## MAXIMIZING YOUR PHYSICS EXAMINATION MARKS

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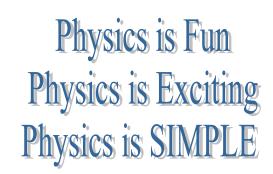
DO PHYSICS ONLINE HOME PAGE N.S.W. HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICS HSC COURSE

http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/teach\_res/hsp/u0/home12.htm

When studying Physics "say to yourself"

→ puts you in the right "frame of mind"





#### SIMPLE ???

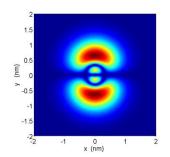
Physicists use models to explain the physical world around us

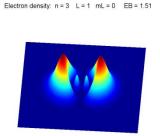
- make simplifying assumptions
- eliminate what is not important
- concentrate on only the essential ideas what is most important

Students - focus on the "real" world

- lump too many ideas together than are related but different
- focus on "real" world not appreciate the role of simple models
- don't differentiate between the everyday use of language and the its use in a scientific context

All of chemistry is in equations like this – you can't do physics without mathematics





$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} (E - U) \psi = 0$$

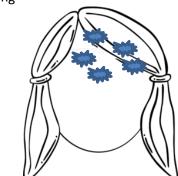
PRACTICE DOES <u>NOT</u> MAKE PERFECT – need quality practice

#### STUDYING PHYSICS

#### THINK ON PAPER WITH A PEN IN HAND AND DO NOT THINK TOO MUCH IN YOUR HEAD



- Don't just read use pen and paper to process information
- Summarize what you read and study → MINDMAPS (concepts maps)
- THINK, VISUALIZE and PROCESS while you are studying
- Memorize your summaries: short term and long term memories are different.
   Memory is the most important process in learning.
- Strive for understanding it only comes slowly after lots of "memory work" and exposure. Often comes in a "flash".
- Doing questions that have answers: Read question / process it / think about what it asking / think about what you know / consult your summaries or textbook / review and process the given answer /



you can process ~5 chunks of information at any one time

- after a short time interval do the question like in an exam, then check (mark) your answer against the published answer.
- Study sessions 40 to 60 min on physics eg doing problems, creating mindmaps
- Review sessions only about 10 minutes. These are short reflection sessions: short term memory → long term memory.
- Reflection: review / reflect upon a study period a short time after the end of that study period – very beneficial in transferring knowledge to long term memory

#### **MINDMAPS** (special type of concept map)

- Summaries with minimum padding words
- Key words
- Symbols / equation / units
- Colour
- Graphs
- Images annotated diagrams (difficult to remember words, easy to remember "dramatic images"
- Make mindmaps for each equation summary of what the equation is telling you

## Motion of charged particle in a magnetic field

$$F_{B} = q v_{\perp} B = q (v \sin \theta) B$$
$$F_{B} = q v B \sin \theta$$

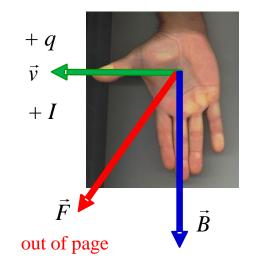
## **Right Hand Palm Rule**

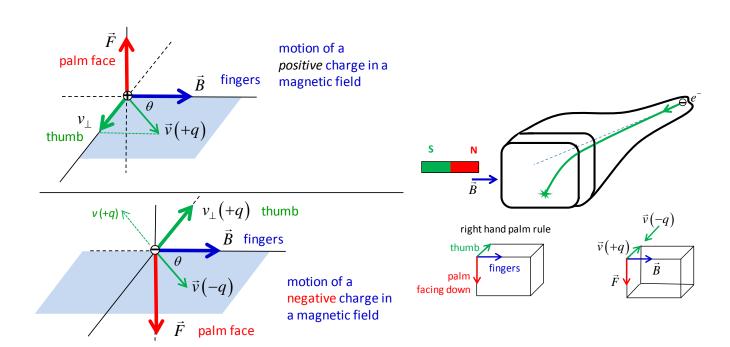
Fingers point along the direction of the B-field

