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Chapter 1

Physics

1.1 Motion

1.1.1 Velocity

- $$\vec{v} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{x}}$$

1.1.2 Acceleration

- $$\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dt^2} = \ddot{\vec{x}}$$

1.1.3 Newton's Laws

Newton's First Law

- When viewed in an inertial reference frame, an object either remains at rest or continues to move at a constant velocity, unless acted upon by a net force.

Newton's Second Law

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

Newton's Third Law

- $$\vec{F}_A = -\vec{F}_B$$
- When one body exerts a force on a second body, the second body simultaneously exerts a force equal in magnitude and opposite in direction on the first body.

1.1.4 Momentum

- $$\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{v} \approx m \vec{v}$$
- $$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F} \Delta t$$
- $$\vec{F} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

1.1.5 Centripetal Force

- $$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

1.1.6 Kinetic Energy

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

1.1.7 Projectile Motion

- $v_y^2 = u_y^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$
- $x = u_x t$
- $\Delta y = u_y \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_y \Delta t^2 = u_y t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{F_y}{m} \Delta t^2$

1.1.8 Rotation

Angular Velocity

- $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \dot{\theta}$
- $\omega = \frac{v}{r}$
- $\vec{v} = \vec{r} \times \vec{\omega}$

Angular Acceleration

- $\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \dot{\omega} = \ddot{\theta}$

Moment of Inertia

Point Mass

- $I = mr^2$

Several Point Masses

- $I = \sum mr^2$

Continuous mass

- $I = \int r^2 dm$

Parallel axis theorem

- $I = I_{com} + md^2$

Thin disc rotating about centre

- $I = \frac{MR^2}{2}$

Thin hoop rotating about centre

- $I = MR^2$

Thin rod rotating about centre

- $I = \frac{ML^2}{12}$

Thin rod rotating about end

- $I = \frac{ML^2}{3}$

Rotational Kinetic Energy

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

Total Kinetic Energy

- $K_{tot} = K_{trans} + K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} (mr_{com}^2 + I_{com}) \omega^2$

Angular Momentum

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

Torque

- $\vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha} = \frac{dL}{dt} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

1.1.9 Euler-Lagrange and the Hamiltonian

Lagrangian

- $\ell = T - V = \sum_{lm} a(q) \dot{q}_l \dot{q}_m$
- $= K(\dot{q}_l) - U(q_l)$

Generalised coordinates & momenta

- $p_k \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$

Euler-Lagrange Equation

- $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial x} = 0$

Action

- $S[x(t)] = \int_{t_A}^{t_B} \ell(\dot{x}(t), x(t)) dt$

Hamiltonian

- $\mathcal{H} = \sum_l p_l \dot{q} - L$
- $\dot{P} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q}$
- $\dot{Q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P}$
- $\dot{P} = -\omega^2 Q$
- $\dot{Q} = P$

1.2 Oscillations

1.2.1 Springs

Force of a Spring

- $\vec{F} = -k_s \vec{x}$

Potential Energy of a Spring

- $U_s = \frac{1}{2} k_s x^2$

Angular Frequency of a Spring

- $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k_s}{m}}$

1.3 Materials

1.3.1 Density

- $$\rho = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{dm}{dV}$$

1.4 Energy

1.4.1 Work

- $$W = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \approx \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

1.5 Forces

1.5.1 Buoyancy (Archimedes' Principle)

- $$F_{buoy} = m_{displaced}g = \rho_d V_d g$$

1.5.2 Friction

- $$F_K \approx \mu_K F_{\perp}$$
- $$F_S \leq \mu_S F_{\perp}$$

1.6 Waves

- $$a \sin(\omega t - kx + \phi)$$
- $$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

1.6.1 Wavelength

- $$v = f\lambda$$

1.6.2 Angular Frequency

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

1.7 Newtonian Gravity

1.7.1 Force of Gravity

- $$\vec{F}_G = \frac{GmM}{r^2} \hat{r} = -m\vec{\nabla}\Phi(\vec{r}) \approx -mg\hat{y} = m\vec{g}$$

1.7.2 Gravitational Potential (potential energy per unit mass)

- $$\Phi(\vec{r}) = -\sum_i \frac{GM(\vec{r}_i)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|} = -\int \frac{G\mu(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r'$$

1.7.3 Gravitational field

- $$\vec{g}(\vec{r}) = \frac{GM}{r^2} = -\nabla\Phi(\vec{r})$$

1.7.4 Gravitational Potential Energy

- $$U_G = -\frac{GmM}{r} \approx mgh$$

1.7.5 Kepler's Third Law

- $\frac{T^2}{r^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(m+M)} = \text{constant}$

1.8 Electromagnetism

1.8.1 Notation

- $\vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$

1.8.2 Maxwell's Equations

	Integral form	Differential form
Gauss's Law	$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho \, dV$ $= \frac{\sum Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$
Gauss's Law for Magnetism	$\oiint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$
Maxwell-Faraday equation	$\oint_b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$	$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$
Ampère's circuital law	$\oint_b \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{a} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$ $= \mu_0 (I_{\text{enc}} + \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a})$	$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$

1.8.3 Lorentz Force

On a point charge

- $\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$

On a current

- $d\vec{F} = I \int d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$
- $\vec{F} = \vec{I}L \times \vec{B}$

1.8.4 Electric Field

- $\vec{E} = \int_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{r^2} \hat{z} \, d\tau$

From a single point charge

- $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$

From a dipole

- $|\vec{E}_{\text{axis}}| \approx \frac{2p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$
- $|\vec{E}_{\perp}| \approx \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$

1.8.5 Dipole moment

- $\vec{p} = q\vec{d}$

1.8.6 Electric potential

- $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{z}$
- $\nabla^2 V = \frac{-\rho}{\epsilon_0}$

In a single-point charge field

- $\Delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$

1.8.7 Electric potential difference

- $\Delta(\vec{r}) = - \int_{\vec{b}}^{\vec{a}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$

In a single-point charge field

- $\Delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} Q \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$

1.8.8 Electric potential energy

- $U_E = q\Delta V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{z}$

Energy stored in an electrostatic field distribution

- $U_E = \frac{1}{2} = \epsilon_0 E^2 \times \text{volume}$

1.8.9 Charge densities

Surface

- $\sigma = \frac{dq}{da} = \frac{Q}{A}$

Line

- $\lambda = \frac{dq}{dl} = \frac{Q}{L}$

1.8.10 Current densities

Volume

- $\vec{J} = \frac{d\vec{I}}{d\vec{a}_\perp} = \frac{I}{A_\perp} = \sigma(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times B) = |q|nu(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times B)$
- $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$

Surface

- $\vec{K} = \frac{d\vec{I}}{d\vec{l}_\perp} = \frac{I}{l} = \sigma\vec{v}$

1.8.11 Circuits

Electron drift velocity

- $\vec{v} = u\vec{E}_{\text{net}}$

Current per unit charge

- $i = nA_{cs}\bar{v} = nA_{cs}uE_{\text{net}}$

Current

- $I = ei = enA_{cs}uE_{\text{net}} = \frac{dq}{dt}$

Electrical Power

- $P = IV = I^2R$

Voltage (Electric potential difference)

- $V = \Delta V = IR = -\varepsilon$

Electromotive Force (EMF) from a Non-Coulomb force

- $\epsilon = \frac{F_{\text{NCD}}}{e}$

Resistance

- $R = \frac{L\rho}{A} = \frac{L}{\sigma A}$
- $R_{\text{series}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_n$
- $\frac{1}{R_{\text{parallel}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n}$

1.8.12 Capacitors

Capacitance

- $C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\varepsilon A}{d} = \frac{k\varepsilon_0 A}{d}$

