

# Physics 1 Reference

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## SI Prefixes

| Prefix | Symbol | Value      |
|--------|--------|------------|
| yotta  | Y      | $10^{24}$  |
| zetta  | Z      | $10^{21}$  |
| exa    | E      | $10^{18}$  |
| peta   | P      | $10^{15}$  |
| tera   | T      | $10^{12}$  |
| giga   | G      | $10^9$     |
| mega   | M      | $10^6$     |
| kilo   | k      | $10^3$     |
| hecto  | h      | $10^2$     |
| deka   | da     | $10^1$     |
| deci   | d      | $10^{-1}$  |
| centi  | c      | $10^{-2}$  |
| milli  | m      | $10^{-3}$  |
| micro  | $\mu$  | $10^{-6}$  |
| nano   | n      | $10^{-9}$  |
| pico   | p      | $10^{-12}$ |
| femto  | f      | $10^{-15}$ |
| atto   | a      | $10^{-18}$ |
| zepto  | z      | $10^{-21}$ |
| yocto  | y      | $10^{-24}$ |

## Kinematics (Motion)

### Displacement

$$\Delta x = x_f - x_i$$

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|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| $x_f$ | final position   |
| $x_i$ | initial position |

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Displacement is a **vector quantity** (See: Vectors).

### Average Velocity

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t}$$

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| $\Delta x$ | Displacement (over the time period) (See: Displacement) |
| $\Delta t$ | Change in time (See: Change in Time)                    |

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Velocity is a **vector quantity**, it measures direction and magnitude.

### Average Acceleration

$$\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$$

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| $\Delta v$ | Change in velocity (over the time period) (See: Change in Velocity) |
| $\Delta t$ | Change in time (See: Change in Time)                                |

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Acceleration is a **vector quantity**, it measures direction and magnitude.

**Note:** Direction of acceleration is not always the same as direction of velocity. (See: Circular Motion).

### Instantaneous Velocity

$$v = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}$$

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|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| $v$ | velocity |
| $x$ | position |
| $t$ | time     |

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Can usually be found using equations for constant acceleration (See: Constant Acceleration).

## Linear Motion with Constant Acceleration

$$v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (v_i + v_f) \Delta t$$

$$\Delta x = v_i \Delta t - \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| $v_f$      | final velocity  |
| $v_i$      | initial velocity  |
| $a$        | acceleration  |
| $\Delta t$ | Change in time (See: Change in Time)                    |
| $\Delta x$ | Displacement (over the time period) (See: Displacement) |

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The above equations only work when acceleration is constant

## Projectile Motion

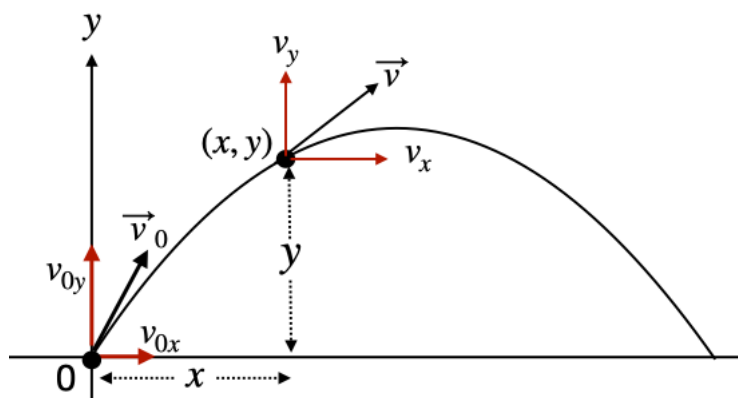


Figure 1: Graph of an object in projectile motion

$$x = v_{0x}t = v_0t \cos \theta$$

$$y = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = v_0t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta$$

$$v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta$$

$$v_x = v_0 \cos \theta$$

$$v_y = v_0 \sin \theta - gt$$

$$t_{\text{projectile hits ground}} = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin 2\theta$$

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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| $x$      | horizontal position                                 |
| $y$      | vertical position                                   |
| $v_{0x}$ | initial horizontal velocity                         |
| $v_{0y}$ | initial vertical velocity                           |
| $v_0$    | initial velocity                                    |
| $g$      | acceleration due to gravity (9.8 m/s <sup>2</sup> ) |
| $t$      | time  |

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The equations are all derived from the equations of motion with constant acceleration assuming the following:

- $a_x = 0$
- $a_y = -g$

They are derived and used by breaking the motion into  $x$  (horizontal) and  $y$  (vertical) components, solving each as if they were a 1D motion problem, and then combining the results with vector addition (See: Addition / Subtraction).

### Free Fall

$$v_f = v_i - gt$$

$$y = v_i t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 - 2gh$$

$$t_{\text{object hits ground}} = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

$$\vec{a} = -g\hat{j} \Rightarrow a = g$$

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|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| $v_f$     | final velocity                   |
| $v_i$     | initial velocity                 |
| $g$       | acceleration due to gravity      |
| $y$       | vertical position (at time $t$ ) |
| $h$       | height (initial y position)      |
| $t$       | time                             |
| $\vec{a}$ | acceleration                     |

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### Apparent Weight

If apparent weight is  $am$  and mass is  $m$  then there is downward acceleration of  $(1 - a)g$ .

### Circular Motion

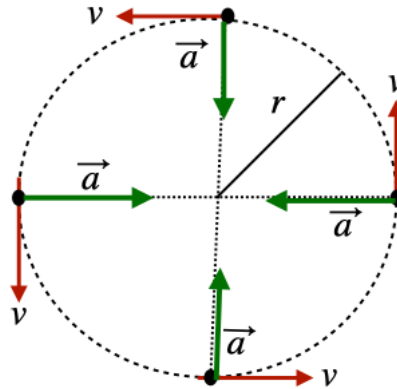


Figure 2: Circular motion at different parts of the circle

$$\vec{a} = -\omega^2 \vec{r}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$



