

**Intro Physics Semester I****Name:**

**Homework 16: Waves I:** One or two full answer questions will be marked. There will also be a mark for completeness. Homeworks are due usually the day after the chapter they are for is finished. Solutions will be posted soon thereafter. The solutions are intended to be (but not necessarily are) super-perfect and often go beyond a fully correct answer.

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1. “Let’s play *Jeopardy!* For \$100, the answer is: It is a extended-in-space location varying oscillation of something. Transport of energy and momentum can occur, but not in all cases.”

What is \_\_\_\_\_, Alex?

- a) mass    b) energy    c) pressure    d) temperature    e) a wave phenomenon
2. In one method of physically classifying waves, one has:
- a) mechanical, electromagnetic, and quantum mechanical waves.  
 b) left, right, and middle waves.  
 c) S, P, and Middle Earth waves.  
 d) American waves, British waves, and Australian wives.  
 e) mechanical, financial, and emotional waves.
3. In another method of physically classifying waves, one has \_\_\_\_\_ waves:
- a) trapeze and leotard    b) terrific and lewd    c) tornado and lounge  
 d) toasty and lemony    e) transverse and longitudinal
4. “Let’s play *Jeopardy!* For \$100, the answer is:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} ,$$

where the symbol  $\partial$  indicates partial derivatives (i.e.,  $\partial y/\partial x$  is the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  holding  $t$  constant)  $y$  is the displacement of some wave quantity,  $x$  is a spatial dimensional,  $t$  is time, and  $v$  is a phase velocity. This equation and multi-dimensional generalization of it hold for many wave phenomena such as small waves on a string and electromagnetic waves. However, not all waves obey it.”

What is the \_\_\_\_\_, Alex?

- a) medium    b) phase velocity equation    c) partial equation    d) phase equation  
 e) wave equation
5. What does the linearity of the wave equation (differential wave equation) imply?
- a) A linear combination of solutions is the square of a solution.  
 b) A linear combination of solutions is the inverse of a solution.  
 c) That there are no solutions.  
 d) A linear combination of solutions is a solution.  
 e) That there is only one solution.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ principle for the wave equation—which is not the only wave equation despite its unqualified name—is not new axiom. It is just a consequence of the linearity of the wave equation which implies that the linear combination of any two solutions is a solution. The \_\_\_\_\_ principle applies in many context which is perhaps why it is gloried with the term “principle” even though it may not be an axiom in any of them as far as yours truly knows.
- a) wave    b) wavelength    c) symmetrization    d) superposition    e) werewolf
7. A very general, but not completely general, solution of the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

is  $f(x - vt)$ . The proof for this solution is as follows. Let  $\phi = x - vt$ . Now

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} \times 1^2 = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} , \quad \text{RHS} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} \times v^2 = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} = \text{LHS} ,$$

and that is QED. We have made use of the:

- a) quotient rule.    b) product rule.    c) chain rule.    d) you-may-never-break-the-chain rule.  
 e) right-hand rule.

8. A very general, but not completely general, solution of the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

is  $f(x - vt)$ . The solution is a traveling wave solution. The proof for this solution is as follows. Let  $\phi = x - vt$ . For a constant  $\phi$ , one has a constant oscillation deviation  $f(\phi)$ . But this deviation's  $x$  position moves as \_\_\_\_\_ with velocity \_\_\_\_\_. Since  $\phi$  is called the phase of the wave solution,  $v$  is called the phase velocity. A wave solution of the form  $f(x - vt)$  is just a pattern that is traveling to the right for  $v > 0$  and to the left for  $v < 0$ . If  $v^2 = 0$ , the wave equation is not defined and there is no solution. But there can be solutions that do not travel.

- a)  $\phi - vt; -v$ .    b)  $\phi + vt; -v$ .    c)  $\phi - vt; v$ .    d)  $\phi + vt; v$ .    e)  $v; \phi - vt$ .

