



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS MECHANICS TABLE OF INFORMATION

CONSTANTS AND CONVERSION FACTORS

Universal gravitational constant, $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2) = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$

Acceleration due to gravity at Earth's surface, $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Magnitude of the gravitational field strength at the Earth's surface, $g = 9.8 \text{ N/kg}$

PREFIXES

Factor	Prefix	Symbol
10^{12}	tera	T
10^9	giga	G
10^6	mega	M
10^3	kilo	k
10^{-2}	centi	c
10^{-3}	milli	m
10^{-6}	micro	μ
10^{-9}	nano	n
10^{-12}	pico	p

UNIT SYMBOLS

hertz,	Hz	newton,	N
joule,	J	second,	s
kilogram,	kg	watt,	W
meter,	m		

VALUES OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS FOR COMMON ANGLES

θ	0°	30°	37°	45°	53°	60°	90°
$\sin \theta$	0	$1/2$	$3/5$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$4/5$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1
$\cos \theta$	1	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$4/5$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$3/5$	$1/2$	0
$\tan \theta$	0	$\sqrt{3}/3$	$3/4$	1	$4/3$	$\sqrt{3}$	∞

The following assumptions are used in this exam.

- The frame of reference of any problem is assumed to be inertial unless otherwise stated.
- Air resistance is assumed to be negligible unless otherwise stated.
- Springs and strings are assumed to be ideal unless otherwise stated.

MECHANICS

Unit 1

Kinematics

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

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

$$v_x^2 = v_{x0}^2 + 2a_x(x - x_0)$$

$$\Delta x = \int v_x(t) dt$$

$$\Delta v_x = \int a_x(t) dt$$

$$\vec{x}_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{x}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\int \vec{r} dm}{\int dm}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{d}{d\ell} m(\ell)$$

$$\vec{a}_{sys} = \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m_{sys}} = \frac{\vec{F}_{net}}{m_{sys}}$$

$$|\vec{F}_g| = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$|\vec{F}_f| \leq |\mu \vec{F}_N|$$

$$\vec{F}_s = -k \Delta \vec{x}$$

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

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$W = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\Delta K = \sum W_i = \sum F_{\parallel i} d_i$$

$$\Delta U = - \int_a^b \vec{F}_{cf}(r) \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$F_x = - \frac{dU(x)}{dx}$$

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2} k (\Delta x)^2$$

$$U_G = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r}$$

$$\Delta U_g = mg \Delta y$$

a = acceleration

E = energy

f = frequency

F = force

h = height

J = impulse

k = spring constant

K = kinetic energy

ℓ = length

m = mass

M = mass

p = momentum

P = power

r = radius, distance, or position

t = time

T = period

U = potential energy

v = velocity or speed

W = work

x = position or distance

y = height

λ = linear mass density

μ = coefficient of friction

Unit 5

Torque and Rotational Dynamics

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

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

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

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

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

$$v = r\omega$$

$$a_T = r\alpha$$

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

$$I_{tot} = \sum I_i = \sum m_i r_i^2$$

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

$$I' = I_{cm} + Md^2$$

$$\alpha_{sys} = \frac{\sum \tau}{I_{sys}} = \frac{\tau_{net}}{I_{sys}}$$

$$K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

$$W = \int \tau \cdot d\theta$$

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

$$\Delta L = \int \tau dt$$

$$\Delta x_{cm} = r \Delta \theta$$

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

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

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

$$T_{phys} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgd}}$$

$$x = x_{max} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

a = acceleration

d = distance

f = frequency

F = force

I = rotational inertia

k = spring constant

K = kinetic energy

ℓ = length

L = angular momentum

m = mass

M = mass

p = momentum

r = radius, distance, or position

t = time

T = period

v = velocity or speed

W = work

x = position or distance

α = angular acceleration

θ = angle

τ = torque

ϕ = phase angle

ω = angular frequency or angular speed

Unit 6

Energy and Momentum of Rotating Systems

Unit 7

Oscillations

$$P_{avg} = \frac{W}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t}$$

$$P_{inst} = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

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

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{J} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_{net}(t) dt = \Delta \vec{p}$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{\sum \vec{p}_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{v}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

Unit 4

Linear Momentum

Unit 3

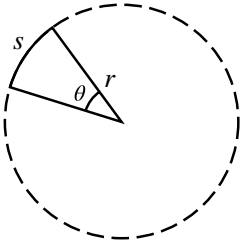
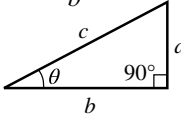
Work