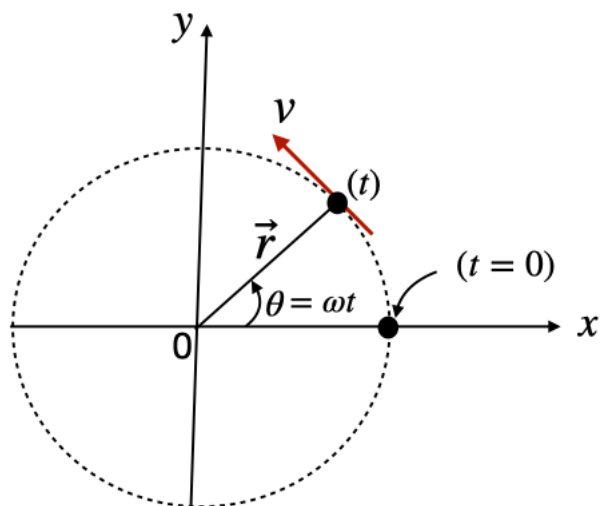


Figure 3: Circular motion at angle  $\theta$

$$\vec{v} = -\omega r \sin \theta \hat{i} + \omega r \cos \theta \hat{j}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \omega r$$

$$\vec{r} = r \cos \theta \hat{i} + r \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

$$\theta = 0 \implies \vec{v} = \omega r \hat{j}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \implies \vec{v} = -\omega r \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

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|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| $\vec{a}$ | acceleration                             |
| $\vec{r}$ | position                                 |
| $v$       | velocity                                 |
| $r$       | radius                                   |
| $T$       | period (time it takes to go full circle) |
| $\omega$  | constant                                 |

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|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| $\theta$  | angle (relative to the horizontal) |
| $\hat{i}$ | unit vector in the x direction     |
| $\hat{j}$ | unit vector in the y direction     |

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**Note:** acceleration points in the direction of  $-\vec{r}$  (See: Vectors).  
 Since the magnitude of velocity is constant, the acceleration is only affected by change of direction.

## Forces

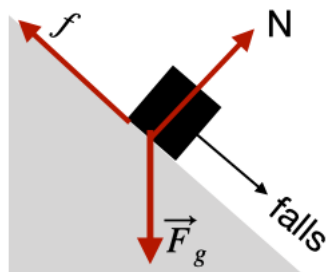


Figure 4: Forces acting on an object

A force is a **vector quantity** that causes an object to accelerate

### Conservative Forces

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0 \implies W_{A \rightarrow B} + W_{B \rightarrow A} = 0$$

- A force is **conservative** if the work done by the force on an object moving between two points is independent of the path taken by the object
- If an object moves in a round trip (i.e. it ends up at the same point it started) then the net work done by a conservative force is zero

### Gravitational Force (weight)

$$\vec{F}_g = mg$$

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| $\vec{F}_g$ | weight   |
| $m$         | mass   |
| $g$         | acceleration due to gravity, ( $9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$ on Earth's surface) |

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- Always vertically downward
- Gravitational force is **conservative**

### Spring Force

$$F_s = -kx$$

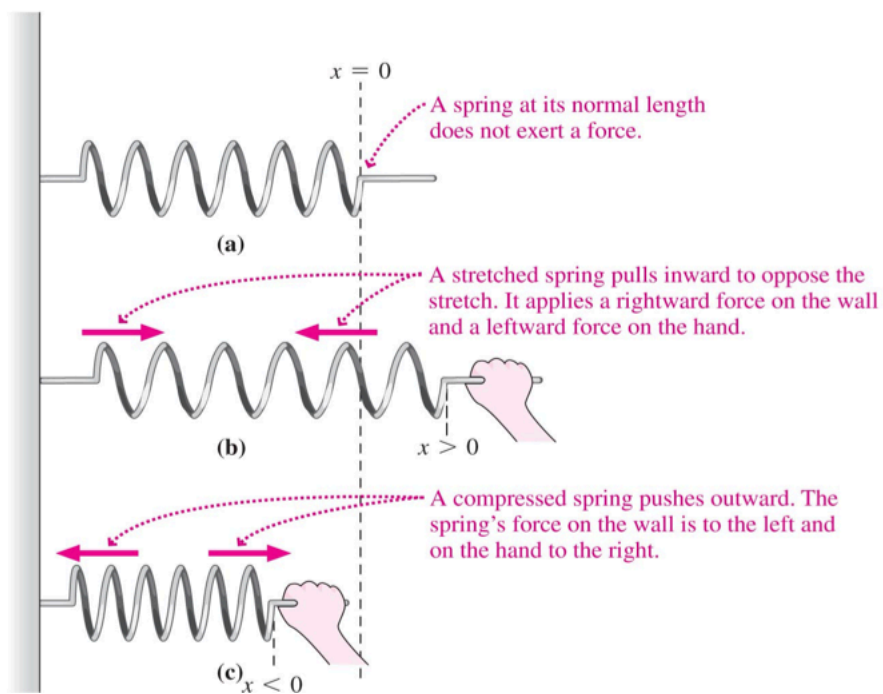


Figure 5: Spring Diagram

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|       |   |
|-------|---|
| $F_s$ | spring force                              |
| $k$   | spring constant (how stiff the spring is) |
| $x$   | displacement from equilibrium position    |

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- *Ideal* spring force is **conservative**
  - An *ideal* spring is massless and frictionless and doesn't lose energy to heat
  - Springs we deal with are *ideal* unless otherwise stated

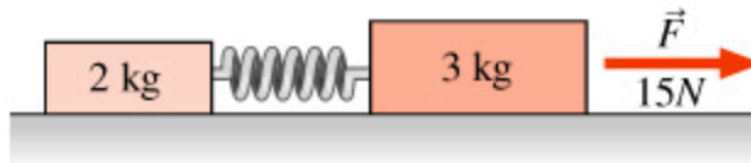


Figure 6: Spring Example

$$\frac{F_s}{m_a} = \frac{F - F_s}{m_b}$$

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|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| $F_s$ | spring force                    |
| $F$   | net force exerted on the system |
| $m_a$ | mass of object $A$              |
| $m_b$ | mass of object $B$              |

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### Non-Conservative Forces

- A force is **non-conservative** if the work done by the force on an object moving between two points is dependent of the path taken by the object
- If an object moves in a round trip (i.e. it ends up at the same point it started) then the net work done by a non-conservative force is not zero

