List of physical constants

• Gravitational acceleration:

$$|g| = 9.81 \,\mathrm{ms}^{-2}$$

Formula list

I. Section 0

• Gradient of a straight line graph between two points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

• Trigonometry definitions

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypothenuse}} \qquad \cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypothenuse}} \qquad \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \qquad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \qquad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

• Trigonometric identities

$$\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$$

• Double angle formula

$$\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$
$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$$
$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2\theta}$$

• Common trigo values

Common trigonometric expressions to know

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$$\cos 45 = \sin 45 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
, $\tan 45 = 1$

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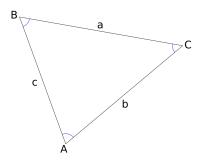
• $\cos 30 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \sin 30 = \frac{1}{2}, \tan 30 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
• $\cos 60 = \frac{1}{2}, \sin 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \tan 60 = \sqrt{3}$

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, $\sin 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $\tan 60 = \sqrt{3}$

• Sin and cos rule

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$
$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

where the angles and sides are as defined in the diagram below



• Pythogoras theorem

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}$$

• Common prefixes

Prefix	Abbreviation	Power of 10
mega-	M	10^{6}
kilo-	k	10^{3}
centi-	c	10^{-2}
milli-	m	10^{-3}
micro-	μ	10^{-6}
nano-	n	10^{-9}

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II. Section 1

• Definitions of kinematic quantities

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

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

• Kinematic equations

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

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$v^{2} = u^{2} + 2as$$

• Range and height of projectiles

$$H = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} \qquad \qquad R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

• Trajectory equation

$$y = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

• Centripetal acceleration

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

• Relative velocity

$$\vec{v}_{A|B} = \vec{v}_{A|O} - \vec{v}_{B|O}$$

where $\vec{v}_{A|B}$ is velocity of A with respect to B, $\vec{v}_{A|O}$ is velocity with A respect to the origin and $\vec{v}_{B|O}$ is velocity with B respect to the origin

III. Section 2

• Relevant forces:

$$W = mg$$

$$f_{s_{\text{max}}} = \mu_s N$$

$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{spring}} = -k\Delta \vec{x}$$

where W is weight

 $f_{s_{\text{max}}}$ is maximum static friction

 f_k is kinetic friction

 μ_s and μ_k are coefficient of static and kinetic friction respectively F_{spring} is spring force

k is the spring constant

 Δx is the extension/compression of the spring.

• Newton's second law

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

• Centripetal force

$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

IV. Section 3.1

• Work

$$W = F_{||}s = Fs\cos\theta$$

• Kinetic energy

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

• Gravitational potential energy

$$U_g = mgh$$

• Spring potential energy

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2}k\Delta x^2$$

• Conservation of energy

$$E_f - E_i = 0$$

• Work-energy theorem (i.e conservation of energy in an open/non-isolated system)

$$E_f - E_i = W$$

• Power

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