

Mathematics

quadratic equation, $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

trigonometry: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

$\sin \theta = a/c$	$\cos \theta = b/c$
$\tan \theta = a/b$	$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

circular arc (θ in rad): $s = \theta r$
for a full circle, $\theta = 2\pi$ and $s = 2\pi r$

Fundamental Constants

$$g = 9.80 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$c = \text{speed of light} = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \approx 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

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

$$m_p = \text{mass of proton} = 1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_n = \text{mass of neutron} = 1.6749 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$G = \text{gravit. constant} = 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{kg}^{-2}$$

$$R_E = \text{radius of Earth} = 6.376 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$M_E = \text{mass of Earth} = 5.9736 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$R_L = \text{radius of Moon} = 1.74 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$M_L = \text{mass of Moon} = 7.35 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg}$$

$$T_L = \text{orbital period} = 2.36 \times 10^6 \text{ s}$$

$$R_{E-L} = \text{Earth-Moon distance} = 3.84 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$R_S = \text{radius of Sun} = 6.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$M_S = \text{mass of Sun} = 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$R_{E-S} = \text{Earth-Sun distance} = 1.496 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

Mechanics

uniform linear acceleration $a = \text{const.}$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)$$

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

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2ad$$

Newton's Laws:

$$\text{N2L: } \vec{a} = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}_{\text{total}}$$

$$\text{N3L: } \vec{F}_{\text{A on B}} = -\vec{F}_{\text{B on A}}$$

$$\text{Gravity: } F = G \frac{m m'}{r^2}$$

friction:

$$\begin{aligned} f_s &\leq f_s^{(\max)} = \mu_s F_N \\ f_k &= \text{const} = \mu_k F_N, \quad \mu_k < \mu_s \end{aligned}$$

kinematics of uniform angular acceleration:

(angular displacement $\Delta\theta$, velocity ω , acceleration α)

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \omega_0 + \alpha t \\ \bar{\omega} &= \frac{1}{2}(\omega + \omega_0) \\ \Delta\theta &= \bar{\omega}t = \frac{1}{2}(\omega + \omega_0)t = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 \\ \omega^2 &= \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha \Delta\theta \end{aligned}$$

rolling without slipping: $d = s = \Delta\theta r$, $v_T = \omega r$, $a_T = \alpha r$
centripetal force and acceleration (for $\alpha = 0$):

$$F_c = ma_c = m \frac{v_T^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$$

torque $\tau = \text{force} \times \text{lever arm} = Fl$

moment of inertia:

$$I = mr^2 \quad \text{or} \quad I_{\text{body}} = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

about an axis through the geometrical centre:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{hoop}} &= mr^2 & I_{\text{disk}} &= \frac{1}{2}mr^2 & I_{\text{rod}} &= \frac{1}{12}ml^2 \\ I_{\text{sphere}} &= \frac{2}{5}mr^2 & I_{\text{sph.shell}} &= \frac{2}{3}mr^2 \end{aligned}$$

N2L for rotations

$$\tau = I\alpha \quad \text{or} \quad \sum \tau = I_{\text{body}}\alpha$$

work $\mathcal{W}_t = Fd$, or $\mathcal{W}_r = \tau \Delta\theta$

work done by a conservative force:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{c.f.}}(\vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{r}') = -[U(\vec{r}') - U(\vec{r})] = -\Delta U(\vec{r})$$

gravitational potential energy

$$F_{\text{gravity}} = -mg \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad U_g = mg y$$

kinetic energy of translation: $K_t = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

kinetic energy of rotation: $K_r = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

conservation of total mechanical energy

$$\Delta(U + K_t + K_r) = \mathcal{W}_{\text{non-c.f.}}$$

power = rate of doing work = $\mathcal{W}/\Delta t = Fv$ or $= \tau\omega$

1 Watt = 1 J/1 s and 1 h.p. = 746 W

N2L in terms of linear momentum $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

$$\text{Impulse} = \vec{F} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{F} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$

conservation of momentum for a system as a whole:

$$\sum \vec{F}_{\text{ext}} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{p}_{\text{total}}}{\Delta t} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \vec{p}_{\text{total}} = \text{const}$$

elastic collision ($\Delta E = 0$): C.o.M. and C.o.K.E.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{f1} &= \vec{v}_{i1} \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} + \vec{v}_{i2} \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \\ \vec{v}_{f2} &= \vec{v}_{i1} \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} + \vec{v}_{i2} \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \end{aligned}$$

inelastic collision: C.o.M. only

$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_{i1} \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} + \vec{v}_{i2} \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

angular momentum $\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$, and $\vec{\tau} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{L}}{\Delta t}$
conservation of angular momentum:

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \sum_i \vec{\tau}_i = 0 \rightsquigarrow \vec{L}_{\text{total}} = \text{const} \rightsquigarrow I_1 \omega_1 = I_2 \omega_2$$

Waves and Sound

simple harmonic oscillator, $F = -kx$, $U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

$$f = 1/T \quad \omega = 2\pi f = \sqrt{k/m}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = A \cos \theta = A \cos \omega t \\ v = -A\omega \sin \omega t \\ a = -A\omega^2 \cos \omega t \end{array} \right.$$

travelling wave $y = A \cos(\omega t \mp \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}x)$ with $v = \lambda/T = \lambda f$
string of mass m , length l , volume density ρ :

$$v_{\text{string}} = \sqrt{F/(m/l)} = \sqrt{F/(\rho A)}$$

intensity level: $\beta = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0}$ dB, $I_0 = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$

point source intensity: $I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$

Doppler (upper sign = approach, lower = recede)

$$f = f_s \left(\frac{1 \pm \frac{v_o}{v}}{1 \mp \frac{v_s}{v}} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} v = \text{speed of sound} \\ v_s = \text{speed of source} \\ v_o = \text{speed of observer} \end{array}$$