Energy stored in a capacitor

- $W = \frac{CV^2}{2}$

Electric field in a capacitor

- $E = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0 A}$

Potential difference across a capacitor

- $\Delta V = -\frac{dQ}{A\varepsilon_0}$

1.8.13 Magnetic fields

- $\vec{B}(\vec{z}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{I} \times \hat{z}}{z^2} dl$
- $d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \hat{z}}{z^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{l} \times \hat{z}}{z^2}$

Magnetic field due to a wire

- $\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{2I}{r} \hat{\phi}$

Magnetic vector potential

- $\vec{A}(\vec{z}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{z} d\tau$
- $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B}$
- $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = -\mu_0 \vec{J}$
- $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

1.8.14 Inductors

- $\varepsilon = -LI$

Energy stored in an inductor

- $W = \frac{LI^2}{2}$

1.8.15 Materials

Macroscopic Maxwell's Equations (Materials)

	Integral form	Differential form
Gauss's Laws	$\oiint_S \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{a} = -\sum Q_B$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = -\rho_B$
	$\oiint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = \sum Q_f$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$
Gauss's Law for Magnetism	$\oiint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$
Maxwell-Faraday equation	$\oint_b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$	$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$
Ampère's circuital law	$\oint_b \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{f,enc} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}$	$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$

Dielectric constant

- $k = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} = \varepsilon_r$
- $\varepsilon = k\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0$

Susceptibility

- $\chi_e = 1 - \varepsilon_r$

Polarisability

- $\vec{P} = \varepsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} = n\vec{p}$

Bound Charge

Surface

- $\sigma_B = \vec{p} \cdot \hat{n}$

Volume

- $\rho_B = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$

Total

- $Q_B = \sigma_B + \rho_B = \vec{p} \cdot \hat{n} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$

Electric displacement

- $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = k\epsilon_0 \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

Magnetic field

- $\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M}$

Magnetic dipole

- $\vec{m} = I\vec{a}$

Bound current

- $\vec{J}_B = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}$
- $\vec{K}_B = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$

1.9 Special Relativity

1.9.1 Interval

- $\Delta s^2 = -c^2 \Delta t^2 + \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2$
- $ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$
- $\Delta s^2 < 0$ is a timelike interval. Events separated by this interval can be causally related.
- $\Delta s^2 = 0$ is a lightlike interval. Events separated by this interval can be causally related, but only by a lightspeed signal.
- $\Delta s^2 > 0$ is a spacelike interval. Events separated by this interval CANNOT be causally related.

Gamma Factor

- $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}}$
- $\gamma = \frac{dt}{d\tau}$

Mass-energy

- $E_{\text{rest}} = mc^2$
- $E = \gamma mc^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}} mc^2$

Relativistic kinetic energy

- $K = \gamma mc^2 - mc^2$

Length contraction

- $l_v = \frac{l_0}{\gamma} = l_0 \sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}$

Time dilation

- $t_v = \gamma t_0 = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}}$

Mass dilation

- $$m_v = \gamma m_0 = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}}$$

Relative Velocity

- $$u'_x = \frac{\Delta x'}{\Delta t} = \frac{u_x - v_x}{1 - \frac{v_x u_x}{c^2}}$$

Relativistic Momentum

- $$\vec{p} = \gamma \vec{v} = \frac{m \vec{v}}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$$

1.9.2 Four-vectors

Four-space

- $$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Four-velocity (proper velocity)

- $$\mathbf{u} = \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{d\tau} = \gamma \begin{bmatrix} c \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- $$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = -c^2$$

Four-acceleration

- $$\mathbf{w} = \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{d\tau} = \gamma \begin{bmatrix} c \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- $$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Four-momentum

- $$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} E/c \\ p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} = \gamma m \begin{bmatrix} c \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = m \mathbf{u}$$

1.9.3 Frames of Reference

Condition for an inertial frame

- $$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = 0$$

Galilean Transformations

- $$x' = x + vt$$

- $$y' = y$$

- $$z' = z$$

- All assuming x is along the axis of motion and $x = x'$ when $t = 0$.

Lorentz Boosts

- $t' = \gamma(t - \frac{vx}{c^2})$
- $x' = \gamma(x - vt)$
- $y' = y$
- $z' = z$
- (x is along the axis of motion)
- $$\begin{bmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -v\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -v\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

General Lorentz transformation

- $$\begin{bmatrix} b'^0 \\ b'^1 \\ b'^2 \\ b'^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -v\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -v\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b^0 \\ b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \end{bmatrix}$$
- Motion along the x -axis.

Proper Time

- $$\tau = \int_{t_A}^{t_B} \frac{1}{\gamma} dt = \int_{t_A}^{t_B} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2(t)}{c^2}} dt$$

1.10 General Relativity

1.10.1 Metrics

Minkowski

- $$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$
- $ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$

Schwarzschild

- $$g = \begin{bmatrix} -(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r})^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$
- $ds^2 = -(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r})c^2 dt^2 + (1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r})^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$

1.10.2 Rindler coordinates

Line element

- $ds^2 = -\left(1 + \frac{gx'}{c^2}\right)^2 (c dt')^2 + dx'^2$

1.10.3 Einstein summation notation

- $a_\mu b^\mu \equiv \sum_{\mu=0}^3 a_\mu b^\mu$
- Contravariant: e^α
- Covariant: e_α
- $t_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\beta\gamma} t_\alpha^\gamma$
- $t_\alpha^\beta = g^{\beta\gamma} t_{\alpha\gamma}$
- $t'^\alpha{}_\beta = \frac{\partial x'^\alpha}{\partial x^\gamma} \frac{\partial x^\delta}{\partial x'^\beta} t^\gamma{}_\delta$
- $t'^\alpha{}_\beta = \frac{\partial x^\gamma}{\partial x'^\alpha} \frac{\partial x'^\delta}{\partial x^\beta} t^\gamma{}_\delta$

Metrics

- $ds^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta$
- $g^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{g_{\alpha\beta}}$
- $\delta_\beta^\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & \alpha = \beta \\ 0 & \alpha \neq \beta \end{cases}$
- $\delta_\gamma^\alpha a^\gamma = a^\alpha$
- $g^{\alpha\gamma} g_{\gamma\beta} = \delta_\beta^\alpha$

Four-vector product

- $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = g_{\alpha\beta} a^\alpha b^\beta = a_\beta b^\beta$

1.10.4 Christoffel symbols

- $\Gamma^\alpha{}_{\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\delta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\delta\beta}}{\partial x^\gamma} + \frac{\partial g_{\delta\gamma}}{\partial x^\beta} - \frac{\partial g_{\beta\gamma}}{\partial x^\delta} \right)$
- $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\delta\beta}}{\partial x^\gamma} + \frac{\partial g_{\delta\gamma}}{\partial x^\beta} - \frac{\partial g_{\beta\gamma}}{\partial x^\delta} \right)$
- $\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu{}_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\beta}{d\tau} = 0$

1.10.5 Covariant derivatives

- $\nabla_\gamma t^\alpha{}_\beta = \frac{\partial t^\alpha{}_\beta}{\partial x^\gamma} + \Gamma^\alpha{}_{\gamma\delta} t^\delta{}_\beta - \Gamma^\delta{}_{\gamma\beta} t^\alpha{}_\delta$
- $\nabla_\gamma t^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial t^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^\gamma} + \Gamma^\alpha{}_{\gamma\delta} t^{\delta\beta} + \Gamma^\beta{}_{\gamma\delta} t^{\alpha\delta}$
- $\nabla_\gamma t_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial t_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^\gamma} - \Gamma^\delta{}_{\gamma\alpha} t_{\delta\beta} - \Gamma^\delta{}_{\gamma\beta} t_{\alpha\delta}$
- $\nabla_\gamma t_\alpha{}^\beta = \frac{\partial t_\alpha{}^\beta}{\partial x^\gamma} - \Gamma^\delta{}_{\gamma\alpha} t_{\delta\beta} + \Gamma^\beta{}_{\gamma\delta} t_\alpha{}^\delta$