**Thumb** points in the direction in which *positive* charges would move

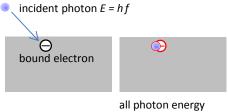
(negative is moving to the left, then the thumb points to the right)

Palm gives the direction of the force on the charged particle





#### **PHOTOELECTRIC EFFECT**



photoelectron

ejected from

material

electron  $E_{Kmax}$ 

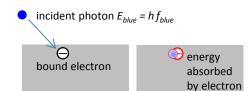
max KE of ejected

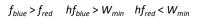
acquired by electron: min energy required to remove electron from material  $W_{min}$ (work function)

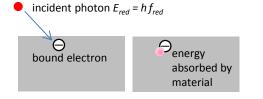
Conservation of energy:

$$hf = W_{\min} + \frac{1}{2}m_e v_{\max}^2$$

Electron ejected from surface without delay ("kicked-out")



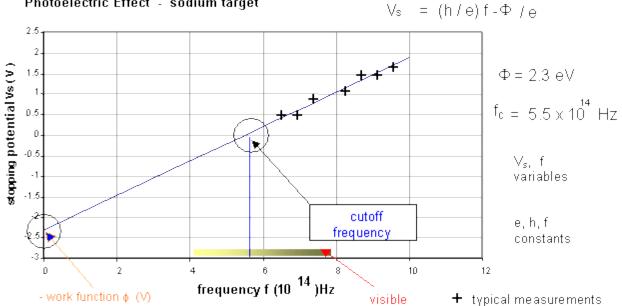


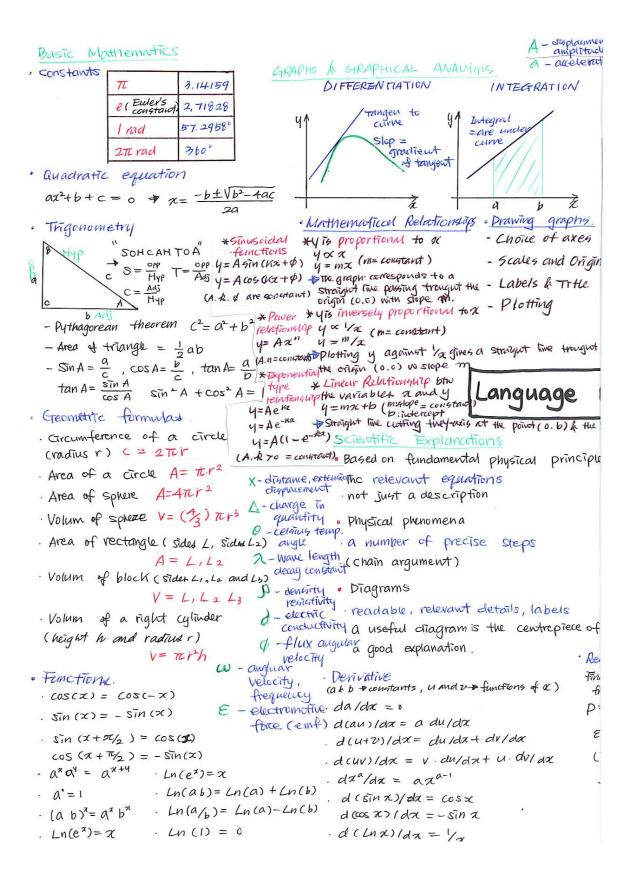


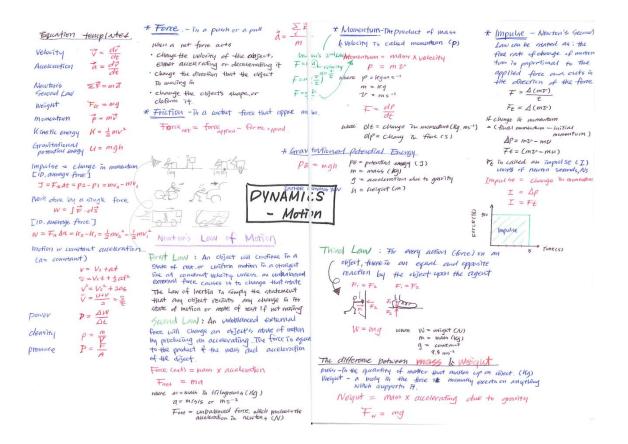


insufficient energy acquired to eject electron

#### Photoelectric Effect - sodium target







# Equation of uniform accelerated motion – one dimension

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$(x-x_0) = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$\overline{v} = \frac{u+v}{2} = \frac{s}{t}$$

