

# SUMMARY OF CLASSICAL MECHANICS

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## I. KINEMATICS

A. VARIABLES = POSITION  $\vec{r} = (x, y) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$   
VELOCITY  $\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y) = v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j}$   
ACCELERATION  $\vec{a} = (a_x, a_y) = a_x\hat{i} + a_y\hat{j}$

B. BASIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH ALWAYS HOLD:

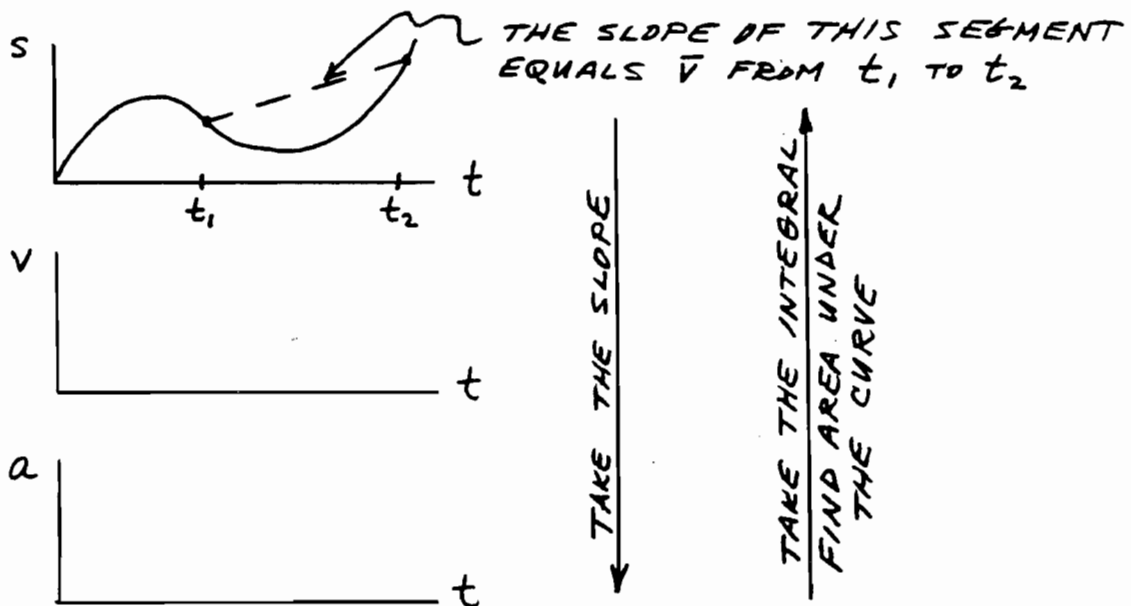
1.  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$                       3.  $\vec{r} = \int \vec{v} dt$

2.  $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$                       4.  $\vec{v} = \int \vec{a} dt$

5.  $\bar{v} = \frac{\text{TOTAL DISPLACEMENT}}{\text{TOTAL TIME}} = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0}{t}$

$$\bar{v} = \left( \frac{1}{t - t_0} \right) \int_{t_0}^t \vec{v} dt$$

## C. GRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIPS



D. IF  $\vec{a}$  IS CONSTANT IN MAGNITUDE AND DIRECTION:

$$s = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + s_0 \quad s - s_0 = \bar{v}t = \left(\frac{v+v_0}{2}\right)t$$

$$v = at + v_0 \quad v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(s - s_0)$$