1.10.6 Riemann curvature tensor

- $R^\alpha{}_{\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{\partial\Gamma^\alpha{}_{\beta\delta}}{\partial x^\gamma} - \frac{\partial\Gamma^\alpha{}_{\beta\gamma}}{\partial x^\delta} + \Gamma^\alpha{}_{\gamma\epsilon}\Gamma^\epsilon{}_{\beta\delta} - \Gamma^\alpha{}_{\delta\epsilon}\Gamma^\epsilon{}_{\beta\gamma}$
- $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2 g_{\alpha\delta}}{\partial x^\beta\partial x^\gamma} - \frac{\partial^2 g_{\alpha\gamma}}{\partial x^\beta\partial x^\delta} - \frac{\partial^2 g_{\beta\delta}}{\partial x^\alpha\partial x^\gamma}\right) + \frac{\partial^2 g_{\beta\gamma}}{\partial x^\alpha\partial x^\delta}$
- $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -R_{\beta\alpha\gamma\delta}$
- $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -R_{\beta\alpha\delta\gamma}$
- $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = R_{\delta\gamma\alpha\beta}$
- $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + R_{\alpha\delta\beta\gamma} + R_{\alpha\gamma\delta\beta} = 0$

1.10.7 Ricci curvature tensor

- $R_{\alpha\beta} = R^\gamma{}_{\alpha\gamma\beta}$
- $R = R^\alpha{}_\alpha$

1.10.8 Einstein's equations

- $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$

1.11 Thermodynamics

1.11.1 Ideal Gases

Ideal Gas Law

- $pV = Nk_B T$

Heat / Thermal Energy

- $Q = mc\Delta T$

Heat Capacity

- $C = \frac{dQ}{dT}$

Specific Heat Capacity

- $c = \frac{C}{m}$

1.11.2 Microstates

- $\Omega = \frac{(q + N - 1)}{q!(N - 1)}$

1.11.3 Entropy

- $S = k_B \ln \Omega$

1.11.4 Black bodies

Energy of a photon

- $E = hf$

Wien's Displacement Law

- $\lambda_{max} = \frac{b}{T} = (2.8977729 \times 10^{-3})\frac{1}{T}$

Stefan-Boltzmann Law

- $I = \sigma T^4$

Spectrum

- $B_\lambda(T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{\exp(\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}) - 1}$
- $B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu}{c^2} \frac{1}{\exp(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}) - 1}$

1.12 Quantum Mechanics

1.12.1 The Uncertainty Principle

- $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$
- $\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$

1.12.2 Bras and Kets

- $|\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|^\dagger$

1.12.3 Rules for an Inner Product

- $\langle\psi|\phi\rangle \equiv (|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle)$
- Symmetric:
 $\langle\psi|\phi\rangle = \langle\phi|\psi\rangle^*$
- Linear in second component
- Anti-linear in first component

1.12.4 The Born Rule

- $P = |\langle\psi|\psi\rangle|^2$

1.12.5 Expectation

- $\langle A \rangle = \int A |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx$
- $\langle A \rangle = \langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle$

1.12.6 Variance

- $\text{var}(A) = \langle\psi|A^2|\psi\rangle - \langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle^2$

1.12.7 Standard Deviation

- $\delta A = \sqrt{\text{var}(A)} = \sqrt{\langle\psi|A^2|\psi\rangle - \langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle^2}$

1.12.8 Trace

- $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_j \langle x_j | A | x_j \rangle$

1.12.9 Partial Trace

- $\text{Tr}_B(|a\rangle\langle a| \otimes |b\rangle\langle b|) \equiv |a\rangle\langle a| \text{Tr}(|b\rangle\langle b|)$
- $\text{Tr}(k_{AB}) = \text{Tr}_A(\text{Tr}_B(k_{AB})) = \text{Tr}_B(\text{Tr}_A(k_{AB}))$
- $\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{AB})$
- The partial trace is linear

1.12.10 The Schrödinger Equation

- $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(r, t) = \hat{H} \Psi(r, t)$
- $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \Psi(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t}$
- $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \psi(x, t) = E \psi(x)$
- $\hat{H} |\Psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle$

1.12.11 Heisenberg equation of motion

- $\frac{d}{dt} \hat{A}(t) = \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{A}(t)]$

1.12.12 Operators

- $a_{jk} = \langle j|A|k\rangle$

Diagonalizable Operator

- $A = \sum_j \lambda_j |\lambda_j\rangle\langle\lambda_j|$

Normal Operator

- $A = \sum_j |\lambda_j\rangle\langle\lambda_j|$

Eigenstate Operators

- $(|\lambda_k\rangle\langle\lambda_k|)^n = |\lambda_k\rangle\langle\lambda_k|$

Identity

- $I = \sum_j |x_j\rangle\langle x_j|$

Projector

- $P = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

Density operator

- $\rho \equiv \sum_j P_j |\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|$
- Hermitian: $\rho^\dagger = \rho$
- Normalised: $\text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$
- Positive Semi-Definite: $\langle\psi|\rho|\psi\rangle \geq 0, \forall |\psi\rangle \in \mathbf{H}$
- *purity* = $\text{Tr}(\rho^2)$

- $\frac{1}{d} \leq \text{Tr}(\rho^2) \leq 1$
- Pure: $\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = 1$
- Maximally mixed: $\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = \frac{1}{d}$
- $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho_{AB})$
- $\langle A \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho A)$

Pauli Operators

- $\sigma_x = X = |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\sigma_y = Y = i|1\rangle\langle 0| - i|0\rangle\langle 1| \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\sigma_z = Z = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $I = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (Sometimes included)
- $\text{Tr}(X) = \text{Tr}(Y) = \text{Tr}(Z) = 0$
- With respect to Hilbert-Schmidt Inner Product:
 $\|X\| = \|Y\| = \|Z\| = \|I\| = \sqrt{2}$

Properties

- Unitary
- Hermitian
- $\lambda = \pm 1$

Photon Annihilation and Creation Operators

- $\hat{a}|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$
- $\hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$
- $\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$
- $\langle\alpha|\hat{a}^\dagger = \alpha^*\langle\alpha|$

Atomic Energy Level Operators (for a two-level approximation)

- $\hat{\sigma}_+ = |e\rangle\langle g|$
- $\hat{\sigma}_- = |g\rangle\langle e|$
- $\hat{\sigma}_z = |e\rangle\langle e| - |g\rangle\langle g|$
- $\hat{\sigma}_+|g\rangle = |e\rangle$
- $\hat{\sigma}_-|e\rangle = |g\rangle$
- $\hat{\sigma}_+|e\rangle = 0$
- $\hat{\sigma}_-|g\rangle = 0$

Chapter 2

Astrophysics & Astronomy

2.1 Astrometry

2.1.1 Redshift

- $z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obs}} - \lambda_{\text{emit}}}{\lambda_{\text{emit}}} = \frac{f_{\text{emit}} - f_{\text{obs}}}{f_{\text{obs}}} \approx \frac{v}{c} \quad (v \ll c)$
- $1 + z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obs}}}{\lambda_{\text{emit}}} = \frac{f_{\text{emit}}}{f_{\text{obs}}}$

2.1.2 Apparent magnitude

- $m - m_0 = -2.5 \log_{10}\left(\frac{F}{F_0}\right)$

2.1.3 Absolute magnitude

- $M = m - 5 \log_{10}\left(\frac{d}{10}\right)$

2.1.4 Relative magnitudes

- $\frac{I_a}{I_b} = 100^{\frac{(m_b - m_a)}{5}}$

2.1.5 Flux-magnitude relationship

- $F = F_0 \times 10^{-0.4m}$

2.1.6 Color

- $-2.5 \log\left(\frac{F_{f1}}{F_{f2}}\right)$

2.1.7 Metallicity

- $Z = \log_{10}\left(\frac{(Fe/H)_*}{(Fe/H)_{\odot}}\right) = \log_{10}(Fe/H)_* - \log_{10}(Fe/H)_{\odot}$

