

1 Circular motion

1.1 Circular acceleration

1.1.1 Relations

$$a_c = \omega^2 r = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \omega v$$

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

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

1.2 Angular velocity

1.2.1 Definition

Angular displacement swept out by radius, per unit time.

2 Gravitational field & Electric field

2.1 Electric field

2.1.1 Definitions

- **A field of force:** *region of space where a particle experiences a force*

2.2 Gravitational field

2.2.1 Definition

- **A line of force in a gravitational field:** *Tangent to line gives direction of force on a mass*
- **A line of force in a electric field:** *Tangent to line gives direction of force on a positive charge*

2.2.2 Why gravitational potential is negative

- gravitational potential at infinity is zero
- gravitational force is attractive so work was done as objects move from infinity

2.2.3 Difference between gravitation field and electric field

- Gravitational force always attractive
- Electric field forces are attractive or repulsive

3 Capacitor

3.1 Capacitor

3.1.1 Function of capacitor

- Storage of energy
- Smoothing
- Blocking of direct current
- Producing of electrical oscillation

3.1.2 Why capacitor stores energy, no charge

- Positive and negative charges are separated, work done to achieve this, so stores energy
- The two plates have equal and opposite charges, so resultant charge is zero

3.2 Capacitance

3.2.1 Definition

Charge / Potential difference. [1]

The ratio of charge on one plate to the potential difference between plates. [2]

$$Q = CV$$

3.2.2 Capacitance is a property

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

where A is the area of one of the plates, and d is the plate separation.

3.2.3 Capacitance of a parallel capacitor

The ratio of charge on one plate to the potential difference between plates.

3.3 Energy stored in capacitors

$$U_c = \frac{1}{2}QV = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q^2}{C}$$

3.3.1 The [?, half] comes in because

When the first charge flows onto the capacitor plates, there is no p.d. opposing the flow.

As more charge flows, the p.d. increases, so more work is done

The average p.d. is equal to half the maximum p.d.

3.4 Parallel and series

3.4.1 Capacitor in parallel

V is constant, therefore $C_{total} = \sum_i^n C_i$

3.4.2 Capacitor in series

Q is constant, therefore $\frac{1}{C_{total}} = \sum_i^n \frac{1}{C_i}$

4 Oscillation

4.1 Oscillation

4.1.1 Definition

Backward and forward motion between two limits.

4.2 Properties

4.2.1 Angular frequency

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

4.3 Simple Harmonic motion (SHM)

4.3.1 Definition

Motion of an oscillator in which its acceleration is directly proportional to its displacement from its equilibrium position and is directed towards that position.

$$F = -kx$$

$$ma = -kx$$

$$a = -\frac{k}{m}x$$

Also,

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

It can be deduced that:

- $\frac{k}{m}$ is **constant**, so acceleration is proportional to displacement
- **Negative sign**, so acceleration and displacement are in opposite direction

4.4 Properties of an $a - x$ graph

- **A straight line through origin**, so acceleration is proportional to displacement
- **Negative gradient**, so acceleration and displacement are in opposite direction

$$\omega^2 = -\text{gradient}$$