### Friction

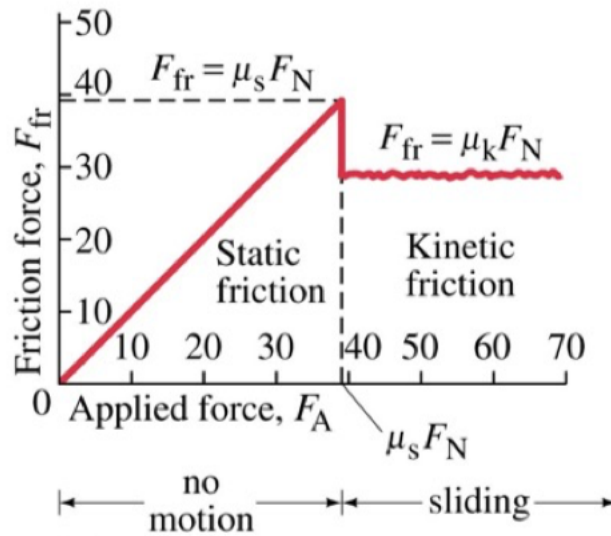


Figure 7: Static and Kinetic Friction

|          |                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| $F_{fr}$ | friction force                  |
| $\mu_s$  | coefficient of static friction  |
| $\mu_k$  | coefficient of kinetic friction |
| $F_N$    | normal force                    |

- Always parallel to the surface
- Frictional force is **non-conservative**
- On a **frictionless** surface,  $f = 0$

#### Static Friction

$$\vec{f}_s \leq \mu_s N$$

|           |                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| $f_s$     | static friction force          |
| $\mu_s$   | coefficient of static friction |
| $\vec{N}$ | normal force                   |

#### Kinetic Friction

$$\vec{f} = \mu_k \vec{N}$$

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| $\vec{f}$ | friction force                  |
| $\mu_k$   | coefficient of kinetic friction |

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|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| $\vec{N}$ | normal force |
|-----------|--------------|

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## Normal Force

$$\vec{N} = mg \cos \theta$$

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|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| $\vec{N}$ | normal force   |
| $m$       | mass   |
| $g$       | acceleration due to gravity, ( $9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$ on Earth's surface) |
| $\theta$  | angle of incline (relative to the horizontal)                          |

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- Represents the force of the surface pushing against the object
- Always perpendicular to the surface
- Normal force is **non-conservative**
- If the object is on an incline, the normal force is less than the weight<sup>†</sup>.
- If the object is on a horizontal surface, the normal force is equal to the weight<sup>†</sup>.
- <sup>†</sup> (See: Gravitational Force).

## Tension

- Represents the force exerted by a string or rope on an object
- Always parallel to the rope
- Equal on both sides of the rope
- Tension is **non-conservative**

## Example

$$\vec{F}_x = T \cos \theta = Ma$$

$$\vec{F}_y = N + T \sin \theta - Mg = 0$$

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| $\vec{F}_x$ | net force in the x direction   |
| $\vec{F}_y$ | net force in the y direction   |
| $T$         | tension (force from string)  |
| $\theta$    | angle of incline (relative to the horizontal)                          |
| $M$         | mass of object   |
| $a$         | acceleration   |
| $N$         | normal force   |
| $g$         | acceleration due to gravity, ( $9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$ on Earth's surface) |

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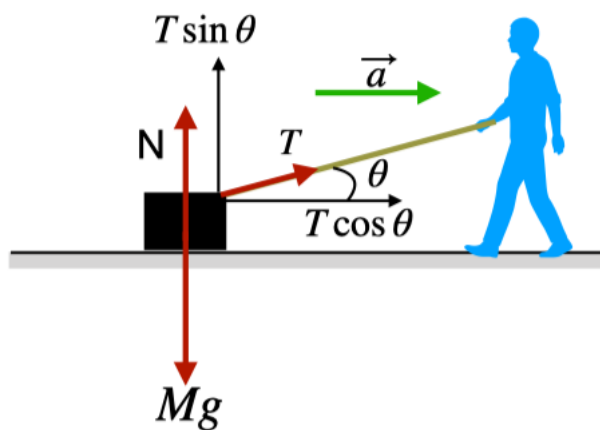


Figure 8: Forces example with tension

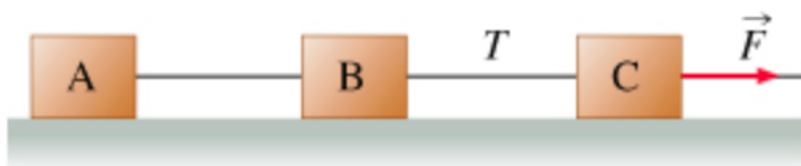


Figure 9: String Example



### String Example

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_A + \vec{F}_B + \vec{F}_C$$

$$\vec{F} = (m_A + m_B + m_C)a$$

$$\vec{T} = \vec{F} - \vec{F}_C$$

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|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| $\vec{F}$   | force (in diagram)                   |
| $\vec{T}$   | tension                              |
| $\vec{F}_A$ | net force exerted on object <i>A</i> |
| $\vec{F}_B$ | net force exerted on object <i>B</i> |
| $\vec{F}_C$ | net force exerted on object <i>C</i> |
| $m_A$       | mass of object <i>A</i>              |
| $m_B$       | mass of object <i>B</i>              |
| $m_C$       | mass of object <i>C</i>              |
| $a$         | acceleration                         |

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### Newton's Second Law

$$F_{\text{Net}} = ma$$

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$$

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| $F_{\text{Net}}$ | the vector sum of all forces acting on the object (See: Addition / Subtraction) |
| $m$              | mass  |
| $a$              | acceleration  |
| $\vec{p}$        | momentum  |
| $\vec{v}$        | velocity  |

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The equation implies Newton's First Law:  $F_{\text{Net}} = 0 \implies a = 0 \implies$   
the object is at rest or moving at a constant velocity

## Energy

$$E = K + U$$

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|     |                  |
|-----|------------------|
| $E$ | energy           |
| $K$ | kinetic energy   |
| $U$ | potential energy |

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SI unit: Joule (J)

## Kinetic Energy

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

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|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| $K$ | kinetic energy |
| $m$ | mass           |
| $v$ | velocity       |

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## Potential Energy

$$\Delta U_{A \rightarrow B} = - \int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -W_{A \rightarrow B}$$

- Potential energy is the energy of an object due to its position
- Potential energy is always relative to some reference point
- Equations can also be used to determine work done by a force.