2.2 Stars

2.2.1 Stellar Structure Equations

Hydrostatic Equilibrium

- $\frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{-GM_r \rho(r)}{r^2}$

Mass Conservation

- $\frac{M_r}{r} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$

Energy Equation

- $\frac{dL_r}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho \varepsilon$

Radiative Transport

- $\frac{dT}{dr}|_{rad} = \frac{3}{4ac} \frac{\bar{\kappa} \rho}{T^3} \frac{L_r}{4\pi r^2}$

2.2.2 Luminosity

- $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{eff}^4$

2.2.3 Timescales

Thermal / Kelvin-Helmholtz Timescale

- $\tau_{KH} = \frac{|U_*|}{L_*} = \frac{GM_*^2}{R_* L_*}$
- $\tau_{KH\odot} \approx 50$ million years

Dynamical Timescale

- $\tau_{dyn} \approx \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}} \approx \sqrt{G\bar{\rho}}$

Nuclear Timescale / Main Sequence Lifespan

- $\tau_N \approx \tau_{\odot} M^{-3} \approx 10^9 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-3}$

2.2.4 Gravitational potential energy

- $U_* \approx \frac{-GM^2}{R}$

2.2.5 Eddington Limit (hydrostatic equilibrium)

- $L_{edd} = \frac{4\pi GMm_p c}{\sigma T} \approx 3.2 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) [L_{\odot}]$
- $M_{edd} = 3.1 * 10^{-5} \left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}}\right) [M_{\odot}]$

Eddington Rate (mass loss)

- $\dot{M}_{edd} = \frac{L_{edd}}{\eta c^2} \approx 2.4 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) [M_{\odot}/yr]$

2.2.6 Mass-Luminosity Relationship

- $\frac{L}{L_{\odot}} \approx b \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^a ; \quad a, b = \begin{cases} 2.3, 0.23 & M < 0.43M_{\odot} \\ 4, 1 & 0.43M_{\odot} < M < 2M_{\odot} \\ 3.5, 1.5 & 2M_{\odot} < M < 20M_{\odot} \\ 1, 32000 & M > 55M_{\odot} \end{cases}$

2.3 Galaxies

2.3.1 Hubble Elliptical Galaxy Classification

- $10 \times \left(\frac{a-b}{a} \right)$

2.3.2 Sérsic Profile

- $I(R) = I_0 \exp\left\{-b\left[\left(\frac{R}{R_e}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1\right]\right\}$

2.3.3 Density of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy

- $\rho(R, z) = \rho_0 e^{-z/z_0} e^{-R/h}$

2.4 Black Holes

2.4.1 Schwarzschild Radius

- $r_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$

2.5 Instrumentation

2.5.1 Lensmaker's equation

- $\frac{1}{f} = (n-1)\left[\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{(n-1)d}{nR_1R_2}\right]$
 $\approx (n-1)\left[\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2}\right]$ (Thin lens approximation)

2.5.2 Focal ratio / Focal number

- $N = \frac{f}{D}$

2.5.3 Field of view

- $FOV = \frac{w_D}{D_T N} = \frac{w_D}{f_{sys}}$

2.5.4 Resolution Limits

Diffraction limit (Rayleigh criterion)

- $\varepsilon_d = 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{D}$

Seeing limit (Rayleigh criterion)

- $\varepsilon_s = 0.98 \frac{\lambda}{r_0}$

Total Resolution limit

- $\varepsilon \sqrt{\varepsilon_d^2 + \varepsilon_s^2}$

2.5.5 Nyquist sampling

- $\frac{2p}{f_{sys}} = \frac{\lambda}{D_T}$ (When diffraction limited)

- $N = \frac{2p}{\lambda}$

2.5.6 Plate scale

- $\frac{1}{f}[\text{rad}/m] = \frac{206265}{f}[\text{arcsec}/m]$

2.5.7 Fitting error

- $\sigma_{\text{fit}}^2 = a_f \left(\frac{d_{\text{sub}}}{r_0}\right)^{\frac{5}{3}} = 0.26 \left(\frac{d_{\text{sub}}}{r_0}\right)^{\frac{5}{3}}$

2.5.8 Adaptive optics error

- $\sigma_{\text{total}}^2 = 0.3 \left(\frac{d_{\text{sub}}}{r_0}\right)^{\frac{5}{3}} + \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta_0}\right)^{\frac{5}{3}} + 28.4 \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^{\frac{5}{3}} + C_{WFS} \left(\frac{\lambda}{F\tau d_{\text{sub}}}\right)^2$

2.5.9 Signal-to-noise ratio

- $\text{SNR} = \frac{Ft}{\sqrt{Ft + (B_s n_p t) + (D n_p t) + (R^2 n_p)}}$

2.5.10 Atmospheric Extinction

- $m_\lambda = m_{\lambda,z} - a_\lambda(\sec z)$

2.5.11 Rocket science

Tsiolkovsky rocket equation

- $\Delta v = v_e \ln\left(\frac{m_0}{m_f}\right)$

Chapter 3

Mathematics

3.1 Notation

- $[f(x)]_b^a = f(a) - f(b)$

3.2 Algebra

3.2.1 Factorisation

- $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$
- $(a - b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$
- $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$
- $(a + b)(a + c) = a^2 + (b + c)a + bc$
- $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3ab^2 + 3a^2b + b^3$
- $(a - b)^3 = a^3 + 3ab^2 - 3a^2b - b^3$
- $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
- $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
- $a^{2n} - b^{2n} = (a^n - b^n)(a^n + b^n)$

3.2.2 Absolute Value

- $|ab| = |a||b|$
- $\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$
- $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$

3.2.3 Quadratics

Quadratic Formula

For $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$:

- $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
- $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ - two real unequal solutions.
- $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ - repeated real solution.
- $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ - two complex solutions.

3.2.4 Logarithms

- $y = \log_b(x); x = b^y$
- $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b(y)$
- $\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b x - \log_b(y)$
- $\log_b(x^p) = p \log_b x$
- $\log_b(b^x) = x$
- $\log_b(a) = \frac{\log_d(a)}{\log_d(b)}$
- $\log_b(\sqrt[p]{x}) = \frac{1}{p} \log_b x$
- $p \log_b x + q \log_b(y) = \log_b(x^p y^q)$
- $b^{\log_b x} = x$
- $\log_b(b) = 1$
- $\log_b(1) = 0$

3.2.5 Vectors

Dot Product

- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3 + \dots + a_n b_n = ab \cos \theta$

Cross Product

- $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2) \hat{i} + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3) \hat{j} + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1) \hat{k} = ab \sin \theta \hat{n}$
- $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$
- $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$
- $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$

Vector Product Identities

- $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

3.2.6 Factorials

- $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(2)(1)$
- $(n+1)! = (n+1)n!$

Stirling's approximation

- $n! \approx n \ln(n) - n + O(\ln(n))$

The Factorial Integral

- $\int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-x} dx$

3.2.7 Inner product definition

1. Linear in first variable:

$$(\alpha a + \beta b, c) = \alpha(a, c) + \beta(b, c)$$

2. Positive-definite:

$$(a, a) \geq 0, (a, a) = 0 \iff a = 0$$

3. Conjugate symmetrical:

$$(a, b) = (b, a)^*$$

$$(a, b) = (b, a), b, a \in \mathbf{R}$$

3.2.8 Complex Numbers

- $z = a + ib = \Re(z) + \Im(z)i$

Euler's Formula

- $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

- $re^{i\theta} = |z|e^{i\theta} = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$

De Moivre's Formula

- $(\cos x + i \sin x)^n = \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)$

