4. The acceleration is defined as the change in velocity divided by the elapsed time or

$$a = \Delta v / t$$

$$a = (v_2 - v_1) / t$$

$$a = (7.0 \, \text{m/s} - 0 \, \text{m/s}) / 4.5 \, \text{s}$$

$$a = 1.6 \, \text{m} \, / \, \text{s}^2$$