

Physics 1 Topics & Resources

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Key Topics

Key Topics Covered in Physics 1

- → Kinematics
 - ◆ Displacement & Velocity
 - ◆ Acceleration
 - ◆ Projectiles
 - ◆ Uniform Circular Motion
- → Dynamics & Energy
 - ♦ Forces
 - Newton's Laws of Motion
 - Central Forces
 - ◆ Friction
 - Work & Power
 - ♦ Kinetic & Potential Energy
 - ◆ Conservation of Energy
- → Impacts & Momentum
 - Impact Forces & Momentum
 Changes
 - Conservation of Linear
 Momentum
 - ♦ Elastic & Inelastic Collisions
 - Center of Mass

- → Gravity
 - ◆ Newton's Law of Gravitation
 - ◆ Gravitational Energy
- → Rotational & Oscillatory Motion
 - ♦ Moments & Torque
 - ◆ Moment of Inertia
 - Angular Kinematics
 - Simple Harmonic Motion
- → Electricity
 - ◆ Electric Charges
 - ♦ Coulomb's Law & Current
 - Circuits & Resistance
 - ◆ Electric Power & Energy
 - Series and Parallel Circuits
- → Waves
 - ◆ Pulses
 - ♦ Wave Motion & Types of Waves
 - ♦ Standing Waves & Resonance
 - ♦ Sound & The Doppler Effect



Key Formulae

Key Formulae in Physics 1

Kinematics

$$v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_0}{t_f - t_0} \qquad a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_0}{t_f - t_0} \qquad v_f = v_0 + at$$

$$d = \left(\frac{v_f + v_0}{2}\right)t \qquad d = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \qquad v_f^2 = v_0^2 + 2ad \qquad a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

→ Dynamics & Energy

$$F_{net} = ma \qquad F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} \qquad f_k = \mu_k N \qquad f_s \leq \mu_s N$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \qquad W_{total} = \Delta KE \qquad W = Fd\cos\theta \qquad P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{\Delta E}{t}$$

$$PE_{gravity} = mgh \qquad PE_{elastic} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \qquad \Delta PE_{electrical} = q\Delta V$$

$$KE_i + PE_i + W_{NC} = KE_f + PE_f$$

→ Impacts & Momentum

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} \qquad \vec{F} = \frac{m\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta\vec{p}}{\Delta t} \qquad \vec{F}\Delta t = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i$$

$$m_1\vec{v}_{1i} + m_2\vec{v}_{2i} = m_1\vec{v}_{1f} + m_2\vec{v}_{2f} \qquad x_{CM} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i}$$



Key Formulae

Key Formulae in Physics 1 (continued)

Gravity

$$F_g = \frac{GM_1M_2}{r^2} \qquad g = \frac{GM_E}{r_E^2} \qquad PE = -\frac{GM_0M_E}{r}$$

$$v_{orbit} = \sqrt{\frac{GM_E}{r}} \qquad \frac{1}{2}M_0v_{esc}^2 = \frac{GM_0M_E}{r_E}$$

Rotational & Oscillatory Motion

$$\tau = Fr \sin \theta \qquad I = \sum m_i r_i^2 \qquad \omega = \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t} \qquad \alpha = \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta t} \qquad \Delta \theta = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

$$\tau = I\alpha \qquad L = I\omega \qquad \tau = \frac{\Delta L}{\Delta t} \qquad KE = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2 \qquad W = \tau \theta$$

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

Electricity →

$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} \quad I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} \qquad V = IR \qquad R = \frac{\rho L}{A} \qquad E = PT = IVt$$
 Series: $I = I_1 = I_2 = I_3$
$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$
 Parallel: $I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$
$$V = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$
 Waves

$$v = f\lambda$$



Units

Units for Physics 1

→ Fundamental SI Units

♦ Length : Meter m

Mass : Kilogram kg

◆ Time : Second s

♦ Electric Current : Ampere A

Temperature : Kelvin K

♦ Amount of substance : Mole mol

◆ Luminous Intensity : Candela cd

→ Derived SI Units

♦ Velocity : m/s

◆ Acceleration: m/s²

• Force : Newton N = $kg m/s^2$

♦ Momentum : kg m/s

• Impulse : N s = kg m/s

Angular Velocity : rad/s

◆ Angular Acceleration : rad/s²

Torque : Nm

• Angular Momentum : kg m²/s

♦ Moment of Inertia: kg m²

◆ Spring Constant : N/m

• Frequency: Hertz Hz = s^{-1}

◆ Pressure : Pascal Pa = N/m²

♦ Work/Energy : Joule J = N m

◆ Power: Watt W = J/s

♦ Electric Charge : Coulomb C = A s

◆ Electric Potential : Volt V = J/C

• Resistance : Ohm Ω = V/A



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Additional Resources

- → https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-physics-1-algebra-based
- → https://www.khanacademy.org/science/ap-physics-1
- → https://www.edx.org/course/ap-physics-1
- → https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AP Physics 1
- → https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/ap-physics-1-exam
- → https://fiveable.me/ap-physics/study-guides-for-every-ap-physics-1-unit/