Complex Modulus

- $r = |z| = |a + ib| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{\Re^2(z) + \Im^2(z)}$

Complex Conjugate

- $\bar{z} = (a + ib) = a - ib$

- $(a + ib)(a - ib) = |a + ib|^2$

Complex Argument

- $\theta = \arg(z) = \arctan\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{\Im(z)}{\Re(z)}\right)$

3.2.9 Power Series

- $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n x^n$

Notable Series

- $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{x^5}{120} + \dots$

- $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$

- $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$

3.2.10 Matrix Operations

Determinant

- $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$

Transpose

- $a_{jk}^T = a_{kj}$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- Linear: $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $(rA)^T = rA^T$

Hermitian Adjoint

- $A^\dagger \equiv (A^*)^T = (A^T)^*$
- $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$
- $(A + B)^\dagger = A^\dagger + B^\dagger$

Trace

- $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_j^n a_{jj}$
- Cyclic: $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$
- Linear: $\text{Tr}(A + B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$
 $\text{Tr}(aB) = a\text{Tr}(B), a \in \mathbf{C}$
- $\text{Tr}(SAS^{-1}) = \text{Tr}(A)$

Hilbert-Schmidt Inner Product

- $(A, B) \equiv \text{Tr}(A^\dagger B)$

Rank-Nullity Theorem

- $\text{rk}(A) = \dim(\ker(A)) + \dim(\text{im}(A))$

3.2.11 Matrix Types

Real Matrix

- $a_{jk} \in \mathbf{R}$

Square Matrix

- $m = n$

Symmetric Matrix

- $A = A^T$
- $a_{jk} = a_{kj}$
- Square

Normal Matrix

- $A^\dagger A = AA^\dagger$
- Square
- Diagonalisable

Diagonal Matrix

- $a_{jk} = 0, j \neq k$
- $\lambda_j = a_{jj}$
- Square
- $e^D = \begin{bmatrix} e^{d_{11}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{d_{11}} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Diagonalisable Matrix

- $A = PDP^{-1}$
- Square

Identity Matrix

- $IA = A$
- $i_{jj} = 1$
- $i_{jk} = 0, j \neq k$
- Real
- Square
- Diagonal
- Symmetric
- Hermitian

Hermitian Matrix

- $H = H^\dagger$
- $h_{jk} = h_{kj}^*$
- $h_{jj} \in \mathbf{R}$
- $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$
- Square
- Normal
- All real, square matrices are Hermitian

Anti-Hermitian Matrix

- $H = -H^\dagger$
- $H_{jk} = -H_{kj}^*$
- Square

Orthogonal Matrix

- $A^T = A^{-1}$
- $AA^T = I$
- $(AA^T)_{jk} = \delta_{jk}$

Positive Semidefinite

- $A \geq 0$
- $\hat{A}^\dagger = \hat{A}, \hat{A} \geq 0$
- $B = \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{A}$ is positive semidefinite for any linear operator \hat{A}
- Positive semidefinite matrices are Hermitian

Projector

- $\hat{P}^2 = \hat{P}$
- $\lambda = 1$ or 0
- $P_1 P_2 \mapsto \mathbf{H}_1 \cap \mathbf{H}_2$
- Projectors are Hermitian

Real Matrix

- $A = A^*$
- $A_{jk} = A_{jk}^*$

Imaginary Matrix

- $A = -A^*$
- $A_{jk} = -A_{jk}^*$

Symmetric Matrix

- $A = A^T$
- $A_{jk} = A_{kj}$
- Square

Antisymmetric Matrix

- $A = -A^T$
- $a_{jk} = -a_{kj}$
- $a_{jj} = 0$
- Square

Unitary Matrix

- $U^\dagger U = U U^\dagger = I$
- $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$
- $(U^\dagger U)_{jk} = \delta_{jk}$
- Square
- Normal
- Hermitian

3.2.12 Change of Basis Unitary

- $(V)_b = [U^\dagger]_a (V)_a$
- $[U]_a = [(b_0)_a (b_1)_a \dots (b_n)_a]$

3.2.13 Commutator

- $[A, B] = AB - BA$
- $[A, A] = 0$
- $[A + B, C] = [A, C] + [B, C]$
- $[A, BC] = [A, B]C + B[A, C]$

3.2.14 Anticommutator

- $\{A, B\} = AB + BA$

3.2.15 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

- $|\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle|^2 \leq \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle \cdot \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$

3.3 Geometry

3.3.1 Pythagorean theorem

- $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
- $a = \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}$

Higher dimensions

- $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
- $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \sqrt{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}}$

Distance between two points

In two dimensions

- $d_{12} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

higher dimensions

- $d_{ab} = \sqrt{(b_1 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - a_2)^2 + \dots + (b_n - a_n)^2}$

3.3.2 Properties of shapes

	Area	Circumference
Circle	πR^2	$2\pi R$
Square	L^2	$4L$

3.3.3 Properties of solids

	Surface Area	Volume
Sphere	$4\pi R^2$	$\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$

3.3.4 Circular formulae

Arc length

- $l = R\theta$

Area of a sector

- $A = \frac{R^2\theta}{2}$

Area of a segment

- $A = \frac{R^2}{2}(\theta - \sin \theta)$

3.3.5 Useful Functions

Parabola

- $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$
- Vertex at (h, k)
- Up-concave if $a > 0$; down-concave if $a < 0$

- $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
- Vertex at $(-\frac{b}{2a}, f(-\frac{b}{2a}))$
- Up-concave if $a > 0$; down-concave if $a < 0$

Hyperbola

- $(\frac{x - h}{a})^2 - (\frac{y - k}{b})^2 = 1$
- Centre at (h, k)
- Asymptotes through centre, slope $\pm \frac{b}{a}$

Circle

- $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = R^2$
- Centre at (h, k)

Ellipse

- $1 = (\frac{x - h}{a})^2 + (\frac{y - k}{b})^2$
- Centre at (h, k)
- Vertices a units right/left from the centre and vertices b units up/down from the center.

Sphere

- $R^2 = (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 + (z - l)^2$
- Centre at (h, k, l) :

Ball

- $R^2 < (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 + (z - l)^2$
- Centre at (h, k, l) :

3.3.6 Coordinates

Transformations to Cartesian coordinates

Cartesian	$x = x$	$y = y$	$z = z$	$dV = dx dy dz$
Polar (2D)	$x = r \cos \phi$	$y = r \sin \phi$	N/A	$dA = r dr d\phi$
Cylindrical	$x = r \cos \phi$	$y = r \sin \phi$	$z = z$	$dV = r dr d\theta dz$
Spherical	$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$	$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$	$z = r \cos \theta$	$dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

Transformations from Cartesian coordinates

Cartesian	$x = x$	$y = y$	$z = z$
Polar (2D)	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$	$\phi' = \arctan \left \frac{y}{x} \right $ (ϕ depends on quadrant)	N/A
Cylindrical	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$	$\phi' = \arctan \left \frac{y}{x} \right $ (ϕ depends on quadrant)	$z = z$
Spherical	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$	$\phi' = \arctan \left \frac{y}{x} \right $ (ϕ depends on quadrant)	$\theta = \arccos \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right)$

3.3.7 Hyperbolic Functions

Hyperbolic Sine

- $\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{2e^x} = \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{2e^{-x}}$
- $\sinh x = -i \sin(ix)$

Hyperbolic Cosine

- $\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{2e^x} = \frac{1 + e^{-2x}}{2e^{-x}}$
- $\cosh x = \cos(ix)$

Hyperbolic Tangent

- $\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^{2x} + 1} = \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{1 + e^{-2x}}$
- $\tanh x = -i \tan(ix)$

Hyperbolic Cotangent

- $\coth x = \frac{1}{\tanh x} = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} = \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^{2x} - 1} = \frac{1 + e^{-2x}}{1 - e^{-2x}}$
- $\coth x = i \cot(ix)$