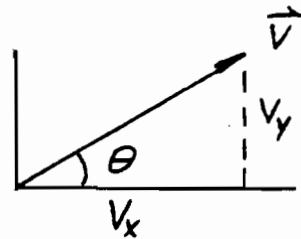
E. X AND Y MOTIONS ARE INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER. TO FIND THE COMPONENTS AND TO RECONSTRUCT A VECTOR:

$$v_x = v \cos \theta$$

$$v_y = v \sin \theta$$

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v_y}{v_x}\right)$$



## II. DYNAMICS

A. LAW OF INERTIA:  $\vec{v}$  IS CONSTANT, IN BOTH SPEED AND DIRECTION, UNLESS THERE IS AN UNBALANCED, EXTERNAL FORCE.

B. FORCES CAUSE ACCELERATION:  $m\vec{a} = \sum \vec{F}_{\text{EXTERNAL}}$

$$F_g = mg$$

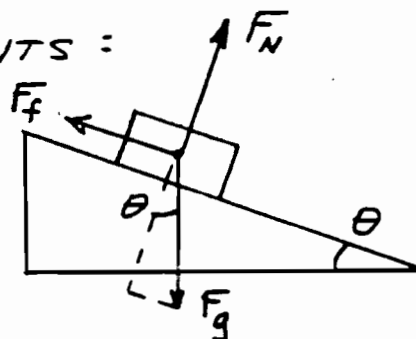
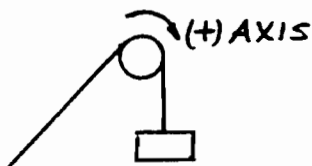
$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

BEWARE: SOLVE FOR  $F_N$  FROM THE Y-AXIS EQUATION.

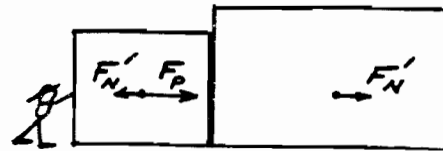
$F_N$  IS NOT NECESSARILY EQUAL TO  $F_g$ .

C. ACTION/REACTION: IF BODY A EXERTS A FORCE ON BODY B, BODY B EXERTS AN EQUAL, OPPOSITE FORCE ON BODY A.

D. PROBLEM SOLVING HINTS:

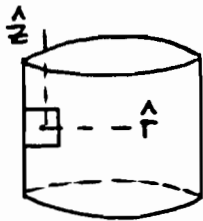


FOR MULTIPLE OBJECTS,  
WRITE NEWTON'S LAW  
FOR EACH OBJECT USING  
ONLY THOSE FORCES  
WHICH DIRECTLY ACT ON  
THAT OBJECT. SOLVE THE  
SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS.

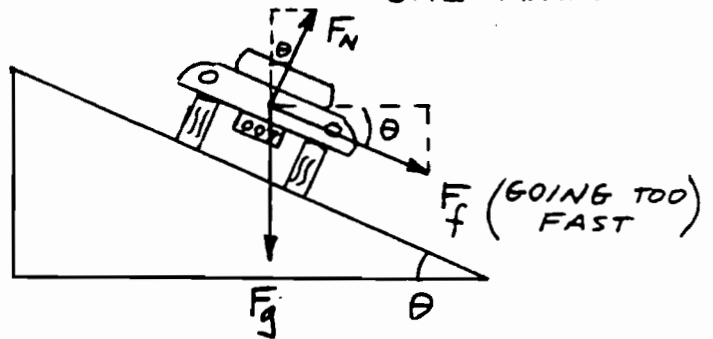
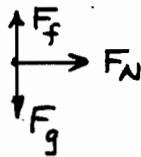


$F_N'$  ARE EQUAL / OPPOSITE  
 $m a = F_{push} - F_N'$   
 $M a = F_N'$

III. UNIFORM CIRCULAR MOTION: CYLINDRICAL AXES



FORCE DIAGRAM



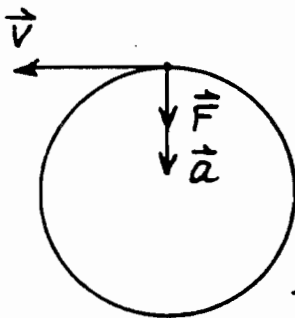
r-AXIS

$$m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right) = \sum F_r$$

z-AXIS

$$m a_z = \sum F_z$$

(MOSTLY,  $a_z = 0$ )



$\vec{a}$  AND  $\vec{F}$  ARE ALWAYS PARALLEL.

