

Lab 1 Key

1. a) Since the height is given in feet, we'll use $a(t) = -32 \text{ ft/s}^2$.
Then $v(t) = -32t + C \text{ ft/sec}$. But we know $v(0) = 0$ since the rock was dropped. So $C = 0 \rightarrow v(t) = -32t \text{ ft/s}$.
Finally, $s(t) = -32(\frac{1}{2}t^2) + C = -16t^2 + C \text{ ft}$. But we know $s(0) = 400$. So $-16 \cdot 0^2 + C = 400 \rightarrow C = 400 \rightarrow$
 $s(t) = -16t^2 + 400 \text{ ft}$

b) It hits the ground when $s(t) = 0$
 $-16t^2 + 400 = 0 \rightarrow 400 = 16t^2 \rightarrow t^2 = 25 \rightarrow t = 5 \text{ sec}$
At that time, it's going $v(5) = -32(5) = -160 \text{ ft/s}$, or
160 ft/s downward

2. a) Here, we use $a(t) = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
So $v(t) = -9.8t + C$, but $v(0) = 10$, so $-9.8(0) + C = 10 \rightarrow$
 $C = 10 \rightarrow v(t) = -9.8t + 10 \text{ m/s}$
Then $s(t) = -9.8(\frac{1}{2}t^2) + 10t + C = -4.9t^2 + 10t + C$.
But $s(0) = 2$ so $-4.9(0^2) + 10(0) + C = 2 \rightarrow C = 2 \rightarrow$
 $s(t) = -4.9t^2 + 10t + 2 \text{ m}$

b) Its max height is reached when $v(t) = 0$
 $-9.8t + 10 = 0 \rightarrow s(1.02) = -4.9(1.02)^2 + 10(1.02) + 2$
 $9.8t = 10 \quad \quad \quad \approx 7.1$
 $t \approx 1.02$ — It reaches a max height of $7.1 \text{ m after } 1.02 \text{ s}$

3. a) Here, we know $a(t) = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$, $s(0) = 100$, and $s(8) = 0$.
Since $v(t) = -9.8t + C$, that means $s(t) = -4.9t^2 + Ct + D$.
So we have $-4.9(0^2) + C(0) + D = 100 \rightarrow D = 100$. Then
 $-4.9(8^2) + C(8) + 100 = 0 \rightarrow 8C - 213.6 = 0 \rightarrow C = 26.7$.
That means the initial velocity $v(0)$ is 26.7 m/s

b) Again, max height is reached when $v(t) = 0$
 $-9.8t + 26.7 = 0 \rightarrow s(2.72) = -4.9(2.72)^2 + 26.7(2.72) + 100$
 $t \approx 2.72$ — $\approx 136.4 \text{ m}$