

Physics 221 Equation Sheets

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"There is no royal road to geometry."

Euclid – 325 BCE

"Physics can only be learned by thinking, writing, and worrying."

David Atkinson and Porter Johnson – 2002 CE

Chapter 15: Oscillations

SHM: $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$; ϕ (phase)

ω (angular frequency); A (amplitude)

Period: $T = 2\pi/\omega = 1/f$.

Frequency $f = 1/T = \omega/(2\pi)$

Velocity: $v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

Acceleration: $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$

$a = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi) = -\omega^2 x$

Ideal Spring: $m\ddot{x} = F = -kx$

Energy $E = 1/2mv^2 + 1/2kx^2$

Frequency $\omega^2 = k/m$

Simple Pendulum: $I \ddot{\theta} = m\ell^2 \ddot{\theta} = \tau$

$= -mg\ell \sin\theta \approx -mg\ell\theta$

$\ddot{\theta} + g/\ell \theta = 0$; $\omega^2 = g/\ell$

Damped Harmonic Motion:

$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$

$x = A \exp[-bt/(2m)] \sin(\omega't + \phi)$;

$\omega'^2 = k/m - b^2/(4m^2)$.

Underdamped $\omega'^2 > 0$;

Overdamped $\omega'^2 < 0$;

Critically damped $\omega'^2 = 0$.

Resonant frequency: $\omega^2 = k/m$

Chapter 16: Waves I

transverse or longitudinal

$y(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$

A : (amplitude); k (wave number);

ω (angular frequency); ϕ (phase).

$k = 2\pi/\lambda$; $\omega = 2\pi f$; $\omega/k = \lambda f = v$

(v = wave velocity).

Stretched string: $v = \sqrt{T/\mu}$.

T : (tension); μ (mass per unit length).

Superposition of waves:

$y(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t)$

Interference of waves:

$A \sin(kx - \omega t) + A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$

$= 2A \cos(\phi/2) \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi/2)$

$\phi = 0 \text{ mod } 2\pi$: (constructive int)

$\phi = \pi \text{ mod } 2\pi$: (destructive int)

Standing waves: $2A \sin kx \cos \omega t =$

$A \sin(kx - \omega t) + A \sin(kx + \omega t)$

$kL = n\pi$ (L is string length).

Number of internal nodes: $n - 1$.

$y(x, t) = B \sin(n\pi x/L) \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

$k = n\pi/L$; $\lambda = 2\pi/k = 2L/n$

$f = v/\lambda = nv/(2L)$

Chapter 17: Waves II

Speed of Sound: (longitudinal) $v = \sqrt{B/\rho}$

B : (bulk modulus); ρ : (density)

343 meters/sec at 20°C;

Speed increases with temperature.

Air displacement and pressure differential
90° out of phase.

Interference phase $\phi = 2\pi(\Delta L)/\lambda$

ΔL : (path difference); λ (wave length).

Constructive Int: $(\Delta L)/\lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Destructive Int: $(\Delta L)/\lambda = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, \dots$

I : Sound intensity: Power per unit area.

Threshold $I_{th} = 10^{-12}$ Watts/meter².

decibels (dB): $\beta = 10 \log_{10} I/I_{th}$

Standing waves in a Pipe of length L

Both ends open: $n\lambda = 2L$.

$f = v/\lambda = nv/(2L)$

One end open: $(n + 1/2)\lambda = 2L$.

$f = v/\lambda = (2n + 1)v/(4L)$

Beats: $f_{beat} = |f_1 - f_2|$

Doppler Effect:

$f' = f \times (v \pm v_D)/(v \mp v_S)$

top sign: motion toward

bottom sign: motion away

v_D : velocity of detector

v_S : velocity of source

Shock waves, Mach cone:

$\sin \theta = v_{sound}/v_{projectile}$

Chapter 21: Electric Charge

$\leftarrow \cdot Q \quad Q \cdot \rightarrow$ (Like charges Repel)

$Q \cdot \rightarrow \quad \leftarrow \cdot -Q$ (Unlike charges attract)

Coulomb's Law: $F = (kq_1q_2)/r_{12}^2$

$k = 9 \times 10^9 (N \cdot m^2/C^2) = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0)$

$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} C^2/(N \cdot m^2)$

Charge: CONSERVED – QUANTIZED

Electron charge: $e_0 = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C

Conductor: No free charges inside.