9. A non-traveling wave solution to the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

is

$$y = A \cos(kx + \phi_x) \cos(\omega t + \phi_t) ,$$

where  $A$  is amplitude,  $k$  is wavenumber  $t$  is angular frequency, and  $\phi_x$  and  $\phi_t$  are general phase constants. We require that  $v = \omega/k$ . Either or both of the cosine functions can be changed to sine functions by defining different phase constants: e.g.,  $\phi_x = \phi'_x - \pi/2$  which gives  $\cos(kx + \phi_x) = \sin(kx + \phi'_x)$ . The proof for this solution is as follows: Now

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 y , \quad \text{RHS} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\omega^2}{v^2} y = -k^2 y = \text{LHS} ,$$

and that is QED. The solution does not travel. No shape simply glides to the right or left. At each point  $x$ , the solution is just simple harmonic motion with angular frequency  $\omega$  and amplitude  $A \cos(kx + \phi_x)$ . Solutions of this kind are called:

- a) standing waves.    b) traveling waves.    c) sitting waves.    d) immobilized waves.  
e)  $v; \phi - vt$ .

10. "Let's play *Jeopardy!* For \$100, the answer is: Energy."

What \_\_\_\_\_, Alex?

- a) is vis viva    b) is angular momentum    c) is momentum    d) is a vector  
e) do waves transport

11. The **DISTANCE** along a wave pattern in its propagation direction before the shape begins to repeat is called the \_\_\_\_\_ and the time period before the wave pattern begins to repeat itself at any point in space is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) frequency  $f$ ; epoch  $e$     b) amplitude  $A$ ; duration  $d$     c) wavelength  $\lambda$ ; period  $P$   
d) period  $P$ ; aeon  $a$     e) phase velocity  $v$ ; awhile  $a$

12. Say  $N$  cycles (i.e., wavelengths) of a periodic wave have passed a given point. This took time  $NP$ . The number of cycles per unit time or frequency  $f$  is given by:

- a)  $f = P/N$ .    b)  $f = 1/(NP)$ .    c)  $f = N/P$ .    d)  $f = P$     e)  $f = 1/P$ .

13. The time for wave cycle of wavelength  $\lambda$  to pass a given point is period  $P$ . The phase speed of the wave phenomena is then \_\_\_\_\_ from which one obtains the very familiar frequency-wavelength formula \_\_\_\_\_.

- a)  $v = \lambda P$ ;  $f = \lambda/v$     b)  $v = \lambda/P$ ;  $f\lambda = v$     c)  $v = \lambda/P$ ;  $\lambda = vf$     d)  $v = \lambda/P$ ;  $v^2 = f\lambda$   
e)  $v = \lambda P$ ;  $\lambda^2 = vf$

14. \_\_\_\_\_ waves in one dimesion are given by

$$y = A \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi) \quad \text{or} \quad y = B \cos(kx - \omega t) + C \sin(kx - \omega t) ,$$

where  $A$  is amplitude,  $k$  is wavenumber,  $x$  is position,  $\omega$  is angular frequency,  $t$  is time, and  $B$  and  $C$  are constants obtained by expanding  $\cos(kx - \omega t + \phi)$  into cosine and sine terms. \_\_\_\_\_ waves turn up in many contexts and, in fact, all waves can be expanded into linear combinations of them using Fourier series or Fourier transforms which gives these waves a universal use.

a) Sinusoidal    b) Cosinusoidal    c) Trigonometric    d) Tangential    e) Cotangential

15. A sinusoid repeats every time its argument increases by  $2\pi$ . Thus, sinusoidal waves repeat as spatial coordinate alone varies when  $k\Delta x = 2\pi$  and as time coordinate varies alone when  $\omega\Delta t = 2\pi$ . Immediately, one sees that:

a)  $k = \lambda$  and  $f = \omega$ .    b)  $k = \pi\lambda$  and  $f = \pi\omega$ .    c)  $k = 2\pi\lambda$  and  $f = 2\pi\omega$ .  
 d)  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$  and  $f = \omega/(2\pi)$ .    e)  $k = f$  and  $f = \lambda$ .

16. A sinusoidal wave is an example of a/an:

a) aperiodic wave.    b) periodic wave.    c) transverse wave.    d) longitudinal wave.  
 e) trapeze wave.

17. Sinusoidal waves, given by

$$y = A \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi) \quad \text{or} \quad y = B \cos(kx - \omega t) + C \sin(kx - \omega t) ,$$

satisfy the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} .$$

This can be proved by direct substitution into wave equation or by recognizing the sinusoidal wave function is of the form of the general traveling wave solution of the wave equation: i.e.,  $f(x - vt)$ . Either way we find the relationship between phase velocity  $v$  and  $k$  and  $\omega$  to be:

a)  $v = \omega k^2 = f\lambda$ .    b)  $v = \omega k = f\lambda$ .    c)  $v = \omega/k = f\lambda$ .    d)  $v = k/\omega = f\lambda$ .  
 e)  $v = \omega/k^2 = f\lambda$ .