## Gravitational Potential Energy

$$U_g = mgh$$

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|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| $U_g$ | gravitational potential energy |
| $m$   | mass                           |
| $g$   | acceleration due to gravity    |
| $h$   | height                         |

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Stores work done against gravity

## Elastic Potential Energy

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

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|       |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| $U_s$ | elastic potential energy      |
| $k$   | spring constant               |
| $x$   | displacement from equilibrium |

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Stores work done in stretching or compressing a spring

## Work

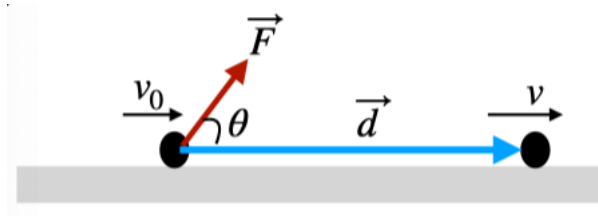


Figure 10: Work of a force  $\vec{F}$

$$W = \int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = Fd \cos \theta$$

$$W = W_c + W_{nc}$$

$$W_{\text{Net}} = \sum W$$

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| $W$              | work done by force $\vec{F}$              |
| $\vec{F}$        | force                                     |
| $\vec{d}$        | displacement                              |
| $W_c$            | work done by conservative forces          |
| $W_{nc}$         | work done by non-conservative forces      |
| $d$              | magnitude of displacement                 |
| $W_{\text{Net}}$ | net work done by all forces on the object |

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### Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem

$$W = \Delta K = K_f - K_i$$

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|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| $W$        | work done by force $\vec{F}$ |
| $\Delta K$ | change in kinetic energy     |
| $K_f$      | final kinetic energy         |
| $K_i$      | initial kinetic energy       |

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- Work is a scalar quantity
- SI unit: Joule (J)

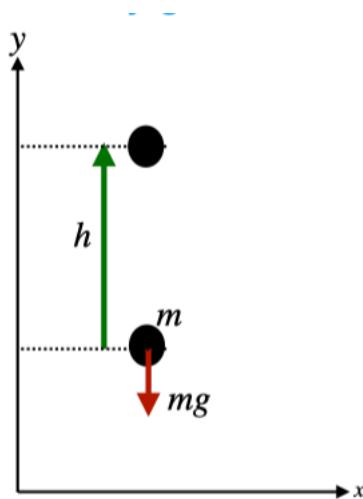


Figure 11: Work done by gravity in moving an object upward

### Work done by Gravity Example

$$W_g = -mgh$$

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|       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| $W_g$ | work done by gravity        |
| $m$   | mass                        |
| $g$   | acceleration due to gravity |
| $h$   | height                      |

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$$W_g = mgh$$

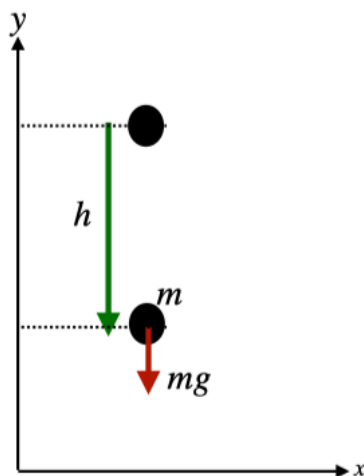


Figure 12: Work done by gravity in moving an object down

|       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| $W_g$ | work done by gravity        |
| $m$   | mass                        |
| $g$   | acceleration due to gravity |
| $h$   | height                      |

### Work done by a Variable Force

$$W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F(x)dx$$

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| $W$    | work done by force $F(x)$     |
| $x_i$  | initial position              |
| $x_f$  | final position                |
| $F(x)$ | force at a given position $x$ |

$F(x)$  is a function of position. The force depends on the position of the object

### Work done by a Spring

$$W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F(x)dx = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} -kx dx = \frac{1}{2}kx_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$F(x) = kx$$

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| $W$    | work done by force $F(x)$     |
| $x_i$  | initial position              |
| $x_f$  | final position                |
| $F(x)$ | force at a given position $x$ |
| $k$    | spring constant               |

### Mechanical Energy

$$E_m = K + U$$

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| $E$ | mechanical energy |
| $K$ | kinetic energy    |
| $U$ | potential energy  |

SI unit: Joule (J)

### Conservation of Mechanical Energy

$$W_{nc} = 0 \implies E_{m_i} = E_{m_f}$$

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| $W_{nc}$  | work done by non-conservative forces  |
| $E_{m_i}$ | mechanical energy at initial position |
| $E_{m_f}$ | mechanical energy at final position   |

- Derived from the work-kinetic energy theorem
- $W_{nc} = 0$  means that there are no non-conservative forces acting on the object
- The only non-conservative force is friction
  - Tension cancels itself out when considering the entire system
  - Normal force is perpendicular to the displacement, so work done by normal force is 0

### Power

$$P = \frac{W}{\Delta t}$$

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \text{ (if force is constant)}$$

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|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| $P$        | power          |
| $W$        | work           |
| $\Delta t$ | change in time |
| $\vec{F}$  | force          |
| $\vec{v}$  | velocity       |

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- SI unit: Watt (W)
- 1 W = 1 J/s

### Momentum

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$$

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|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| $\vec{p}$ | momentum |
| $m$       | mass     |
| $\vec{v}$ | velocity |

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## Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation

$$F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

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|       |  |
|-------|--|
| $F_g$ | force of gravity   |
| $G$   | gravitational constant $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$ |
| $m_1$ | mass of object 1   |
| $m_2$ | mass of object 2   |
| $r$   | distance between the two objects   |

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- Strictly applied to point masses (particles)
- Always attractive
- If one of the masses is the Earth (or similar object), then  $r$  is the distance from the center of the Earth to the object

## Gravitational Potential Energy

$$U_g = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r}$$

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|       |  |
|-------|--|
| $U_g$ | gravitational potential energy   |
| $G$   | gravitational constant $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$ |
| $m_1$ | mass of object 1   |
| $m_2$ | mass of object 2   |
| $r$   | distance between the two objects   |

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## Circular Orbits

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$

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|     |  |
|-----|--|
| $v$ | tangential velocity of the object  |
| $G$ | gravitational constant $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$ |
| $M$ | mass of the object being orbited   |
| $r$ | distance between the two objects   |
| $T$ | period of the orbit  |

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The object is orbiting the other object



## Gravitational Field

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m}$$

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|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| $\vec{E}$ | gravitational field |
| $\vec{F}$ | gravitational force |
| $m$       | mass of the object  |

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## Escape Velocity

$$v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$$

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|       |  |
|-------|--|
| $v_e$ | escape velocity  |
| $G$   | gravitational constant $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$ |
| $M$   | mass of the planet   |
| $r$   | radius of planet   |

