

Calculus

Basic theorems

Chain rule $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

Product rule $\frac{d}{dx}(u \cdot v) = u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} + v \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

Integration by parts $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$

Calculus of variations

$J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f\{y(x),y'(x);x\}$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 0$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}\right) = 0$

$f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = const$ for $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$

Vectors

Divergence theorem (Gauss' thm): $\int_V (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{F}) dV = \oint_S \boldsymbol{F} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} dS$

Stokes theorem: $\int_S \nabla \times \boldsymbol{F} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S} = \oint_C \boldsymbol{F} \cdot d\boldsymbol{r}$

Dot product: $\boldsymbol{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = |A||B| \cos \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$

Cross product: $\boldsymbol{A} \times \boldsymbol{B} = |A||B| \sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}$

Coordinate systems & conversions

Coordinate Conversion

| <i>cartesian to...</i> | <i>cylindrical to...</i> | <i>spherical to...</i> |
|--|--|---|
| cylindrical | cartesian | cartesian |
| $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\phi = \arctan(y/x)$ | $x = \rho \cos \phi$ $y = \rho \sin \phi$ | $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$ $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$ |
| $\begin{matrix} z = z \\ \textbf{spherical} \end{matrix}$ | $\begin{matrix} z = z \\ \textbf{spherical} \end{matrix}$ | cylindrical |
| $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \arccos(z/r)$ $\phi = \arctan(y/x)$ | $r = \sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \arctan(\rho/z)$ $\phi = \phi$ | $\rho = r \sin \theta$ $\phi = r \sin \theta$ $z = r \cos \theta$ |

Unit Vector Conversion

| <i>cartesian to...</i> | <i>cylindrical to...</i> | <i>spherical to...</i> |
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| cylindrical | cartesian | cartesian |
| $\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = \frac{x}{\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + \frac{y}{\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}$ | $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = \cos \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \sin \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ | $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} +$ $\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \sin \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ |
| $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\frac{y}{\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + \frac{x}{\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}$ | $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = \cos \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \sin \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ | $\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} +$ $\cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \cos \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ |
| $\begin{matrix} \hat{z} = \hat{z} \\ \textbf{spherical} \end{matrix}$ | $\begin{matrix} \hat{z} = \hat{z} \\ \textbf{spherical} \end{matrix}$ | cylindrical |
| $\hat{\boldsymbol{r}} = \frac{x\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + y\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} + z\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}}{r}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{y\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + x\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \rho^2 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}}{r\rho}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \frac{-y\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + x\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\rho}$ | $\hat{\boldsymbol{r}} = \frac{\rho}{r} \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} + \frac{z}{r} \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{z}{r} \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \frac{\rho}{r} \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ | $\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = \sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} + \cos \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} = \cos \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} - \sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ |

Differential Elements

| cartesian | cylindrical | spherical |
|--|--|--|
| $d\boldsymbol{l} = dx\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + dy\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} + dz\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ | $d\boldsymbol{l} = d\rho \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} + \rho d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + dz\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ | $d\boldsymbol{l} = dr\hat{\boldsymbol{r}} + r d\theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ |
| $d\boldsymbol{A} = dydx\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + dx dz\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} + dx dy\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ | $d\boldsymbol{A} = \rho d\phi dz\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} + d\rho dz\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \rho d\rho d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ | $d\boldsymbol{A} = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} + r \sin \theta dr d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r dr d\theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ |
| $dV = dx dy dz$ | $dV = \rho d\rho d\phi dz$ | $dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$ |

POSITIONS, VELOCITIES, & ACCELERATIONS

polar

$\boldsymbol{r} = \rho \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho}$

$\boldsymbol{v} = \dot{\rho} \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + \rho \dot{\theta} \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta}$

$\boldsymbol{a} = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\theta}^2) \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + (\rho \ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{\rho} \dot{\theta}) \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta}$

cylindrical

$\boldsymbol{r} = \rho \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + z \boldsymbol{e}_z$

$\boldsymbol{v} = \dot{\rho} \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + \rho \dot{\theta} \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta} + \dot{z} \boldsymbol{e}_z$