Hyperbolic Secant

- $\operatorname{sech} x = \frac{1}{\cosh x} = \frac{2}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{2e^x}{e^{2x} + 1} = \frac{2e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-2x}}$
- $\operatorname{sech} x = \sec(ix)$

Hyperbolic Cosecant

- $\operatorname{csch} x = \frac{1}{\sinh x} = \frac{2}{e^x - e^{-x}} = \frac{2e^x}{e^{2x} - 1} = \frac{2e^{-x}}{1 - e^{-2x}}$
- $\operatorname{csch} x = i \operatorname{csc}(ix)$

Identities

- $\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$
- $\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta)$

3.4 Trigonometry

Definitions

- SOH CAH TOA
- $\sin \theta = \frac{\textit{opposite}}{\textit{hypotenuse}}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{\textit{adjacent}}{\textit{hypotenuse}}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{\textit{opposite}}{\textit{adjacent}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{\textit{adjacent}}{\textit{opposite}} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{\textit{hypotenuse}}{\textit{adjacent}}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{\textit{hypotenuse}}{\textit{opposite}}$

3.4.1 Identities

Pythagorean Identities

- $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$
- $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$
- $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

Reciprocals

- $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$

As complex exponentials

- $\sin \theta = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{i(e^{ix} + e^{-ix})}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{i(e^{ix} + e^{-ix})}{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{2}{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{2i}{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}$

Symmetries

- $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$
- $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$
- $\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$
- $\csc(-\theta) = -\csc \theta$
- $\sec(-\theta) = \sec \theta$
- $\cot(-\theta) = -\cot \theta$

- $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos \theta$
- $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin \theta$
- $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot \theta$
- $\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sec \theta$
- $\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \csc \theta$
- $\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \tan \theta$

- $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta$
- $\cos(\pi - \theta) = -\cos \theta$
- $\tan(\pi - \theta) = -\tan \theta$
- $\csc(\pi - \theta) = \csc \theta$
- $\sec(\pi - \theta) = -\sec \theta$
- $\cot(\pi - \theta) = -\cot \theta$

Angle sum and difference formulae

- $\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$
- $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$
- $\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$

Half-angle formulae

- $\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$
- $\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}$
- $\tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$
- $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{\tan \theta}{1 + \sec \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \csc \theta - \cot \theta$

Double-angle formulae

- $\cos(2\theta) = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$
- $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$
- $\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$

Sum to Product

- $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$
- $\sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$
- $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$
- $\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$

Product to Sum

- $\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$
- $\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$
- $\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha - \beta)]$
- $\cos \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(\alpha + \beta) - \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$

Law of Sines

- $\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c}$

Law of Cosines

- $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha$
- $b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos \beta$
- $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \gamma$

Law of Tangents

- $\frac{a - b}{a + b} = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}[\alpha - \beta]\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}[\alpha + \beta]\right)}$
- $\frac{b - c}{b + c} = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}[\beta - \gamma]\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}[\beta + \gamma]\right)}$
- $\frac{a - c}{a + c} = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}[\alpha - \gamma]\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}[\alpha + \gamma]\right)}$

Mollweide's Formula

- $$\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{\cos(\frac{1}{2}[\alpha - \beta])}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\gamma)}$$

Small-angle approximations

- $\sin \theta \approx \theta$
- $\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}$
- $\tan \theta \approx \theta$

Other identities

- $\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta)$
- $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(2\theta) + 1)$

Averages

- $\overline{\sin x} = \overline{\cos x} = 0$
- $\overline{\sin^2 x} = \overline{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{2}$

Table of Identities

In terms of...	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$	$\csc \theta$
$\sin \theta =$	$\sin \theta$	$\pm\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}$	$\pm \frac{\tan \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}}$	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}}{\sec \theta}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta}}$	$\frac{1}{\csc \theta}$
$\cos \theta =$	$\pm\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$	$\cos \theta$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}}$	$\frac{1}{\sec \theta}$	$\pm \frac{\cot \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta}}$	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{\csc^2 \theta - 1}}{\csc \theta}$
$\tan \theta =$	$\pm \frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}}$	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}}{\cos \theta}$	$\tan \theta$	$\pm\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}$	$\frac{1}{\cot \theta}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\csc^2 \theta - 1}}$
$\sec \theta =$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}}$	$\frac{1}{\cos \theta}$	$\pm\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}$	$\sec \theta$	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta}}{\cot \theta}$	$\pm \frac{\csc \theta}{\sqrt{\csc^2 \theta - 1}}$
$\cot \theta =$	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}}{\sin \theta}$	$\pm \frac{\cos \theta}{\pm\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}}$	$\frac{1}{\tan \theta}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}}$	$\cot \theta$	$\pm \sqrt{\csc^2 \theta - 1}$
$\csc \theta =$	$\frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}}$	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}}{\tan \theta}$	$\pm \frac{\sec \theta}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}}$	$\pm\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta}$	$\csc \theta$

3.5 Calculus

3.5.1 Limits

3.5.2 Properties

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} cf(x) = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^n$

Useful Limits

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(x) = \infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \ln(x) = -\infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \log x = 0$

L'Hôpital's rule

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

Squeeze principle

- For $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$$

3.5.3 Differentiation

First Principles

- $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

Nature of derivatives

Derivative	Function
$f'x > 0$	Increasing
$f'x = 0$	Stationary
$f'x < 0$	Decreasing

Second Derivative	Function	Stationary Points [$f'x = 0$]
$f''x > 0$	Concave up	Local Minimum
$f'x = 0$	No information	Inflection Point
$f''x < 0$	Concave down	Local Maximum

Product Rule

- $(uv)' = uv' + vu'$
- $\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$

Quotient Rule

- $\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$

Chain Rule

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$

Useful Derivatives

- $\frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1}$
- $\frac{d}{dx}a^x = a^x \ln(a)$
- $\frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}, x > 0$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| = \frac{1}{x}, x \neq 0$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(f(x)) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \log_b x = \frac{1}{x \ln(b)}, x > 0$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

3.5.4 Partial Differentiation

First Principles

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$

Jacobian Matrix

- $D\vec{f}(\vec{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}(\vec{a}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n}(\vec{a}) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(\vec{a}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n}(\vec{a}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2}(\vec{a}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n}(\vec{a}) \end{bmatrix}$

Definition of differentiability of a multivariable function

- $$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{\|f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{a}) - Df(\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a})\|}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} = 0$$

3.5.5 The Differential

- $$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} dz$$

3.5.6 Line Element

- $$dS^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

3.5.7 Integration

Properties

- $$\int f(x) \pm g(x) dx = \left(\int f(x) dx\right) \pm \left(\int g(x) dx\right)$$
- $$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$
- $$\int_a^b f(x) dx = -\int_b^a f(x) dx$$
- $$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx$$
- If $f(x) \geq g(x)$ over $[a, b]$, $\int_a^b f(x) dx \geq \int_a^b g(x) dx$
- If $f(x) \geq 0$ over $[a, b]$, $\int_a^b f(x) dx > 0$
- If $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ over $[a, b]$, $m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq M(b-a)$

Integration by Parts

- $$\int u'v = uv - \int uv'$$
- $$\int f'(x)g(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f(x)g'(x) dx$$
- $$\int_a^b f'(x)g(x) dx = [f(x)g(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b f(x)g'(x) dx$$

Integration by Substitution

- $$u = g(x); \quad dx = g'(x) dx; \quad \int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(x) dx$$

Approximations

Trapezoid rule

- $$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \cdots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$$

Simpson's rule

- $$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \cdots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$$