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## Center of Mass

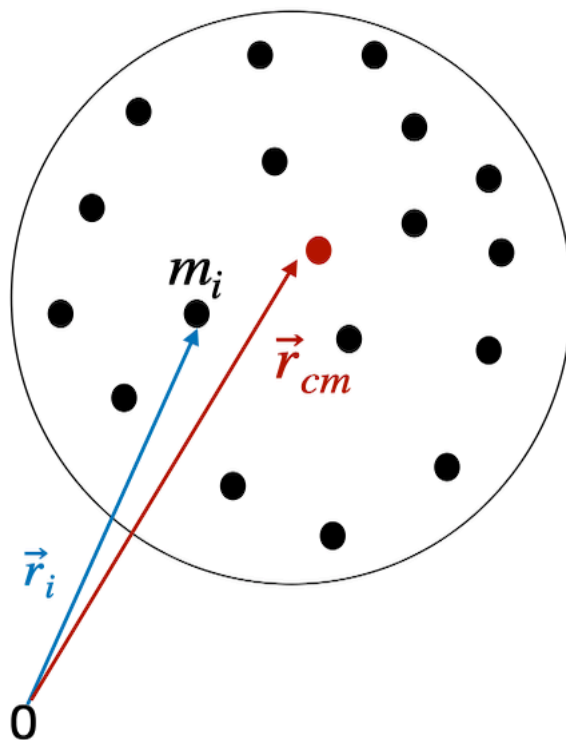


Figure 13: A multi-particle system with reference point 0

$$\vec{F}_{net} = M \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{cm}}{dt^2} = M \frac{d\vec{v}_{cm}}{dt} = M \vec{a}_{cm}$$

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|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| $\vec{F}$      | net force on the system                          |
| $M$            | total mass of the system                         |
| $\vec{r}$      | position of a particle                           |
| $\vec{v}$      | velocity of a particle                           |
| $\vec{a}$      | acceleration of a particle                       |
| $\vec{r}_{cm}$ | position of the center of mass of the system     |
| $\vec{v}_{cm}$ | velocity of the center of mass of the system     |
| $\vec{a}_{cm}$ | acceleration of the center of mass of the system |

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The center of mass is the point where the net force on the system acts

### Discrete distribution of mass

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i}{M}$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{M}$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i}{M}$$

$$z_{cm} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i z_i}{M}$$

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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| $r_{cm}$ | position of the center of mass of the system        |
| $x_{cm}$ | $x$ -coordinate of the center of mass of the system |
| $y_{cm}$ | $y$ -coordinate of the center of mass of the system |
| $z_{cm}$ | $z$ -coordinate of the center of mass of the system |
| $x_i$    | $x$ -coordinate of the $i$ th particle              |
| $y_i$    | $y$ -coordinate of the $i$ th particle              |
| $z_i$    | $z$ -coordinate of the $i$ th particle              |

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### Continuous distribution of mass

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \lim_{\Delta m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta m_i \vec{r}_i}{M} = \frac{\int \vec{r} dm}{M}$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\int x dm}{M}$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{\int y dm}{M}$$

$$z_{cm} = \frac{\int z dm}{M}$$

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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| $r_{cm}$ | position of the center of mass of the system        |
| $x_{cm}$ | $x$ -coordinate of the center of mass of the system |
| $y_{cm}$ | $y$ -coordinate of the center of mass of the system |
| $z_{cm}$ | $z$ -coordinate of the center of mass of the system |
| $x$      | $x$ -coordinate of a particle                       |
| $y$      | $y$ -coordinate of a particle                       |

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|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| $z$  | $z$ -coordinate of a particle |
| $dm$ | mass of a particle            |

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If the mass is distributed uniformly, then  $dm = \rho dV$ , where  $\rho$  is the density of the object and  $dV$  is the volume of the object.

### Total Momentum

$$\vec{p}_{tot} = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{p}_i = M\vec{v}_{cm}$$

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|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| $\vec{p}$       | momentum of a particle       |
| $\vec{p}_{tot}$ | total momentum of the system |
| $M$             | total mass of the system     |

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### Conservation of Linear Momentum

$$\vec{F}_{net} = 0 \implies \vec{p}_{tot} = \text{constant}$$

If the net external force on a system ( $\vec{F}_{net}$ ) is zero, then  $\vec{p}_{tot}$  is constant and the center of mass of the system moves with constant velocity.

### Total Kinetic Energy

$$K_{tot} = \sum_{i=1}^n K_i = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{cm}^2$$

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|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| $K$       | kinetic energy of a particle       |
| $K_{tot}$ | total kinetic energy of the system |
| $M$       | total mass of the system           |

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## Collisions

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}(t) dt \approx \vec{F}_{avg} \Delta t$$

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|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| $t_i$           | start time of the collision          |
| $t_f$           | end time of the collision            |
| $\vec{F}$       | force on a particle                  |
| $\vec{F}_{avg}$ | average force on a particle          |
| $\Delta t$      | change in time (See: Change in Time) |

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### Elastic Collisions

Elastic collisions are collisions where the total kinetic energy of the system is conserved.

### Inelastic Collisions

Inelastic collisions are collisions where the total kinetic energy of the system is not conserved.