WHEN  $\vec{F}$  AND  $\vec{v}$  ARE PERPENDICULAR,  
ONLY THE DIRECTION CHANGES.

$\vec{v}, \vec{a}, \vec{F}$  ARE ALL NOT CONSTANT, DIRECTION IS CHANGING.

$v = \omega r$        $\omega = \text{ANGULAR VELOCITY [RADIANS/SEC]}$   
 $f = \omega / 2\pi$        $f = \text{FREQUENCY [Hz]}$

IV. WORK AND ENERGY

A. BASIC RELATIONSHIPS

WORK =  $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{x}$  IF  $\vec{F}$  IS CONSTANT, UNLIKE SPRINGS

$$\text{POWER} = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{TIME}} \quad KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$F_g = mg$$

$$F_s = -kx$$

$$PE_g = mgh$$

$$PE_s = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

\* B. WORK - ENERGY THEOREM: THE TOTAL WORK DONE BY ALL THE FORCES ACTING ON AN OBJECT EQUALS THE CHANGE IN KINETIC ENERGY.

$$KE - KE_0 = \sum \text{Work} = \int F dx \quad (1)$$

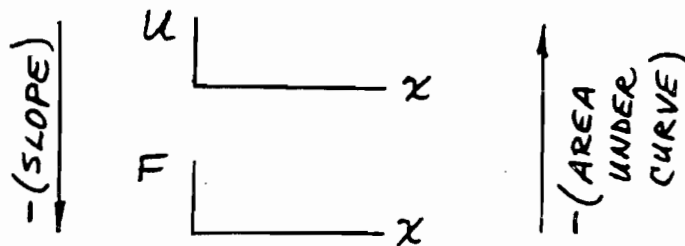
FOR EXAMPLE, IN UNIFORM CIRCULAR MOTION, ALL FORCES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE MOTION, THUS THEY DO NO WORK. THEREFORE, THE K.E. DOES NOT CHANGE AND THE PARTICLE REMAINS AT THE SAME SPEED. IT ONLY CHANGES ITS DIRECTION.

C. CONSEQUENCE: THE WORK DONE BY CONSERVATIVE FORCES CAN BE CALCULATED ONCE IN A LIFETIME AND MADE INTO P.E. FORMULAS. EQUATION (1) BECOMES:  $KE_0 + PE_0 + PE'_0 \pm \text{Work} = KE + PE + PE'$  WHERE " $\pm \text{Work}$ " IS THAT WORK DONE BY NON-CONSERVATIVE FORCES, WHICH WILL NOT HAVE P.E. ASSOCIATE WITH THEM.

$$D. \quad F = - \frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U - U_0 &= - \int F dx \\ &= - (\text{WORK DONE BY } F) \\ &= (\text{WORK DONE BY YOU AGAINST } F) \end{aligned}$$

E. GRAPHS:



F. USEFUL RELATIONSHIPS FOR POWER

1. IF ONLY THE K.E. IS CHANGING:

$$P = \frac{\Delta KE}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right)}{dt} = mv a$$

2. IF F IS GIVEN:  $P = \frac{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{x}}{t} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$ 3. IF ONLY P.E. IS CHANGING:  $P = \frac{\Delta PE}{\Delta t} = \frac{mgh}{t}$ 

V. LINEAR MOMENTUM

A.  $Mx_{cm} = m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2$  FINDS THE CENTER OF MASS

THE C.M. CAN MOVE ONLY IF THERE ARE EXTERNAL FORCES.

B.  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

$$P - P_0 = \int F dt = J = \text{IMPULSE}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \sum F_{\text{EXT}}$$

$$\frac{P - P_0}{t} = \sum F_{\text{EXTERNAL}}$$

C. COLLISIONS:  $\vec{p}_0 = \vec{p}_f$ 

FOR MULTI-DIMENSIONAL COLLISIONS, BEGIN BY WRITING

 $p_0 = p_f$  FOR EACH AXIS.

