



Roots of quadratic equations:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\tan \theta = \sin \theta / \cos \theta$$

$$\cos a + \cos b = 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(a-b)\right)$$

$$\sin a + \sin b = 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(a-b)\right)$$

$$\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B} = |A_{\parallel \text{to } B}| |B| \text{ or } |A| |B_{\parallel \text{to } A}| \text{ or } |A| |B| \cos \theta \text{ or } A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |A_{\perp \text{to } B}| |B| \text{ or } |A| |B_{\perp \text{to } A}| \text{ or } |A| |B| \sin \theta, \text{ with direction via right-hand rule}$$

$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad v_{x,\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$x = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t v_x dt$$

If a_x is constant:

$$x = x_0 + v_{x0} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_x (\Delta t)^2$$

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} \quad a_{x,\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}$$

$$v_x = v_{x0} + \int_{t_0}^t a_x dt$$

$$v_x = v_{x0} + a_x \Delta t$$

Similar equations apply for translational motion along y and z . $v_x^2 = v_{x0}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$

Similar equations apply for rotational motion with substitutions: $x \rightarrow \theta$, $v \rightarrow \omega$, and $a \rightarrow \alpha$.

$$\vec{a}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{v^2}{R}(-\hat{r}), \text{ where } -\hat{r} \text{ points toward the center of a circular trajectory}$$

$$s = \theta R, \vec{v}_{\text{tan}} = \omega R \hat{e}, \vec{a}_{\text{tan}} = \alpha R \hat{e}, \text{ where } \hat{e} \text{ is tangent to a circular trajectory}$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}; \text{ if } m = \text{constant: } \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{J} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}_{\text{net}} dt = \vec{F}_{\text{net,avg}} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p}$$

$$W = mg$$

$$f_s \leq \mu_s N$$

$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{spring}} = -k(\Delta \vec{x})$$

$$f_{\text{drag}} = bv \text{ at low speed; } f_{\text{drag}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A \Gamma v^2 \text{ at high speed}$$

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = I \vec{\alpha}, \text{ where } \vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \text{ and } I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 \quad (\text{Table of } I \text{ for specific shapes below})$$

slender rod (length L) through center

$$I = \frac{1}{12} M L^2$$

slender rod (length L) through end

$$I = \frac{1}{3} M L^2$$

rectangular plate (a by b), through center

$$I = \frac{1}{12} M(a^2 + b^2)$$

rectangular plate (a by b), along edge b

$$I = \frac{1}{3} M a^2$$

solid cylinder/disk, (radius R)

$$I = \frac{1}{2} M R^2$$

thin-walled hollow cylinder, (radius R)

$$I = M R^2$$

solid sphere (radius R)

$$I = \frac{2}{5} M R^2$$

thin-walled hollow sphere (radius R)

$$I = \frac{2}{3} M R^2$$

hollow cylinder (inner radius R_1 , outer R_2)

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

any, around a parallel axis

$$I_{\parallel \text{axis}} = I_{CM} + mr^2$$

$$W_c = -\Delta U, \quad W_{NC} = -\Delta U_{\text{int}}, \text{ and } W_{\text{total}} = \Delta K, \text{ where } W = \int_{s_i}^{s_f} \vec{F} \bullet d\vec{s}$$

$$U_{\text{grav}} = mgh, \quad U_{\text{elastic}} = \frac{1}{2} k(\Delta x)^2; \quad K_{\text{trans}} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2, \quad K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U + \Delta U_{\text{int}} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad K_i + U_i + W_{NC} = K_f + U_f$$

$$P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \vec{F} \bullet \vec{v}$$

$$F_x(x) = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \quad \text{with similar equations for } F_y \text{ and } F_z.$$

Simple harmonic oscillator: $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ where $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi/T$

$\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$ (spring-mass), $\omega = \sqrt{g/L}$ (simple pendulum), $\omega = \sqrt{mgh/I}$ (physical pendulum)

Slightly damped oscillator: $x(t) = A_0 e^{-t/\tau} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi)$ where $\tau = \frac{2m}{b}$ and $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$

Driven, damped oscillator: $A(\omega) = F_0 / \left(m \sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + b^2 \omega^2 / m^2} \right)$

tensile/compression: $\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$ and $k = Y \frac{A}{L_0}$; volume: $P = \frac{F}{A} = -B \frac{\Delta V}{V_0}$; shear: $\frac{F_{\parallel}}{A} = S \frac{x}{h}$

$$pV = nRT = Nk_B T \quad \langle K_{trans} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} m v_{rms}^2 = \frac{3}{2} k_B T \quad u_{int} (\text{per d.o.f. per atom or molecule}) = \frac{1}{2} k_B T$$