Energy

and

Power

GEOMETRY AND TRIGONOMETRY

Rectangle $A = bh$	Rectangular Solid $V = \ell wh$		Right Triangle $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
Triangle $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$	Cylinder $V = \pi r^2 \ell$ $S = 2\pi r \ell + 2\pi r^2$		$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{c}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{b}{c}$ $\tan \theta = \frac{a}{b}$
Circle $A = \pi r^2$ $C = 2\pi r$ $s = r\theta$	Sphere $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ $S = 4\pi r^2$		
			$A = \text{area}$ $b = \text{base}$ $C = \text{circumference}$ $h = \text{height}$ $\ell = \text{length}$ $r = \text{radius}$ $s = \text{arc length}$ $S = \text{surface area}$ $V = \text{volume}$ $w = \text{width}$ $\theta = \text{angle}$

VECTORS	CALCULUS	IDENTITIES
$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$ $ \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB \sin \theta$ $\vec{r} = (A\hat{i} + B\hat{j} + C\hat{k})$ $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$ $\vec{C} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{i} + (A_y + B_y)\hat{j}$	$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$ $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$ $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$ $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln ax) = \frac{1}{x}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin(ax)] = a \cos(ax)$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\cos(ax)] = -a \sin(ax)$ $\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}, n \neq -1$ $\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax}$ $\int \frac{dx}{x+a} = \ln x+a $ $\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax)$ $\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax)$	$\log(a \cdot b^x) = \log a + x \log b$ $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta$

Unit 1, Kinematics

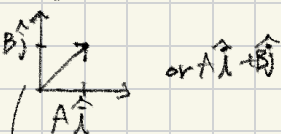
Scalars = quantities

Vectors = quantities w magnitude

Vectors: Velocity, acceleration, displacement

Scalars: speed, speed' (basically no sign), Distance traveled

→ Can be written in vector notation / arrows.



Can be calculated accordingly.
 $\vec{V}_1 = A\hat{i} + B\hat{j}$, $\vec{V}_2 = C\hat{i} + D\hat{j} \rightarrow \vec{V}_1 + \vec{V}_2 = (A+C)\hat{i} + (B+D)\hat{j}$

$\Delta x = x - x_0 \rightarrow$ Displacement. change in position

Doing stuff w displacement & time = Kinematics

$v = \text{displacement} / \text{time}$, $a = \text{displacement} / \text{time}^2$

Displacement $\rightarrow \Delta t \rightarrow$ Velocity $\rightarrow \Delta t \rightarrow$ acceleration.

→ Calculous?? ☹️☹️

$V_x = V_0 + a_0 t \rightarrow$ Velocity in constant acceleration

$x = x_0 + V_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \rightarrow$ Displacement in "

$V_0^2 = V_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0) \rightarrow$ May be useful in word problems.

$$\Delta x = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} V_0(t) dt \rightarrow$$

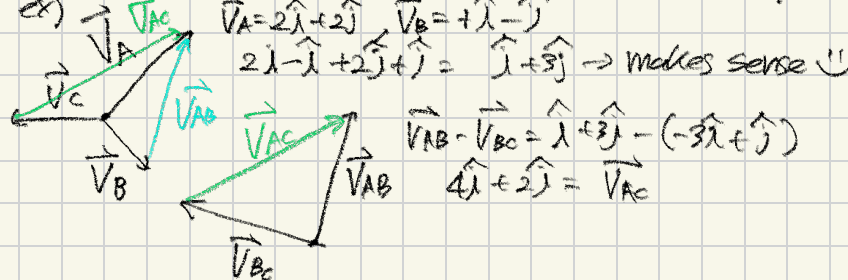
$$\Delta V = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a_0(t) dt \rightarrow$$

Reference frames will determine the direction & magnitude of Vectors

V_{AB} Velocity of A when B is looking

$= V_A - V_B$ (Velocity of A for stationary - V of B for stationary)

$V_{AB} - V_{BC} = V_{AC} \rightarrow$ You can find relative velocity implicitly



$$\vec{V}_{AB} - \vec{V}_{BC} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - (-3\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} = \vec{V}_{AC}$$

equations

$$V_x = V_0 + at$$

$$x = x_0 + V_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$V^2 = V_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$\Delta x = \int V_0(t) dt$$

$$\Delta V = \int a_0(t) dt$$

$$V_A - V_B = V_{AB}$$

$$V_{AB} - V_{BC} = V_{AC}$$

Unit 2 Force & Translational Motion

We can look at a system as its center of mass.

