

# Physics 10154 Formula Sheet

## Unit Conversions

Length 1 meter = 39.37 in = 3.281 ft  
1 km = 0.621 miles  
1 mile = 5280 ft = 1609 meters

Time 1 hour = 3600 sec  
1 year =  $3.16 \times 10^7$  sec

Volume 1 Liter =  $1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$   
1 gallon = 3.786 L = 231 in<sup>3</sup>

Force 1 Newton = 0.2248 pounds

Energy 1 Joule = 0.239 calories = 0.738 ft-lb  
1 eV =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  J  
1 kW-hr =  $3.6 \times 10^6$  J

Pressure 1 atm =  $1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$  (Pascals)

Angle  $180^\circ = \pi \text{ rad} = 0.5 \text{ revolutions}$

## Physical Constants

Boltzmann's Constant  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

Electron mass  $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Gravitational Constant  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$

Mass of Earth  $M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$

Neutron mass  $m_n = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Proton mass  $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Radius of Earth  $R_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$

Speed of light  $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Ideal Gas Constant  $R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K} = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm/mol}\cdot\text{K}$

Boltzmann's Constant  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

Stefan-Boltzmann Constant  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}^4$

Avogadro's Number  $N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules/mole}$

# Motion with Constant Acceleration

Average velocity:  $\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t}$  or  $v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

Multi-part motion:  $\Delta x_1 = \vec{v}_1 t_1, \Delta x_2 = \vec{v}_2 t_2, \dots, \Delta x_{TOT} = \vec{v}_{TOT} t_{TOT}$

Acceleration  $\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{v} - \vec{v}_0}{t}$  where  $\vec{v}$  = final velocity  
 $\vec{v}_0$  = initial velocity

If  $\vec{a}$  = constant, then  $\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{v} + \vec{v}_0}{2}$

## 5 equations

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

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\Delta x = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

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Units

a

$\Delta x$  = meters

$\Delta x$

v = meters/sec

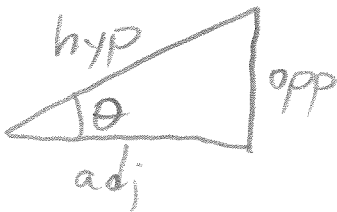
v

a =  $m/s^2$

$v_0$

t

## Basic Trig

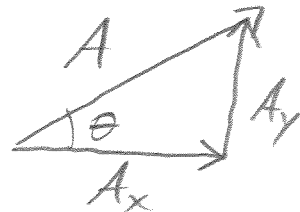


$$opp^2 + adj^2 = hyp^2$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{adj}{hyp}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{opp}{hyp}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{opp}{adj}$$



$$A_x = |A| \cos \theta$$

$$A_y = |A| \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(|A_y/A_x|)$$

## Free fall (Ballistic motion)

$\vec{a} = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ , downward

$a_x = 0$   $a_y = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ , down

## Forces

Units: 1 Newton (N) =  $1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2$

Newton's 2nd Law:  $\Sigma \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma F_x = ma_x \text{ or } \Sigma F_{||} = ma_{||}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = ma_y \quad \Sigma F_{\perp} = ma_{\perp}$$

1st Law: If  $\Sigma \vec{F} = 0$ , then  $\vec{a} = 0$

3rd Law: Action-Reaction (Normal + Static Friction).

Force Definitions - magnitude, direction

Gravity:  $F_g = |mg|$ , downward where  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Applied:  $F_{app} = (\text{varies}), (\text{varies})$

Tension:  $F_T = (\text{varies}),$  inward from each end of a rope/string, equal & opposite.

