Physics formula booklet

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Constants and unit conversions

Gas constant	R = 8.314 J/(mol K) = 0.082057 $\frac{\text{L atm}}{\text{mol K}}$
Converting between rpm and rad/s	$1 \text{ rpm} = \frac{2\pi}{60} \text{ rad/s}$
Gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$
Converting between Kelvin and Celsius temperatures	$T_K = T_C + 273.15$
Converting between atmospheres and Pascals	$1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Stefan- Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{W/(m}^2 \text{K}^4)$
Avogadro's number	$N_A = 6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} = \frac{R}{N_A}$

Vectors (Chapter 1)

Scalar/dot product	$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{A} \vec{B} \cos(\theta) = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$
Vector/cross product	$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{bmatrix} A_y B_z - A_z B_y \\ A_z B_x - A_x B_z \\ A_x B_y - A_y B_x \end{bmatrix}$ $ \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{A} \vec{B} \sin(\theta)$

1D motion (Chapter 2)

Average and instantaneous velocity	$\langle v \rangle = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$ $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$ The angle brackets denote an average
Average and instantaneous acceleration	$\langle a \rangle = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$ $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$
Equations for straight line motion with constant acceleration	$v_{x} = v_{0x} + a_{x}t$ $x = x_{0} + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_{x}t^{2}$ $v_{x}^{2} = v_{0x}^{2} + 2a_{x}(x - x_{0})$ $x - x_{0} = \frac{1}{2}(v_{0x} + v_{x})t$
Straight line motion with varying acceleration	$v_x = v_{0x} + \int_0^t a_x dt$ $x = x_0 + \int_0^t v_x dt$

2D motion (Chapter 3)

Projectile motion	$x = v_{0x}t$ $y = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^{2}$ $v_{y} = v_{0y} - gt$
Centripetal acceleration	$a_c = \frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{4\pi^2 R}{T^2}$ where R is the radius of the circle in which the object is moving

Relative velocity	$v_{P/A-x}=v_{P/B-x}+v_{B/A-x}\\ \vec{v}_{P/A}=\vec{v}_{P/B}+\vec{v}_{B/A}$ where $\vec{v}_{P/A}$ means the velocity of P relative to A
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Newton's Laws (Chapters 4 and 5)

Net force	$\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \cdots$
	$\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}$
Newton's second law	$F_{net,x} = ma_x$
	$F_{net,y} = ma_y$
	$F_{net,z} = ma_z$
Gravitational force (weight)	$F_g = mg$
Newton's third law	$\vec{F}_{A \ on \ B} = -\vec{F}_{B \ on \ A}$
	$F_k = \mu_k N$
Kinetic friction	where μ_k is the coefficient of kinetic friction and N is the normal force acting on the object
Static friction	$F_s \leq \mu_s N$ where μ_s is the coefficient of static friction and N is the normal force acting on the object

Work and kinetic energy (Chapter 6)

Work	$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = Fs \cos(\theta)$ where \vec{s} is the displacement vector and θ is the angle between the force and displacement vectors
Kinetic energy	$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
Work-energy theorem	$W_{tot} = \Delta E_{kin}$
Work done by a varying force or on a curved path	$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_x dx$ $W = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} F \cos(\theta) ds = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} F_{\parallel} ds$ where P_1 is the initial position, P_2 is the final position, and \vec{s} is displacement

	$\langle P \rangle = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t}$
Power	$P = \frac{dW}{dt}$
	$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = F \cdot v \cdot \cos(\theta)$
	where $\langle P \rangle$ is average power and P is instantaneous power

Potential energy (Chapter 7)

Gravitational potential energy	$E_{pot,g} = mgh$
Elastic potential energy	$E_{pot,s} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$ where k is the spring constant and x is the displacement from the equilibrium position
Work done by gravity or a spring	$W_g = -\Delta E_{pot,g}$ $W_s = -\Delta E_{pot,s}$
Mechanical energy	$E_{mec} = E_{kin} + E_{pot} \label{eq:energy}$ where E_{pot} is the sum of all the different potential energies involved
Work-mechanical energy theorem	$\Delta E_{mec} = W_{nc}$ $E_{mec,i} + W_{nc} = E_{mec,f}$ where W_{nc} is the work done by non-conservative forces. "i" means initial and "f" means final

Momentum (Chapter 8)

