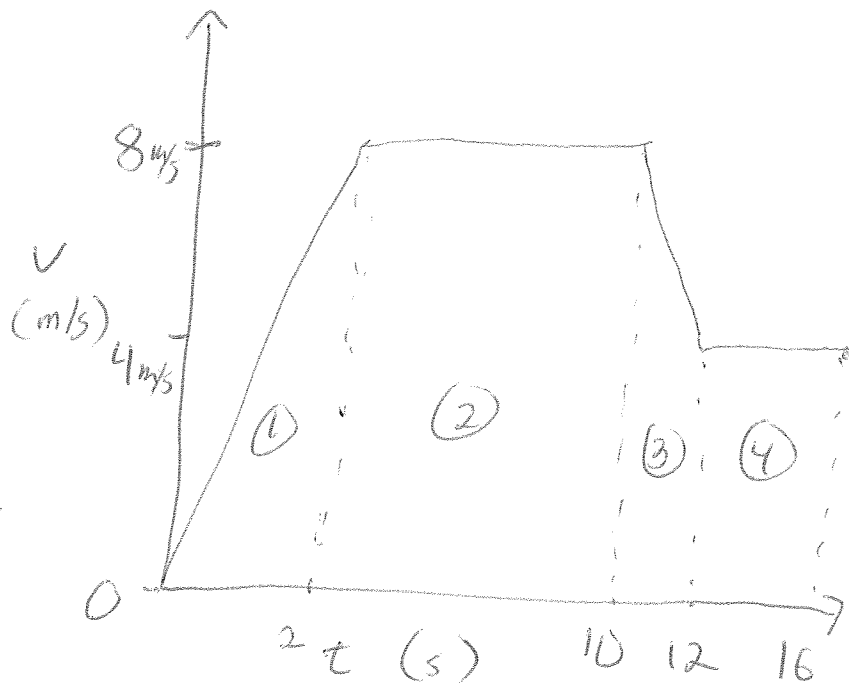


2-69 The runner has a

v vs. t graph as shown

How far does he go?

Let's break the problem up into 4 parts, ① → ④, find Δx in each part, and then add them up.



① Constant $a = \frac{8 \text{ m/s} - 0 \text{ m/s}}{2 \text{ s} - 0 \text{ s}} = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$

from $t = 0 \rightarrow 2$ seconds.

use 2-15, $x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 = 0 \cdot (2 \text{ s}) + \frac{1}{2} (4 \text{ m/s}^2) \cdot (2 \text{ s})^2 = 8 \text{ m}$

② constant $v = 8 \text{ m/s}$ for $(10 \text{ s} - 2 \text{ s}) = 8 \text{ s}$, $\Delta x = (8 \text{ m/s})(8 \text{ s}) = 64 \text{ m}$

③ Like ①, constant a , but a is negative: $a = \frac{4 \text{ m/s} - 8 \text{ m/s}}{2 \text{ s}} = -2 \text{ m/s}^2$

so again the 2-15, $\Delta x = (8 \text{ m/s})(2 \text{ s}) + \frac{1}{2} (-2 \text{ m/s}^2) (2 \text{ s})^2 = 16 \text{ m} - 4 \text{ m} = 12 \text{ m}$

④ Like ②, but $v = 4 \text{ m/s}$, $t = 4 \text{ s}$, so $\Delta x = 16 \text{ m}$

add up the 4 parts,

Total $\Delta x = 8 \text{ m} + 64 \text{ m} + 12 \text{ m} + 16 \text{ m}$
 $= 100 \text{ m}$