$$t = 0$$
  $v = v_0$   $x = x_0$ 



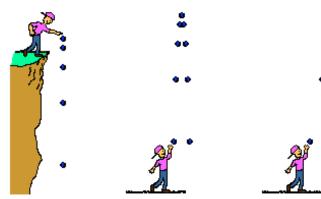
an object in free fall (ignoring dissipative forces) has a constant acceleration

Need to define a reference frame (origin, coordinate system)

 ${\it y}$  can replace  ${\it x}$  when the motion is in the  ${\it vertical}$  direction

For projectile motion can use subscripts for the independent quantities in the horizontal (x) and vertical (y) directions

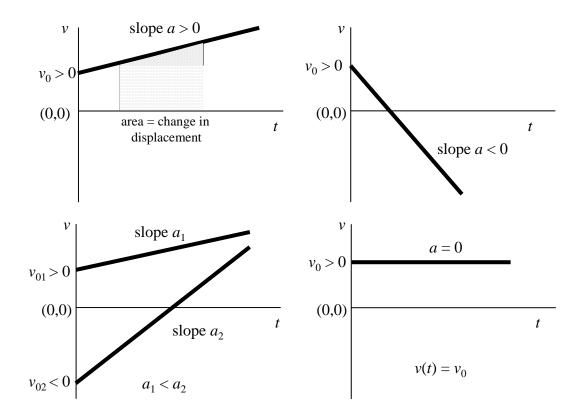
$$x$$
,  $y$   $x_0$ ,  $y_0$   $v_x$ ,  $v_y$   $v_{0x}$ ,  $v_{0y}$   $a_x = 0$ ,  $a_y = \pm g = \pm 9.80 \text{ m.s}^{-2}$ 



Symbol	Physical quantity	SI unit (other)	Sign (+ / -)
t	time interval measured from $t = 0$	s h	no
x y	displacement at time $t$ from the initial ( $t = 0$ ) position at $x_0$	m km	+ -
<i>x</i> <sub>0</sub> <i>y</i> <sub>0</sub>	initial ( $t = 0$ ) position: select frame of reference, often can choose $x_0 = 0$	m km	+ -
V	velocity of object at time t	m.s <sup>-1</sup> km.h <sup>-1</sup>	+ -
<b>v</b> <sub>0</sub>	initial velocity velocity at time t = 0 s	m.s <sup>-1</sup> km.h <sup>-1</sup>	+ -
а	acceleration a = constant	m.s <sup>-2</sup>	+ -

## Graphs

 $v = v_0 + at$  straight line: variables t and v, constants  $v_0$  (intercept) a (slope)



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#### PROBLEM SOLVING GUIDELINES

Think with pen and paper, not in your head

## Ask yourself **How do I approach the problem**



ISEE "Isee"

# Identify and Setup

- Read → interpret the problem or question → what is the marking expecting
- Identify the system (object of interest)
- Visualize the problem
- Identify the type of problem
- Data: known and unknown (?) **physical quantities** things that you measure name, symbol, value, unit (SI unit), significant figures eg speed of car A  $v_A = 30.5 \text{ km.h}^{-1}$   $v_A = ? \text{ m.s}^{-1}$

Use **subscripts** to identify different objects or different times mass: car A  $m_A$  car B  $m_B$  Initial velocity  $v_i$  Final velocity  $v_f$ 

Often best to use SI units: conversion of units  $km.h^{-1} \leftarrow \rightarrow m.s^{-1} eV \leftarrow \rightarrow J s \leftarrow \rightarrow y$ 

- Create annotated scientific diagrams (need to be useful one of the most important approaches to answering problems – always used by the "best" students); show directions for vector quantities
- What do I know: physical principles, laws, concepts, key words, equations

