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## Quiz 1

## Instructions:

- 1. Answer both questions below. Both have equal weight.
- 2. Express your answer with the appropriate units and significant digits
- 3. Show your work for full credit.

**1.** The position x as a function of time t of a particle traveling along a straight line can be described by the function

 $x(t) = 2.0 + 4.0t - 4.9t^2$ 

with  $t \ge 0$ , x in meters, and t in seconds. At what time is the position maximum?

**2.** You have two vectors:

$$\vec{\mathbf{a}} = 1\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\imath}} + 2\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\jmath}} + 3\,\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$
$$\vec{\mathbf{b}} = 3\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\imath}} + 6\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\jmath}} + 9\,\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Find the scalar product of the two vectors,  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{b}}$