

Physics 1A at UCLA \diamond Formula Sheet (1 of 2)

VECTORS

$\mathbf{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$ is a vector with components $v_x, v_y,$ and v_z . To add vectors we have $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_x + v_x, u_y + v_y, u_z + v_z)$. To multiply we have the dot product

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_x v_x + u_y v_y + u_z v_z$$

or for angle θ between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \cos(\theta)$$

where the length of the vector is

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

The cross product is another multiply

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \det \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

where $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ are the unit vectors (length 1) in the $x, y,$ and z directions.

VELOCITY AND ACCELERATION

The velocity is

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}$$

the momentum is

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

and the acceleration is

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}}{dt^2}$$

As an integral equation

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t d\bar{t} (\mathbf{v}(0) + \int_0^{\bar{t}} d\bar{\bar{t}} \mathbf{a}(\bar{\bar{t}}))$$

FORCES AND NEWTON'S LAWS

The total force is the sum of forces:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i \mathbf{F}_i = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 + \dots$$

Newton's 1st law: when $\mathbf{F}_{\text{tot}} = 0, \mathbf{a} = 0$.

Newton's 2nd law: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{tot}} = m\mathbf{a} = d\mathbf{p}/dt$.

Newton's 3rd law: $\mathbf{F}_{A \rightarrow B} = -\mathbf{F}_{B \rightarrow A}$.

FORCES

The weight is the force that emerges from the linearization of gravity

$$\mathbf{F}_g = m\mathbf{g}$$

The force of a spring is

$$\mathbf{F}(x) = -kx\hat{x}$$

Friction is a force that opposes motion. It is either *static*, in which case it opposes a force up to magnitude $|\mathbf{F}_s|$, or *dynamic*/kinetic which exhibits a constant force $-|\mathbf{F}_d|\hat{v}$.

ENERGY

The kinetic energy is

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}m|\mathbf{v}|^2 = \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^2}{2m}$$

Work W is the change in kinetic energy

$$W = E_k(t_2) - E_k(t_1)$$

where

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} d\ell \cdot \mathbf{F}$$

So:

$$W_{\text{grav}}(y) = mgy$$

$$W_{\text{spr}}(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

From this we note that for conservative forces (forces that conserve energy):

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla W$$

The power is

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

which is

$$P = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

MOMENTUM

The total momentum is conserved

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i \mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3 + \dots$$

The change in momentum is known as the "impulse", where $\mathbf{F} = d\mathbf{p}/dt$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} d\bar{t} \mathbf{F}_{\text{tot}}$$

In a collision, momentum is conserved. In an elastic collision, kinetic energy is conserved, and in an inelastic collision, kinetic energy is lost.

CENTER OF MASS

The center of mass is

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{com}} = \frac{\sum_i m_i \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_i m_i} = \frac{\sum_i m_i \mathbf{x}_i}{m_{\text{tot}}}$$

Where we have

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}} = m_{\text{tot}} \mathbf{v}_{\text{com}}$$

and for the total external forces

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} = m_{\text{tot}} \mathbf{a}_{\text{com}}$$

EQUILIBRIUM

Equilibrium is when all forces and torques sum to zero. Equilibrium is stable (when the potential creating the force/torque is concave up— $d^2W/dx^2 > 0$), or unstable (when the potential creating the force/torque is concave down— $d^2W/dx^2 < 0$).

PROJECTILE MOTION

For a projectile launched at θ , subject to $\mathbf{F}_g = -mg\hat{y}$ we have positions

$$x(t) = x(0) + v(0) \cos(\theta)t$$

$$y(t) = y(0) + v(0) \sin(\theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

where the velocities are

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \hat{x} = v(0) \cdot \hat{x} \cos(\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \hat{y} = v(0) \cdot \hat{y} \sin(\theta) - gt$$

ANGULAR MOTION

Rotational motion is described by an angle θ and an angular velocity

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

This is then changed by a torque Γ

$$\Gamma = I \frac{d\omega}{dt} = I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

which is given by

$$\Gamma = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$$

where the moment of inertia is

$$I = \sum_i m_i |\mathbf{r}_i|^2$$

The parallel axis theorem gives I for rotation distance d away from the com

$$I(d) = I_{\text{com}} + m_{\text{tot}}d^2$$

In analogy to linear motion

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}(t) = \boldsymbol{\theta}(0) + \int_0^t d\bar{t} (\boldsymbol{\omega}(0) + \int_0^{\bar{t}} d\bar{\bar{t}} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}(\bar{\bar{t}}))$$

The kinetic energy is then ($\mathbf{v} = R\boldsymbol{\omega}$)

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}I|\boldsymbol{\omega}|^2$$

The power is $P = \Gamma \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$ and work is

$$W = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} d\theta \cdot \Gamma$$

The angular momentum of a particle is

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

or for an extended object

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

Whence we have

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{tot}}}{dt}$$

UNIFORM CIRCULAR MOTION

In uniform circular motion

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

No tangential, only radial acceleration

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{r} = \frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{R} = \frac{4\pi^2 R}{T^2}$$

GRAVITATION

It turns out that $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{g}$ is only an approximation, which holds since the radius of the earth is nearly constant.

More generically:

$$\mathbf{F}_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

where the generating potential is

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

So we see that

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{G m_{\text{earth}}}{r_{\text{earth}}^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

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