## Execute

- Answer the question
- Linear setting out one line after the other (you can ask for more paper to answer questions if space on exam paper insufficient)
- Qualitative answers: point form; only answer the question just don't write what you know, avoid making incorrect physics statements; use words in a scientific context; do not re-write question
- Quantitative answers: should be mathematically correct, proper use of = sign, correct use of symbols and equations; correct units; correct significant figures
- Do algebra before substituting numbers

### Evaluate

- Have I answered the question
- Check for incorrect physics statements
- Numerical answers: reasonable (sensible); units; significant figures; never use fractions in an answers always use decimals

#### MATHEMATICS AN INDISPENSABLE TOOL

- Be able to interpret symbols an equations
- Equations tell a story
- Be able to change units
- Be careful with significant figures
- Be able to use scientific notation
- Be able to use your calculator using BIG and small numbers exponential (scientific) notation – use x10<sup>x</sup> and ENG buttons
- Be able to rearrange an equation
- Draw a scientific graph; interpret a graph; know about straight lines y = mx + b; find the slope m and intercept b of a straight line; know about the tangent and area under a curve

Problems
Find an expression for $T$ from the equation
$P = \varepsilon  \sigma A \left( T^4 - T_o^4 \right)$
A car is travelling at a speed of 165 km.h <sup>-1</sup> . What is the speed of the car in m.s <sup>-1</sup> ?
In the Bohr model of the hydrogen atom, the energy levels of the atom are given by
$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ $\varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2.\text{N}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-2}$ $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$ $c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$
$E_{n} = -\frac{m_{e} e^{4}}{8 \varepsilon_{0}^{2} h^{2}} \frac{1}{n^{2}}$
Calculate the wavelength of the photon emitted in the transition from $n = 2$ to $n = 1$ in nanometres.

Find an expression for *T* from the equation

$$P = \varepsilon \, \sigma A \left( T^4 - T_o^4 \right)$$

T=? on left hand side of equation / Rearrange equation step by step

$$\varepsilon \, \sigma A \left( T^4 - T_o^4 \right) = P$$

$$\left(T^4 - T_o^4\right) = \frac{P}{\varepsilon \, \sigma A}$$

$$T^4 = T_o^4 + \frac{P}{\varepsilon \sigma A}$$

$$T = \left(T_o^4 + \frac{P}{\varepsilon \sigma A}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

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Basic conversions

1 km = 
$$10^3$$
 m 1 h = (60)(60) s =  $3.6 \times 10^3$  s

1 km. 
$$h^{-1} = (10^3) / (3.6 \times 10^3) \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

$$165 \text{ km.h}^{-1} = (165) / (3.6) \text{ m.s}^{-1} = 45.8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

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$$E_{n} = -\frac{m_{e} e^{4}}{8 \varepsilon_{0}^{2} h^{2}} \frac{1}{n^{2}}$$

Calculate  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  in (J and eV) and the wavelength  $\lambda$  of the photon emitted in the transition from n=2 to n=1 (n and nm)

$$E_1 = -2.17 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} = -13.6 \text{ eV}$$
 1 eV = 1.60x10<sup>-19</sup> J

$$E_2 = -5.42 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = -3.40 \text{ eV}$$

$$hf = |E_1 - E_2| / h = 2.45 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = 1.22 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 122 \text{ nm}$$
  $c = \lambda f$   $c = 3.00 \times 10^{8} \text{ m.s}^{-1}$   $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ 

What is this equation all about?

$$t_{v} = \frac{t_{0}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^{2}}{c^{2}}}}$$

 $t_0 = 2.56 \text{ y and } v = 0.0511 c \rightarrow t_v = ? \text{ y}$ 

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Time Dilation Effect – moving clocks are observed to run slow

 $t_{\nu}$  dilated time interval /  $t_0$  proper time interval /  $\nu$  speed of frame of reference / c speed of light

$$t_0 = 2.56 \text{ y}$$
  $v = 0.511 c$   $t_v = ? \text{ y} \rightarrow t_v = 2.98 \text{ y} > 2.56 \text{ y} = t_0$ 

Different observers observe different time intervals

Rearranging the equation 
$$\Rightarrow v/c = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{t_0}{t_v}\right)^2}$$

$$t_v = 9.84 \text{ y}$$
  $t_0 = 2.56 \text{ y}$   $v = ? c$ 

$$v = 0.966 c$$

## **GRAPHS**

http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/teach\_res/hsp/u0/t0\_889.pdf

