

Physics 181 Equation Sheet for Exams

- **Chapter 1:** Conceptual, no equations

- **Chapter 2:** 1D Motion along the s-axis:

Average: $v_{s_{\text{avg}}} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$ $a_{s_{\text{avg}}} = \frac{\Delta v_s}{\Delta t}$ Instantaneous: $v_s = \frac{ds}{dt}$ $a_s = \frac{dv_s}{dt}$

Position from velocity: $s_f = s_i + \int_{t_i}^{t_f} v_s dt$ Velocity from acceleration: $v_f = v_i + \int_{t_i}^{t_f} a_s dt$

A Useful derivative and integral: $\frac{d}{dt}(ct^n) = cnt^{(n-1)}$ $\int_{t_i}^{t_f} ct^n dt = c \left[\frac{t^{(n+1)}}{n+1} \right]_{t_i}^{t_f} = \frac{c}{n+1} \left\{ t_f^{n+1} - t_i^{n+1} \right\}$
(c and n are constants)

Constant Acceleration: $s_f = s_i + v_{s_i} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_s \Delta t^2$ $v_{s_f} = v_{s_i} + a_s \Delta t$ $v_{s_f}^2 = v_{s_i}^2 + 2a_s \Delta s$

where: $\Delta t = t_f - t_i$ $\Delta s = s_f - s_i$

Free Fall: $a_y = -g$ (if $+y$ is up); Inclined Plane: $a_x = g \sin \theta$ (if $+x$ is down incline)

- **Chapter 3:**

Vector \vec{A} (θ is CCW from $+x$ axis to \vec{A}): $\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}$ $A_x = A \cos \theta$ $A_y = A \sin \theta$

$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{A_y}{A_x} \right)$

Vector Addition: $\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{j}$

- **Chapter 4:** 2D Kinematics:

$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$ Components: $v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}$ $v_y = \frac{dy}{dt}$ $a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt}$ $a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt}$

Constant Acceleration: use equations from chap 2 with $s \rightarrow x$ and $s \rightarrow y$ with a_x and a_y constant

Projectile Motion: use constant acceleration with $a_x = 0$ and $a_y = -g$ (if up is $+y$)

Relative Motion (Galilean Transformations): $\vec{r} = \vec{r}' + \vec{V}t$ $\vec{v} = \vec{v}' + \vec{V}$

Uniform Circular Motion: $s = r\theta$ $\omega_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\theta_f - \theta_i}{t_f - t_i}$ $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ $v = r\omega$ $a_r = \frac{v^2}{r}$

- **Chapters 5 and 6:**

Newton's Second Law: $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a}$ Components: $\sum F_x = ma_x$ $\sum F_y = ma_y$

Equilibrium $\Leftrightarrow a_x = 0$ and $a_y = 0$

Friction: Kinetic: $\vec{f}_k = (\mu_k n, \text{opposite motion})$ Static: $\vec{f}_s \leq (\mu_s n, \text{opposite impending motion})$

Rolling: $\vec{f}_r = (\mu_r n, \text{opposite motion})$

Aerodynamic Drag: $\vec{D} = \left(\frac{1}{4} A v^2, \text{opposite } \vec{v} \right)$

- **Chapter 7:**

No new equations – know Newton's third law and action/reaction pairs.

- **Chapter 8:**

2D Dynamics: 2D kinematics and $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ in component form

Uniform Circular Motion: $\vec{F}_{\text{centripetal}} = \left(\frac{mv^2}{r}, \text{toward center} \right)$

- **Chapter 9:**

Momentum: $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$ Newton's Second Law: $\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$

Impulse: $\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{p} = \vec{p}_{\text{final}} - \vec{p}_{\text{initial}} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}(t) dt$

Conservation of Momentum: For $\vec{F}_{\text{external}} = 0$, $\vec{p}_{\text{initial}} = \vec{p}_{\text{final}}$

- **Chapters 10 and 11:**

Kinetic Energy: $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ Gravitational Potential Energy: $U_g = mgy$

Spring Potential Energy: $U_s = \frac{1}{2} kx_s^2$ ($x_s = 0$ is the equilibrium position of the spring)

Work: General: $W = \int_{\vec{r}_i}^{\vec{r}_f} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$

Variable force, linear displacement: $W = \int_{s_i}^{s_f} F_s ds$

Constant force, linear displacement: $W = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta\vec{r}$

Work Energy Theorem: $\Delta K = W_{\text{net}}$

Potential Energy of a Conservative Force, \vec{F}_c : $\Delta U = U_{\text{final}} - U_{\text{initial}} = -W_{i \rightarrow f}(\text{by } \vec{F}_c)$

Conservation of Mechanical Energy: $\Delta E_{\text{mech}} = \Delta K + \Delta U = W_{\text{nc}}$

Force from PE: $F_x = -\frac{dU}{dx}$, $F_y = -\frac{dU}{dy}$, etc.