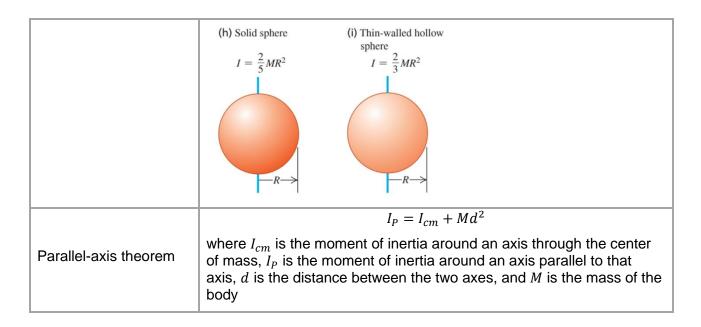
Momentum	$\overrightarrow{m{p}}=m\overrightarrow{m{v}}$
Newton's second law in terms of momentum	$\vec{F}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$
Impulse	$\vec{\pmb{J}} = \Delta \vec{\pmb{p}}$ $\vec{\pmb{J}} = \langle \vec{\pmb{F}}_{net} \rangle \Delta t$ $\vec{\pmb{J}} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{\pmb{F}}_{net} dt$ where $\langle \vec{\pmb{F}}_{net} \rangle$ is the average net force and $\vec{\pmb{F}}_{net}$ is the instantaneous net force

Conservation of momentum	$\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{P}} = \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{p}}_A + \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{p}}_B + \cdots = m_A \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{v}}_A + m_B \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{v}}_B + \cdots$ $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{P}}_i = \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{P}}_f$ The sum of the momenta of the objects that make up a system is constant if the net external force on the system is 0. "i" means initial and "f" means final
Kinetic energy in terms of momentum	$E_{kin} = \frac{p^2}{2m}$
Center of mass	$ec{m{r}}_{cm} = rac{\sum_i m_i ec{m{r}}_i}{\sum_i m_i}$
Total momentum and net force using center of mass	$\vec{P} = M\vec{v}_{cm}$ $\vec{F}_{net,external} = M\vec{a}_{cm}$
Force of thrust on a rocket	$F_{thrust} = -v_{ex}\frac{dm}{dt}$ where v_{ex} is the exhaust $speed$ (positive) and $\frac{dm}{dt}$ is the rate of change of mass of the rocket as it loses fuel (negative)
Speed of a rocket after launch	$v_f = v_i + v_{ex} \ln \left(\frac{m_i}{m} \right)$ where v_i is the initial speed, v_{ex} is the exhaust speed (positive), m_i is the initial mass of the rocket, and m is the mass of the rocket at the time when you want to find its speed

Rotation of rigid bodies (Chapter 9)

Angular velocity	$\omega_z = rac{d heta}{dt}$
Angular acceleration	$\alpha_z = \frac{d\omega_z}{dt}$
Equations for angular motion with constant angular acceleration	$\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_{0z}t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_z t^2$ $\theta - \theta_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_{0z} + \omega_z)t$ $\omega_z = \omega_{0z} + \alpha_z t$ $\omega_z^2 = \omega_{0z}^2 + 2\alpha_z(\theta - \theta_0)$
Linear speed and angular speed	$v = r \omega$ where r is the distance of a particle from the rotation axis
Tangential acceleration and angular acceleration	$a_{tan} = r\alpha$

Radial (centripetal) acceleration and angular speed		$a_{rad} = \frac{v^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$	
Moment of inertia		$I = \sum_{i} m_{i} r_{i}^{2}$	
Rotational kinetic energy		$E_{\rm kin,rot} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$	
Moment of inertia for various shapes	(a) Slender rod, axis through center $I = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$ (c) Rectangular plate, axis through center $I = \frac{1}{12}M(a^2 + b^2)$ (e) Hollow cylinder $I = \frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$ (continued on next page	(b) Slender rod, axis through one end $I = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$ (d) Thin rectangular plate, axis along edge $I = \frac{1}{3}Ma^2$ (f) Solid cylinder $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$	(g) Thin-walled hollow cylinder $I = MR^2$
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Dynamics of rotational motion (Chapter 10)