Useful Indefinite Integrals

- $\int k \, dx = kx + C$
- $\int \log_b x \, dx = x(\log_b x - \log_b(e)) + C = x(\log_b x - \frac{1}{\ln b}) + C$
- $\int \ln x \, dx = x(\ln x - 1) + C$
- $\int e^x \, dx = e^x + C$
- $\int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C, n \neq -1$
- $\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln|x| + C$
- $\int \frac{1}{ax+b} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax+b| + C$
- $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$
- $\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$
- $\int \tan x \, dx = \ln|\sec x| + C$
- $\int \sec x \, dx = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + C$
- $\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$
- $\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$
- $\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$
- $\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$
- $\int \frac{1}{a^2+x^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$
- $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}} \, dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$

Useful Definite Integrals

- $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} \, dx = \frac{\pi^4}{15}$
- $\int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-ax} \, dx = \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}}$

3.5.8 Differential Equations

Wronskian

- $W(f, g) = f(x)g'(x) - g(x)f'(x)$
- $W(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(x) & f_2(x) & \cdots & f_n(x) \\ f_1'(x) & f_2'(x) & \cdots & f_n'(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)}(x) & f_2^{(n-1)}(x) & \cdots & f_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}$

1-Dimensional Green's Functions

- $a_2(x)y''(x) + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_0(x)y(x) = f(x)$.
- $y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, z)f(z) dz$
- $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ are linearly independent solutions to the equation.

Given initial conditions

- $W(z) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(z) & y_2(z) \\ y_1'(z) & y_2'(z) \end{vmatrix} = y_1y_2' - y_2y_1'$
- $G(x, z) = \begin{cases} 0; & z > x > 0 \\ \frac{y_1(z)y_2(x)}{a_2(z)W(z)} - \frac{y_1(x)y_2(z)}{a_2(z)W(z)}; & x > z > 0 \end{cases}$
- $y(x) = \int_0^x \left[\frac{y_1(z)y_2(x)}{a_2(z)W(z)} - \frac{y_1(x)y_2(z)}{a_2(z)W(z)} \right] f(z) dz$

Given homogeneous boundary conditions

- $W_{ab}(z) = \begin{vmatrix} y_a(z) & y_b(z) \\ y_a'(z) & y_b'(z) \end{vmatrix} = y_a y_b' - y_b y_a' = (\alpha - \beta)W(z)$
- $G(x, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{y_a(x)y_b(z)}{a_2(z)W_{ab}(z)}; & a < x < z < b \\ \frac{y_a(z)y_b(x)}{a_2(z)W_{ab}(z)}; & a < z < x < b \end{cases}$
- $y(x) = \int_a^x \frac{y_a(z)y_b(x)}{a_2(z)W_{ab}(z)} f(z) dz + \int_x^b \frac{y_a(x)y_b(z)}{a_2(z)W_{ab}(z)} f(z) dz$

3.5.9 Vector Calculus

Vector derivative

- $\text{grad}(f) = \vec{\nabla} f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z}$
- $\int_a^b (\vec{\nabla} f) \cdot d\vec{l} = f(b) - f(a)$

The Laplacian

- $\delta f = \nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$

Divergence

In Cartesian Coordinates

- $\text{div}(f) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial z}$

In Cylindrical Coordinates

- $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r f_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial z}$

In Spherical Coordinates

- $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 f_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (f_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial f_\phi}{\partial \phi}$

Curl

In Cartesian Coordinates

- $$\text{curl}(f) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_x & f_y & f_z \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial f_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial z}\right)\hat{x} + \left(\frac{\partial f_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial x}\right)\hat{y} + \left(\frac{\partial f_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial y}\right)\hat{z}$$

In Cylindrical Coordinates

- $$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial f_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial f_\phi}{\partial z}\right)\hat{r} + \left(\frac{\partial f_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial r}\right)\hat{\phi} + \frac{1}{r}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rf_\phi) - \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial \phi}\right)\hat{z}$$

In Spherical Coordinates

- $$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(f_\phi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial f_\theta}{\partial \phi}\right)\hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rf_\phi)\right)\hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rf_\theta) - \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial \theta}\right)\hat{\phi}$$

Vector Second Derivatives

- $$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f}) = 0$$
- $$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{f}$$

Vector Laplacian

- $$\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{f} = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f}) - \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f})$$

Stokes' Theorem

- $$\iint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_B \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Divergence Theorem

- $$\iiint_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f}) dV = \oint_S \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

3.5.10 Dirac Delta Function

- $$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & x \neq 0 \\ \infty; & x = 0 \end{cases}$$
- $$\delta(x - a) = \begin{cases} 0; & x \neq a \\ \infty; & x = a \end{cases}$$
- $$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$
- $$f(x)\delta(x) = f(0)\delta(x)$$

3.5.11 Approximations

- $$f(x + \Delta x) \approx f(x) + \Delta x f'(x)$$

Chapter 4

Statistics

4.1 Variance

- $\text{var}(x) = \langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$

4.2 Standard Deviation

- $\sigma(x) = \sqrt{\text{var}(x)} = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2}$

4.2.1 Population Standard Deviation

- $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2}$

4.2.2 Sample Standard Deviation

- $\sigma_{\text{sample}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$

4.3 Residual Sum of Squares

- $\text{RSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$

4.4 Mean Squared Error

- $\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{f}(x_i))^2 = \frac{1}{n} \text{RSS} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$

4.5 Residual Standard Error

- $\text{RSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \text{RSS}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$

4.6 Correlation

- $\text{Cor}(X, Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$

4.7 Distributions

4.7.1 Gaussian / Normal

PDF

- $$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\left(\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}$$

FWHM

- $$\text{FWHM} = \sigma\sqrt{8\ln(2)} \approx 2.355\sigma$$

Appendix A

Constants & Values

A.1 Physics

A.1.1 Physical Constants

c : Speed of light

$$\bullet = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 299\,792\,458 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

G : Universal gravitational constant

$$\bullet = 6.67408(31) \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \approx 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

g : Average acceleration due to gravity at sea level on Earth

$$\bullet = 9.80665 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \approx 9.8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

h : Planck constant

$$\bullet = 6.626\,070\,040 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \approx 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

\hbar : Reduced Planck constant

$$\bullet = \frac{h}{2\pi} = 1.054\,571\,726 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \approx 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

k_B : Boltzmann constant

$$\bullet = 1.3\,806\,488 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \approx 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

k_e : Coulomb's constant

$$\bullet = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.987\,551\,787 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{C}^{-2} \approx 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{C}^{-2}$$

N_A : Avogadro constant

$$\bullet = 6.022\,140\,857(74) \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \approx 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

α : Fine-structure constant

$$\bullet = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} = \frac{1}{137.035\,999\,139} = 0.007\,297\,352\,5664 \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

ϵ_0 : Vacuum permittivity

$$\bullet = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} = 8.854\,187\,817 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \approx 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$$

μ_0 : Vacuum permeability

$$\bullet = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N} \cdot \text{A}^{-2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \approx 1.257 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N} \cdot \text{A}^{-2}$$

σ : Stefan-Boltzmann constant

$$\bullet = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^4}{60 \hbar^3 c^2} = 5.670\,367 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-4}$$

A.1.2 Useful Quantities

Density of air (ρ_A): $1.2922 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$

Density of water (ρ_w): $10^3 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$

Mass of an electron (m_e): $9.10938291 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \approx 9 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \approx 0.5109989461 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$

Mass of a neutron (m_n): $1.674927351 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \approx 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
 $939.5654133 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$

Mass of a proton (m_p): $1.672621777 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \approx 1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
 $938.2720813 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$

Speed of sound in air: $343.2 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Specific heat capacity of water: $4.186 \times 10^3 \text{ J} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$

