

1 Kinematics
 Equations of motion:
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
 $v = u + at$
 $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
 Relative velocity:
 $\vec{v}_{PA} = \vec{v}_{PB} + \vec{v}_{BA}$
 Maximum height (no air resistance):
 $h_{max} = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$, where θ is the angle to the ground.
 Range (no elevation change & no drag):
 $R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$, where θ is the angle to the ground.

1.1 Vector resolution

$\cos \theta$ stands for closing the angle θ , so the vector that closes the angle is $\cos \theta$ and the vector that opens the angle is $\sin \theta$.

2 Newton's laws

Newton's second law:

$$F_{net} = ma$$

$$F_{net} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\vec{v})}{dt}$$

Newton's second law for variable mass:

$$F_{net} = ma + \vec{v}_{rel} \frac{dm}{dt}$$

Laminar flow drag:

$$F_D = bv$$

Turbulent flow drag:

$$F_D = kv^2$$

Terminal velocity:

$$v(t) = \frac{mg}{b} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{bt}{m}}\right)$$

3 Circular motion

Arc length:

$$s = r\theta$$
, where θ is in radians.

Angular displacement:

$$\theta = \frac{s}{r}$$

Frequency:

$$\frac{1}{T}$$
, where T is the period.

Angular velocity:

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{v_{tan}}{r}$$

Angular acceleration:

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

Centripetal acceleration:

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$$

Total linear acceleration:

$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_{tan} - \frac{(\vec{v}_{tan})^2}{R} \hat{r} = \vec{a}_{tan} - R\omega^2 \hat{r}$$

Angular quantities:

$$s = r\theta$$

$$v_{tan} = r\omega$$

$$a_{tan} = r\alpha$$

Equations of motion:

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

$$\theta - \theta_0 = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha(\theta - \theta_0)$$

Non-uniform circular motion:

$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_r + \vec{a}_{tan}$$

4 Work, Energy, Power

Work done:

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = Fs \cos \theta$$

$$W = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Kinetic energy:

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

Potential energy:

$$\Delta U = -\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Work-energy theorem:

$$W = KE_f - KE_i$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$$

Gravity:

$$PE_{grav} = mgh = -\int \vec{F}_{grav} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$PE_{grav} = -\frac{GMm}{r}$$

$$F_{grav} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

Force:

$$F = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

Springs:

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

$$PE_{spring} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

Power:

$$P_{avg} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t}$$

$$P = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = Fv \cos \theta$$

5 Momentum

Momentum:

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}, \quad p = mv$$

Impulse:

$$\vec{J} = \vec{F}_{net} \Delta t, \quad J = F_{net} \Delta t$$

$$\vec{J} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_{net} dt$$

Elastic collisions:

$$v_A - v_B = v'_B - v'_A$$

Coefficient of restitution e :

$$v'_B - v'_A = -e(v_B - v_A)$$

Centre of mass (CM):

$$x_{CM} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + \dots + m_n x_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i$$

$$x_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \int x dm$$

6 Rotation of rigid bodies

Torque:

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

$$\tau = rF \sin \theta$$

Net torque:

$$\vec{\tau}_{net} = I\vec{\alpha}, \quad \tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

Moment of inertia (MOI):

$$I = m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2 + \dots = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

$$I = \int r^2 dm$$

Parallel axis theorem:

$$I_P = I_{CM} + Md^2$$

Perpendicular axis theorem (only for flat objects):

$$I_z = I_x + I_y$$

Rotational kinetic energy:

$$KE_{rot} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

Work-energy theorem:

$$W = \int \tau d\theta$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}I\omega_i^2$$

Power:

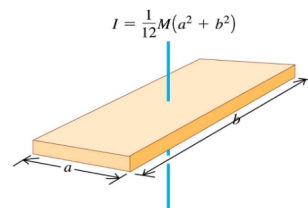
$$P = \tau\omega$$

Rolling without slipping:

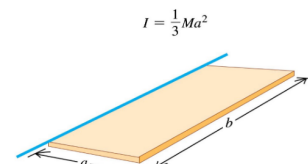
$$v_{CM} = R\omega$$

$$KE_{total} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{CM}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{CM}\omega^2$$