	$\tau = Fl = rF\sin(\phi) = F_{tan}r$
	l is the length of the lever arm
	\ensuremath{r} is the distance of the point where the force is applied from the axis of rotation
Torque	ϕ is the angle between the force vector and the position vector \vec{r} of the point where the force is applied with respect to the axis of rotation
	F_{tan} is the tangential force component
	In vector form,
	$ec{ au} = ec{r} imes ec{F}$
Rotational analog of Newton's second law	$ au_{ m z,net}=Ilpha_{ m z}$
Kinetic energy in combined translation and rotation	$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{cm}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{cm}\omega^2$
Condition for rolling without slipping	$v_{cm} = R\omega$
Manta dana hiya tanaya	$W = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \tau_z d\theta$
Work done by a torque	For a constant torque,
	$W = \tau_z \Delta \theta$

Work-kinetic energy theorem for rotational motion	$W_{tot} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}I\omega_i^2$
Power of a torque	$P = \tau_z \omega_z$
	For a particle:
	$ec{m{L}} = ec{m{r}} imes ec{m{p}} = ec{m{r}} imes m ec{m{v}}$
	$L_z = rp\sin(\theta) = rmv\sin(\theta)$
Angular momentum	For a rigid body rotating about its axis of symmetry:
	$ec{m{L}} = I \overrightarrow{m{\omega}}$
	$L_z = I\omega_z$
Rotational analog of Newton's second law with angular momentum	$ec{ au}_{net} = rac{dec{m L}}{dt}$
Precession angular speed for a gyroscope	$\Omega = \frac{F_g r}{I \omega}$ F_g is the gravitational force acting on the gyroscope and r is the radius of precession

Equilibrium and elasticity (Chapter 11)

Conditions for	$\vec{F}_{net} = 0$
equilibrium	$ec{ au}_{net} = extbf{0}$ about any point
Hooke's law in general	Elastic modulus = $\frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}}$
Tensile and compressive stress	$Y = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon} = \frac{F_\perp/A}{\Delta l/l_0}$ where V is Young's modulus, σ is tappile/compressive stress, σ is
	where Y is Young's modulus, σ is tensile/compressive stress, ε is tensile/compressive strain, and F_{\perp} is the normal force component applied to opposite sides
Bulk stress	$B = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V_0}$
	where B is the bulk modulus and Δp is the pressure change

	$S = \frac{\tau}{\gamma} = \frac{F_{\parallel}/A}{x/h}$
	S is the shear modulus
	au is shear stress
Shear stress	γ is shear strain
	F_{\parallel} is the parallel force component applied to opposite sides
	x is the displacement of one side
	h is the transverse dimension, or height

Fluid mechanics (Chapter 12)

Density	$ \rho = \frac{m}{V} $
Pressure at a point in a fluid	$p=rac{dF_{\perp}}{dA}$
IIIIII	where F_{\perp} is the normal force applied on both sides of the area A
	$p_2 - p_1 = -\rho g(h_2 - h_1)$
Pressure in a fluid at	where h_1 and h_2 are elevations
rest	$p = p_0 + \rho g h$
	where p_0 is the pressure at the surface of the fluid and h is the distance from the surface
Force of buoyancy	$F_B = F_{ m g,fluid} = V_{ m object} ho_{ m fluid} g$
	The force of buoyancy on an object is the weight of the fluid that was displaced, or the volume of the object times the fluid density times g
Continuity equation for a fluid in motion	$A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$
Volume flow rate	$\dot{V} = \frac{dV}{dt} = Av$
Bernoulli's equation	$p + \rho g h + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{constant}$
	where h is elevation
Pressure difference required for viscous flow in a circular tube	$\Delta P = rac{8\eta L}{\pi r^4} \cdot \dot{V}$
	where r is the radius of the flow tube, L is its length, and η is the fluid viscosity

	$N_R = \frac{2r\rho v}{\eta}$
Reynold's number for	where r is the radius of the flow tube and η is the fluid viscosity
determining flow type in a circular tube	If $N_R < 2000$, the flow is laminar
	If $N_R > 3000$, the flow is turbulent
	If $2000 < N_R < 3000$, it needs to be tested

Gravitation (Chapter 13)