#### Mathematical conclusions can only be made from straight lines

Linear relationship ←→ straight line

Proportional relationship → straight line passing through origin (0,0)

Equation of a straight line y = mx + b

x and y are variables m (slope) and b (intercept) are constant

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow y = b$$
 slope  $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{rise}{run}$ 

### Problem – sketch straight line graphs for

- $b = 0 \, m > 0$ ,  $b > 0 \, m > 0$ ,  $b > 0 \, m = 0$ ,  $b < 0 \, m < 0$
- v = u + at u > 0, a < 0
- $h f = eV_s + W_{\min}$  f (x-axis) and  $V_s$  (y-axis) are the variable h, e and  $W_{\min}$  are constants From the graph how do you find h, e,  $W_{\min}$  and  $f_c$

Photoelectric Effect  $h \ f = e V_s + W_{\rm min}$  e = 1.60x10 $^{\text{-19}}$  C

An experiment was performed using a photocell. The surface was illuminated by light of different frequencies f and the stopping voltages  $V_s$  were measured.

frequency f (x10 <sup>14</sup> Hz)	8.3	7.5	6.8	6.1	5.5	5.2
stopping voltage $V_s$ (V)	1.45	1.12	0.95	0.60	0.40	0.25

Plot the stopping voltage  $V_s$  versus the frequency f of the light. (y-axis  $V_s$  from -2 V to +2 V x-axis f from 0 to 10x10<sup>14</sup> Hz)

Determine: the cut-off frequency  $f_c$ , the work function  $W_{min}$  in eV and J, and the value of Planck's constant h.

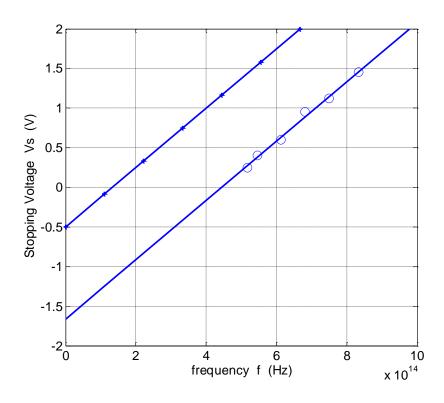
Another surface was used in the experiment. Its work function was 0.5 eV. Draw a line on the graph for this surface.

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Stopping voltage Voltage required to reduce photocurrent to zero –  $eV_s$  is the

measurement of the maximum kinetic energy a photoelectron

material



$$h f = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{max}}^2 + W_{\text{min}} = e V_{\text{stopping}} + W_{\text{min}} \quad V_{\text{stopping}} \equiv V_s$$

$$V_{stopping} = \frac{h}{e} f - \frac{W_{\min}}{e}$$

slope slope =  $h/e = 3.75 \times 10^{-15}$  (V.Hz<sup>-1</sup>)

intercept b = -1.67 V

Work function  $W = 1.7 \text{ eV} = 2.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$  1 eV = 1.6x10<sup>-19</sup> J

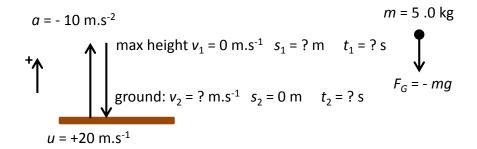
Planck's constant  $h = 6.0 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$  note – answer low than accepted value

Cut-off frequency  $f_c = 4.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ 

The two lines have the same slope = h/e.

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Apply: How to approach the problem: Identify Setup Execute Evaluate



Problem Type motion with constant acceleration

$$v = u + at$$
  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$   $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ 

At maximum height

$$v_1^2 = u^2 + 2a s_1$$
  $s_1 = \frac{v_1^2 - u^2}{2a} = \frac{0 - 20^2}{(2)(-10)} \text{ m} = +20 \text{ m}$   
 $v_1 = u + a t_1$   $t_1 = \frac{v_1 - u}{a} = \frac{0 - 20}{-10} \text{ s} = 2.0 \text{ s}$ 