D. NOTE, MOMENTUM IS CONSERVED WHEN THERE IS NO NET, EXTERNAL FORCE.

## VII. ROTATIONAL KINEMATICS

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### A. BASIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH ALWAYS HOLD:

$$1. \omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$3. \theta = \int \omega dt$$

$$2. \alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

$$4. \omega = \int \alpha dt$$

$\theta$  IS NOT A VECTOR SINCE IT DOES NOT COMMUTE.

$\vec{\omega}$  AND  $\vec{\alpha}_{\text{TANGENTIAL}}$  ARE PARALLEL, GIVEN BY THE RIGHT HAND CURL RULE.

### B. ROTATIONAL $\iff$ LINEAR

$$s = r\theta$$

$$a_{\text{RADIAL}} = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$v = r\omega$$

$$a_T = r\alpha$$

$a_T = \text{TANGENTIAL ACCELERATION}$

TO DETERMINE DIRECTIONS:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \\ \vec{a}_T = \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} \\ \vec{a}_r = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v} \end{cases}$$

### C. FOR CONSTANT ANGULAR ACCELERATION

$$\omega = \alpha t + \omega_0$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2 + \omega_0 t + \theta_0$$

$$\theta - \theta_0 = \bar{\omega} t = \left( \frac{\omega + \omega_0}{2} \right) t$$

$$\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 = 2\alpha(\theta - \theta_0)$$

## VIII. ROTATIONAL DYNAMICS

### A. BASIC RELATIONSHIPS

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

$$\tau = r F \sin\theta = r_{\perp} F$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$$L = r p \sin\theta = r_{\perp} p$$

## B. SUMMARY

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Table 12-2

Rectilinear Motion		Rotation about a Fixed Axis	
Displacement	$x$	Angular displacement	$\theta$
Velocity	$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$	Angular velocity	$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$
Acceleration	$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$	Angular acceleration	$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$
Mass (translational inertia)	$M$	Rotational inertia	$I$
Force	$F = Ma$	Torque	$\tau = I\alpha$
Work	$W = \int F dx$	Work	$W = \int \tau d\theta$
Kinetic energy	$\frac{1}{2}Mv^2$	Kinetic energy	$\frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$
Power	$P = Fv$	Power	$P = \tau\omega$
Linear momentum	$Mv$	Angular momentum	$I\omega$

C.  $KE_{\text{TRANSLATION}} + KE_{\text{ROTATION}} + PE_0 \pm \text{WORK} = KE_T + KE_R + PE$

1. FOR ROLLING WITHOUT SLIPPING:  $V = r\omega$

2. IF THE OBJECT IS SLIPPING, A  $F_f$  WILL EXERT A TORQUE TO REDUCE THE ROTATIONAL SPEED.

THUS:

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

FOR DECELERATION  $\tau = -F_f r = I \left( \frac{v_f - v_o}{t} \right)$

WHERE  $v_f = r\omega$

D. IN THE ABSENCE OF EXTERNAL TORQUES:  $L_0 = L$ ,  
i.e., ANGULAR MOMENTUM IS CONSERVED.

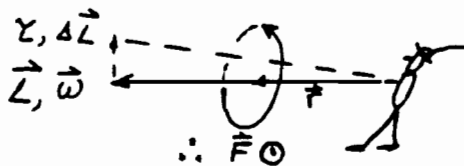
$$I_0 \omega_0 = I\omega$$

MECHANICAL ENERGY IS NOT CONSERVED.

$$\frac{1}{2} I_0 \omega_0^2 \pm \text{WORK} = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$$

WHERE WORK IS SUPPLIED BY ATHLETE'S MUSCLES.

