

Formula Sheet – Physics 111

Vectors and math

$$|\vec{V}| = V = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2} \quad V_x = V \cos \theta$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{V_y}{V_x} \quad V_y = V \sin \theta$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Geometry

perimeter circle: $2\pi R$

area sphere: $4\pi R^2$

area circle: πR^2

volume sphere: $\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$

1 revolution = 2π radians = 360°

10^{-15}	femto- (f)
10^{-12}	pico- (p)
10^{-9}	nano- (n)
10^{-6}	micro- (μ)
10^{-3}	milli- (m)
10^{-2}	centi- (c)
10^3	kilo- (k)
10^6	mega- (M)
10^9	giga- (G)
10^{12}	tera- (T)

Conversion factors (for barbaric units)

1 yard = 3 foot = 36 inches

1 inch = 2.54 cm

1 mile = 1.609 km

1 lb = 4.448 N

1 gallon = 3.788 liters

1 m³ = 1000 liters

1 atm = 1.013×10^5 Pa = 760 mm Hg 1 cal = 4.186 J 1 Cal = 1000 cal

Physical constants

$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$

$R = 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$ $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)$ $k = \frac{R}{N_A} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

$v_{\text{sound}} = 343 \text{ m/s}$

$N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

General kinematics

$$\bar{v} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \quad \bar{a} = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \quad a = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

One-dimensional motion with constant acceleration

$$x = x_0 + v_0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2 \quad v = v_0 + a \Delta t \quad v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(x - x_0) \quad \bar{v} = \frac{v + v_0}{2}$$

$$x = x_0 + \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v) \Delta t$$

Two-dimensional motion with constant acceleration

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x\Delta t^2 & v_x &= v_{0x} + a_x\Delta t & v_x^2 - v_{0x}^2 &= 2a_x(x - x_0) & \bar{v}_x &= \frac{v_x + v_{0x}}{2} \\
 x &= x_0 + \frac{1}{2}(v_{0x} + v_x)\Delta t \\
 y &= y_0 + v_{0y}\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}a_y\Delta t^2 & v_y &= v_{0y} + a_y\Delta t & v_y^2 - v_{0y}^2 &= 2a_y(y - y_0) & \bar{v}_y &= \frac{v_y + v_{0y}}{2} \\
 y &= y_0 + \frac{1}{2}(v_{0y} + v_y)\Delta t
 \end{aligned}$$

Projectile motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= x_0 + v_x\Delta t & v_x &= \text{constant} \\
 y &= y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}g\Delta t^2 & v_y &= v_{0y} - g\Delta t & v_y^2 - v_{0y}^2 &= -2g(y - y_0) & \bar{v}_y &= \frac{v_y + v_{0y}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Forces

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{F}_{AB} &= -\vec{F}_{BA} & \sum \vec{F} &= m\vec{a} & \vec{F}_G (\equiv \vec{W}) &= m\vec{g} & F_{fr} &\leq \mu_s F_N & F_{fr} &= \mu_k F_N \\
 F_S &= -k\Delta x & F_G &= G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Circular motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega &= \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} & \alpha &= \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta t} & s &= r\theta & v_{\text{tan}} &= r\omega & a_{\text{tan}} &= r\alpha \\
 a_C &= \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2 & a &= \sqrt{a_C^2 + a_{\text{tan}}^2} & \text{Constant } \omega: T &= \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \\
 \text{Constant } \alpha: & \theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 & \omega &= \omega_0 + \alpha t & \omega^2 - \omega_0^2 &= 2\alpha\Delta\theta & \bar{\omega} &= \frac{\omega + \omega_0}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Relative motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r}_{\text{A relative to C}} &= \vec{r}_{\text{A relative to B}} + \vec{r}_{\text{B relative to C}} & \vec{r}_{\text{A relative to B}} &= -\vec{r}_{\text{B relative to A}} \\
 \vec{v}_{\text{A relative to C}} &= \vec{v}_{\text{A relative to B}} + \vec{v}_{\text{B relative to C}} & \vec{v}_{\text{A relative to B}} &= -\vec{v}_{\text{B relative to A}} \\
 \vec{a}_{\text{A relative to C}} &= \vec{a}_{\text{A relative to B}} + \vec{a}_{\text{B relative to C}} & \vec{a}_{\text{A relative to B}} &= -\vec{a}_{\text{B relative to A}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Work and energy

$$W = Fd \cos \theta \quad KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} \quad W_{\text{net}} = \Delta KE = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2$$

$$PE_{\text{elastic}} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \quad PE_{\text{grav}} = mgy \quad W_{\text{conservative}} = -\Delta PE$$

$$E = KE + PE \quad \Delta E = \Delta KE + \Delta PE = W_{\text{non-conservative}} \quad \bar{P} = \frac{W}{t}$$

Momentum, impulse. Systems of particles.