Rectangular plate,
axis through center



Thin rectangular plate,
axis along edge



Solid sphere

$$I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$$

Thin-walled hollow sphere

$$I = \frac{2}{3}MR^2$$

Solid cylinder

$$I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$$

Hollow cylinder

$$I = \frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$$

Thin-walled hollow cylinder

$$I = MR^2$$

Slender rod,
axis through center

$$I = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$$

Slender rod,
axis through one end

$$I = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$$

7 Angular momentum

Angular momentum:

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}, \quad L = rp \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}, \quad L = rmv \sin \theta$$

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

Net torque:

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

$$\vec{\tau}_{net} = I\vec{\alpha}, \quad \tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

Angular velocity of precession:

$$\Omega = \frac{\tau_{ext}}{L \sin \theta}$$

8 Electric Fields

Coulomb's law:

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Electric force:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

Electric field:

$$\vec{E}_{net} = \int \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} dq$$

$$\vec{E}_{net} = \sum_i \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Electric field of a ring of charge:

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x}{(r^2 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Electric field of a cylinder:

$$E = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{x}$$

Electric field of a thin plane of charge:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

Electric field at the surface of a conductor:

$$E_{\perp} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

Electric field between two uniformly charged plates:

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

Dipole moment (− to +):

$$p = qd$$

Electric dipole torque:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}, \quad \tau = pE \sin \theta = qdE \sin \theta$$

Electric potential:

$$V = \frac{U}{q}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i}$$

$$V = -\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Electric potential energy of 2 point charges:

$$U = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Electric potential energy of a system of discrete charges:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}}$$

Electric potential energy of a dipole:

$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} = -pE \cos \theta$$

Electric flux:

$$\Phi_E = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E \cos \theta dA = EA \cos \theta$$

Gauss' Law:

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0}$$

9 DC Circuits

Resistance:

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Resistors in series:

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$$

Resistors in parallel:

$$R_{eq} = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots \right)^{-1}$$

Electromotive force (e.m.f):

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{W}{Q}$$

Internal resistance r :

$$V_{terminal} = \mathcal{E} - Ir$$

Power (replace R with X_C or X_L for AC):

$$P = VI = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Potential divider: (replace R with R_C or X_L and R_{total} with Z for AC)

$$V = \frac{R}{R_{total}} V_{total}$$

Capacitance:

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

Capacitance of a conducting sphere:

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r$$

Capacitance of a co-axial cylindrical conductor:

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln \left| \frac{R_{out}}{R_{in}} \right|}$$

Capacitors in series:

$$C_{eq} = \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots \right)^{-1}$$

Capacitors in parallel:

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$$

Potential energy stored in a capacitor:

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

Electric energy density in a vacuum:

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

Electric energy density in the presence of a dielectric:

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{2} K \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2$$

Capacitance with a dielectric:

$$C = KC_0 = K \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \epsilon \frac{A}{d}$$

Gauss' Law in dielectrics:

$$\oint K \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{encl-free}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Charging a capacitor:

$$q = C\mathcal{E} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right) = Q_f \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$$

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{C}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = I_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

Discharging a capacitor:

$$q = Q_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$i = -\frac{dq}{dt} = -\frac{Q_0}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = I_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

Applying Kirchhoff's laws:

− → + (Increasing V) → Add V

+ → − (Decreasing V) → Subtract V

9.1 Capacitors in circuits

◊ When a capacitor is uncharged, it acts like a wire.

◊ When a capacitor is fully charged, it acts like a break in the circuit.

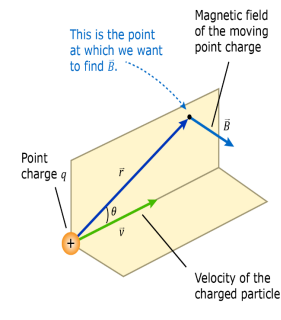
When two charged capacitors are connected, the charges will transfer until the potential difference is the same for both capacitors.

