

FORMULA SHEET

MOTION IN A STRAIGHT LINE

1. Speed The rate of change of position of an object.

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{time}}$$

$$v = \frac{s}{t}$$

2. Average speed Total distance divided by total time.

Average speed

$$v = \frac{\text{Total distance travelled}}{\text{Total time taken}}$$

3. Instantaneous speed Speed of an object at a particular instant of time.

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

4. Velocity Rate of change of displacement with direction.

$$v = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$$

5. Average velocity Total displacement divided by total time.

$$v_{av} = \frac{\text{Net displacement}}{\text{Total time taken}}$$

$$v_{av} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

6. Instantaneous velocity Velocity of an object at a specific instant of time.

$$\vec{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}$$

7. Acceleration Rate of change of velocity with time.

$$a = \frac{\text{Change in velocity}}{\text{Time taken}}$$

8. Average acceleration change in velocity by total time.

$$a_{av} = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

9. Instantaneous acceleration Acc.<sup>n</sup> at a particular instant of time.

$$\vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{x}}{dt^2}$$

10. Equation of motion for constant acceleration

(i)  $v = u + at$

$u \rightarrow$  initial velocity at  $t=0$

(ii)  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$v \rightarrow$  final velocity after time 't'

(iii)  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

$s \rightarrow$  distance travelled in time 't'

(iv)  $S_{nth} = u + \frac{a}{2}(2n-1)$

$S_{nth} \rightarrow$  distance travelled in  $n$ th second.

In Cartesian form

(i)  $v = v_0 + at$

(ii)  $x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  or  $s = v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

(iii)  $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$  or  $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2as$

(iv)  $S_{nth} = v_0 + \frac{a}{2}(2n-1)$

here  $x_0$  and  $x$  be its position coordinates and  $v_0$  and  $v$  be its velocities at times  $t=0$  and  $t$  respectively

Motion under gravity (For a freely falling body)

(i)  $v = u + gt$

$v = -9.8t$

(ii)  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$s = -4.9t^2$

(iii)  $v^2 = u^2 + 2gh$

$v^2 = 19.6h$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} u = 0 \\ g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{array} \right.$$

\* Sign of 'g' (Acceleration due to gravity)  
 $\rightarrow$  'g' is always directed downward toward the centre of the earth.

→ However its sign depends on the coordinate system (which direction you choose as positive.)

Situation	Velocity	Direction of 'g'	Sign (assume upward +ve)
Free fall	Increasing (downward)	Downward (towards Earth)	-ve, $g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ speeds up in downward
Object thrown upward	Decreasing (upward)	Downward Opp. to velocity	-ve, $u$ is upward but $g$ is downward $g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

\* If we assume downward as 'true' direction, then

- In downward motion,  $g$  is taken '+ve' (as  $g$  and motion are in same dir<sup>n</sup>) and for upward motion  $g$  is taken '-ve' as motion is opposite to  $g$ . ( $g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

For a body thrown vertically upward with initial velocity  $u$

(i) Maximum height,  $h = \frac{u^2}{2g}$

(ii) Time of ascent = Time of descent =  $\frac{u}{g}$

(iii) Total time of flight =  $\frac{2u}{g}$

(iv) Velocity of fall =  $u$

(v) Velocity attained by a body dropped from height 'h'  
 $u = \sqrt{2gh}$

not in new syllabus

\* Relative velocity

$$V_{AB} = \vec{V}_A - \vec{V}_B$$

$$V_{BA} = \vec{V}_B - \vec{V}_A$$

$V_{AB}$  → Relative velocity of A, w.r. to B

$V_{BA}$  → Relative velocity of B, w.r. to A