## Rotational Motion

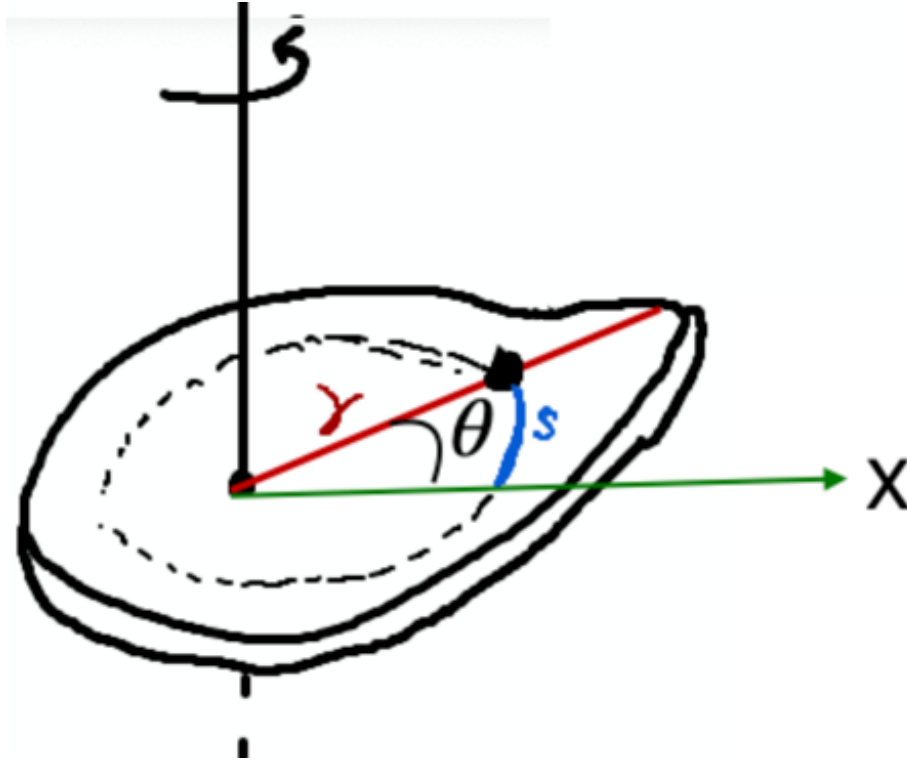


Figure 14: Rotational Motion about an axis

$$s = r\theta$$

$$v_t = r\omega$$

$$a_t = r\alpha$$

$$a_r = \frac{v_t^2}{r} = r\omega^2$$

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| $\theta$ | angular displacement of a particle (See: Angular Displacement) |
| $s$      | arc length of a particle                                       |
| $r$      | radius of a particle (from the axis of rotation)               |

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| $v_t$    | tangential velocity of a particle                              |
| $\omega$ | angular velocity of a particle (See: Angular Velocity)         |
| $a_t$    | tangential acceleration of a particle                          |
| $\alpha$ | angular acceleration of a particle (See: Angular Acceleration) |
| $a_r$    | radial (centripetal) acceleration of a particle                |

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### Right Hand Rule

- Direction of rotation is determined by the position of the thumb
  - If the thumb points in the direction of the axis of rotation (**typically upward**), then the direction is positive
  - If the thumb points in the opposite direction of the axis of rotation (**typically downward**), then the direction is negative

### Angular Displacement

$$\Delta\theta = \theta_f - \theta_i$$

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|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| $\Delta\theta$ | change in angular displacement |
| $\theta_f$     | final angular displacement     |
| $\theta_i$     | initial angular displacement   |

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For Direction (See: Right Hand Rule)

### Angular Velocity

$$1 \text{ rpm} = \frac{2\pi}{60} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$1 \text{ rev/s} = 2\pi \text{ rad/s}$$

For Direction (See: Right Hand Rule) Measured in Radians per Second ( $\text{rad/s}$ ), or Revolutions per Minute/Second ( $\text{rpm}$  &  $\text{rev/s}$ )

### Average Angular Velocity

$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t}$$

### Instantaneous Angular Velocity

$$\vec{\omega} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{\theta}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{\theta}}{dt}$$

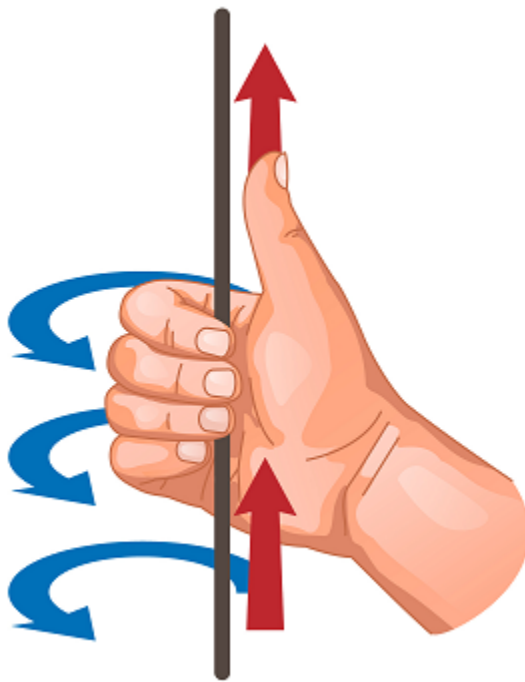


Figure 15: RHR Diagram



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|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| $\omega$             | angular velocity  |
| $\Delta\theta$       | change in angular displacement                          |
| $\Delta t$           | change in time (See: Change in Time)                    |
| $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$ | derivative of angular displacement with respect to time |

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## Angular Acceleration

### Average Angular Acceleration

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\Delta\vec{\omega}}{\Delta t}$$

### Instantaneous Angular Acceleration

$$\vec{\alpha} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{\omega}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt}$$

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|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| $\bar{\alpha}$       | average angular acceleration                        |
| $\vec{\alpha}$       | angular acceleration                                |
| $\Delta\vec{\omega}$ | change in angular velocity                          |
| $\Delta t$           | change in time (See: Change in Time)                |
| $\frac{d\omega}{dt}$ | derivative of angular velocity with respect to time |

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## Rotational Motion with Constant Angular Acceleration

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$$

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \frac{1}{2}(\omega_i + \omega_f)t$$

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha(\theta_f - \theta_i)$$

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|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| $\omega_f$ | final angular velocity     |
| $\omega_i$ | initial angular velocity   |
| $\alpha$   | angular acceleration       |
| $t$        | time                       |
| $\theta_f$ | final angular displacement |

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$\theta_i$  initial angular displacement

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Equations parallel the equations of motion for linear motion (See: Linear Motion with Constant Acceleration)

## Inertia

$$I = mr^2 \Rightarrow \text{single-particle system}$$

$$I = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2 \Rightarrow \text{multi-particle discrete systems}$$