Normal:  $F_N =$  sum of all other perpendicular forces ( $\Sigma F_{\perp}$ ), dir:  $\perp$  to & out of surface

Static Friction = sum of all other parallel forces ( $\Sigma F_{\parallel}$ ), dir: opposite the sum  $\Sigma F_{\parallel}$

Max value:  $F_{SF,MAX} = |\mu_s F_N|$  where  $\mu_s =$  coefficient of static friction

Kinetic Friction =  $|\mu_k F_N|$ , opposes motion

Spring =  $|k \Delta x|$ , restoring where  $k =$  spring constant ( $\frac{N}{m}$ ), and  $\Delta x =$  displacement from equilibrium

"Proper" Gravity  $F_G = \left| \frac{GMm}{r^2} \right|$  where  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{N \cdot m^2}{kg^2}$   
dir: attractive

$r$  connects centers of  $M + m$ .



"Centrifugal"  $F_c = \left| \frac{mv^2}{r} \right|$ , radially outward or  $|mr\omega^2|$

Buoyancy  $F_B = |\rho_f V_f g|$ , upward  $\rho_f =$  fluid density,  $V_f =$  displaced fluid volume

Energy and Work Units:  $1 \text{ Joule} = 1 \frac{kg \cdot m^2}{s^2}$   
 $1 \text{ Joule/sec} = 1 \text{ Watt}$

Work done by a force ( $W_F$ )



Method 1:  $W_F = |F| \cdot |\Delta s| \cdot \cos \theta$

Method 2:  $W_F = -\Delta U_F$  or  $U_i - U_f$

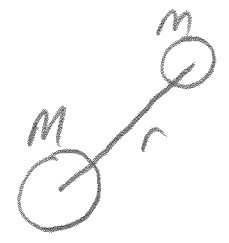
Method 3:  $W_{F1} + W_{F2} + W_{F3} = W_{TOT}$  + solve for  $W_{F3}$   
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                  known          known          known

**Potential Energy (U)** - Units: Joules

Gravitational  $U_{grav} = mgy$  or  $mgh$

"Proper" Gravitational  $U_{grav} = -\frac{GMm}{r}$

where  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$



Spring -  $U_{spr} = \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta x)^2$   $\Delta x$  = displacement from equilibrium  
 $k$  = spring constant ( $\text{N/m}$ )

**Work** Units: Joules

Work-Energy Theorem  $W_{TOT} = \sum W_F = \Delta K$

where  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ , Kinetic Energy

Mechanical Energy  $E = K + U$

**Power** Units:  $\frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{sec}} = \text{Watts}$

Power = Work/time  
 $= |\vec{F}| \cdot |\vec{v}| \cdot \cos \theta$



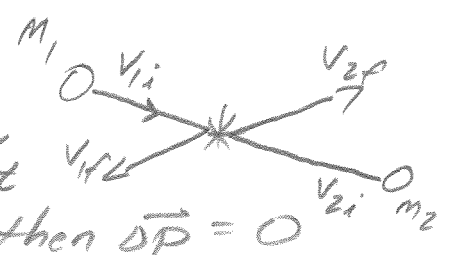
**Momentum**  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$  Units:  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{sec}$

Impulse  $\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F}_{avg} \Delta t$ , or  $\vec{F}_{avg} = \Delta \vec{p} / \Delta t$

Momentum Conservation If  $\sum \vec{F}_{ext} = 0$ , then  $\Delta \vec{p} = 0$

If  $\Delta \vec{p} = 0$ , then  $m_1 v_{1i,x} + m_2 v_{2i,x} = m_1 v_{1f,x} + m_2 v_{2f,x}$   
and  $m_1 v_{1i,y} + m_2 v_{2i,y} = m_1 v_{1f,y} + m_2 v_{2f,y}$

If masses stick after collision, then  $\vec{v}_{1f} = \vec{v}_{2f} = \vec{v}_f$



Elastic Collisions

If  $\Delta \vec{p} = 0 + \Delta K = 0$ , then

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$

If  $m_1 = m_2$ ,  
 $v_{1f} = v_{2i}$   
 $v_{2f} = v_{1i}$

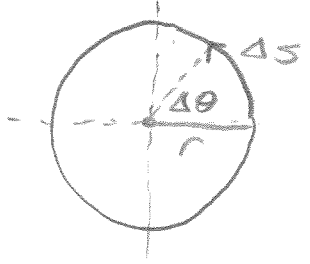
# Angular Motion

Angular displacement (rad):  $\Delta\theta = \frac{\Delta s}{r}$

Angular velocity ( $rad/s$ ):  $\omega = \frac{v}{r}$

Angular acceleration ( $rad/s^2$ ):  $\alpha = \frac{a_{tan}}{r}$

Centripetal acceleration ( $m/s^2$ ):  $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$  or  $r\omega^2$ , radially inward