Power: $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$

• **Chapter 12:**

Kinematics: $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ $\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$ $v_t = r\omega$ $a_t = r\alpha$
 Constant α : $\theta_f = \theta_i + \omega_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha \Delta t^2$ $\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha \Delta t$ $\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha \Delta \theta$
 . where: $\Delta t = t_f - t_i$ $\Delta \theta = \theta_f - \theta_i$

Center of Mass: $x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i x_i$ $y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i y_i$

Torque: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = (rF \sin \theta, \text{direction by RHR}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x & y & z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix}$

Dynamics: $\tau_{net} = I\alpha$ $I(\text{discrete}) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i r_i^2$ $I(\text{continuous}) = \int r^2 dm$

Parallel Axis Theorem: $I = I_{cm} + Md^2$

Rigid Body Equilibrium: $\sum F_x = \sum F_y = \sum F_z = 0$ and $\sum_{\text{any pt.}} \tau = 0$

Angular Momentum: General: $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ Rigid Body: $\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$ Conservation: $\vec{L}_f = \vec{L}_i$
 Rolling Motion: Constraint: $v_{cm} = R\omega$ Total Kinetic Energy, $K = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{cm}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{cm}\omega^2$

• **Chapter 13:**

Gravitational Force: $\vec{F}_1 \text{ on } 2 = -\vec{F}_2 \text{ on } 1 = \left(\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}, \text{attractive}\right)$ Acceleration: $g(r) = \frac{GM}{r^2}$

Potential Energy: $U = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r}$ Circular Orbit: $v_{\text{circ}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$ Kepler's 3rd: $T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right)r^3$

• **Chapter 14:**

Restoring Force: $F_x = -kx$ Differential equation: $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}x$

Solution: $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$ $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{T}$

Energy: $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\text{max}}^2$

UCM Tool: " ϕ_0 is the angle where the equivalent UCM object is at $t = 0$ ".

Simple Pendulum: $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$ Physical Pendulum: $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{Mgl}}$

Damped Oscillations: $x(t) = A_0 e^{-t/2\tau} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) = A(t) \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$

. $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$ $\tau = \frac{m}{b}$

• **Chapter 20:**

Wave on a string: $v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$

Sinusoidal Traveling Waves: $D(x, t) = A \sin(kx \mp \omega t + \phi_0)$ $\begin{pmatrix} +x \text{ direction} \\ -x \text{ direction} \end{pmatrix}$

. where: $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{T}$ $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ $v = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f = \frac{\omega}{k}$

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

Doppler Effect: $\begin{pmatrix} + \text{approaching} \\ - \text{receding} \end{pmatrix}$

Mechanical Waves: Source Moving: $f_{\pm} = \frac{f_0}{(1 \mp \frac{v_s}{v})} = f_0 \left(\frac{v}{v \mp v_s}\right)$

. Observer Moving: $f_{\pm} = f_0 \left(1 \pm \frac{v_o}{v}\right) = f_0 \left(\frac{v \pm v_o}{v}\right)$

Light Waves: $\lambda_{\mp} = \lambda_0 \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm \frac{v_s}{c}}{1 \mp \frac{v_s}{c}}}$

• **Chapter 21:**

Standing Waves: General: $D(x, t) = 2a \sin kx \cos \omega t$

. On a string: $\lambda_m = \frac{2L}{m}$ $f_m = m \frac{v}{2L}$ $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

. Sound tubes: Open-open $\lambda_m = \frac{2L}{m}$ $f_m = m \frac{v}{2L}$ $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

. Sound tubes: Open-closed $\lambda_m = \frac{4L}{m}$ $f_m = m \frac{v}{4L}$ $m = 1, 3, 5, \dots$

1D Interference: $\Delta\phi = 2\pi \frac{\Delta x}{\lambda} + \Delta\phi_0 = \begin{cases} m2\pi \text{ (constructive)} \\ (m + 1/2)2\pi \text{ (destructive)} \end{cases} m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Beats: $f_{\text{beat}} = f_1 - f_2$

Two-slit: $d \sin \theta = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m\lambda \text{ (maxima)} \\ (m + 1/2)\lambda \text{ (minima)} \end{array} \right\} m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

• **Quantum Mechanics:**

Blackbody Radiation: Stefan-Boltzmann Law, Intensity (W/m^2) = σT^4

. Wien Displacement Law: $\lambda_{\text{peak}} T = \text{constant} = 2.9 \times 10^6 \text{ nm K}$

Photons: $E = hf$ $p = \frac{E}{c}$

Coulomb Force: $F_E = \frac{Kq_1q_2}{r^2}$ $U_E = \frac{Kq_1q_2}{r}$

Bohr Atom: $r_n = n^2 a_B$ $E_n = \frac{-13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$

deBroglie Waves: $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$ Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle: $\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \frac{h}{2}$

Time Independent Schrödinger Equation: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} + U(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$

Infinite Square Well: $E_n = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{8mL^2}$ $\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$ $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Hydrogen Atom: $E_n = \frac{-13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$ $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

. $|\vec{L}| = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)}\hbar$ $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$

. $L_z = m\hbar$ $m = -\ell \rightarrow +\ell$ in integer steps