18. Consider a string running along the  $x$  axis with tension  $\tau$ . We can derive equation of motion for small transverse waves on the string. The waves are small continuously varying displacements of the string in the transverse  $y$  direction. Consider a differential segment of the string that in the  $x$  direction extends length  $dx$ . Newton 2nd law applied to this segment of string gives

$$(\mu dx) \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = (\tau \sin \theta)_2 - (\tau \sin \theta)_1 ,$$

where  $\mu$  is the linear mass density,  $\theta$  is the angle of the string from the vertical,  $(\tau \sin \theta)_2$  is the vertical force at the right end of the segment, and  $(\tau \sin \theta)_1$  is the vertical force at the left end of the segment. Since we are considering small waves, we can make the small-angle approximation and obtain

$$\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta = \frac{dy}{dx} .$$

We now assume that the tension  $\tau$  can be approximated as constant despite the stretching of the string by the waves. This approximation is difficult to justify a priori, but the resulting equation of motion works very well in many cases and that gives a posteriori justification. Now we have

$$(\mu dx) \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \tau d(\tan \theta) = \tau d \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) ,$$

and thus

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \frac{\tau}{\mu} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} ,$$

is our equation of motion. Note the  $\mu$  is constant if all the matter displacements are transverse. If they are not, we assume that  $\mu$  can be approximated as constants. We recognize our equation of motion as the 1-dimensional wave equation with phase velocity \_\_\_\_\_. From this recognition, all the formalism developed for the wave equation applies for waves on a string in the small-wave approximation. What if the waves are not small? Then the wave equation—which is not the only wave equation despite its unqualified name—does not apply and a more complex analysis of the string waves is needed.

$$\text{a) } v = \frac{\tau}{\mu} \quad \text{b) } v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}} \quad \text{c) } v = \frac{\mu}{\tau} \quad \text{d) } v = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\tau}} \quad \text{e) } v = \sqrt{\mu\tau}$$

19. A string is 8 m long and has mass 0.02 kg. What is its linear density  $\mu$ ?

$$\text{a) } 400 \text{ kg/m.} \quad \text{b) } 250 \text{ kg/m.} \quad \text{c) } 400 \text{ m/kg.} \quad \text{d) } 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m.} \quad \text{e) } 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m.}$$

20. The wave speed for a string is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}},$$

where  $F_T$  is the string tension and  $\mu$  is the linear density (i.e., mass per unit length). What is wavelength as a function of  $F_T$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \lambda &= f\sqrt{F_T\mu}. & \text{b) } \lambda &= f\sqrt{F_T/\mu}. & \text{c) } \lambda &= f^{-1}\sqrt{F_T\mu}. & \text{d) } \lambda &= f^{-1}\sqrt{F_T/\mu}. \\ \text{e) } \lambda &= fF_T\mu. \end{aligned}$$

21. What is an antinode?

- a) A point of no motion in standing waves.
- b) A point of minimum amplitude in standing waves.
- c) A point of maximum amplitude in standing waves.
- d) That which proceeds a node.
- e) That which follows a node.

22. You have a string of length  $L$  with fixed endpoints. There are standing waves on the string. You count  $n$  antinodes. What is the wavelength of the waves?

$$\text{a) } \lambda = Ln. \quad \text{b) } \lambda = L/n. \quad \text{c) } \lambda = L^2/n. \quad \text{d) } \lambda = L. \quad \text{e) } \lambda = 2L/n.$$

23. In the 3rd harmonic of standing waves on a string fixed at both ends, how many antinodes are there:

- a) Six: 2 for each of the 3 full wavelengths making up the pattern.
- b) Four: the endpoints and the 2 inner points of no motion.
- c) Three.
- d) Two like the Bactrian camel.
- e) One like the Arabian camel.

24. The equation of a transverse wave on a string is

$$y(t) = 9.0 \sin(0.01\pi x + 4.0\pi t),$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are in centimeters,  $t$  is in seconds, and the argument of the sine is in radians. Find the (a) amplitude  $A$ , (b) wavelength  $\lambda$ , (c) frequency  $f$ , (d) phase speed  $v_{\text{ph}}$ , (e) direction of propagation, and (f) maximum transverse speed of the string. Also (g) what is the transverse displacement at  $x = 3.5$  cm and time  $t = 0.26$  s?