$$I = \int r^2 dm \Rightarrow \text{multi-particle continuous systems}$$

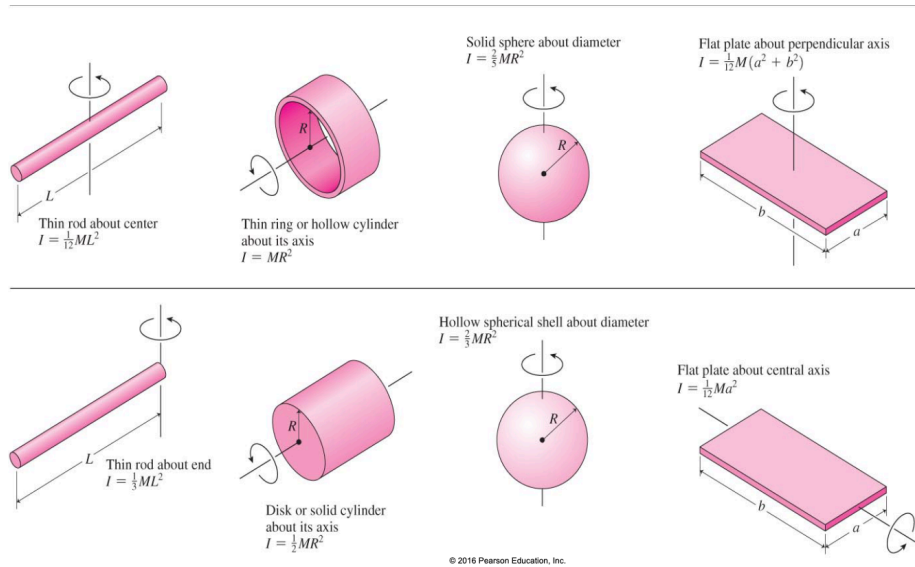


Figure 16: Inertia of different objects

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|       |   |
|-------|---|
| $I$   | moment of inertia   |
| $m$   | mass  |
| $n$   | number of particles   |
| $r_i$ | distance from the axis of rotation to the $i$ th particle                   |
| $r$   | distance from the axis of rotation to the point of application of the force |

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|      |              |
|------|--------------|
| $dm$ | mass element |
|------|--------------|

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- Inertia in rotational motion parallels mass in linear motion, and is a measure of the resistance of an object to changes in its rotational motion. (higher inertia = harder to rotate)
- **Note:** Inertia doesn't have a direction, but it does depend on the axis of rotation

### Parallel Axis Theorem

$$I = I_{cm} + md^2$$

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| $I$      | moment of inertia about an axis parallel to $I_{cm}$     |
| $I_{cm}$ | moment of inertia about the center of mass               |
| $m$      | total mass of the system                                 |
| $d$      | distance from the center of mass to the axis of rotation |

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### Torque

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$\tau = rF_{\perp} = rF \sin \theta$$

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

$$\tau = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$$

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|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| $\tau$                | torque  |
| $r$                   | distance from the axis of rotation to the point of application of the force |
| $F$                   | magnitude of the force  |
| $\theta$              | angle between the force and the lever arm (radius)                          |
| $I$                   | moment of inertia (See: Inertia)  |
| $\alpha$              | angular acceleration (See: Angular Acceleration)                            |
| $\vec{L}$             | angular momentum (See: Angular Momentum)                                    |
| $\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$ | derivative of angular momentum with respect to time                         |

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- For Direction (See: Right Hand Rule)
- $\vec{r} \times \vec{F}$  is the cross product of  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{F}$  (See: Cross Product)
- Torque is the rotational equivalent of force

## Rotational Kinetic Energy

$$K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| $K$      | rotational kinetic energy                |
| $I$      | moment of inertia (See: Inertia)         |
| $\omega$ | angular velocity (See: Angular Velocity) |

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Rotational kinetic energy is the energy of an object due to its rotational motion

## Rolling Motion

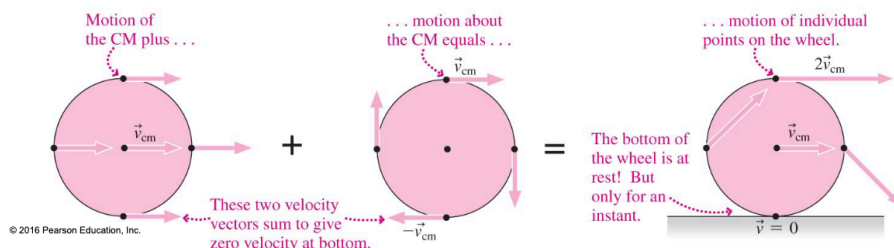


Figure 17: Rolling motion

$$v_{cm} = \omega R$$

$$a_{cm} = \alpha R$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t}$$

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|            |  |
|------------|--|
| $v_{cm}$   | velocity of the center of mass   |
| $\omega$   | angular velocity (See: Angular Velocity)                                     |
| $R$        | radius of the object   |
| $\Delta t$ | time it takes for the object to make one full rotation (See: Change in Time) |

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Rolling motion is a combination of translational and rotational motion

## Kinetic Energy of Rolling Motion

$$K = K_{trans} + K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{cm}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| $K$         | kinetic energy                           |
| $K_{trans}$ | translational kinetic energy             |
| $K_{rot}$   | rotational kinetic energy                |
| $m$         | mass of the system                       |
| $v_{cm}$    | velocity of the center of mass           |
| $I$         | moment of inertia (See: Inertia)         |
| $\omega$    | angular velocity (See: Angular Velocity) |

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The kinetic energy of an object rolling motion is the sum of the translational and rotational kinetic energies

## Angular Momentum

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

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

$$\vec{L} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v})$$

$$L = mrv \sin \theta$$

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|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| $\vec{L}$ | angular momentum  |
| $\vec{r}$ | distance from the axis of rotation to the point of application of the force |
| $\vec{p}$ | linear momentum   |
| $I$       | moment of inertia (See: Inertia)  |
| $\omega$  | angular velocity (See: Angular Velocity)                                    |
| $m$       | mass  |
| $\vec{v}$ | velocity  |
| $\theta$  | angle between the velocity and the lever arm (radius)                       |

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For Direction (See: Right Hand Rule)

## Conservation of Angular Momentum

$$\tau_{\text{Net Ext}} = 0 \implies \vec{L}_i = \vec{L}_f$$

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|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| $\tau_{\text{Net Ext}}$ | net external torque      |
| $\vec{L}_i$             | initial angular momentum |
| $\vec{L}_f$             | final angular momentum   |

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Angular momentum is conserved when the net external torque is zero

## Static Equilibrium

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\tau_{any} = 0$$

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|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| $\sum F$     | sum of the forces              |
| $\tau_{any}$ | torque at any axis of rotation |
| $F_x$        | x-component of the force       |
| $F_y$        | y-component of the force       |
| $\tau$       | torque                         |

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An object is in static equilibrium when it is at rest and the net force and the torque acting at any axis is zero

## Simple Harmonic Motion

### Harmonic Motion of a Horizontal Spring

$$\frac{md^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2x$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$x(t = 0) = A \implies \phi = 0$$

$$x(t = 0) = 0 \implies \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| $m$      | mass of the object   |
| $x$      | displacement from equilibrium  |
| $k$      | spring constant  |
| $\omega$ | angular frequency (See: Angular Frequency)                                 |
| $T$      | period (the time it takes for the spring to complete one full oscillation) |
| $A$      | amplitude (maximum displacement from equilibrium)                          |
| $\phi$   | phase constant   |