Uniformly charged spherical shell
(radius R ; charge Q)

test charge q at distance \vec{r} from center:

outside: $\vec{F} = (kqQ\hat{r})/r^2$. inside: $\vec{F} = \vec{0}$

Chapter 22: Electric Field

test charge q_0 ; $\vec{E} = \vec{F}/q_0 = kQ\hat{r}/r^2$

Electric field lines:

away from (+) charges: $\leftarrow (+) \rightarrow$

and toward (-) charges: $\rightarrow (-) \leftarrow$

Two opposite charges: lines from - to +

Two like charges: lines away from each

Dipole: $(-q) \rightarrow (+q)$: \vec{p} from - to +

$p = qd$

along dipole axis (z): $E_z = (2kp)/z^3$

Continuous distribution of charge:

$\vec{E} = \int d\vec{E} = k \int dq\hat{r}/r^2$

Point charge in uniform electric field:

$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = q\vec{E}$

Dipole in uniform electric field:

Torque: $\tau = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$

Potential Energy: $U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$

Chapter 23: Gauss's Law

$\epsilon_0 \Phi_E = \epsilon_0 \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = Q_{enc}$

$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ C²/(N m²)

Any excess charge sits on outer surface
of conductor; $\vec{E} = \vec{0}$ inside.

At surface, $E = \sigma/\epsilon_0$ (outward)

σ = charge per unit area on surface.

Infinite line charge: λ = charge/length

small $E = \lambda/(2\pi\epsilon_0 r)$ away from line.

Non-conducting sheet on either side:

$E = \sigma/(2\epsilon_0)$

Spherical shell. electric field radially out

$E = 0$ inside; $E = Q/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$ outside.

Spherical charge distribution:

$E = Q_{enc}/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$ radially outward.

Q_{enc} : charge inside sphere of radius r .

Uniformly charged sphere:

$E = \rho r/(3\epsilon_0)$ inside.

$E = kQ_{tot}/r^2$ outside: $Q_{tot} = 4\pi\rho R^3/3$.

Gauss's Law + symmetry:

Planar, cylindrical, or spherical

Chapter 24: Electric Potential

Work done by electric field $dW_E = -\delta U$.

$\Delta V = V_f - V_i = -W_E/Q$.

Electric potential: 1 Volt = 1 Joule/Coul

Equipotential surface (constant V):

Perpendicular to electric field lines.

$dV = -\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$

$\Delta V = -\int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$

Potential of point charge: $V = kQ/r$.

Combination of charges (superposition)

$V = k \sum_i Q_i/r_i$.

Continuous distribution: $V = k \int dQ/r$.

$V(x, y, z) \rightarrow (E_x, E_y, E_z)$:

$E_x = -\partial V/\partial x$; $E_y = -\partial V/\partial y$; $E_z = -\partial V/\partial z$.

Electric potential energy of pair of charges:

$\mathcal{E} = kq_1q_2/r_{12}$

(superposition of pairs to get total)

Charged conductor: Potential constant inside.

Chapter 25: Capacitance

Two conductors; charges $+Q$ and $-Q$, respectively. Potential between conductors:

ΔV : $Q = C\Delta V$.

C : capacitance (1 Farad = 1 Volt/Coul).

Parallel plate capacitor: $C = \epsilon_0 A/d$.

plate area A ; plate separation d .

Cylindrical capacitor (length ℓ ; radii a, b):

$C = 2\pi\epsilon_0 \ell / \ln(b/a)$.

Spherical capacitor (radii a, b):

$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 ab/(b-a)$.

Capacitors in parallel:

$C_{tot} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots$

Capacitors in series:

$1/C_{tot} = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + 1/C_3 + \dots$

Potential energy stored in capacitor:

$U = 1/2 CV^2 = Q^2/(2C)$

Energy density stored in electric field: $u = 1/2\epsilon_0 E^2$.

Dielectric-filled capacitor:

$$C \rightarrow \kappa C_0 = \kappa \epsilon_0 A/d,$$

κ : dielectric constant.

