# Physics Formula Sheet

## 1. Newtonian Mechanics

### **Kinematics**

• Displacement:

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

• Velocity:

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}, \quad v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$$

• Acceleration:

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}, \quad a_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$$

• Projectile Motion:

– Range: 
$$R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

– Max Height: 
$$H = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$$

#### Newton's Laws

- First Law:  $\sum \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \text{constant}$
- Second Law:  $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$
- Third Law:  $\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$

## Work & Energy

• Work Done:

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

• Kinetic Energy:

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

• Potential Energy:

$$U = mgh$$
 (gravitational),  $U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$  (spring)

• Conservation of Energy:

$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$$

## 2. Rotational Dynamics

## Angular Motion

• Angular Displacement:

$$\theta = \frac{s}{r}$$
 (radians)

• Angular Velocity:

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}, \quad \vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

 $\bullet$  Angular Acceleration:

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

• Torque:

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

## Moment of Inertia

• Definition:

$$I = \sum m_i r_i^2$$

• Parallel Axis Theorem:

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

 $\bullet\,$  Perpendicular Axis Theorem:

$$I_z = I_x + I_y$$

## Rotational Energy & Power

• Rotational KE:

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

• Power:

$$P = \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\omega}$$

## Angular Momentum

• Definition:

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

• Conservation:

If 
$$\vec{\tau}_{ext} = 0$$
,  $\vec{L} = \text{constant}$ 

#### 3. Central Forces & Orbits

#### Gravitation

• Newton's Law:

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}\hat{r}$$

• Potential Energy:

$$U = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r}$$

• Escape Velocity:

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

#### Kepler's Laws

- First Law: Orbits are elliptical
- Second Law:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{constant}$
- Third Law:

$$T^2 \propto a^3$$

### 4. Oscillations

## Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

• Equation:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

• Solution:

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

• Energy:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$

## Damped & Forced Oscillations

• Damped:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\beta \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

• Forced:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\beta \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos(\omega t)$$

#### 5. Non-Inertial Frames

#### **Fictitious Forces**

• Centrifugal Force:

$$\vec{F}_{cf} = -m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

• Coriolis Force:

$$\vec{F}_{cor} = -2m\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}'$$

## 6. Rigid Body Dynamics

### **Equations of Motion**

• Translation:

$$\sum \vec{F} = M\vec{a}_{cm}$$

• Rotation:

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha}$$

### **Rolling Motion**

• Condition:

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

• KE:

$$K=\frac{1}{2}Mv_{cm}^2+\frac{1}{2}I_{cm}\omega^2$$

### 7. Elasticity & Fluids

### Elasticity

• Stress:

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

• Strain:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

• Young's Modulus:

$$Y = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$$

#### Fluid Mechanics

• Bernoulli's Equation:

$$P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho gh = \text{constant}$$

• Continuity Equation:

$$A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$$

### 8. Special Relativity (Intro)

## Lorentz Transformations

$$t' = \gamma \left( t - \frac{vx}{c^2} \right), \quad x' = \gamma (x - vt)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

## Relativistic Energy & Momentum

• Momentum:

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

• Energy:

$$E = \gamma mc^2$$