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### Part A

A driver parked his car on a steep hill and forgot to set the emergency brake. As a result, the car rolled down the hill and crashed into a parked truck. If the car was moving at 10 mph (4.5 m/s) when it hit the truck 7.0 seconds after it began to move, what was the car's average acceleration while it rolled down the hill? Define the positive *x* direction to be down the hill.

#### ANSWER:



The average acceleration is defined as the change in velocity divided by the time interval of that change. Here, the change in velocity is 4.5 m/s - 0 m/s = 4.5 m/s in the positive *x* direction and the time interval is 7 s.

# Part B

In a carnival game you roll a ball up a ramp and into a basket. During one attempt, you roll the ball so that it has a velocity of 6.0 m/s  $\hat{i}$  at the bottom of the ramp and 2.0 m/s  $\hat{i}$  at the top (where  $\hat{i}$  points up the ramp). If it takes 1.5 s for the ball to roll from the bottom to the top of the ramp, the ball's average acceleration is \_\_\_\_\_\_ m/s^2  $\hat{i}$ .

### Give the answer with two significant figures.

ANSWER:

-2.7

Also accepted: -2.6, -2.66, -2.67

The ball's average acceleration is -2.7 m/s<sup>2</sup>  $\hat{i}$ . The average acceleration is defined as the change in velocity divided by the time interval of that change. Here, the change in velocity is  $2 \text{ m/s} \hat{i} - 6 \text{ m/s} \hat{i} = -4.0 \text{ m/s} \hat{i}$  and the time interval is 1.5 s. The acceleration is a negative value which signifies that the ball is slowing down as it rolls up the ramp.

## Part C

You toss a ball straight up by giving it an initial upward velocity of 18 m/s. What is the velocity of the ball 0.50 s after you released it? Define the positive *y* direction to be upward, the direction that you toss the ball.

ANSWER:



The velocity is determined using the kinematic equation  $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t$  where  $\vec{v}_0$  is the initial velocity of 18 m/s  $\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{a}$  is the acceleration due to gravity, which is equal to -9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>  $\hat{j}$ . The acceleration due to gravity is negative because its vector always points downward.