Law of gravitation	$F_g = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$
	G is the gravitational constant, $6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \ \mathrm{Nm^2/kg^2}$
	$m_{ m 1}$ and $m_{ m 2}$ are the masses of two objects
	r is the distance between the two objects
Acceleration due to gravity at the surface of	$g = \frac{GM}{R^2}$
a planet	where M is the mass of the planet and R is its radius
Gravitational potential energy	$E_{ m pot,g} = -rac{Gm_1m_2}{r}$
Speed in circular orbit	$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$
	where M is the mass of the planet and r is the radius of orbit
Period in circular orbit	$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi r^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{GM}}$
	where \boldsymbol{v} is the speed of orbit, \boldsymbol{M} is the mass of the planet, and \boldsymbol{r} is the radius of orbit

Periodic motion (Chapter 14)

Period and frequency	$T = \frac{1}{f}$
Angular frequency	$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$
Condition for simple harmonic motion (SHM)	$F_x = -kx$

Acceleration in SHM as a function of position	$a_x = -\frac{k}{m}x$
Angular frequency, frequency, and period in SHM	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ $f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
	$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$
Position, velocity, and acceleration in SHM as functions of time	$x = A\cos(\omega t + \phi)$ $v_x = -\omega A\sin(\omega t + \phi)$ $a_x = -\omega^2 A\cos(\omega t + \phi)$ where A is the amplitude and ϕ is the phase angle. v_x oscillates between ωA and $-\omega A$, and a_x oscillates between $\omega^2 A$ and $-\omega^2 A$
Energy in SHM	$E_{mec} = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \text{constant}$
Angular SHM	$\omega=\sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{I}}$ $f=\frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{I}}$ where κ is the torsion constant and I is the moment of inertia
Simple pendulum	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$ $f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$ $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$
Physical pendulum	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgd}{I}}$ $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgd}}$ where d is the distance between the center of gravity and the axis of rotation and I is the moment of inertia about the axis

	$x = Ae^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t}\cos\left(\omega't + \phi\right)$
	$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$
Damped oscillations	A is the initial amplitude
	b is the damping constant
	ω' is the angular frequency of the damped oscillations
	ϕ is the phase angle
	k is the force constant of the restoring force
	Underdamping: $b < 2\sqrt{km}$
Types of damped oscillations	Critical damping: $b = 2\sqrt{km}$
	Overdamping: $b > 2\sqrt{km}$
	$A = \frac{F_{max}}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega_d^2)^2 + b^2\omega_d^2}}$
Resonance	ω_d is the driving frequency
	k is the force constant of the restoring force
	b is the damping constant

Temperature and Heat (Chapter 17)

Thermal expansion	Linear:
	$\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$
	Volume:
	$\Delta V = \beta V_0 \Delta T$
	where α is the coefficient of linear thermal expansion and β is the coefficient of volume thermal expansion. In solids,
	$\beta = 3\alpha$
Tensile stress from thermal expansion	$\sigma = \frac{F}{A} = -Y\alpha\Delta T$
	where Y is Young's modulus
Heat required for a temperature change	$Q = mc\Delta T$ $Q = nC\Delta T$
	where ${\it Q}$ is heat, ${\it c}$ is specific heat capacity, ${\it C}$ is molar heat capacity, and ${\it n}$ is number of moles

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Heat required for a phase change	where L is the latent heat of fusion, vaporization, or sublimation. If only part of the substance undergoes a phase change,
	$Q = \pm xmL$
	where x is the fraction that undergoes a phase change
Calorimetry equation	$\sum Q = 0$
	for heat flow between objects isolated from their surroundings
	$H = \frac{dQ}{dt} = kA \frac{T_H - T_C}{L}$
	H is heat current
Heat current in	A is the area through which the heat flows
conduction	L is the length of the heat flow path
	T_H is the temperature of the hot end
	T_C is the temperature of the cold end
	k is the thermal conductivity of the material
Heat current through materials in series	$H_1 = H_2 = H_3 = \cdots$
Heat current through materials in parallel	$H_{total} = H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + \cdots$
Heat current in radiation	$H = Ae\sigma T^4$ $H_{net} = Ae\sigma (T^4 - T_s^4)$
	A is the surface area of the object
	e is the emissivity of the object
	σ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant, 5.67 \cdot 10 ⁻⁸ W/(m 2 K 4)
	T is the temperature of the object
	T_s is the temperature of the surroundings

Thermal properties of matter (Chapter 18)

Ideal gas equation	pV = nRT
Comparing two states of a constant mass of ideal gas	$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$

