

CHAPTER-2: MOTION IN A STRAIGHT LINE

1. Important Definitions

Motion

Changing the position of an object with time is called Motion.

Rest

When the position of an object does not change with time, is said to be in rest.

Reference Frame

To measure the relative position of an object with respect to a point or coordinate is called Reference Frame.

Position

The state of an object with respect to reference point is called position.

$$x$$

SI Unit: $\boxed{\text{metre (m)}}$

2. Distance and Displacement

Distance

It is the actual path length covered by an object.

Formula:

$$\boxed{\text{Distance} = \text{Total Path Length}}$$

Nature:

- Scalar quantity
- Always positive

SI Unit: $\boxed{m \text{ (metre)}}$

Displacement

The shortest distance covered between initial position and final position with direction is called displacement.

Formula:

$$\boxed{\Delta x = x_f - x_i}$$

Nature:

- Vector quantity
- Positive, negative or zero

SI Unit: $m \text{ (metre)}$

3. Speed

Definition

Distance travelled per unit time is called speed.

Formula:

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

SI Unit: m/s

Average Speed

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}}$$

Instantaneous Speed

The speed of a particle at particular instant of time is called instantaneous speed.

4. Velocity

Definition

Displacement per unit time is called velocity.

Formula:

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

SI Unit: m/s

Average Velocity

$$\text{Average velocity} = \frac{\text{Total displacement}}{\text{Total time}}$$

Instantaneous Velocity

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} \text{ OR } \frac{dy}{dt} \text{ OR } \frac{ds}{dt} \text{ OR } \frac{dr}{dt}$$

5. Acceleration

Definition

Rate of change in velocity is called acceleration.

Formula:

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t_f - t_i} = \frac{v - u}{t}$$

where:

- u = Initial velocity
- v = Final velocity

SI Unit: ms^{-2}

Dimensions: $[a] = [LT^{-2}]$

Instantaneous Acceleration

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

6. Equations of Motion (SUVAT Equations)

Condition:

Uniform acceleration

First Equation

$$v = u + at$$

Second Equation

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

Third Equation

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

7. Motion under Gravity

Acceleration due to gravity: 9.8 ms^{-2}

Falling Body

$$v = u + gt$$

$$h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2gh$$

Body Thrown Upward

$$v = u - gt$$

$$h = ut - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh$$

8. Maximum Height

$$h = \frac{u^2}{2g}$$

9. Time of Ascent

$$t = \frac{u}{g}$$

10. Total Time of Flight

$$T = \frac{2u}{g}$$

11. Relative Motion

Relative velocity of A with respect to B:

$$v_{AB} = v_A - v_B$$

Relative acceleration:

$$a_{AB} = a_A - a_B$$

12. Graph Formulae

Position–Time Graph

Slope gives velocity:

$$\text{Slope} = v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Velocity–Time Graph

Slope gives acceleration:

$$\text{Slope} = \text{Acceleration} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

Area gives displacement:

$$\text{Area} = \text{displacement}$$

Acceleration–Time Graph

Area gives change in velocity:

$$\text{Area} = \text{Change in velocity } (\Delta V)$$

13. SI Units Summary Table

Physical Quantity	Symbol	SI Unit
Position	x	metre (m)
Distance	d	metre (m)
Displacement	Δx or s	metre (m)
Time	t	second (s)
Speed	v	m s^{-1}
Velocity	v	m s^{-1}
Acceleration	a	m s^{-2}
Gravity	g	m s^{-2}

14. Dimensional Formula Summary

Quantity	Dimension
Distance	[L]
Velocity	$[LT^{-1}]$
Acceleration	$[LT^{-2}]$

15. Calculus:

From calculus, we find rate of change or slope by Differentiation and to find area, we use Integration.

Some important Differential formulae

$$\frac{d(t^n)}{dt} = nt^{n-1}$$

Hence, $\frac{d(\text{any constant})}{dt} = 0$, $\frac{d(t)}{dt} = 1$, $\frac{d(t^2)}{dt} = 2t$, — — —

We read $\frac{d(t^n)}{dt}$ as differentiating t^n with respect to t.

$$\frac{d(\sin t)}{dt} = \cos t, \text{ and } \frac{d(\cos t)}{dt} = -\sin t$$

Some Important Integral Formula:

$$\int t^n dt = \frac{t^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

Note: In Physics, we use mostly the definite integration, so no need to put a constant plus in the above integration formula.

$$\int_1^2 t^2 dt = \left(\frac{t^3}{3}\right)_1^2 = \left(\frac{8}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{7}{3}$$

16. When we use differentiation and Integration in order to get displacement, velocity or acceleration?

- (1) From displacement-time equation ($x - t$ equation, or, $y - t$ equation or, $s - t$ equation, or $r - t$ equation) to velocity-time equation ($v-t$), (differentiation), use,

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

- (2) From velocity-time equation ($v-t$) to acceleration time equation ($a-t$), (differentiation), use,

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- (3) From acceleration-time ($a-t$) to velocity-time equation ($v-t$), (Integration), use,

$$\int_{v_i}^{v_f} dv = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} a dt$$

- (4) From velocity-time equation ($v-t$ equation) to displacement-time ($s-t$) equation, (Integration), use,

$$\int_{s_i}^{s_f} ds = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} v dt$$