## Motion with constant $\alpha$

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

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$$

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

$$\Delta\theta = \omega t - \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

## Orbits

$2\pi r_{orbit} = v_{orbit} T$  period (s)

$v_{orbit} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r_{orbit}}}$   $M = \text{central mass}$   
 $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$

Kepler's 3rd Law:  $T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right) r_{orbit}^3$

## Torque Units: N·m

$$|\vec{\tau}| = |\vec{r}| \cdot |\vec{F}| \cdot \sin\theta$$

+ if ccw, - if cw



Static Equilibrium:  $\Sigma F_x = \Sigma F_y = \Sigma \vec{\tau} = 0$

Moment of Inertia  $r = \text{distance to axis}$ ,  $R = \text{radius of object}$

point mass:  $I = Mr^2$

solid cylinder:  $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$

Units:  $kg \cdot m^2$

ring:  $I = MR^2$

sphere:  $I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$

Newton's 2nd Law (Angular):  $\Sigma \vec{\tau} = I \vec{\alpha}$

## Rotational Motion

$v_{tan} = r\omega$  or  $\omega = \frac{v_{tan}}{r}$

Kinetic Energy  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$  Units: Joules

translation                      rotation

Angular Momentum Units:  $kg \cdot m^2 / sec$

$$\vec{L} = I \vec{\omega}$$

Just as  $\vec{F} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$ , so is  $\vec{\tau} = \frac{\Delta \vec{L}}{\Delta t}$

and if  $\Sigma \vec{F}_{ext} = 0$ ,  $\Delta \vec{p} = 0$ . Also, if  $\Sigma \vec{\tau}_{ext} = 0$ ,  $\Delta \vec{L} = 0$

Conservation If  $\Delta \vec{L} = 0$ ,  $I_1 \omega_{1i} + I_2 \omega_{2i} = I_1 \omega_{1f} + I_2 \omega_{2f}$

# Fluids

Density  $\rho = \text{Mass/Volume}$  (Units:  $\text{kg/m}^3$ )

Since  $m = \rho V$ ,  $F_{\text{grav}} = mg = \rho Vg$

Pressure  $P = \text{Force/Area}$  (Units:  $\text{N/m}^2$  or Pascals)

Pascal's Principle  $P_{\text{bot}} = P_{\text{top}} + \rho gh$  ( $P_{\text{bot}} - P_{\text{top}} = \text{gauge pressure}$ )

Continuity:  $A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$   $A = \text{cross-sectional area (m}^2\text{)}$

where  $Q = Av = \text{flow rate (m}^3\text{/s)}$   $v = \text{fluid velocity (m/s)}$

Bernoulli's Equation:  $P_{\text{bot}} + \rho gy_{\text{bot}} + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_{\text{bot}}^2 = P_{\text{top}} + \rho gy_{\text{top}} + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_{\text{top}}^2$   
or  $(P_{\text{bot}} - P_{\text{top}}) + \rho g(y_{\text{bot}} - y_{\text{top}}) + \frac{1}{2}\rho(v_{\text{bot}}^2 - v_{\text{top}}^2) = 0$

# Thermal Physics

- Temperature Conversions  $T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$   
 $T_C = \frac{5}{9}(T_F - 32)$   
 $T_K = T_C + 273$

## Thermal Expansion

Length:  $\Delta L = L_0 \alpha \Delta T$   $\alpha = \text{linear expansion coefficient}$

Area:  $\Delta A = A_0 (2\alpha) \Delta T$  or  $A_0 \beta \Delta T$   $\beta = \text{area exp. coefficient}$