Moles	$m_{total} = nM$
	$M = N_A m_{molecule}$
	where n is the number of moles, M is molar mass, and N_A is Avogadro's number, $6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \; \mathrm{mol^{-1}}$
Total translational kinetic energy of the molecules in an ideal gas	$E_{\rm kin,tr} = \frac{3}{2}nRT$
Average translational kinetic energy of a single molecule in an ideal gas	$\langle E_{\rm kin,tr}\rangle = \frac{1}{2}m\langle v^2\rangle = \frac{3}{2}kT$ where $\langle v^2\rangle$ is the average squared speed and k is the Boltzmann constant, $1.38\cdot 10^{-23}$ J/K = R/N_A
Root-mean-square speed of molecules in an ideal gas	$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$
Mean free path of molecules in an ideal gas	$\lambda=vt_{mean}=\frac{V}{4\pi\sqrt{2}r^2N}$ where t_{mean} is the mean free time, r is the molecular radius, and N is the number of molecules
	Monatomic gas:
Theoretical heat capacities	$C_V = \frac{3}{2}R$
	Diatomic gas:
	$C_V = \frac{5}{2}R$
	Monatomic solid:
	$C_V = 3R$
	where R is the gas constant, 8.314 J/(mol K)

First law of thermodynamics (Chapter 19)

Work in a thermodynamic process	$W = \int_{V_1}^{V_2} p dV$
The first law of thermodynamics	$\Delta E_{int} = Q - W$ where E_{int} is the internal energy of a system, Q is the heat added to the system, and W is the work done by the system

Types of thermodynamic processes	Adiabatic: No heat transfer, $Q = 0$
	Isochoric: Constant volume, $W = 0$
	Isobaric: Constant pressure, $W=p\Delta V$ and $Q=n\mathcal{C}_p\Delta T$
	Isothermal: Constant temperature
Work/heat in an isothermal process in an ideal gas	$W = Q = nRT \ln \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right) = nRT \ln \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right)$
Internal energy change in an ideal gas	$\Delta E_{int} = nC_v \Delta T$
Deletienskip ketus	$C_p = C_V + R$
Relationship between heat capacities in an ideal gas	where \mathcal{C}_p is the molar heat capacity at constant pressure, \mathcal{C}_V is the molar heat capacity at constant volume, and R is the gas constant, 8.314 J/K mol
	$\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_W}$
Ratio of heat capacities	For air, $\gamma=1.4$
Adiabatic processes in ideal gases	$T_1 V_1^{\gamma - 1} = T_2 V_2^{\gamma - 1}$
	$p_1 V_1^{\gamma} = p_2 V_2^{\gamma}$
	$p_1^{1-\gamma} T_1^{\gamma} = p_2^{1-\gamma} T_2^{\gamma}$
Work done in an adiabatic process in an ideal gas	$W = nC_V(T_1 - T_2)$
	$=\frac{c_V}{R}(p_1V_1-p_2V_2)$
	$= \frac{C_V}{R} (p_1 V_1 - p_2 V_2)$ $= \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} (p_1 V_1 - p_2 V_2)$

Second law of thermodynamics (Chapter 20)

Efficiency in a heat engine	$e = \frac{W}{Q_H} = 1 + \frac{Q_C}{Q_H} = 1 - \left \frac{Q_C}{Q_H} \right $
Efficiency in the Otto cycle	$e = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{\gamma - 1}}$
Coefficient of performance of a refrigerator	$K = \frac{ Q_C }{ W } = \frac{ Q_C }{ Q_H - Q_C }$
Heat transfer in a Carnot engine	$\frac{Q_C}{Q_H} = -\frac{T_C}{T_H}$
Efficiency of a Carnot engine	$e_{Carnot} = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H} = \frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$

Coefficient of performance of a Carnot refrigerator	$K_{Carnot} = \frac{T_C}{T_H - T_C}$
Entropy change for a reversible process	$\Delta S = \int_1^2 \frac{dQ}{T}$ where 1 and 2 are the initial and final states. If the process is isothermal, $\Delta S = \frac{Q}{T}$
Entropy change for an object undergoing a temperature change	$\Delta S = mc \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)$
Entropy in terms of microstates	$S = k \ln(w)$ where k is the Boltzmann constant, $1.38 \cdot 10^{-23}$ J/K and w is the number of microstates
Entropy change in terms of microstates	$\Delta S = k \ln \left(\frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)$