* Read exam description

The most general equation for center of mass:

$$r_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M r dm \rightarrow dm = \text{infinitesimal mass}$$

$$r_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i r_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\int_0^M r dm}{\int_0^M dm} \rightarrow \int_0^M dm = M \rightarrow \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M dm r_i$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\text{total mass}}{\text{total } r} \rightarrow \text{can be whatever} = \frac{dm}{dr}$$

$$\rightarrow r_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M r \times dr \times \lambda$$

For objects/particles along a single axis:

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i}$$

For uniform density solid objects along 1 axis:

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M x \cdot dx \cdot \lambda = x_{cm}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{M} \int_0^M x \cdot dx \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{M} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 \right) \Big|_0^M \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{M} \left(\frac{1}{2} M^2 \right) \rightarrow M = \lambda l \rightarrow \frac{\lambda l^2}{2 (\lambda l)} = \frac{l}{2}$$

For nonuniform density solid objects along 1 axis:

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M x \cdot dx \cdot \lambda = \frac{\lambda_0}{M} \int_0^M x \left(1 + \frac{x}{l} \right) dx = \frac{\lambda_0}{M} \left[\frac{5l^2}{6} \right] \rightarrow l, M = \int_0^l \lambda dx \rightarrow M = \int_0^l \lambda_0 \left(1 + \frac{x}{l} \right) dx$$

$$\rightarrow M = \lambda_0 \left[\frac{3l}{2} \right], \frac{\lambda_0}{M} \left[\frac{5l^2}{6} \right] \rightarrow \frac{2}{3l} \left[\frac{5l^2}{6} \right] = \frac{5}{6} l$$

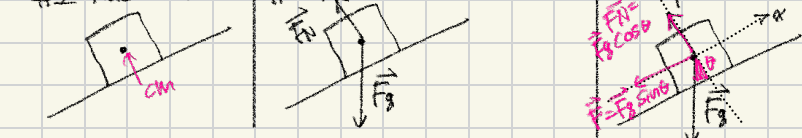
$\vec{F}_A \text{ on } B = -\vec{F}_B \text{ on } A \rightarrow$ for all forces exerted by an object to another object, there is a force equal in magnitude & opposite in direction.

* $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} \rightarrow$ acceleration of a system's CM $\times$ Mass of system = Net force.

$\rightarrow$ if $\sum \vec{F} = 0, a = 0 \rightarrow V$ is either constant / zero.

Free Body Diagrams

#1 find C.M. #2 put forces in as arrows. #3 set coordinates as you please (usually at the direction of acceleration)



$\rightarrow$ Forces

$$F_{gravity} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \rightarrow F_{gravity}/m_1 = G \frac{m_2}{r^2} = g. g \text{ is usually } 9.8 m/s^2 \text{ on Earth's surface}$$

$\rightarrow$ we consider the cm gravity as a sum of individual forces from differential masses.

Shell theorem:

net gravitational force = 0 $\rightarrow$ do it normally. $\rightarrow$ gravitational force of sphere of radius $\frac{1}{5}R$ away from center. $\rightarrow$ $m_{period} = \rho \frac{4}{3} \pi (r_{period})^3$ $\rightarrow$ density

Friction = $\mu \times F_N \rightarrow \mu_s F_N$ (static) $\mu_k F_N$ (kinetic)

$$F_{spring} = -kx \rightarrow \frac{1}{k_{eq}} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \rightarrow k_{eq} = k_1 + k_2$$

equivalent k
 $<$ smallest k

$F_{resistive} = -kv \rightarrow$ velocity dependant, leads to a differential equation for velocity.

$$F = ma, F = m \frac{dv}{dt} \rightarrow m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv \rightarrow v(t) = \frac{mg}{k} (1 - e^{-\frac{k}{m}t})$$

equations

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i}$$

$$r_{cm} = \frac{\int r dm}{\int dm}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{dl} m(l)$$

$$\vec{a}_{sys} = \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m_{sys}} = \frac{\vec{F}_{net}}{m_{sys}}$$

$$|\vec{F}_g| = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$|\vec{F}_f| \leq \mu |\vec{F}_N|$$

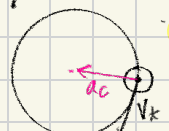
$$\vec{F}_s = -K \Delta \vec{x}$$

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

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

Circular motion

$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} \rightarrow$ centripetal a causes tangential v . $\rightarrow$ it directs to the center



The a_c constantly changes the direction of the v , making the velocity change in direction not magnitude

$$a_c = mg + \frac{v^2}{r} \text{ (minimum speed)} [v = \sqrt{gr} \rightarrow \text{when only } g \text{ is } a_c]$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} - mg \text{ (maximum speed)}$$

$$a_c = F_N \sin \theta \rightarrow \frac{g \times \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = a_c = \tan \theta g$$

$$F_N \cos \theta = mg$$

$$F_N = mg / \cos \theta$$

$$a_{net} = a_c + a_t \text{ (vector sum)}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}, T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} \text{ (constant speed)}$$

* Satellite!!!
 $T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} R^3 \rightarrow a_c$ is by gravity.