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} \quad \sum \vec{F} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{r}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{\sum(m\vec{r})}{\sum m} \quad \vec{v}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{\sum(m\vec{v})}{\sum m} \quad \vec{a}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{\sum(m\vec{a})}{\sum m}$$


$$\vec{p}_{\text{total}} = \sum \vec{p} = \sum(m\vec{v}) = m_{\text{total}}\vec{v}_{\text{CM}} \quad \vec{F}_{\text{net, external}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}_{\text{total}}}{\Delta t} = m_{\text{total}}\vec{a}_{\text{CM}} \quad (\text{When } \vec{F}_{\text{net, external}} = 0, \vec{p}_{\text{total, i}} = \vec{p}_{\text{total, f}})$$

(elastic collision in one dimension: $v_{1,i} - v_{2,i} = -(v_{1,f} - v_{2,f})$)

Rigid-body motion


$$KE = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{CM}}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{CM}}\omega^2 \quad KE = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 \quad \tau = rF \sin \theta = r_{\perp}F = rF_{\perp} \quad L = rp \sin \theta = r_{\perp}p = rp_{\perp}$$

(For rotation about a fixed axis:
 $\sum \tau = I\alpha$ and $L = I\omega$)




$$I_{\text{solid sphere}} = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$$

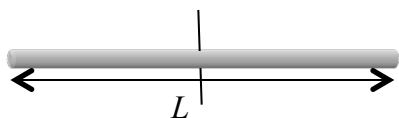
$$I_{\text{hollow sphere}} = \frac{2}{3}MR^2$$



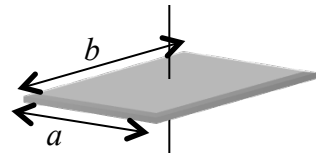
$$I_{\text{solid cylinder}} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$$



$$I_{\text{hollow cylinder}} = \frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$$



$$I_{\text{rod}} = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$$



$$I_{\text{rectangle}} = \frac{1}{12}M(L^2 + W^2)$$

Fluids

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} \quad P = \frac{F}{A} \quad P = P_0 + \rho g \Delta h \quad \rho A v = \text{constant} \quad P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{constant}$$

Gravitation

$$\vec{F} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \quad PE_{\text{grav}} = -G \frac{Mm}{r} \quad g = G \frac{m_E}{r_E^2} \quad v_{\text{circular orbit}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$

$$\frac{T^2}{r^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} \quad g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \quad R_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

Simple harmonic motion

$$x = A \cos(\omega t) \quad v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t) = -v_{\text{max}} \sin(\omega t) \quad a = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t) = -a_{\text{max}} \cos(\omega t)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

Mechanical waves

$$v = \lambda f \quad \omega = 2\pi f \quad f = \frac{1}{T} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{m/L}} \quad I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$d_1 - d_2 = n\lambda \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad d_1 - d_2 = \lambda \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} = n \left(\frac{v}{2L} \right) \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} = n \left(\frac{v}{4L} \right) \quad n = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$$

Sound

$$I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} \quad \beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I}{I_0} \quad I_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$f_{\text{beat}} = f_a - f_b \quad f_{\text{obs}} = \frac{v_{\text{sound}} \pm v_{\text{obs}}}{v_{\text{sound}} \mp v_{\text{source}}} f_{\text{source}} \quad v_{\text{sound}} = 343 \text{ m/s}$$

Temperature and heat

$$T_K = T_C + 273.15 \text{ K} \quad T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32 \text{ F} \quad \Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T \quad \Delta V = \beta V_0 \Delta T$$

$$Q = mc\Delta T \quad Q = mL$$

$$\frac{Q}{t} = kA \frac{T_H - T_C}{l} \quad \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = Ae\sigma (T_{\text{object}}^4 - T_{\text{surrounding}}^4) \quad \sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)$$

Ideal gas

$$PV = nRT = NkT \quad n = \frac{N}{N_A} \quad N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

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$$\overline{KE} = \frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2} kRT \quad v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} \quad U = \frac{3}{2} nRT \text{ (monatomic gas)}$$

Thermodynamics

$$\Delta U = Q - W \quad W = P\Delta V \quad W = nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$$

$$e = \frac{W}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{Q_L}{Q_H} \quad COP_{\text{refrigerator}} = \frac{Q_L}{W} \quad COP_{\text{heat pump}} = \frac{Q_H}{W} \quad e_{\text{ideal}} = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

$$\Delta S = \frac{Q}{T} \quad \Delta S > 0$$