When the capacitors' **same** polarity plates are connected together, the total charge is $Q_1 + Q_2$, so the potential difference is $\frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{C_1 + C_2}$

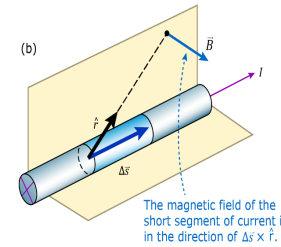
When the capacitors' **opposite** polarity plates are connected together, the total charge is $Q_1 - Q_2$, so the potential difference is $\frac{Q_1 - Q_2}{C_1 + C_2}$

10 Magnetic fields

Biot-Savart law for moving point charge:



Biot-Savart law for a current:



$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{s} \times \vec{r}}{r^2}$$

Ampere's law:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{encl}$$

Use the right-hand grip rule to determine the direction of the current I_{encl} .

Magnetic flux:

$$\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int B \cos \phi dA = BA \cos \phi$$

Gauss' law:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Force on a moving charge in a magnetic field:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}, \quad F = Bqv \sin \theta$$

Lorentz force:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

Force on a current in a magnetic field:

$$\vec{F} = I\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

$$F = BIl \sin \theta$$

Magnetic field of a solenoid:

$$B = \mu_0 nI$$

Magnetic dipole moment:

$$\vec{\mu} = NIA\vec{r}$$

Magnetic dipole torque:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\tau = \mu B \sin \theta = NIAB \sin \theta$$

Velocity selector:

$$v = \frac{E}{B_{in}}$$

Mass spectrometer:

$$m = \frac{B_{in} B_1 R q}{E}$$

Hall voltage:

$$\Delta V_H = E_H d = v_d B d$$

11 Electromagnetic induction

Magnetic flux linkage:

$$N\Phi_B = N \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = NBA \cos \theta$$

Faraday's law:

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

E.m.f induced in a moving conductor:

$$\mathcal{E} = Blv \sin \theta$$

Maxwell-Faraday law:

$$\mathcal{E} = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \neq 0$$

Ampere-Maxwell law:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 (I_{encl} + I_{disp})$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \left(I_{encl} + \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} \right)$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \left(I_{encl} + \epsilon_0 A \frac{dE}{dt} \right)$$

Mutual inductance:

$$M = \frac{N_2 \Phi_{B2}}{I_1} = \frac{N_1 \Phi_{B1}}{I_2}$$

Self inductance:

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{I}$$

Energy stored in the magnetic field:

$$U_B = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$$

AC generators:

$$\mathcal{E} = NBA\omega \sin \omega t$$

Transformer:

$$\frac{V_s}{V_p} = \frac{N_s}{N_p}$$

$$V_p I_p = V_s I_s$$

12 Inductors

Potential difference across an inductor:

$$V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

Inductors in series:

$$L_{eq} = L_1 + L_2 + \dots$$

Inductive reactance:

$$X_L = \omega L = 2\pi f L$$

Capacitive reactance:

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

Resonance in AC circuits:

Condition for resonance is: $X_C = X_L$

$$f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

12.1 RL series circuit

Current:

$$I = \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right)$$

12.2 LC circuit (no voltage source)

Charge:

$$Q = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Angular frequency:

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

Total energy:

$$U = \frac{Q_0^2}{2C}$$

12.3 RCL series circuit (no V source)

Angular frequency (under-damped oscillations):

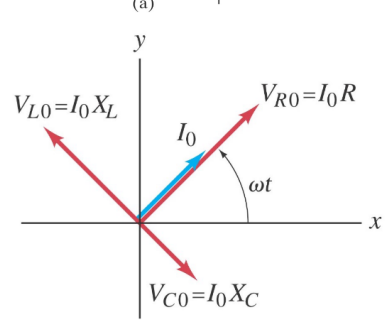
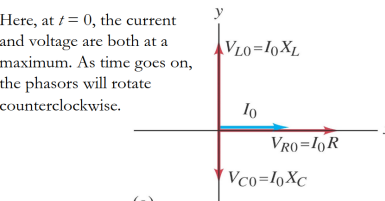
$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{4L^2}}$$

Charge:

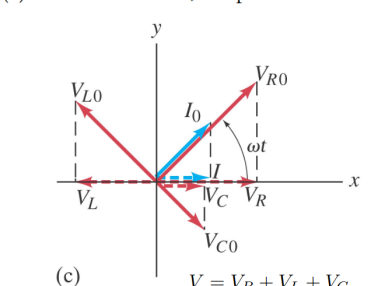
$$Q = Q_0 e^{-\frac{Rt}{2L}} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$$

12.4 RCL series circuit Phasor diagram

Here, at $t = 0$, the current and voltage are both at a maximum. As time goes on, the phasors will rotate counterclockwise.