Unit 3 Work Energy and Power

Energy: the ability to do work $\rightarrow$ cannot be negative (scalar)

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

$\rightarrow$ KE is different for spotters because the perceived v is different.

Work = energy put out/into a system by a force over a distance.

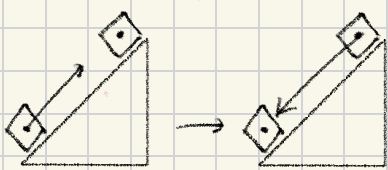
$W = F \cdot (\text{distance or displacement})$

Conservative Work: depends on displacement

$\rightarrow F_g, F_s$, etc

nonconservative work: depends on path/distance traveled.

$\rightarrow F_f, F_{drag}$, etc.



Conservative

Work: 0

(because same x, y)

nonconservative

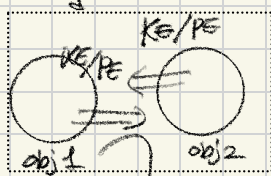
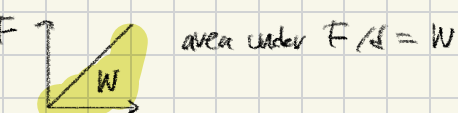
work > 0

(because distance is added for friction)

force only of the direction of displacement

$\int_a^b F \cdot \cos\theta \cdot d\vec{r}$, $F \cos\theta d = W$

$\Delta K = \sum F \cdot d \rightarrow$ change in kinetic energy = sum of net work.



Energy taken by friction

$\rightarrow$ within a system, conservative forces can change $KE \rightarrow PE$ and vice versa.

$\rightarrow$ However, the nonconservative forces may take in/out energy of the system.

Potential Energy: scalar quantity associated with the position of objects within a system.

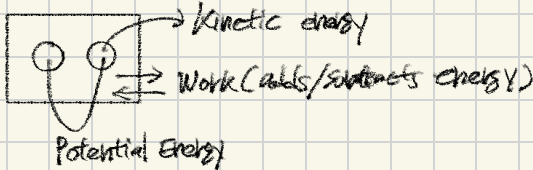
$$\Delta PE = - \int_a^b F(r) \cos\theta d\vec{r} = W$$

* different types of potential energy.

$$U_{spring} = \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta x)^2$$

$$U_{gravity} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} / \Delta U_g = mg\Delta y$$

Potential Energy & Kinetic Energy & Work.



$$E_{mech} = KE + PE$$

any work done in/out of a system $\Rightarrow \Delta E_{mech}$

$$Power = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} = \frac{W}{\Delta t} = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

equations

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

$$W = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\Delta K = \sum W_i = \sum \vec{F}_{i, net} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\Delta U = - \int_a^b \vec{F}_{cons}(r) \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$F_x = - \frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta x)^2$$

$$U_g = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r}$$

$$\Delta U_g = mg\Delta y$$

$$P_{avg} = \frac{W}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t}$$

$$P_{inst} = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

Unit 4 momentum.

An object at rest remains at rest & an object in motion remains in motion.

$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} \rightarrow$ linear momentum; Shows the tendency of an object to remain in motion

Collisions: Force between objects $\gg \gg$ Net external force of the objects/system.

explosion: Forces internal to the system move objects in the system apart

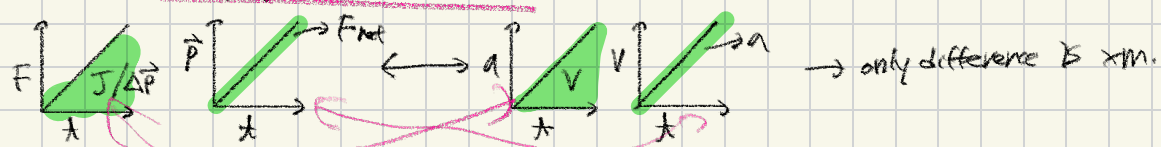
$\rightarrow$ we only analyze the final & initial states of the system.

Impulse: $\Delta\vec{p} = \vec{J}$

$\rightarrow \vec{p} = m\vec{v} \quad \vec{J}/\Delta t = m\vec{v}/\Delta t \rightarrow \vec{J}/\Delta t = \vec{F}_{net}$

$\rightarrow \int_a^b (\vec{J}/\Delta t) = \vec{F}_{net} \rightarrow \vec{p}_b - \vec{p}_a = \int_a^b \vec{F}_{net} dt \rightarrow \vec{J} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(t) dt = \Delta\vec{p}$

$\therefore \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \quad \int \vec{F} dt = \Delta\vec{p} = \vec{J}$



a system of objects can be described as one system with one cm velocity.