# Equation Sheet for Introductory Physics Calculus-Based

This equation sheet is intended for students writing tests or reviewing material. Therefore it is neither intended to be complete nor completely explicit. There are fewer symbols than variables, and so some symbols must be used for different things: context must distinguish.

The equations are mnemonic. Students are expected to understand how to interpret and use them.

## 1 Constants

$$c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \approx 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \approx 1 \text{ yr/yr} \approx 1 \text{ ft/ns} \quad \text{exact by definition}$$

$$e = 1.602176487(40) \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$G = 6.67384(80) \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2/\text{kg}^2 \quad (2012, \text{CODATA})$$

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad \text{fiducial value}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.987551787 \dots \times 10^9 \approx 8.99 \times 10^9 \approx 10^{10} \text{ N m}^2/\text{C}^2 \text{ exact by definition}$$

$$k_{\text{Boltzmann}} = 1.3806504(24) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} = 0.8617343(15) \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV/K} \approx 10^{-4} \text{ eV/K}$$

$$m_e = 9.10938215(45) \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 0.510998910(13) \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_p = 1.672621637(83) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 938.272013(23), \text{ MeV}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} = 8.8541878176 \dots \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/(\text{N m}^2) \approx 10^{-11} \quad \text{vacuum permittivity (exact by definition)}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N/A}^2 \quad \text{exact by definition}$$

## 2 Geometrical Formulae

$$C_{\text{cir}} = 2\pi r \quad A_{\text{cir}} = \pi r^2 \quad A_{\text{sph}} = 4\pi r^2 \quad V_{\text{sph}} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\Omega_{\text{sphere}} = 4\pi \quad d\Omega = \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

## 3 Trigonometry Formulae

$$\frac{x}{r} = \cos\theta \quad \frac{y}{r} = \sin\theta \quad \frac{y}{x} = \tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \quad \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$$

$$\csc\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \quad \sec\theta = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \quad \cot\theta = \frac{1}{\tan\theta}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos\theta_c} \quad \frac{\sin\theta_a}{a} = \frac{\sin\theta_b}{b} = \frac{\sin\theta_c}{c}$$

$$f(\theta) = f(\theta + 360^\circ)$$

$$\sin(\theta + 180^\circ) = -\sin(\theta) \quad \cos(\theta + 180^\circ) = -\cos(\theta) \quad \tan(\theta + 180^\circ) = \tan(\theta)$$

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta) \quad \cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta) \quad \tan(-\theta) = -\tan(\theta)$$

$$\sin(\theta + 90^\circ) = \cos(\theta) \quad \cos(\theta + 90^\circ) = -\sin(\theta) \quad \tan(\theta + 90^\circ) = -\tan(\theta)$$

$$\sin(180^\circ - \theta) = \sin(\theta) \quad \cos(180^\circ - \theta) = -\cos(\theta) \quad \tan(180^\circ - \theta) = -\tan(\theta)$$

$$\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos(\theta) \quad \cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \sin(\theta) \quad \tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{1}{\tan(\theta)} = \cot(\theta)$$

$$\sin(a + b) = \sin(a)\cos(b) + \cos(a)\sin(b) \quad \cos(a + b) = \cos(a)\cos(b) - \sin(a)\sin(b)$$

$$\sin(2a) = 2\sin(a)\cos(a) \quad \cos(2a) = \cos^2(a) - \sin^2(a)$$

$$\sin(a)\sin(b) = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b)] \quad \cos(a)\cos(b) = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(a - b) + \cos(a + b)]$$

$$\sin(a)\cos(b) = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(a - b) + \sin(a + b)]$$

$$\sin^2\theta = \frac{1}{2}[1 - \cos(2\theta)] \quad \cos^2\theta = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \cos(2\theta)] \quad \sin(a)\cos(a) = \frac{1}{2}\sin(2a)$$

$$\cos(x) - \cos(y) = -2\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos(x) + \cos(y) = 2\cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin(x) + \sin(y) = 2\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

#### 4 Approximation Formulae

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{df}{dx} \quad \frac{1}{1-x} \approx 1+x : (x \ll 1)$$

$$\sin\theta \approx \theta \quad \tan\theta \approx \theta \quad \cos\theta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 \quad \text{all for } \theta \ll 1$$

#### 5 Quadratic Formula

$$\text{If } 0 = ax^2 + bx + c, \quad \text{then } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{c}{a}}$$