Gauss's law for dielectrics:

$$\epsilon_0 \oint \kappa \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = Q_{enc}$$

Chapter 26: Current and Resistance

Charge ΔQ passes by in time Δt :

$$I = \Delta Q / \Delta t. \text{ 1 Amp} = 1 \text{ Coul/sec.}$$

Current density \vec{J} : current per unit area

$$I = \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\vec{J} = ne_0 \vec{v}_d; \text{ charge: } e_0; \text{ drift speed: } v_d.$$

n : num charge carriers per unit vol.

Electrical resistance:

Current I flowing through circuit;

Voltage drop ΔV along circuit.

$$R = \Delta V / I. \text{ 1 } (\Omega) \text{ Ohm} = 1 \text{ Volt/ Amp.}$$

Resistivity ρ : $\vec{E} = \rho \vec{J}$.

Wire cross-section area A , length ℓ :

$$R = \rho \ell / A.$$

Metals: resistivity increases with temperature

$$\rho = \rho_0 (1 + \alpha \Delta T).$$

$$\alpha = (\Delta \rho / \Delta T) / \rho_0$$

Ohm's Law:: $V = RI$.

Resistivity of metal (electron gas):

$$\rho = m / (ne_0^2 \tau); \text{ Collision time: } \tau.$$

Power dissipated inside resistor:

$$P = I \Delta V = I^2 R = \Delta V^2 / R.$$

Semiconductor ρ decreases with T .

Superconductor (low temp) $\rho = 0$.

Chapter 27: Circuits

Work done by EMF source (battery)

Chemical energy \rightarrow Electrical energy

$$dW = \mathcal{E} dQ$$

Kirchhoff's Laws

Loop rule: sum of voltage changes around closed loop = 0.

Junction rule: net current into junction = 0.

Single loop circuit: Load resistor R .

Battery \mathcal{E} with internal resistance r ;

$$I = \mathcal{E} / (R + r)$$

Power provided by battery: $P = I\mathcal{E}$.

Thermal power in resistor $P = I^2 R$.

Resistors in series:

$$R_{tot} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

Resistors in parallel:

$$1/R_{tot} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3 + \dots$$

RC Circuit

Charging \mathcal{E}, R, C in series:

$$\mathcal{E} = R dQ/dt + Q/C$$

$$Q(t) = \mathcal{E} C (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$I = dQ/dt = \mathcal{E}/R e^{-t/RC}$$

Discharging: R, C in series

$$0 = R dQ/dt + Q/C$$

$$Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$$

$$I(t) = dQ/dt = -Q_0/RC e^{-t/RC}$$

Chapter 28: Magnetic Fields

Lorentz Force: $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$

(1 Tesla = 1 N / (A m))

Hall effect: (determine sign of charge carriers)

 $\rightarrow I \dots \rightarrow \vec{B}$ (out of paper) \vec{F} (down)

$$J = I/A = ne_0 v_d.$$

$$E = v_d B \Delta V = wE.$$

Charged particle - uniform magnetic field:

planar motion. $qvB = mv^2/R$;

$$R = mv/(qB).$$

$$\omega = qB/m, f = \omega/(2\pi) = 1/T$$

Three dimensional motion: helix

Cyclotron: Dees: voltage change produces acceleration in uniform magnetic field.

Current-carrying wire:

$$\text{straight: } \vec{F} = I\vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\text{curved: } d\vec{F} = I d\vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}$$

Magnetic moment of wire:

(Current I , area A , N turns)

$M = N I A$ (right hand rule)

Torque: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{M} \times \vec{B}$

Potential Energy: $U = -\vec{M} \cdot \vec{B}$

Chapter 29: Magnetic Fields Due to Currents

Biot-Savart Law:

$$d\vec{B} = \mu_0 I / (4\pi) d\vec{\ell} \times \vec{r} / r^3$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} T m / A$$

Long Straight wire - current I :

$$B_r = \mu_0 I / (2\pi r) \text{ right hand rule.}$$

Circular arc center: $B = \mu_0 I / (2r) \theta / (2\pi)$

Force between wires: Like currents attract; unlike currents repel:

$$F = \mu_0 I_1 I_2 / (2\pi d)$$

Ampère's Law: $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$

Ideal Solenoid: $B = \mu_0 N I / L$

N turns; current I ; length L .