$$\lambda = V / (4\pi\sqrt{2}) r^2 N \quad K_{trans,\text{total}} = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T = \frac{3}{2} nRT \quad \Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T \text{ and } \Delta V = \beta V_0 \Delta T \quad (\text{for solids: } \beta = 3\alpha)$$

$$Q = mc\Delta T \text{ or } Q = \pm mL_{F \text{ or } V} \text{ or } Q_{V \text{ or } P} = nC_{V \text{ or } P}\Delta T \text{ where } C_V = (\# \text{ d.o.f.})R/2 \text{ and for an ideal gas } C_p = C_V + R \\ \text{conduction: } H = \frac{dQ}{dt} = kA(T_H - T_C)/L \quad \text{radiation: } H = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \sigma\varepsilon AT^4 \text{ and } H_{NET} = \sigma\varepsilon A(T^4 - T_s^4)$$

$$\Delta U = Q - W, \quad \Delta U = nC_V\Delta T, \quad W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV \text{ so, } W_{isothermal} = nRT \ln(V_f/V_i), \quad W_{isobaric} = P_0(V_f - V_i), \quad W_{isochoric} = 0$$

$$\text{adiabatic process } Q = 0; \quad PV^\gamma = \text{constant}, \text{ where } \gamma = C_p/C_V, \text{ so } W_{adiabatic} = P_i V_i^\gamma (V_f^{1-\gamma} - V_i^{1-\gamma})/(1-\gamma)$$

$$e = \frac{W}{Q_H} = 1 - \left| \frac{Q_C}{Q_H} \right| \quad e_{\text{Carnot}} = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H} \quad CP = \frac{|Q_C|}{|W|} = \frac{|Q_C|}{|Q_H| - |Q_C|} \quad CP_{\text{Carnot}} = \frac{T_C}{T_H - T_C}$$

$$\Delta S = Q/T \quad S = k_B \ln \Omega, \text{ so } \Delta S = k_B \ln [\Omega_f / \Omega_i] \quad \text{free energies: } A = U - TS, \quad G = U + PV - TS$$

$$J_x = -D \frac{dn}{dx} \quad \langle (x - x_0)^2 \rangle = \Delta x_{rms}^2 = 2Dt \text{ or } \langle (r - r_0)^2 \rangle = \Delta r_{rms}^2 = 2dDt \text{ where } d = \# \text{ dimensions}$$

Similar equations apply along y and z . $D = kT/b$ and $b = 6\pi\eta r$ for spheres at low Reynolds number

$$\rho = m/V \quad \vec{F} = P\vec{A} \quad P = P_0 + \rho gd \quad F_B = m_{fl,disp} g = \rho_{fl} V_{fl,disp} g$$

$$\Phi = \frac{dV}{dt} = Av = \text{constant} \quad P + \rho gy + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{constant} \quad F_{viscous} = \eta v A / L \quad \Phi_{\text{laminar}} = \frac{\pi r^4 \Delta P}{8\eta L}$$

$$D(x,t) = A \cos \left[2\pi \left(\frac{x \mp vt}{\lambda} \right) \right] = A \cos \left[2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} \mp \frac{vt}{T} \right) \right] = A \cos(kx \mp \omega t) \text{ where } k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \text{ and } v = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f$$

transverse, string/spring: $v = \sqrt{T/\mu}$ longitudinal, fluid or bulk solid: $v = \sqrt{B/\rho}$

$$D(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t) \text{ (standing wave)} \quad D(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx - \omega t) \cos \left(\frac{\Delta k}{2} x - \frac{\Delta \omega}{2} t \right) \text{ (beats)} \quad f_{beat} = |f_1 - f_2|$$

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L} = nf_1 \quad \lambda_n = 2L/n \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ (nodes or anti-nodes on both ends)}$$

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{4L} = nf_1 \quad \lambda_n = 4L/n \text{ where } n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \text{ (one node and one anti-node on ends)}$$

$$I = 2\pi^2 \rho v_p f^2 s_{\max}^2 \quad I = P/A \quad I(r) = P_0 / (4\pi r^2) \quad \beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \left(\frac{I}{10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2} \right) \quad f_{obs} = \left(\frac{v_s \pm v_{obs}}{v_s \mp v_{src}} \right) f$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} \quad T(\text{K}) = T(\text{°C}) + 273.15 \text{ K}$$

$$1 \text{ kg weighs } 2.205 \text{ lbs} \quad N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \quad 1 \text{ L} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ and } 1 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4 \quad R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K} \quad 1 \text{ Calorie} = 1 \text{ kcal} = 4186 \text{ J} = 4186 \text{ N m}$$

$$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s} \quad v_s \text{ in air (@ 25 °C)} = 344 \text{ m/s} \quad v_s \text{ in water (@ 25 °C)} = 1484 \text{ m/s}$$

$$p_{\text{atm}} = 1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 1.013 \text{ bar} = 760 \text{ mmHg} = 14.70 \text{ lb/in}^2$$