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## 6 Vector Formulae

$$a = |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a_y}{a_x} \right) + \pi? \quad \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (a_x + b_x, a_y + b_y)$$

$$a = |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2} \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a_y}{a_x} \right) + \pi? \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a_z}{a} \right)$$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (a_x + b_x, a_y + b_y, a_z + b_z)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = ab \cos \theta = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$

$$\vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = ab \sin(\theta) \hat{c} = (a_y b_z - b_y a_z, a_z b_x - b_z a_x, a_x b_y - b_x a_y)$$

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## 7 Differentiation and Integration Formulae

$$\frac{d(x^p)}{dx} = px^{p-1} \quad \text{except for } p = 0; \quad \frac{d(x^0)}{dx} = 0 \quad \frac{d(\ln|x|)}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Taylor's series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-x_0)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0)$$

$$= f(x_0) + (x-x_0)f^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!}f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^3}{3!}f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x)|_a^b = F(b) - F(a) \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = f(x)$$

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad \text{except for } n = -1; \quad \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|$$

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## 8 One-Dimensional Kinematics

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \quad v = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad a_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

$$v = at + v_0 \quad x = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + x_0 \quad v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t + x_0 \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}at^2 + vt + x_0 \quad g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$



$$x_{\text{rel}} = x_2 - x_1 \quad v_{\text{rel}} = v_2 - v_1 \quad a_{\text{rel}} = a_2 - a_1$$

$$x' = x - v_{\text{frame}}t \quad v' = v - v_{\text{frame}} \quad a' = a$$

## 9 Two- and Three-Dimensional Kinematics: General

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} \quad \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad \vec{a}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

## 10 Projectile Motion

$$x = v_{x,0}t \quad y = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_{y,0}t + y_0 \quad v_{x,0} = v_0 \cos \theta \quad v_{y,0} = v_0 \sin \theta$$

$$t = \frac{x}{v_{x,0}} = \frac{x}{v_0 \cos \theta} \quad y = y_0 + x \tan \theta - \frac{x^2 g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$x_{\text{for } y \text{ max}} = \frac{v_0^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} \quad y_{\text{max}} = y_0 + \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$$

$$x(y = y_0) = \frac{2v_0^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} = \frac{v_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g} \quad \theta_{\text{for max}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad x_{\text{max}}(y = y_0) = \frac{v_0^2}{g}$$

$$x(\theta = 0) = \pm v_0 \sqrt{\frac{2(y_0 - y)}{g}} \quad t(\theta = 0) = \sqrt{\frac{2(y_0 - y)}{g}}$$

## 11 Relative Motion

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1 \quad \vec{v} = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{a} = \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1$$

## 12 Polar Coordinate Motion and Uniform Circular Motion

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad \alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\vec{r} = r\hat{r} \quad \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt}\hat{r} + r\omega\hat{\theta} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \left(\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} - r\omega^2\right)\hat{r} + \left(r\alpha + 2\frac{dr}{dt}\omega\right)\hat{\theta}$$

$$\vec{v} = r\omega\hat{\theta} \quad v = r\omega \quad a_{\text{tan}} = r\alpha$$

$$\vec{a}_{\text{centripetal}} = -\frac{v^2}{r}\hat{r} = -r\omega^2\hat{r} \quad a_{\text{centripetal}} = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2 = v\omega$$

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**13 Very Basic Newtonian Physics**

$$\vec{r}_{\text{cm}} = \frac{\sum_i m_i \vec{r}_i}{m_{\text{total}}} = \frac{\sum_{\text{sub}} m_{\text{sub}} \vec{r}_{\text{cm sub}}}{m_{\text{total}}} \quad \vec{v}_{\text{cm}} = \frac{\sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i}{m_{\text{total}}} \quad \vec{a}_{\text{cm}} = \frac{\sum_i m_i \vec{a}_i}{m_{\text{total}}}$$

$$\vec{r}_{\text{cm}} = \frac{\int_V \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{r} dV}{m_{\text{total}}}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a} \quad \vec{F}_{21} = -\vec{F}_{12} \quad F_g = mg \quad g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{normal}} = -\vec{F}_{\text{applied}} \quad F_{\text{linear}} = -kx$$

$$f_{\text{normal}} = \frac{T}{r} \quad T = T_0 - F_{\text{parallel}}(s) \quad T = T_0$$