$\boldsymbol{a} = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\theta}^2) \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + (\rho \ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{\rho} \dot{\theta}) \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta} + \ddot{z} \boldsymbol{e}_z$

spherical

$\boldsymbol{r} = \rho \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho}$

$\boldsymbol{v} = \dot{\rho} \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + \rho \dot{\theta} \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta} + \rho \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi}$

$\boldsymbol{a} = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\theta}^2 - \rho \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta) \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + (\rho \ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{\rho} \dot{\theta} - \rho \dot{\phi}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta} +$

$(\rho \ddot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2\dot{\rho} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2\rho \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi}$

del, ∇, in CARTESIAN

del operator: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} = \boldsymbol{e}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \boldsymbol{e}_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \boldsymbol{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

gradient: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \phi = grad \phi = \boldsymbol{e}_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \boldsymbol{e}_y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \boldsymbol{e}_z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$

directional derivative: $\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \phi \cdot \frac{\boldsymbol{A}}{|\boldsymbol{A}|}$

divergence: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V} = div \boldsymbol{V} = \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z}$

curl: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{V} = \boldsymbol{e}_x \left(\frac{\partial V_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial z}\right) + \boldsymbol{e}_y \left(\frac{\partial V_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial x}\right) + \boldsymbol{e}_z \left(\frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y}\right)$

Laplacian: $\Delta f = \boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 \phi = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \phi) = div grad \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$

del, ∇, in CYLINDRICAL

gradient: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} f = grad f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \boldsymbol{e}_z$

divergence: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V} = div \boldsymbol{V} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial (\rho V_{\rho})}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial V_{\phi}}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z}$

curl: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{V} = \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial V_{\phi}}{\partial z}\right) \boldsymbol{e}_{\rho} + \left(\frac{\partial V_{\rho}}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \rho}\right) \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi} + \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial (\rho V_{\phi})}{\partial \rho} - \frac{\partial V_{\rho}}{\partial \phi}\right) \boldsymbol{e}_z$

Laplacian: $\Delta f = \boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 f = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\nabla} f) = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho}\right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$

del, ∇, in SPHERICAL

gradient: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} f = grad f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \boldsymbol{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi}$

divergence: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V} = div \boldsymbol{V} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial (r^2 V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (V_{\theta} \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V_{\phi}}{\partial \phi}$

curl: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{V} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (V_{\phi} \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial V_{\theta}}{\partial \phi}\right) \boldsymbol{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r V_{\phi})\right) \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta} +$
 $\frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r V_{\theta}) - \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta}\right) \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi}$

Laplacian:

$\Delta f = \boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 f = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\nabla} f) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2}$

Taylor series

Taylor series of $f(x)$ about $x = a$:

$f(x) = f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{1}{2!}(x-a)^2 f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}(x-a)^n f^{(n)}(a) + \cdots$

Ordinary differential equations

Separable 1st-order

Equation can be written as $f(y)dy = f(x)dx$, such as $\frac{dy}{dx} = N(1-y)$. Evaluate integrals directly.

Linear 1st-order

Write the equation in the form $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$ and then define

$$I = \int P(x)dx$$

and find y by solving

$$ye^I = \int Q(x)e^I dx + c$$

Linear 2nd-order homogeneous with constant coefficients

Equations of the form

$$a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0 y = 0$$

Write the characteristic polynomial $a_2 D^2 y + a_1 Dy + a_0 y = 0$ and factor into $(D-a)(D-b)y = 0$. In general, this can be solved by letting $u = (D-a)y$, solving the 1st-order diff eq $(D-b)u = 0$ for $u(x)$, substituting this solution into the equation $(D-a)y = u(x)$, and finally solving *this* linear 1st-order ODE. In fact, this method can be generalized to higher-order linear diff eq's. However, there are pre-determined solution forms based upon the relationships between a and b :

$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq b \Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{ax} + c_2 e^{bx}$$

$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a = b \Rightarrow y = (Ax + B)e^{ax}$$

