

8.01L SUMMARY OF EQUATIONS

Note: Quantities shown in **bold** are vectors.

$$\mathbf{v} = d\mathbf{r}/dt \quad \mathbf{a} = d\mathbf{v}/dt$$

For *constant* acceleration \mathbf{a} , if at $t = 0$ $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0$ and $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0$:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{a}t$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}_0t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}t^2$$

Adding relative velocities ("wrt" is short for "with respect to"): $\mathbf{v}_{B \text{ wrt } C} = \mathbf{v}_{A \text{ wrt } C} + \mathbf{v}_{B \text{ wrt } A}$

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a} = 0 \quad (\text{static equilibrium})$$

Physical Constants:

$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ Use the approximate value $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ where told to do so.

Conversion reminder:

$$\pi \text{ radians} = 180^\circ$$

Lazy Physicist's Favorite Angle: (to be used when calculators are not allowed):

36.9° and 53.1° are the angles of a 3-4-5 right triangle so:

$$\sin(36.9^\circ) = \cos(53.1^\circ) = 0.60 \quad \cos(36.9^\circ) = \sin(53.1^\circ) = 0.80$$

Solution to a Quadratic Equation: If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$