

# Classical Mechanics & Special Relativity

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## Galilean Transformations: DIAGRAM

$$\begin{array}{ccc} t' = t & & t = t' \\ x' = x - ut & \Leftrightarrow & x = x' + ut \\ y' = y & & y = y' \\ z' = z & & z = z' \end{array}$$

$$v = v' + u \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad v' = v - u$$

## Lorentz Transformations: DIAGRAM

$$\gamma = \gamma(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} t' = \gamma \cdot (t - ux/c^2) & & t = \gamma \cdot (t' + ux'/c^2) \\ x' = \gamma \cdot (x - ut) & \Leftrightarrow & x = \gamma \cdot (x' + ut') \\ y' = y & & y = y' \\ z' = z & & z = z' \end{array}$$

Length Contraction:  $L = L_0/\gamma$  (in  $x$ -direction)

Time Dilation:  $\Delta t = \gamma \cdot \Delta t_0$

Doppler Effect: DIAGRAM

$$\Delta t_{Obs} = \Delta t \pm \frac{u}{c} \Delta t = \gamma \cdot (1 \pm u/c) \cdot \Delta t_0$$

$$f = 1/t_{Obs}, \text{ so } \frac{f}{f_0} = \frac{1}{\gamma \cdot (1 \pm u/c)} \text{ also, } \lambda = 1/f$$

+ for a source moving away, - for towards.

Also:

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt'} \frac{dt'}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt'} \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

For 1D:

$$v = \frac{v' + u}{1 + uv'/c^2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad v' = \frac{v - u}{1 - uv/c^2}$$

For 3D:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v'_x = \frac{v_x + u}{1 + uv'_x/c^2} \\ v'_y = \frac{v_y}{\gamma \cdot (1 - uv/c^2)} \\ v'_z = \frac{v_z}{\gamma \cdot (1 - uv/c^2)} \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_x = \frac{v'_x + u}{1 + uv'_x/c^2} \\ v_y = \frac{v'_y}{\gamma \cdot (1 + uv'/c^2)} \\ v_z = \frac{v'_z}{\gamma \cdot (1 + uv'/c^2)} \end{array} \right.$$

Mass:  $m = \gamma \cdot m_0$

Momentum:  $\rho = \gamma \cdot m_0 \mathbf{v}$

[Force:  $\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \gamma \cdot m_0 \mathbf{a} + \dot{\gamma} \cdot m_0 \mathbf{v}$  N.B:  $\mathbf{F} \neq m\mathbf{a}$ , not even necessarily parallel.]

Energy:  $\Delta E = \Delta m_0 c^2$

$$E = E_0 + E_K = \gamma \cdot m_0 c^2$$

$$E_K = (\gamma - 1)m_0 c^2$$

Energy & Momentum:  $E^2 - \rho^2 c^2 = m_0^2 c^4$  (A Lorentz Invariant)

Massless Particles:  $E = \rho c$

$s^2 = c^2 t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$  &  $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2$  are also Lorentz invariants.

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Newton's Second Law:  $\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\mathbf{v})}{dt}$

Newton's Law of Gravitation:  $\mathbf{F} = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

Centre of Mass:  $\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\sum m\mathbf{r}}{\sum m}$

Static Friction:  $F_s \leq \mu_s N$

Static Friction on an Inclined Plane:  $\tan \theta \leq \mu_s$

Kinetic Friction:  $F_K = \mu_K N$

Rolling Friction:  $F_R = \mu_R N$

Fluid Forces: ( $k$  arbitrary)

Floatation Force:  $\mathbf{F} = k \times \rho L^3 g$

Air Resistance:  $k \times \rho L^2 v^2$

Viscous Drag:  $k \times \eta L v$  ( $[\eta] = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$ -viscosity)

Pressure Force:  $k \times PL^2$

Equation of Hydrostatic Equilibrium:  $\frac{dP}{dz} = -\rho g \implies$

Pressure at Depth  $h$ :  $P = \rho gh$

Pressure of an Ideal Gas:  $P = \frac{k_B T}{\mu} \rho$

Delta V: (Rockets)  $v_e \log\left(\frac{m_0}{m}\right)$

Delta V (at Launch):  $v_e \log\left(\frac{m_0}{m}\right) - gt$

Angular Speed:  $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

Speed:  $v = \omega r$

Acceleration:  $a = \omega^2 r = \frac{v^2}{r}$   $\xrightarrow{F=ma}$

Force:  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$

Velocity:  $\mathbf{v} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}$

For Orbit:  $\omega^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{T_p^2} = \frac{GM}{R^3}$  ( $T_p$ -Time Period)

Torque:  $\tau = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ ,  $\tau = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$

Angular Momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$ ,  $L = I\omega$

Moment of Inertia:  $I = \sum mr^2 = \int r^2 dm = \int r^2 \rho dV$

Sometimes (When???):  $\mathbf{L} = I\omega$ ,  $\tau = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = I \frac{d\omega}{dt}$

Common Moments of Inertia:

Ring:  $I = MR^2$

Disc:  $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$

Sphere:  $I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$

Rod (through centre):  $\frac{1}{12}ML^2$

Rod (through end):  $\frac{1}{3}ML^2$

When no external torques act angular momentum is conserved:  $\tau = 0$

Work Done:  $\Delta W = \int_A^B \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

Kinetic Energy (Linear):  $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Kinetic Energy (Rotational):  $E_K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega$

Kinetic Energy (Total):  $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

Work Done by a conservative force:  $\Delta W = \int_A^B \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = U(A) - U(B) = -\Delta U$ , so  $E = E_K + U = \text{constant}$

Work you do:  $\Delta W_{YOU} = \Delta U$

Gravitational Potential Energy:  $U(r) = -\frac{GMm}{r}$

Gravitational Potential:  $u(r) = \frac{U(r)}{m} = -\frac{GM}{r}$

Escape Velocity:  $v > \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$

Power:  $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \tau \cdot \omega$

Effective Potential:  $E = E_K + U = \frac{1}{2}m(v_r^2 + v_\theta^2) + U$

$\epsilon = \frac{E}{m} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{r}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(r\dot{\theta})^2 + u(r)$

$L = r(mv_\theta) = mr^2\dot{\theta}$

$r^2\dot{\theta} = \frac{L}{m} = h$

$\frac{1}{2}\dot{r}^2 + \frac{h^2}{2r^2} + u(r) = \epsilon$

or  $\frac{1}{2}\dot{r}^2 + u'(r) = \epsilon$

Effective Potential:  $u'(r) = u(r) + \frac{h^2}{2r^2}$

Polar Equation Ellipse:  $r = \frac{\ell}{1+e \cos \theta}$

Semi-major axis:  $a = \frac{\ell}{1-e^2}$

Orbit under gravity:  $\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = \frac{GM}{h^2}$

Kepler's First Law:  $\ell = \frac{h^2}{GM}$

Kepler's Third Law:  $\frac{4\pi^2}{T_p^2 P^2} = \frac{GM}{a^3}$

Orbital Energy per unit mass:  $\epsilon = -\frac{GM}{2a}$

Binary System:  $\frac{4\pi^2}{T_p^2} = \frac{G(M_1+M_2)}{a^3}$