(b) Some time t later, the phasors rotated.



The algebraic sum of voltages across each device at any point in time is equal to the source voltage V . The algebraic sum is the sum of the projections of each phasor on the x-axis. The current is the same throughout the series circuit.

Impedance:

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right)^2}$$

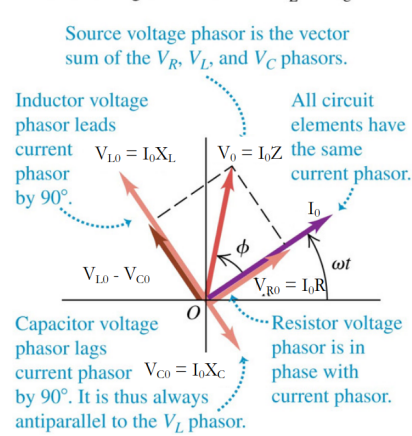
Current:

$$I = I_0 \cos \omega t$$

Voltage:

$$V = I_0 Z \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Phasor diagram for the case $X_L > X_C$



Phase angle between voltage and current:

$$\phi = \arctan \left(\frac{X_L - X_C}{R} \right)$$

12.5 Resistors in AC circuits

Root-mean-square current:

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The current through a resistor is in phase with the voltage.

12.6 Inductors in AC circuits

Voltage:

$$V = \omega L I_0 \cos \left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = V_0 \cos \left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

Current:

$$I_0 = \frac{V_0}{\omega L}$$

The current through an inductor lags the voltage by 90° .

12.7 Capacitors in AC circuits

Voltage:

$$V = \frac{I_0}{\omega C} \cos \left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = V_0 \cos \left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

Current:

$$I_0 = V_0 \omega C$$

The current through a capacitor leads the voltage by 90° .

12.8 Filter circuits

Use potential divider equation (under DC circuits) for all filter circuits.

13 Trigonometric identities

Pythagorean identities:

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

$$\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 1$$

Double angle identities:

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$$

Law of sines:

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

Law of cosines:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Area of a triangle:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

14 Coordinates

Polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

Cylindrical coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = z$$

Spherical coordinates:

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

15 Steps

15.1 General steps

Always quote formula first.

Draw diagrams.

Change the formula's quantity, dm, dq , etc, into something \times the given quantity.

Use symmetry to cancel things out.

Integration too hard? Substitute polar, cylindrical or spherical coordinates.

Infinity as a limit? Substitute with a

$\tan \theta$ as $\tan \left(\pm \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \rightarrow \pm \infty$.

15.2 Steps to find centre of mass

For discrete masses, treat holes as a mass but subtract them.

For continuous masses, change dm into something \times the given quantity, like $\rho dV, \rho h dA, 2\pi r \rho h dr$ for a cylinder.

15.3 Steps to find moment of inertia

Find a symmetrical axis of rotation.

For continuous masses, change dm into something \times the given quantity, like $\rho dV, \rho h dA, 2\pi r \rho h dr$ for a cylinder.

Use parallel or perpendicular axis theorem to find the MOI about the actual axis of rotation if necessary.

15.4 Steps to find E-field (continuous)

Convert dq into the something \times the given quantity, like $\lambda dx, \sigma dA, \rho dV$.

Note that x and r are different, r is the distance away from the charged object.

A lot of times, E_y will cancel out, so you only need to consider E_x .

If the shape is difficult to integrate, identify a shape that you can stack to get the shape you want, like rings for a disk and disks for a sphere.

15.5 Using Gauss' law

Try to use a symmetrical surface.

Split the surface into sections, like the ends and the curved portion of a cylinder should be considered separately.

15.6 Using Ampere's law

Generally, you want to use either a circle or a rectangle for the loop.

A circle is the easiest, as the B-field at every point on the circle is the same.

Using a rectangle, you will have to add the B-field of every side of the rectangle together to get the overall B-field.