E. BICYCLE WHEELS



THE PHYSICIST PUSHES THE WHEEL UPWARD.

$$\Delta L / \Delta t = \tau_{\text{EXT}}, \text{ SUPPLIED BY HAND}$$

$$\tau = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_{\text{HAND}}$$

$\therefore$  HAND MUST PUSH OUT OF PAPER OR WHEEL WILL GO INTO THE PAPER.

F. PARALLEL-AXIS THEOREM:  $I = I_{\text{cm}} + mh^2$

### VIII. EQUILIBRIUM OF SOLID OBJECTS

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RECIPE: DRAW A FORCE DIAGRAM. PUT AN AXIS ON A CONVENIENT SPOT.

<u>X-AXIS</u>	<u>Y-AXIS</u>	<u>ROTATIONS</u>
$0 = \sum F_x$	$0 = \sum F_y$	$0 = \sum \tau = \sum r_{\perp} F$

### IX. SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

A. S.H.M. OCCURS WHEN THE RESTORING FORCE IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE POSITION.

B. EXAMPLE: SPRINGS FOLLOWING HOOKE'S LAW:

$$m\ddot{x} = -kx$$

SOLUTION:  $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$        $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$   
 $v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$        $T = 2\pi \sqrt{m/k}$   
 $a = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

C. ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS

$$KE + PE = \frac{1}{2} m [-A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)]^2 + \frac{1}{2} k [A \cos(\omega t + \phi)]^2 = \frac{1}{2} k A^2$$

D. HINTS:  $\phi = 0$  IF THE MASS STARTS FROM REST.

$k$  IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF COILS IN A SPRING.

E. PENDULUMS:

1. SIMPLE  $m\ddot{x} = -\left(\frac{mg}{l}\right)x$

$$\therefore \omega = \sqrt{g/l} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g}$$

2. TORSIONAL  $I\ddot{\theta} = -k\theta$

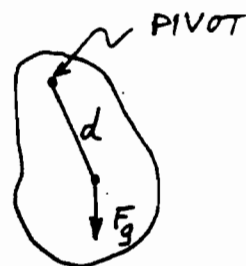
$$\therefore \omega = \sqrt{k/I} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{I/k}$$

WHERE  $I$  = MOMENT OF INERTIA

$k$  = TORSIONAL CONSTANT OF WIRE

3. PHYSICAL:  $I\ddot{\theta} = -(mgd)\theta$

$$\therefore \omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgd}{I}}$$



## X. GRAVITATION

### A. NEWTON'S LAW OF UNIVERSAL GRAVITATION

$$F_g = \frac{GmM}{r^2}$$

### B. ACCELERATION DUE TO GRAVITY

$$g = \frac{GM}{r^2} \quad r = \text{DISTANCE TO CENTER OF PLANET}$$

### C. GRAVITATIONAL POTENTIAL ENERGY

1. NEAR SURFACE OF PLANET — WHERE "g" CAN BE ASSUMED TO BE CONSTANT

$$U = mgh$$

2. IN GENERAL,  $U_{\infty} = 0$  AND

$U = -$  WORK TO MOVE PARTICLE FROM INFINITY

$$U = -\frac{GmM}{r}$$

3. FOR A MANY PARTICLE SYSTEM:

$$U = -\left( \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{Gm_1m_3}{r_{13}} + \frac{Gm_2m_3}{r_{23}} \right)$$

### D. ESCAPE VELOCITY

$$KE_0 + PE_0 = KE + PE$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 - \frac{GmM}{R} = 0 + 0$$

E. SATELLITES:  $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{GmM}{r}\right)$

$$U = -GmM/r$$

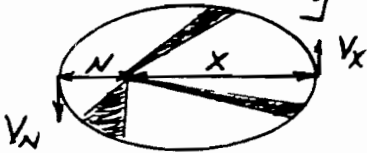
$$E_{\text{TOTAL}} = -\frac{GmM}{2r}$$

## F. KEPLER'S LAWS

1<sup>ST</sup>: LAW OF EQUAL AREAS

CONSERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM  
DUE TO ABSENCE OF EXTERNAL TORQUES.