For

$$a, b \in \mathbb{C}, a = b^* = \alpha \pm i\beta,$$

any of the following forms are solutions:

$$y = Ae^{\alpha + i\beta x} + Be^{\alpha - i\beta x}$$

$$y = e^{\alpha x} \left(Ae^{i\beta x} + Be^{-i\beta x}\right)$$

$$y = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \sin \beta x + c_2 \cos \beta x)$$

$$y = ce^{\alpha x} \sin (\beta x + \gamma)$$

$$y = ce^{\alpha x} \cos (\beta x + \delta)$$

Linear 2nd-order inhomogeneous with constant coefficients

Equations of one of the forms

$$a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0 y = f(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{a_1}{a_2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{a_0}{a_2} y = F(x)$$

can be solved, generally, as described for the homogeneous case, but with $F(x)$ on the right-hand side when solving the first 1st-order ODE, $(D-b)u = F(x)$. (This gives both the particular *and* complementary solution.) Otherwise, find $y = y_c + y_p$ where y_c , the complementary solution, comes from solving the homogeneous equation and y_p is a particular solution from a pre-computed form for specific $F(x)$:

$(D-a)(D-b)y = F(x) = ke^{cx}$, particular solution y_p is given by:

$y_p = Ce^{cx}$ if c is not equal to either a or b ;

$y_p = Cxe^{cx}$ if c equals a or b , $a \neq b$;

$y_p = Cx^2 e^{cx}$ if $c = a = b$

(For $F(x) = k \cos \alpha x$ or $F(x) = k \sin \alpha x$, solve the above with $F(x) = ke^{c=i\alpha x}$ and take the real or imag part, respectively. For $F(x) = const$, set $c = 0$.)

A more general form of this (called the *method of undetermined coefficients*) follows:

$(D-a)(D-b)y = F(x) = e^{cx} P_n(x)$; $P_n(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n :

$$y_p = \begin{cases} e^{cx} Q_n(x) & \text{if } c \neq a \text{ and } c \neq b \\ xe^{cx} Q_n(x) & \text{if } c = a \text{ or } c = b, a \neq b \\ x^2 e^{cx} Q_n(x) & \text{if } c = a = b \end{cases}$$

CLASSICAL MECHANICS

Newton's laws

1st: Body remains at rest or in uniform motion unless acted upon by a force

2nd: $\boldsymbol{F}_{tot} = \frac{d\boldsymbol{p}}{dt} = m\boldsymbol{a}$

3rd: $\boldsymbol{F}_{A \rightarrow B} = -\boldsymbol{F}_{B \rightarrow A}$

Lagrangian dynamics

Hamilton's principle — Nature minimizes (makes stationary) the action.

Constrained — If a 3D system of N particles has $n < 3N$ minimum generalized coordinates, the system is *constrained*.

Natural — The coordinates q_n are *natural* if the relationships of r_{α} (every particle's position) to q_n doesn't change with time.

Ignorable — a coordinate q_i is *ignorable* if the corresponding generalized momentum p_i is constant.

Lyupanov Stability — If x_e is Lyapunov stable and all solutions that start out near x_e converge to x_e , then x_e is asymptotically stable

Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L} = T - U$

Action: $S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mathcal{L}(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2, \dots, \dot{q}_N, t) dt$

Euler-Lagrange equations: $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_1} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_1}, \dots$ etc.

Generalized forces: $F_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i}$

Generalized momenta $p_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$

Orbits

Definitions:
 $M = m_1 + m_2$
 $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$; e.g., $U(\rho) = \frac{-Gm_1 m_2}{\rho}$
 \mathbf{r} : vector from body 1 to body 2
 \mathbf{R} : vector from origin in inertial frame to system's CM

Kinetic energy: $T = \frac{1}{2} M \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2$
Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{\rho}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu \rho^2 \dot{\phi}^2 - U(\rho)$
Solution in ϕ : $\dot{\phi} = \frac{\ell}{\mu \rho^2}$ (ℓ const — angular momentum)

Solution in ρ : $\mu \ddot{\rho} = -\frac{d}{d\rho} U(\rho) + \frac{\ell^2}{\mu \rho^3} = -\frac{d}{d\rho} \left[U(\rho) + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu \rho^2} \right]$

