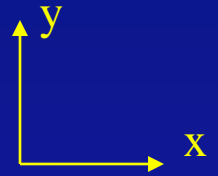


Free Fall



- Only force acting on object is GRAVITY

→ Newton's 2nd Law $\Sigma F_y = ma_y$

→ Force is **Weight = mg** (near surface of earth)

» $\Sigma F_y = ma_y$

» $-mg = ma_y$

» $a_y = -g$ (- sign tells us it is in $-y$ direction or down).

- Acceleration is **ALWAYS g downwards**

→ Position may be positive, zero or negative

→ Velocity may be positive, zero or negative

→ Acceleration is always g downwards

➤ $y = y_0 + v_{y0}t - 1/2 gt^2$

➤ $v_y = v_{y0} - gt$

➤ $v_y^2 = v_{y0}^2 - 2g(y-y_0)$