$$F_{\text{f static}} = \min(F_{\text{applied}}, F_{\text{f static max}}) \quad F_{\text{f static max}} = \mu_{\text{static}} F_{\text{N}} \quad F_{\text{f kinetic}} = \mu_{\text{kinetic}} F_{\text{N}}$$

$$v_{\text{tangential}} = r\omega = r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad a_{\text{tangential}} = r\alpha = r \frac{d\omega}{dt} = r \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\vec{a}_{\text{centripetal}} = -\frac{v^2}{r} \hat{r} \quad \vec{F}_{\text{centripetal}} = -m \frac{v^2}{r} \hat{r}$$

$$F_{\text{drag, lin}} = bv \quad v_{\text{T}} = \frac{mg}{b} \quad \tau = \frac{v_{\text{T}}}{g} = \frac{m}{b} \quad v = v_{\text{T}}(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$F_{\text{drag, quad}} = bv^2 = \frac{1}{2} C \rho A v^2 \quad v_{\text{T}} = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{b}}$$

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**14 Energy and Work**

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad E_{\text{mechanical}} = KE + PE$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} \quad P = \frac{dW}{dt} \quad P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\Delta KE = W_{\text{net}} \quad \Delta PE_{\text{of a conservative force}} = -W_{\text{by a conservative force}} \quad \Delta E = W_{\text{nonconservative}}$$

$$F = -\frac{dPE}{dx} \quad \vec{F} = -\nabla PE \quad PE = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \quad PE = mgy$$

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**15 Momentum**

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a}_{\text{cm}} \quad \Delta KE_{\text{cm}} = W_{\text{net,external}} \quad \Delta E_{\text{cm}} = W_{\text{not}}$$

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} \quad \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \quad \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{p}_{\text{total}}}{dt}$$

$$m\vec{a}_{\text{cm}} = \vec{F}_{\text{net non-flux}} + (\vec{v}_{\text{flux}} - \vec{v}_{\text{cm}}) \frac{dm}{dt} = \vec{F}_{\text{net non-flux}} + \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} \frac{dm}{dt}$$

$$v = v_0 + v_{\text{ex}} \ln\left(\frac{m_0}{m}\right) \quad \text{rocket in free space}$$

## 16 Collisions

$$\vec{I} = \int_{\Delta t} \vec{F}(t) dt \quad \vec{F}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{I}}{\Delta t} \quad \Delta p = \vec{I}_{\text{net}}$$

$$\vec{p}_{1i} + \vec{p}_{2i} = \vec{p}_{1f} + \vec{p}_{2f} \quad \vec{v}_{\text{cm}} = \frac{\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2}{m_{\text{total}}}$$

$$KE_{\text{total } f} = KE_{\text{total } i} \quad \text{1-d Elastic Collision Expression}$$

$$v_{1'} = \frac{(m_1 - m_2)v_1 + 2m_2v_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \text{1-d Elastic Collision Expression}$$

$$v_{2'} - v_{1'} = -(v_2 - v_1) \quad v_{\text{rel}'} = -v_{\text{rel}} \quad \text{1-d Elastic Collision Expressions}$$

## 17 Rotational Kinematics

$$2\pi = 6.2831853\dots \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} = 0.15915494\dots$$

$$\frac{180^\circ}{\pi} = 57.295779\dots \approx 60^\circ \quad \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} = 0.017453292\dots \approx \frac{1}{60^\circ}$$

$$\theta = \frac{s}{r} \quad \omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v}{r} \quad \alpha = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{a}{r} \quad f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \quad P = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\omega = \alpha t + \omega_0 \quad \Delta\theta = \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 + \omega_0 t \quad \omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_0 + \omega)t \quad \Delta\theta = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 + \omega t$$

## 18 Rotational Dynamics

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} \quad \vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \quad \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$$

$$L_z = RP_{xy} \sin \gamma_L \quad \tau_z = RF_{xy} \sin \gamma_\tau \quad L_z = I\omega \quad \tau_{z,\text{net}} = I\alpha$$

$$I = \sum_i m_i R_i^2 \quad I = \int R^2 \rho dV \quad I_{\text{parallel axis}} = I_{\text{cm}} + mR_{\text{cm}}^2 \quad I_z = I_x + I_y$$

$$I_{\text{cyl,shell,thin}} = MR^2 \quad I_{\text{cyl}} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2 \quad I_{\text{cyl,shell,thick}} = \frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$$