$\vec{V}_{cm} = \frac{\sum \vec{p}_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{v}_i}{\sum m_i} \rightarrow$ constant in the absence of a net external force

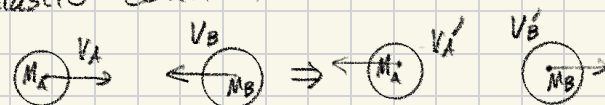
Conservation of momentum: any change to the momentum of an object within a system must be balanced out by an opposite change in momentum elsewhere in the system.

$\rightarrow$ this includes collisions (both elastic & inelastic)

Elastic collisions: both momentum and kinetic energy is conserved.

Inelastic collisions: momentum is conserved.

Elastic Collision

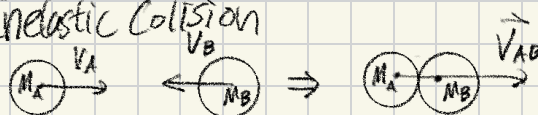


$$m_A v_A + m_B v_B = m_A v_A' + m_B v_B'$$

Because kinetic, E is conserved:

$$v_A + v_A' = v_B + v_B'$$

Inelastic Collision



$$m_A v_A + m_B v_B = (m_A + m_B) \vec{v}_{AB}$$

$\rightarrow$ some/all of the initial KE is lost as heat/other forms of energy

* When two objects of equal mass collide,

Elastic: the objects exchange velocities

Inelastic: the objects have $\vec{v}_{AB}$ of $(v_A + v_B)$

Equations

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

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{J} = \int_a^b \vec{F}_{net}(t) dt = \Delta\vec{p}$$

$$\vec{V}_{cm} = \frac{\sum \vec{p}_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{v}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

Unit 5 Torque & Rotational Dynamics.

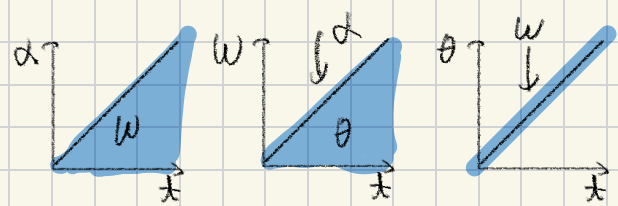
Rotation: circular movement of an object around an axis or center

→ circular motion of all of the particles in the object

ω = angular velocity
 α = angular acceleration
 θ = angular displacement

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}, \alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}, \theta = \int \omega dt, \omega = \int \alpha dt$$

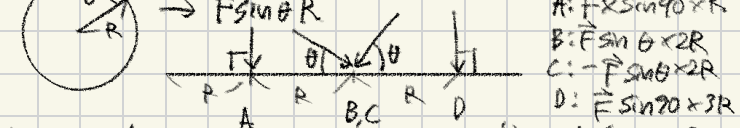
Same kinematic relationship.



$\theta \times R = s$
 → linear displacement = Radius $\times$ angular displacement

Torque = $F \times$ distance it is exerted from the **AXIS OF ROTATION!!!** (equivalent of force in linear motion)

* The force component perpendicular to the axis of rotation is all that matters



Rotational Inertia = mass (infinitesimal) $\times$ distance from the axis of rotation. (equivalent of mass in linear motion)

$\int dm \times r^2 = I$ for 1 particle

$\int r^2 dm = I$ → derivation (if you even care...):

$I' = I_{cm} + Md^2$

cm axis of rotation

↓ ↓

• •

$r' = r + d \rightarrow I = \int (r + d)^2 dm$

Mass from CM Mass from the new axis

$\rightarrow \int (r^2 + 2rd + d^2) dm = \int r^2 dm + 2d \int r dm + \int d^2 dm$

$\rightarrow I_{cm} + 2d \int r dm + \int d^2 dm$

$\rightarrow I' = I_{cm} + Md^2$

Rotational equilibrium = $\sum \tau = 0$

→ α will be nonzero, ω will change.

→ this broken when: I changes, τ changes (anything that disturbs α)

$$\alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} \quad (a = \frac{F}{m})$$

Equations

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

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

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

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

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

$$v = r\omega$$

$$\alpha_t = r\alpha$$

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

$$I = \sum I_i = \sum m_i r_i^2$$

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

$$I' = I_{cm} + Md^2$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum \tau}{I_{sys}} = \frac{\tau_{net}}{I_{sys}}$$