

Formulas for PHY 141

Kinematics	
Constant acceleration	$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a} t^2$ $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{a} t$ $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$
Circular motion	$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}_r + \mathbf{a}_t$ $a_r = v^2 / r = r\omega^2$ $a_t = r\alpha, v = r\omega$
Dynamics	
Gravity near earth's surface	$\mathbf{F}_g = m\mathbf{g}$
Elastic force	$F = -kx$
Friction	$f_k = \mu_k N$ $f_s \leq \mu_s N$
Effective gravity	$\mathbf{g}_{eff} = \mathbf{g} - \mathbf{a}$
Potential Energy	
Gravity near earth's surface	$U = mgy$
Elastic force	$U = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$
Rotational Motion	
Circular motion vectors	$\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$
Radial acceleration	$\mathbf{a}_r = -\omega^2 \mathbf{r}$
Tangential acceleration	$\mathbf{a}_t = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}$
Moment of inertia (particle)	$I = mr^2$
Rotational kinetic energy	$K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$
Symmetric rigid body	$\boldsymbol{\tau} = I\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ $\mathbf{L} = I\boldsymbol{\omega}$

Rolling	$v_{CM} = R\omega$ $a_{CM} = R\alpha$
Angular momentum (particle)	$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$
Gravity and Satellite Motion	
Point masses or spherically symmetric objects	$F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}$ $U = -G \frac{Mm}{r}$
Planet with small satellite in orbit	$E = -G \frac{Mm}{2a}$
Oscillations (SHM)	
Displacement	$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$
Force	$F = -m\omega^2 x$
Potential Energy	$U = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2$
Total energy	$E = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 A^2$
Mass on ideal spring	$\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$
Wave Motion	
Harmonic wave	$y = A \cos(kx - \omega t + \delta)$ $k = 2\pi / \lambda, \omega = 2\pi f$ $v = f\lambda = \omega / k$
Interference, waves of equal intensity	$I = 2I_0(1 + \cos\delta)$
Phase difference due to path difference	$\delta = k\Delta x$
Loudness level	$\beta = 10 \log_{10}(I / I_0)$

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Doppler effect, source chasing fleeing receiver	$f = f_0 \frac{v - v_R}{v - v_S}$
Standing wave, string fixed at both ends, pipe open at both ends	$f_n = n f_1, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ $f_1 = v / 2L$
Standing wave, string fixed at one end, pipe open at one end	$f_n = n f_1, n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ $f_1 = v / 4L$
Wave in string	$v = \sqrt{T / \mu}$
Beat frequency	$f_B = f_2 - f_1 $
Approximations	
Small angles (radians)	$\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \approx \theta$ $\cos \theta \approx 1$
Binomial approximation	$(1 + x)^n \approx 1 + nx$ $ x \ll 1$
Numerical Constants	
Gravity near earth's surface	$g \approx 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$
Gravitation constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ (SI units)
Earth's mass	$M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
Earth's radius	$R_E = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
Earth-moon distance	$3.82 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$
Earth-sun distance	$1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$
Pressure	$1 \text{ atm} = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

Derivatives	
Powers	$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = n x^{n-1},$ $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$
Exponentials	$\frac{d}{dx} e^{ax} = a e^{ax}$
Trigonometry	$\frac{d}{dx} \sin ax = a \cos ax,$ $\frac{d}{dx} \cos ax = -a \sin ax$
Integrals	
Powers	$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1},$ $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x$
Exponentials	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax}$
Trigonometry	$\int \sin ax dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos ax,$ $\int \cos ax dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin ax$
Trigonometry	
General	$\sin \theta / \cos \theta = \tan \theta,$ $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$
Two angles	$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \sin \beta \cos \alpha,$ $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$
Double angles	$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta,$ $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$
Logarithms	
General	$\ln a + \ln b = \ln(ab),$ $\ln a - \ln b = \ln(a/b)$