$F_g$  IS CENTRALLY DIRECTED TOWARD SUN



$$L_N = L_X$$

$$P_N N = P_X X$$

$$m v_N N = m v_X X$$

$$\frac{v_X}{v_N} = \frac{N}{X}$$

2<sup>ND</sup>: LAW OF ELLIPTICAL ORBITS

AS A RESULT OF INVERSE SQUARE LAW

3<sup>RD</sup>: LAW OF PERIODS

$$\left(\frac{T^2}{R^3}\right)_A = \left(\frac{T^2}{R^3}\right)_B$$

WHERE BOTH A AND B  
ORBIT THE SAME OBJECT.

$R$  = AVERAGE DISTANCE FROM CENTER OF SUN TO  
CENTER OF PLANET

$$= \text{SEMI-MAJOR AXIS} = \frac{(X+N)}{2}$$

DERIVATION:  $ma = F_g$

$$\frac{mv^2}{R} = \frac{GmM}{R^2}$$

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

$$\frac{m\left(\frac{2\pi R}{T}\right)^2}{R} = \frac{GmM}{R^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{T^2}{R^3}\right) = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right), \text{ A CONSTANT}$$

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C EQUATIONS FOR 1997

## MECHANICS

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$s = s_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(s - s_0)$$

$$\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{net} = m\mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \int \mathbf{F} dt = \Delta \mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$$

$$F_f \leq \mu N$$

$$W = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

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

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

$$\Delta U_g = mgh$$

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

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$$

$$\Sigma \boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_{net} = I\boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

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

$$r_{cm} = \Sigma m\mathbf{r} / \Sigma m$$

$$v = r\omega$$

$$\mathbf{L} = I\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \boldsymbol{\alpha}t$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\alpha}t^2$$

$$F_s = -kx$$

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$T_s = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$T_p = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}}$$

$$F_G = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

$$U_G = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r}$$

$a$  = acceleration

$F$  = force

$f$  = frequency

$h$  = height

$I$  = rotational inertia

$J$  = impulse

$K$  = kinetic energy

$k$  = spring constant

$\ell$  = length

$L$  = angular momentum

$m$  = mass

$N$  = normal force

$P$  = power

$p$  = momentum

$r$  = distance

$s$  = displacement

$T$  = period

$t$  = time

$U$  = potential energy

$v$  = velocity or speed

$W$  = work

$x$  = displacement

$\mu$  = coefficient of friction

$\theta$  = angle

$\tau$  = torque

$\omega$  = angular speed

$\alpha$  = angular acceleration

## ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1q_2}{r^2}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q}$$

$$\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum \frac{q}{r}$$

$$U_E = qV = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1q_2}{r}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

$$C = \frac{\kappa\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$C_p = \sum_i C_i$$

$$\frac{1}{C_s} = \sum_i \frac{1}{C_i}$$

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$U_c = \frac{1}{2}QV = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

$$R = \frac{\rho\ell}{A}$$

$$V = IR$$

$$R_s = \sum_i R_i$$

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \sum_i \frac{1}{R_i}$$

$$P = IV$$

$$\mathbf{F}_M = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mu_0 I$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \int I d\boldsymbol{\ell} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$B_s = \mu_0 nI$$

$$\Phi_m = \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_m}{dt}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

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

$A$  = area

$B$  = magnetic field strength

$C$  = capacitance

$d$  = distance

$E$  = electric field strength

$\mathcal{E}$  = emf

$F$  = force

$I$  = current

$L$  = inductance

$\ell$  = length

$n$  = number of loops of wire  
per unit length

$P$  = power

$Q$  = charge

$q$  = point charge

$R$  = resistance

$r$  = distance

$t$  = time

$U$  = potential or stored energy

$V$  = electric potential

$v$  = velocity or speed

$\rho$  = resistivity

$\Phi$  = magnetic flux

$\kappa$  = dielectric constant