Effective potential: $U_{eff} = U(\rho) + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu \rho^2}$
Note cons. of energy: $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{\rho}^2 \right) = -\frac{d}{dt} U_{eff}(\rho)$; $E = \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{\rho}^2 + U_{eff}(\rho)$
Use: $u = 1/r$ and $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{d}{d\phi} = \dot{\phi} \frac{d}{d\phi} = \frac{\ell}{\mu \rho^2} \frac{d}{d\phi} = \frac{\ell u^2}{\mu} \frac{d}{d\phi}$
u-equation: $u''(\phi) = -u(\phi) - \frac{\mu}{\ell^2 u(\phi)^2 F(u)}$
Use: $\gamma = Gm_1 m_2$ and $F(u) = -\gamma u^2$; then $U''(\phi) = -u(\phi) + \gamma \mu / \ell^2$; use $w(\phi) = u(\phi) - \gamma \mu / \ell^2$, so $W(\phi) = A \cos(\phi - \delta)$ ergo $u(\phi) = \frac{\gamma \mu}{\ell^2} + A \cos \phi$

Radial eqn: $r(\phi) = \frac{r_c}{1 + \varepsilon \cos \phi}$

Cartesian: $\left(x + \frac{r_c \varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} \right)^2$

Eccentricity: $\varepsilon = A \cdot r_c$ (A some constant)
Circular orbit: $r_c = \ell^2 / \gamma \mu$

Min radius: $r_{min} = \frac{r_c}{1 + \varepsilon} = \frac{\ell^2}{\gamma \mu (1 + \varepsilon)}$ (at $\phi = 0$; **perihelion**); $\ell = \mu r v_{tan}$
Max radius: $r_{max} = \frac{r_c}{1 - \varepsilon}$ (at $\phi = \pi$; **aphelion**)

Radial velocity: $v_r = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_c}} \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \sin \phi$

Tangential velocity: $v_t = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_c}} \cdot (1 + \varepsilon \cdot \cos \phi)$

Ellipse params: $a = \frac{r_c}{1 - \varepsilon^2}$; $b = \frac{r_c}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}}$; $d = a\varepsilon$; $\varepsilon = \sqrt{1 - (b/a)^2}$

Orbital period: $\tau = 2\pi \cdot a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a}{\mu}}$

Energy: $E = \frac{\gamma^2 \mu}{2\ell^2} (\varepsilon^2 - 1)$
Kepler's 1st law: Orbits: ellipses w/ sun at a focus (approx. true)
Kepler's 2nd law: Line from Sun to planet, const. area/time
 $dA = \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\phi$; $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ell}{\mu}$, inep. of time

Kepler's 3rd law: $\tau = \frac{A}{dA/dt} = \frac{2\pi a b \mu}{\ell} \Rightarrow \tau^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{a^3 r_c \mu^2}{\ell^2} = 4\pi^2 \frac{a^3 \mu}{\gamma} \approx \frac{4\pi^2}{G M_s} a^3$

Rigid Body Dynamics

center of mass:
 $\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N m_{\alpha} \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}$ (discrete point masses)
 $\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{M} \int \mathbf{r} \, dm$ (continuous mass distr.)

momentum: $\mathbf{p} \equiv m \mathbf{v}$
kinetic energy:
 $T_{tot} = T$ (motion of CM) + T (rotation about CM)
 $T_{tot} = T_{rot}$ (about an instantaneously fixed point in body)
 $T_{trans} = \frac{1}{2} m |\mathbf{v}|^2$
 $T_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{L}$
 $T_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_1 \omega_1^2 + \lambda_2 \omega_2^2 + \lambda_3 \omega_3^2 +)$ (if coord. sys = principal axes) $T_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega$ (freshman physics model)

moment of inertia, point mass: $I = \int r^2 dm$ or, for a point mass, $I = r^2 m$, where r is the perp. distance to axis of rotation

moment of inertia, rigid body: $\mathbb{I} = \int \begin{pmatrix} y^2 + z^2 & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & x^2 + z^2 & -yz \\ -yz & -xz & x^2 + y^2 \end{pmatrix} dM$

principal axes: Any axis through O with $\boldsymbol{\omega} \parallel \mathbf{L}$ when $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ points along that axis; i.e., $\mathbf{L} = \lambda \boldsymbol{\omega}$. Principal axes are eigenvectors of \mathbb{I} .