Just before impact

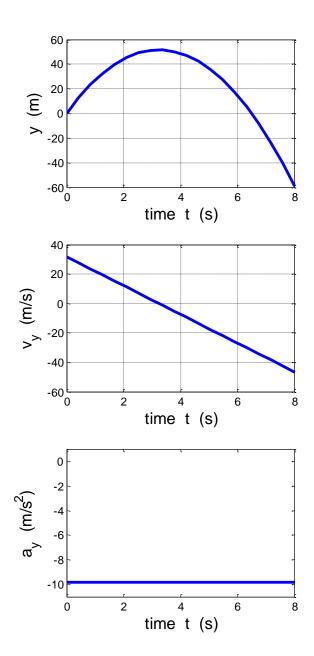
$$v_2 = -u = -20 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$
  $t_2 = (2 t_1) = 4.0 \text{ s}$   
or  $v_2^2 = u^2 + 2a s_2 = u^2$   $v = -u = -20 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$   
 $v_2 = u + a t_2 = -v_2 + a t_2$   $t_2 = \frac{2v_2}{a} = \frac{(2)(-20)}{-10} \text{ s} = 4.0 \text{ s}$ 

Force on ball during flight

$$F_G = m \ g = m \ a = (5)(-10) \ N = -500 \ N$$

A ball is thrown vertically into the air. Draw three time graphs: displacement, velocity, acceleration

Apply: How to approach the problem: Identify Setup Execute Evaluate



Displacement curve  $\Rightarrow$  parabola  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  slope of tangent  $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$ 

Velocity curve  $\rightarrow$  straight line v = u + at slope is constant and negative  $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$ 

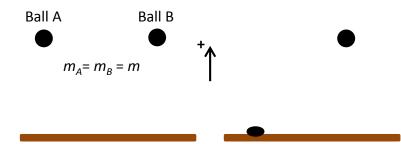
Acceleration curve → constant – independent of time

Which ball exerts the greatest force on the ground during the impact?	

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velocities of ball just before impact  $u_A = -u$   $u_B = -u$  velocities of balls just after impact  $v_A = 0$   $v_B = +u$ 

Impulse = change in momentum  $F \Delta t = mv - mu$ 

Ball A 
$$F_A \Delta t_A = m v_A - m(-u) = 0 + m u = m u$$

Ball B 
$$F_B \Delta t_B = m v_B - m(-u) = m u + m u = 2m u$$

Impulse exerted on ball B by the ground is twice the impact exerted on ball A

Ball A sticks to the ground  $\rightarrow \Delta t_A > \Delta t_B \rightarrow F_B > F_A$ 

The force on the bouncing ball is greater because this ball has the greater change in its momentum

Explain how a person can walk on a corn flour mixture?

# Predict Observe Explain (POE)

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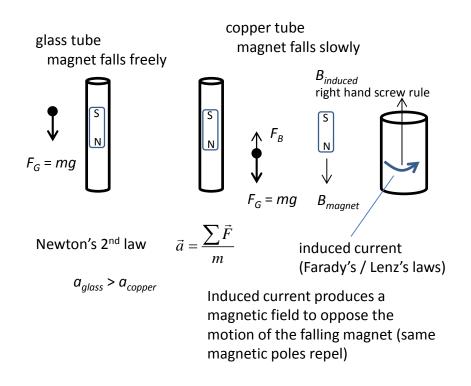
Apply: How to approach the problem: Identify Setup Execute Evaluate

Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction: an emf is induced in a conductor when the conductor is in relative motion with a magnet – a changing magnetic flux produces an emf in a conductor

$$emf = -\frac{d\phi_{\scriptscriptstyle B}}{dt}$$
 magnetic flux  $\phi_{\scriptscriptstyle B} = BA\cos\phi$ 

If there is a complete circuit, the induced emf will produce an induced current through the conductor.

Lenz's law  $\rightarrow$  the direction of the induced current will produce a magnetic field to oppose the change in magnetic flux due to the relative motion.



connected to the battery in (1) series and (2) parallel.	

Two light globes when connected separately to a 10 V battery results in one globe being very bright whereas the other globe is very dim. One globe is rated 100 W, 10 V and the other 20 W, 10 V — which globe is bright and which is dim? Comment on the brightness of each globe when both are