Volume:  $\Delta V = V_0 (3\alpha) \Delta T$  or  $V_0 \gamma \Delta T$   $\gamma = \text{volume exp. coefficient}$

$n = \# \text{ of moles}$

$N = \# \text{ of molecules}$

$m = \text{mass of entire gas}$

$M = \text{molar mass (kg/mol)}$

# Ideal Gas Law

$$PV = NRT$$

$$PV = nk_B T$$

$$n = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{N}{N_A}$$

$P = \text{Pressure (Pa)}$

$V = \text{Volume (m}^3\text{)}$

$T = \text{Temperature (K)}$

$R = \text{ideal gas constant, } k_B = \text{Boltzmann's constant}$

# Calorimetry

Heat:  $Q$  (Units: Joules)

Specific heat:  $c$  (Units:  $\text{J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$ )

$$\Delta Q = mc \Delta T$$

mass in  $^\circ\text{C}$  or  $\text{K}$   
↓  
↑  
specific heat

Finding thermal equilibrium  $\Delta Q_1 + \Delta Q_2 + \Delta Q_3 + \dots = 0$

Phase changes  $\Delta Q = \pm mL_f$  (liquid  $\leftrightarrow$  solid)

$\Delta Q = \pm mL_v$  (liquid  $\leftrightarrow$  gas)

# Calorimetry Useful Values

- Specific heats:
- ice:  $C_{ice} = 2090 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$
  - water:  $C_{water} = 4186 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$
  - steam:  $C_{steam} = 2010 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$
  - Aluminum:  $C_{Al} = 900 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$
  - Copper:  $C_{Cu} = 387 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$
  - Iron:  $C_{Fe} = 448 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$

- Latent heats
- $L_f$  (fusion) for water =  $333,000 \text{ J/kg}$
  - $L_v$  (vaporization) for water =  $2.26 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$

## Heat Transfer - Units: Joules/sec or Watts

Conductive heat transfer:  $\text{Power} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{A \Delta T}{R\text{-value}}$

R-value =  $\frac{l_1}{k_1} + \frac{l_2}{k_2} + \frac{l_3}{k_3} + \dots$  for multiple layers

where  $A$  = surface area

$l_1, l_2, l_3, \text{ etc}$  = thickness (meters) of each layer

$k_1, k_2, k_3, \text{ etc}$  = thermal conductivity of each layer

(Units:  $\text{Joules}/\text{sec}\cdot\text{m}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$ )

Radiative heat transfer:  $\text{Power} = \sigma A e (T^4 - T_0^4) = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$

where  $\sigma$  = Stefan-Boltzmann constant

$A$  = surface area

$e$  = emissivity (between 0-1)

$T_0$  = Temperature of surroundings

$T$  = Temperature of object

# Thermodynamics

pressure  $\downarrow$  change in volume  $\downarrow$

Work done by a gas:  $W_{\text{by gas}} = P \Delta V$

Work done on a gas:  $W_{\text{on gas}} = -P \Delta V$

Internal energy of a gas:  $U$  (Joules)

## Laws of Thermodynamics

Let  $Q$  = heat added to a gas (or system)

$$\Delta U = Q - W_{\text{by gas}}$$

or  $\Delta U = Q + W_{\text{on gas}}$

Also,  $\Delta U = 0$  for a cyclic process in  $P, V$

# Harmonic Motion

Spring period  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$   $m$  = mass on spring (kg)  
 $k$  = spring constant ( $\frac{N}{m}$ )

Pendulum period  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$   $l$  = pendulum length (m)  
 $g$  = gravitational acceleration  
(on Earth,  $g = 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$ )

Frequency  $f = \frac{1}{T}$  (Hertz)

Angular frequency  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  (rad/sec, also angular velocity)

## Spring Oscillations

$A$  = Amplitude (maximum possible displacement or  $x_{\text{max}}$ )

Kinetic Energy  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Potential Energy  $U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

Total Mechanical Energy  $E = K + U = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$

Spring velocity:  $v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}(A^2 - x^2)}$