

McFatter McPhysics Equation Sheet

Metric Unit Conversions (Chapter 1)

Power	Prefix	Abbreviation	Power	Prefix	Abbreviation
10^{-18}	atto-	a	10^{-1}	deci-	d
10^{-15}	femto-	f	10^1	deka-	da
10^{-12}	pico-	p	10^3	kilo-	k
10^{-9}	nano-	n	10^6	mega-	M
10^{-6}	micro-	μ (Greek letter <i>mu</i>)	10^9	giga-	G
10^{-3}	milli-	m	10^{12}	tera-	T
10^{-2}	centi-	c	10^{15}	peta-	P
			10^{18}	exa-	E

Equations of Motion (Chapters 1 & 2)

Equation (x)	Units	Description	Equation (y)
$\Delta x = x_f - x_i$	<i>m</i>	Displacement	$\Delta y = y_f - y_i$
$\Delta t = t_f - t_i$	<i>s</i>	Change in time	$\Delta t = t_f - t_i$
$\Delta v = v_f - v_i$	$\frac{m}{s}$	Change in Velocity	$\Delta v = v_f - v_i$
$v_{ave} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$	$\frac{m}{s}$	Average Velocity	$v_{ave} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$
$v_{ave} = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}$	$\frac{m}{s}$	Average Velocity	$v_{ave} = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}$
$a_{ave} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$	$\frac{m}{s^2}$	Average Acceleration	$a_{ave} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$
$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}(v_i + v_f)\Delta t$	<i>m</i>	Displacement	$\Delta y = \frac{1}{2}(v_i + v_f)\Delta t$
$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$	$\frac{m}{s}$	Velocity	$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$
$v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$	$\frac{m}{s}$	Velocity	$v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$
$\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$	<i>m</i>	Displacement	$\Delta y = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$

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VECTOR OPERATIONS (CHAPTER 3)

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\textit{Opposite}}{\textit{Hypotenuse}}$$

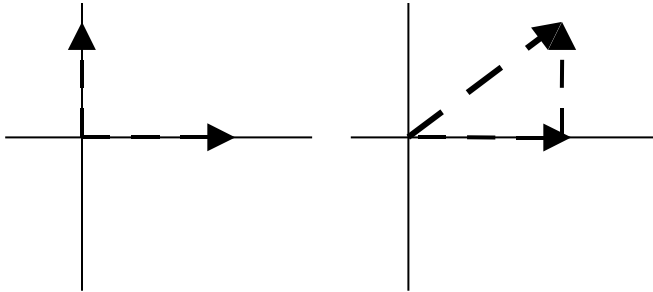
$$\cos\theta = \frac{\textit{Adjacent}}{\textit{Hypotenuse}}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\textit{Opposite}}{\textit{Adjacent}}$$

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Finding Resultant and Resolving Components – Section 2

If you have the perpendicular components of a Vector, you find the resultant using the Pythagorean Theorem and the tan function:

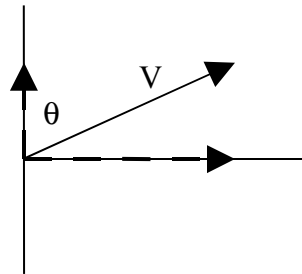
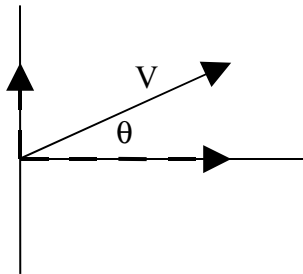


$$\textit{The resultant Vector } V_r = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2}$$

$$\textit{The angle } \theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{V_y}{V_x}$$

$$\textit{The angle } \theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{V_x}{V_y}$$

IF you have a Vector (V) with an angle (θ) - Use sin and cos to break it into components



Use this area for your own notes that will help you perform these functions:

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Projectile Motion – Section 3 (Projectile Launched Horizontally)

The following are given:

$$a_x = 0$$

v_{xi} is constant for duration of flight

$$\Delta x = v_{xi} t$$

$$t = \frac{\Delta x}{v_{xi}}$$

$$a_y = a_g = g = -9.81 \frac{m}{s^2} \text{ (Free Fall)}$$

$$v_{yi} = 0$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta y}{a}}$$

Projectile Motion (Projectile Launched at an Angle)

The following are given:

$$a_x = 0$$

v_{xi} = the x component of the velocity

$$\Delta x = v_{xi} t$$

$$t = \frac{\Delta x}{v_{xi}}$$

$$a_y = a_g = g = -9.81 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

v_{yi} = the y component of the velocity vector

$v_y = 0$ at the top of the flight (Δy_{\max})

$$\Delta y = v_{yi} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

$\Delta y = 0$ when $y_f = y_i$, so when $\Delta y = 0$;

one $t = 0$ and the other $t = \frac{-2v_{yi}}{a}$

Force Chapter 4

The Unit of Force is the **Newton (N)**

Weight is the force of GRAVITY acting on an object

$$\Sigma F = F_{net} = \text{Net Force}$$

When $\Sigma F = 0 \Rightarrow$ System is in equilibrium

ΣF is the vector sum of $\Sigma F_x + \Sigma F_y$

$F = ma$ Newton's Second Law of Motion

Frictional Forces

Normal Force (F_n) - acts on a surface in the direction perpendicular to the surface

$$\mu_s = \frac{F_{s,\max}}{F_n} \quad F_{s,\max} = \mu_s F_n \quad \text{Static Friction – At rest}$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{F_k}{F_n} \quad F_k = \mu_k F_n \quad \text{Kinetic Friction – In Motion}$$

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Work and Energy Chapter 5

Work (W)

The unit of Work in the **Joule (J)**

$$W = Fd\cos\theta$$

$$W_{net} = F_{net} d\cos\theta$$

Energy (KE, PE)

The unit of Energy in the **Joule (J)**

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

Kinetic Energy – Energy of Motion

$$W_{net} = \Delta KE$$

The Work - Kinetic Energy Theorem

$$PE_g = mgh$$

Gravitational Potential Energy

$$PE_{elastic} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

Elastic Potential Energy (k - spring constant ($\frac{N}{m}$))

$$ME = KE + \Sigma PE$$

Mechanical Energy

POWER (P)

The unit of Power is the Watt (W)

$$P = \frac{W}{\Delta t}$$

Power – Rate at which work is done

$$\text{Since } W = Fd \text{ Then } P = \frac{Fd}{\Delta t} \text{ or } F\left(\frac{d}{\Delta t}\right) \text{ and since } \frac{d}{\Delta t} = v$$

Then

$$P = Fv$$

Another Equation for Power

Momentum and Collisions Chapter 6

Momentum Units $Kg \bullet \frac{m}{s}$

$$P = mv$$

Impulse Units $Kg \bullet \frac{m}{s}$

$$F\Delta t = \Delta mv = mv_f - mv_i$$

Collisions – Conservation of Momentum

$$m_1 v_{1_i} + m_2 v_{2_i} = m_1 v_{1_f} + m_2 v_{2_f}$$

Total Initial Momentum = Total Final Momentum

$$m_1 v_{1_i} + m_2 v_{2_i} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$$

Perfectly Inelastic Collision

Circular Motion and Gravitation Chapter 7

$$a_c = \frac{v_i^2}{r}$$

Centripetal Acceleration

$$F_c = m a_c = \frac{mv_i^2}{r}$$

Centripetal Force

