AP Physics Cheat Sheet*

Mechanics

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

$$a_{\rm c} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

$$v_{\rm escape} = \sqrt{\frac{2Gm_1}{r_{\rm i}}}$$

Electricity

$$E_{\rm sheet} = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_0}$$

$$E_{\rm rod} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$$

Magnetism

$$\begin{split} B &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{qv}{r^2} \sin \theta \\ B_{\rm int} &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \\ \mathcal{E}_{\rm motion} &= B \ell v \\ L &= \frac{N\Phi}{I} \end{split}$$

RC circuit (charging)

$$\tau = RC$$

$$V = V_{\rm f} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right)$$

$$Q = Q_{\rm f} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right)$$

$$I = I_{\rm i} e^{-t/\tau}$$

RL circuit (closing switch)

$$\begin{split} \tau &= \frac{L}{R} \\ V &= V_{\rm i} \, e^{-t/\tau} \\ I &= I_{\rm f} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right) \end{split}$$

LC circuit

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$Q = Q_i \cos(\omega t)$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{LC}$$

Units

$$\begin{split} N &= kg\,m/s^2 \\ J &= N\,m = kg\,m^2/s^2 \\ W &= J/s = kg\,m^2/s^3 \\ C &= A\,s \\ A &= C/s \\ V &= J/C = kg\,m^2\,s^{-3}\,A^{-1} \\ \Omega &= V/A = kg\,m^2\,s^{-3}\,A^{-2} \\ F &= C/V = s^4\,A^2\,m^{-2}\,kg^{-1} \\ T &= N/A/m = kg\,s^{-2}\,A^{-1} \\ Wb &= T\,m^2 = kg\,m^2\,s^{-2}\,A^{-1} \\ H &= Wb/A = kg\,m^2\,s^{-2}\,A^{-2} \end{split}$$

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