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The displacement of an object attached to a spring is a sinusoidal function of time



### Harmonic Motion of a Vertical Spring

$$\frac{md^2y}{dt^2} = mg - k(\Delta l + y) = mg - k\Delta l - ky$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 y$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

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|            |  |
|------------|--|
| $m$        | mass of the object   |
| $y$        | displacement from equilibrium  |
| $k$        | spring constant  |
| $\omega$   | angular frequency (See: Angular Frequency)                                 |
| $T$        | period (the time it takes for the spring to complete one full oscillation) |
| $\Delta l$ | change in length of the spring when the object is attached to it           |

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### Simple Pendulum

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

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|     |  |
|-----|--|
| $T$ | period (the time it takes for the spring to complete one full oscillation) |
| $l$ | length of the pendulum   |
| $g$ | acceleration due to gravity  |

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A simple pendulum is a point mass suspended from a massless string

### Physical Pendulum

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{mgh}}$$

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|     |  |
|-----|--|
| $T$ | period (the time it takes for the spring to complete one full oscillation) |
| $I$ | moment of inertia about the pivot point                                    |

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|     |   |
|-----|---|
| $m$ | mass of the object                                  |
| $g$ | acceleration due to gravity                         |
| $h$ | distance from the pivot point to the center of mass |

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A physical pendulum is a rigid body suspended from a pivot point

## Linked Equations

### Vectors

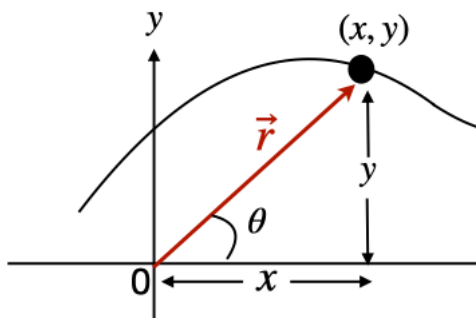


Figure 18: A vector on a Cartesian chart

$$\vec{r} = (r, \theta)$$

$$r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{r_y}{r_x} \right)$$

$$r_x = r \cos \theta$$

$$r_y = r \sin \theta$$

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|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| $\vec{r}$ | vector                                       |
| $r$       | magnitude (length) of $\vec{r}$              |
| $\theta$  | direction (angle relative to the horizontal) |
| $r_x$     | x-component of $\vec{r}$                     |
| $r_y$     | y-component of $\vec{r}$                     |

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- A vector in general is a quantity that is made up of 2 scalar quantities, magnitude and direction.
- In physics, vectors are represented by arrows. The length of the arrow represents the magnitude of the vector and the direction of the arrow represents the direction of the vector.
- The vectors  $\vec{r}$  and  $-\vec{r}$  have the same magnitude but opposite directions.

## Unit Vectors

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

$$\vec{r} = r_x \hat{i} \implies 1 \text{ dimension}$$

$$\vec{r} = r_x \hat{i} + r_y \hat{j} \implies 2 \text{ dimensions}$$

$$\vec{r} = r_x \hat{i} + r_y \hat{j} + r_z \hat{k} \implies 3 \text{ dimensions}$$

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|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| $\hat{r}$   | unit vector of $\vec{r}$         |
| $\vec{r}$   | vector                           |
| $ \vec{r} $ | magnitude of $\vec{r}$           |
| $r_x$       | x-component of $\vec{r}$         |
| $r_y$       | y-component of $\vec{r}$         |
| $\hat{i}$   | unit vector in the $x$ direction |
| $\hat{j}$   | unit vector in the $y$ direction |
| $\hat{k}$   | unit vector in the $z$ direction |

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- A unit vector of a vector  $\vec{r}$  is a vector in the same direction as  $\vec{r}$  with a magnitude of 1.
- In the equations,  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$  give a direction to  $r_x$  and  $r_y$  transforming them into vectors.

## Vector Arithmetic

### Scalar Multiplication

$$a\vec{r} = (ar, \theta)$$

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|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| $a$       | scalar   |
| $\vec{r}$ | vector   |
| $r$       | magnitude of $\vec{r}$ (scalar)                      |
| $\theta$  | direction of $a\vec{r}$ (relative to the horizontal) |

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Scalar multiplication of a vector  $\vec{r}$  by a scalar  $a$  is a vector in the same direction as  $\vec{r}$  with a magnitude of  $ar$ .

## Addition & Subtraction

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

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

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|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$ | vectors   |
| $A_x, B_x$         | x-components of $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$                      |
| $A_y, B_y$         | y-components of $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$                      |
| $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$ | unit vector in the $x, y$ direction (See: Unit Vectors) |

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On a graph, if you connect the vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  head to tail, the vector from the tail of  $\vec{A}$  to the head of  $\vec{B}$  is the sum of  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ .

## Dot Product

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ \implies \vec{A} \parallel \vec{B} \implies \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ \implies \vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \implies \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ \implies \vec{A} \parallel \vec{B} \text{ (anti-parallel)} \implies \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = -AB$$

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|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$ | vectors   |
| $A, B$             | magnitudes of $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$                        |
| $\theta$           | angle between $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$                        |
| $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$ | unit vector in the $x, y$ direction (See: Unit Vectors) |

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The dot product of two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is a scalar.

## Integration

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2} = \frac{x_2^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{x_1^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

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|       |                            |
|-------|----------------------------|
| $x_1$ | lower limit of integration |
| $x_2$ | upper limit of integration |

|     |              |
|-----|--------------|
| $n$ | power of $x$ |
|-----|--------------|

### Change in Time

$$\Delta t = t_f - t_i$$

|       |              |
|-------|--------------|
| $t_f$ | final time   |
| $t_i$ | initial time |

Usually,  $\Delta t$  will just be given as an amount of time, it is sometimes written as  $t$ .

### Change in Velocity

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i$$

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| $v_f$ | final velocity   |
| $v_i$ | initial velocity |

**Note:**  $\Delta v$  is a vector quantity, it uses vector subtraction (See: Addition / Subtraction).

### Cross Product

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB \sin \theta \hat{n}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i}$$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

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|--------------------|---|
| $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$ | vectors to be multiplied  |
| $A, B$             | magnitudes of the vectors   |
| $\theta$           | angle between the vectors   |
| $\hat{n}$          | unit vector perpendicular to the plane of $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ |

For direction of  $\hat{n}$  use RHR (See: Right Hand Rule)