parallel axis theorem: $I_c = I_{cm} + m d^2$; I_{cm} : inertia about center of mass, m : mass, d : distance between axes

angular momentum:
 $\mathbf{L} \equiv \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$ (\mathbf{r} : position vec, \mathbf{p} : linear momentum)
 $\mathbf{L} = \mathbb{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}$
 $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}$ (motion of CM) + \mathbf{L} (motion relative to CM)

torque: $\mathbf{N} \equiv \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F} = \dot{\mathbf{L}} = \mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{p}}$
work: $W = N \theta$, θ in rad
angle: $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
angular velocity: $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}}{|\mathbf{r}|^2}$

linear velocity: $\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$
angular acceleration: $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \mathbf{a}_T / r$; \mathbf{a}_T is tangential acceleration

newton's 2nd-law: $\mathbf{N} = I \boldsymbol{\alpha}$
time deriv, unit vec in rotating frame: $\frac{d\mathbf{e}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{e}$ (\mathbf{e} fixed in body)

time deriv, vec in rotating frame: $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right)_{S_0} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right)_S + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$ (S_0 : inertial frame, S : rotating frame)

Newton's 2nd in rotating frame: $m \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{F} + 2m \dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} + m(\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \times \boldsymbol{\omega}$
Euler's equations of motion (*body frame*): $\dot{\mathbf{L}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{L} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \dots$
 $\lambda_1 \dot{\omega}_1 - (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 = \tau_1$
 $\lambda_2 \dot{\omega}_2 - (\lambda_3 - \lambda_1) \omega_3 \omega_1 = \tau_2$
 $\lambda_3 \dot{\omega}_3 - (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 = \tau_3$

stability: If $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$, rotations about $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1$ and $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ are stable, while rotations about $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$ are not. If $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, rotations about all principal axes are stable.

Coupled Oscillators

$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{x}} = -\mathbf{K} \mathbf{x}$, with $(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{K}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$

assume solution: $\mathbf{x} = \Re \{ \mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{a}_n e^{i(\omega_n t - \delta_n)} \}$
 $\mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$ = eigenvectors
 $\omega_n \in \mathbb{R}$ = eigenvalues
 $\delta_n \in \mathbb{R}$ = phase term (can be excluded, whereupon $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$)

actual solution: $\mathbf{x} = \Re \{ \sum_n A_n \mathbf{a}_n e^{i(\omega_n t - \delta_n)} \}$, $A_n \in \mathbb{R}$

normal frequencies: ω_n , $n \in [1, N]$ where N is dimension of K ; generalized eigenvalues of system.

normal modes: solutions to equations of motion with only one of $\{\omega_n\}$; *all* motion can be described as a weighted sum of the normal modes; equations of motion written in terms of ξ_n diagonalize both \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{K}

normal coordinates: vary independently of one another
e.g.: 2 m's, 3 k's, $k_1 = k_3$: use $\xi_1 = \frac{1}{2} (x_1 + x_2)$ and $\xi_2 = \frac{1}{2} (x_1 - x_2)$

Conservative Force

Conditions, given \mathbf{F} has continuous first partials in a simply connected region...