Chapter 30: Induction and Inductance

Magnetic Flux: $\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$

Faraday's Law:

(closed loop)-(open surface)

$$\mathcal{E} = -d\Phi_B / dt = -d/dt(\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S})$$

Self-Inductance (N turns, current I):

$$N\Phi_B = LI; (1 \text{ Henry} = 1 T m^2 / A)$$

Long Solenoid (length ℓ , area A , N turns):

$$L = \mu_0 N^2 A / \ell$$

LR Circuit + battery: $\mathcal{E} = L dI / dt + RI$

$$I(t) = \mathcal{E} / R \cdot (1 - e^{-Rt/L})$$

No Battery: $L dI / dt + RI = 0$

$$I(t) = I_0 e^{-Rt/L}$$

Magnetic energy in inductor: $U_B = 1/2 \cdot LI^2$.

Magnetic energy density: $u = B^2 / (2\mu_0)$

Mutual Inductance of two circuits: M

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = -M dI_1 / dt; \mathcal{E}_1 = -M dI_2 / dt$$

Chapter 31: Electromagnetic Oscillations

LC Circuit: $L dI / dt + Q / C = 0$;

$$I = dQ / dt.$$

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi).$$

$$\omega^2 = 1 / (LC)$$

LRC Circuit: (Damped Oscillations)

$$L d^2 Q / dt^2 + R dQ / dt + Q / C = 0$$

$$Q(t) = A e^{-Rt/(2L)} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$$

$$\omega'^2 = 1 / (LC) - R^2 / (4L^2)$$

Forced Oscillations (steady state):

$$L d^2 Q / dt^2 + R dQ / dt + Q / C = \mathcal{E}_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

$$I = \mathcal{E}_0 / |Z| \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$Z = R + i(\omega L - 1 / \omega C)$$

$$\omega^2 < 1 / (LC); \phi < 0; I \text{ lags } V$$

$$\omega^2 > 1 / (LC); \phi < 0; I \text{ leads } V$$

$$\omega^2 = 1 / (LC); \phi = 0; \text{ resonance}$$

Chapter 32: Magnetism; Maxwell's Equations

Gauss's Law for Magnetism:

$$\Phi_B = \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0.$$

Magnetic Dipole: \vec{M} in field \vec{B} :

$$U = -\vec{M} \cdot \vec{B}; \vec{\tau} = \vec{M} \times \vec{B}.$$

Orbital Magnetic Moment \vec{M} ;

angular momentum \vec{L}

$$\vec{M}_L = q / (2m) \vec{L}$$

Spin magnetic moment: $\vec{M}_S = q / (2m) \vec{S}$

Diamagnetism: $\vec{B}_{induced}$ opposite \vec{B}_{ext} .

Unpaired atomic spins are possible.

Paramagnetism: $\vec{B}_{induced} \parallel \vec{B}_{ext}$.

Curie-Weiss Law: $M = C B_{ext} / T$

Ferromagnetism:

(Permanent magnetic moment in absence of field).

Displacement Current I_d

(extension of Ampère's Law)

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 (I + I_d)$$

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 d\Phi_E / dt = \epsilon_0 d/dt(\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S})$$

Maxwell's Equations

$$\text{Gauss: } \epsilon_0 \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = Q_{enc}$$

$$\text{Magnetic Gauss: } \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

$$\text{Faraday: } \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = -d/dt(\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S})$$

Ampère + Maxwell:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 [I_{enc} + \epsilon_0 d/dt(\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S})]$$

Chapter 33: Electromagnetic Waves

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i} E_0 \sin(kz - \omega t)$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{j}B_0 \sin(kz - \omega t)$$

$$c = E_0/B_0 = \omega/k$$

$$c = 1/\sqrt{(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec.}$$

Poynting Vector: (Watts/m²)

energy flux per unit area per unit time.

$$\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{B}/\mu_0$$

Radiation pressure $P = F/A = |\vec{S}|/c$.

Polarization defined as direction of \vec{E}

Polarizer: light initially unpolarized.

$$I_f = 1/2 I_0$$

Malus Law: $I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$

\vec{E} makes angle θ with polarizer.

Reflection: $\theta_i = \theta_r$

angle of incidence = angle of reflection.

Refraction:

Snell's Law medium 1 - medium 2.

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

n : index of refraction.

θ angle with surface normal.

Total internal reflection: $n_2 < n_1$:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 > n_2.$$

Polarization by reflection:

Brewster's angle: reflected ray polarized.

(\vec{E} perpendicular to plane of reflection.)

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 90^\circ.$$