$$I_{\text{rod,thin,cm}} = \frac{1}{12}ML^2 \quad I_{\text{sph,solid}} = \frac{2}{5}MR^2 \quad I_{\text{sph,shell,thin}} = \frac{2}{3}MR^2$$

$$a = \frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + I/(mr^2)}$$

$$KE_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 \quad dW = \tau_z d\theta \quad P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \tau_z \omega$$

$$\Delta KE_{\text{rot}} = W_{\text{net}} = \int \tau_{z,\text{net}} d\theta \quad \Delta PE_{\text{rot}} = -W = -\int \tau_{z,\text{con}} d\theta$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{rot}} = KE_{\text{rot}} + \Delta PE_{\text{rot}} = W_{\text{non,rot}} \quad \Delta E = \Delta KE + KE_{\text{rot}} + \Delta PE = W_{\text{non}} + W_{\text{rot}}$$

## 19 Static Equilibrium

$$\vec{F}_{\text{ext,net}} = 0 \quad \vec{\tau}_{\text{ext,net}} = 0 \quad \vec{\tau}_{\text{ext,net}} = \tau'_{\text{ext,net}} \quad \text{if } F_{\text{ext,net}} = 0$$

$$0 = F_{\text{net } x} = \sum F_x \quad 0 = F_{\text{net } y} = \sum F_y \quad 0 = \tau_{\text{net}} = \sum \tau$$

## 20 Gravity

$$\vec{F}_{1 \text{ on } 2} = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12} \quad \vec{g} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \oint \vec{g} \cdot d\vec{A} = -4\pi GM$$

$$PE = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r_{12}} \quad V = -\frac{GM}{r} \quad v_{\text{escape}} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \quad v_{\text{orbit}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$

$$P^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right) r^3 \quad P = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{GM}}\right) r^{3/2} \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \omega = \frac{L}{2m} = \text{Constant}$$

$$R_{\text{Earth,mean}} = 6371.0 \text{ km} \quad R_{\text{Earth,equatorial}} = 6378.1 \text{ km} \quad M_{\text{Earth}} = 5.9736 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$R_{\text{Earth mean orbital radius}} = 1.495978875 \times 10^{11} \text{ m} = 1.0000001124 \text{ AU} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m} \approx 1 \text{ AU}$$

$$R_{\text{Sun,equatorial}} = 6.955 \times 10^8 \approx 109 \times R_{\text{Earth,equatorial}} \quad M_{\text{Sun}} = 1.9891 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

## 21 Fluids

$$\rho = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V} \quad p = \frac{F}{A} \quad p = p_0 + \rho g d_{\text{depth}}$$

$$\text{Pascal's principle} \quad p = p_{\text{ext}} - \rho g(y - y_{\text{ext}}) \quad \Delta p = \Delta p_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\text{Archimedes principle} \quad F_{\text{buoy}} = m_{\text{fluid dis}} g = V_{\text{fluid dis}} \rho_{\text{fluid}} g$$

$$\text{equation of continuity for ideal fluid} \quad R_V = Av = \text{Constant}$$

$$\text{Bernoulli's equation} \quad p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{Constant}$$

## 22 Oscillation

$$P = f^{-1} \quad \omega = 2\pi f \quad F = -kx \quad PE = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \quad a(t) = -\frac{k}{m} x(t) = -\omega^2 x(t)$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad P = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad x(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

$$E_{\text{mec total}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{max}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_{\text{max}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$P = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgr}} \quad P = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{r}{g}}$$

## 23 Waves

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \quad y = f(x \mp vt)$$

$$y = y_{\text{max}} \sin[k(x \mp vt)] = y_{\text{max}} \sin(kx \mp \omega t)$$

$$\text{Period} = \frac{1}{f} \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad v = f\lambda = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad P \propto y_{\text{max}}^2$$

$$y = 2y_{\max} \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t) \quad n = \frac{L}{\lambda/2} \quad L = n \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \lambda = \frac{2L}{n} \quad f = n \frac{v}{2L}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}\right)_S} \quad n\lambda = d \sin(\theta) \quad \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda = d \sin(\theta)$$

$$I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} \quad \beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \times \log\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$$

$$f = n \frac{v}{4L} : n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \quad f_{\text{medium}} = \frac{f_0}{1 - v_0/v_{\text{medium}}}$$

$$f' = f \left(1 - \frac{v'}{v}\right) \quad f = \frac{f'}{1 - v'/v}$$