

# Constant Acceleration Equations

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If acceleration is constant, use the CA equations.

- ▶ Velocity-Time Equation

$$v = v_0 + at$$

- ▶ Position-Time Equation

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

- ▶ Position-Velocity Equation

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

# Meaning of symbols in CA equations

$t$	the time	independent variable
$x$	position at time $t$	dependent variable
$v$	velocity at time $t$	dependent variable
$a$	the constant acceleration	parameter
$x_0$	position at time 0	parameter
$v_0$	velocity at time 0	parameter

Throughout a motion, some symbols stay the same and some change.

$t$	the time	changing
$x$	position at time $t$	changing
$v$	velocity at time $t$	changing
$a$	the constant acceleration	constant
$x_0$	position at time 0	constant
$v_0$	velocity at time 0	constant