No curl anywhere: $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$
Equal work regardless of path :
 $W_C = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \text{const. } \forall \text{ paths } C$
 $W_C = \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0 \, \forall \text{ closed contours } C$

$\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ is exact differential
 $\mathbf{F} = \nabla W$, W single-valued
Allows definition of potential: $\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U$

Specific Forces

gravity
point mass or sph.-symm mass: $\mathbf{F} = -G \frac{Mm}{r^2} \mathbf{e}_r \approx -mg$ on earth
generally: $\mathbf{F} = -Gm \int_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') \mathbf{e}_r}{r^2} dV'$
grav field vector: $\mathbf{g} \equiv -\nabla \Phi = \mathbf{F} / m$
grav potential, point mass: $\Phi = -G \frac{M}{r}$
grav potential, mass distr: $\Phi = -G \int_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{r} dV'$
potential energy: $U = m\Phi$
Gauss' law for grav, int: $\oint_S \mathbf{g} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = -4\pi G M$
Gauss' law for grav, dif: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{g} = -4\pi G \rho$

Poisson's equation: $\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho$, for rad-sym system, this is $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$ and $\mathbf{g}(r) = -\mathbf{e}_r \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$

tidal (due to Moon's gravity)
 \mathbf{e}_R points from Moon's center to test mass on Earth
 \mathbf{e}_D is from center of Moon to center of Earth
(x, y) ECEF coord of test mass
 $\mathbf{F}_T = -GmM_m \left(\frac{\mathbf{e}_R}{R^3} - \frac{\mathbf{e}_D}{D^3} \right)$
 $F_{Tx} \approx 2GmM_mx / D^3$
 $F_{Ty} \approx -GmM_my / D^3$

spring (simple, linear)
 $F = -kx$ (x : displ from eq lib, k : spring const)
 $U = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$

inertial force, linear accel: $\mathbf{F}_{inert} = -m\mathbf{A}$ (\mathbf{A} : frame's accel w.r.t. inertial frame)
centrifugal (inertial force)
 $\mathbf{F}_{centr} = m(\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \times \boldsymbol{\omega}$ (generally)
 $\mathbf{F}_{centr} = \frac{m v^2}{r} \mathbf{e}_r = m r \Omega^2 \mathbf{e}_r$ (for circular motion)
 $U_{centr}(r) = \frac{\ell^2}{2m r^2}$ (ℓ : angular momentum)
Free-fall accel (e.g., on Earth): $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_0 + (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{R}) \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}$

coriolis (inertial force)
 $\mathbf{F}_{cor} = 2m \dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}$
(pseudo-force)
 $\mathbf{F}_f = \mu F_N$ (μ : static (μ_s) or kinetic (μ_k), F_N : normal force)
Angle of friction (obj starts to move): $\tan \theta = \mu_s$
Energy converted to heat: $E_{th} = \mu_k \int F_n(x) dx$

general retarding
 $\mathbf{F} = -b m \mathbf{x}^n$ (b : damping const, m : mass, n : power of velocity dep., just 1 in simple cases)

air resistance / drag
 $W = \frac{1}{2} c_W \rho A v^2$, c_W : dimensionless drag coeff, ρ : air density, A : cross-sectional area perp. to velocity (v)

buoyant
 $F = \rho_{fluid} V g$, dir. opposite to grav.-induced pressure grad. in fluid; ρ_{fluid} : density, V : submerged volume, g : grav.

lorentz $\mathbf{F} = q \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$, q is charge of particle, \mathbf{v} its velocity, \mathbf{B} is mag. field strength

electrostatic
 $\mathbf{F} = q \mathbf{E}$, q is charge, \mathbf{E} electric field

Energy
potential energy: $\int_1^2 \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \equiv U_1 - U_2$
(work, done by force \mathbf{F} , req'd to move particle from point 1 to point 2 with no change in kinetic energy); potential energy is the capacity to do work.
force due to the potential U : $\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U$
kinetic energy: $T_{trans} \equiv \frac{1}{2} m |\mathbf{v}|^2$
 $T_{rot} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{L}$
 $T = \frac{p^2}{2m}$
total energy: $E \equiv T + U$
1D solution given E and $U(x)$, for conservative force only:
 $t - t_0 = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\pm dx}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{m} [E - U(x)]}}$

Conservation theorems

linear momentum: $\frac{d}{dt} (p_1 + p_2) = 0$ (or $p_1 + p_2$ is const) if no external forces act upon system
angular momentum: $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = \mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{p}} = 0$ (or \mathbf{L} is const) if no external torque acts upon system
energy: $\mathbf{F} + \nabla U = 0$; $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$ if the force field represented by \mathbf{F} is conservative