A.2 Astronomy

A.2.1 Useful Quantities

Surface Temperature of the Sun: (T_{\odot}): = 5778 K = 5505 °C

Planetary Properties

Body	Mass	Average Radius	Semi-major axis	Eccentricity	Orbital period
Mercury ☿	$3.3011 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$ $0.055 M_{\oplus}$ $1.66 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot}$ $1.74 \times 10^{-4} M_{\text{Jup}}$	$2.4397 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ $0.3829 R_{\oplus}$	$5.790905 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}$ 0.387098 AU	0.205630	0.240856 yr
Venus ♀	$4.8675 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ $0.815 M_{\oplus}$ $2.447 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot}$ $2.56 \times 10^{-3} M_{\text{Jup}}$	$6.0518 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ $0.9499 R_{\oplus}$	$1.08208000 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ 0.723332 AU	0.006772	0.615198 yr
Earth ⊕	$5.97237 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ $1 M_{\oplus}$ $3.003 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot}$ $2.67 \times 10^{-3} M_{\text{Jup}}$	$6.3710 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ $1 R_{\oplus}$	$1.49598023 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ 1.000001 AU	0.0167086	1.000017 yr
Mars ♂	$6.4171 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$ $0.107 M_{\oplus}$ $3.226 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot}$ $3.38 \times 10^{-4} M_{\text{Jup}}$	$3.3895 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ $0.53 R_{\oplus}$	$2.27939200 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ 1.523679 AU	0.0934	1.88082 yr
Jupiter ♃	$1.8982 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg}$ $317.8 M_{\oplus}$ $9.55 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$ $1 M_{\text{Jup}}$	$6.9911 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ $10.97 R_{\oplus}$	$7.4052 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ 5.2044 AU	0.0489	11.862 yr
Saturn ♄	$5.6834 \times 10^{26} \text{ kg}$ $95.159 M_{\oplus}$ $2.86 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$ $0.299 M_{\text{Jup}}$	$5.8232 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ $9.14 R_{\oplus}$	$1.43353 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$ 9.5826 AU	0.0565	29.4571 yr
Uranus ♅	$8.68 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg}$ $14.536 M_{\oplus}$ $4.36 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot}$ $0.046 M_{\text{Jup}}$	$2.5362 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ $3.98 R_{\oplus}$	$2.87504 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$ 19.2184 AU	0.046381	84.0205 yr
Neptune ♆	$1.0243 \times 10^{26} \text{ kg}$ $17.147 M_{\oplus}$ $5.15 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot}$ $0.054 M_{\text{Jup}}$	$2.4622 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ $3.86 R_{\oplus}$	$4.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$ 30.11 AU	0.009456	164.8 yr

A.3 Mathematics

Euler's number (e): $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \dots$
 = 2.71828182845904523536028747135266249775724709369995...
 ≈ 2.718

Pi (π): $\frac{C}{d} = \frac{C}{2r}$
 = 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510...
 ≈ 3.142

Appendix B

Units of Measurement

B.1 SI System

Universally acknowledged as the best system of units.

B.1.1 Base Units

Amount of Substance: mole (*mol*)

- The amount of substance of a system which contains as many elementary entities as there are atoms in 0.012 *kg* of carbon-12.
- $= 6.022\ 140\ 857 \times 10^{23}$

Electric Current: ampere (*A*)

- The constant current which, if maintained in two straight parallel conductors of infinite length, of negligible circular cross-section, and placed 1 m apart in vacuum, would produce between these conductors a force equal to $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ of length.
- $= C \cdot s^{-1}$

Length: metre (*m*)

- The distance traveled by light in vacuum in $\frac{1}{299\ 792\ 458} \text{ s}$
- $= 3.2808 \text{ ft}$

Luminous intensity: candela (*cd*)

- The luminous intensity, in a given direction, of a source that emits monochromatic radiation of frequency $5.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ and that has a radiant intensity in that direction of $\frac{1}{683}$ watt per steradian.

Mass: kilogram (*kg*)

- $= 2.205 \text{ lb}$

Thermodynamic Temperature: kelvin (*K*)

- $\frac{1}{273.16}$ of the thermodynamic temperature of the triple point of water.
- $= T[^\circ\text{C}] + 273.15$

Time: second (*s*)

- The duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of rotation corresponding to the two hyperfine levels of the ground-state of the caesium-133 atom.

B.1.2 Derived Units

Angle: radian (*rad*)

- A full circle divided by 2π .
- $= m \cdot m^{-1} = \frac{180}{\pi} = 206265 \text{ arcsecs} \approx 57.3^\circ$

Electric Charge: coulomb (*C*)

- $= A \cdot s = 6.242 \times 10^{18} e$

Electrical capacitance: farad (*F*)

- $= m^{-2} \cdot kg^{-1} \cdot s^4 \cdot A^2$

Electrical conductance: siemens (*S*)

- $= A \cdot V^{-1} = kg^{-1} \cdot m^{-2} \cdot s^3 \cdot A^2$

Electrical inductance: henry (*H*)

- $= Wb \cdot A^{-1} = kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-2} \cdot A^{-2}$

Electrical potential difference / Voltage: volt (*V*)

- $= W \cdot A^{-1} = kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-3} \cdot A^{-1}$

Electrical resistance: ohm (Ω)

- $= V \cdot A^{-1} = kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-3} \cdot A^{-2}$

Energy: joule (*J*)

- $= N \cdot m = kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-2}$

Force: newton (*N*)

- $= kg \cdot m \cdot s^{-2} = 0.224809 \text{ lbf}$

Frequency: hertz (*Hz*)

- $= s^{-1}$

Illuminance: lux (*lx*)

- $= lm \cdot m^{-2} = m^{-2} \cdot cd$

Luminous flux: lumen (*lm*)

- $= cd \cdot sr = cd$

Magnetic flux: weber (*Wb*)

- $= V \cdot s = kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-2} \cdot A^{-1}$

Magnetic flux density: tesla (*T*)

- $= kg \cdot s^{-2} \cdot A^{-1}$

Power: watt (*W*)

- $= J \cdot s = kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-3}$

Pressure: pascal (*Pa*)

- $= N \cdot m^{-2} = kg \cdot m^{-1} \cdot s^{-2}$

Radioactivity: becquerel (Ω)

- Decays per second
- $= s^{-1}$

Solid angle: steradian (*sr*)

- $= m^2 \cdot m^{-2}$

Temperature: degree Celcius ($^\circ C$)

- $T[C] = T[K] - 273.15$

B.2 CGS (centimetres-grams-seconds)

Commonly used in astronomy, to everyone's disappointment.

Acceleration: gal (*Gal*)

- $= cm \cdot s^{-2} = 10^{-2} m \cdot s^{-2}$

Energy: erg (*erg*)

- $= g \cdot cm^2 \cdot s^{-2} = 10^{-7} J$

Force: dyne (*dyn*)

- $= g \cdot cm \cdot s^{-2} = 10^{-5} N$

Length: centimetre (*cm*)

- $= 0.01 m$

Mass: gram (*g*)

- $= 10^{-3} kg$

Power: erg per second (*erg/s*)

- $= g \cdot cm^2 \cdot s^{-2} = 10^{-7} W$

Pressure: barye (*Ba*)

- $= g \cdot cm^{-1} \cdot s^{-2} = 10^{-1} Pa$

Time: second (*s*)

Velocity: centimetre per second (*cm/s*)

- $= 10^{-2} m \cdot s^{-1}$

Viscosity (dynamic): poise (*P*)

- $= g \cdot cm^{-1} s^{-1} = 10^{-1} Pa \cdot s$

Viscosity (kinematic): stokes (*St*)

- $= g \cdot cm^2 s^{-1} = 10^{-4} m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$

Wavenumber: kayser (*K*)

- $= cm^{-1} = 100 m^{-1}$

B.3 Natural Units

Handy when you're dealing with small things.

Charge: elementary charge (*e*)

- The electric charge of a proton.
- $= 1.602\,176\,565 \times 10^{-19} C \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$

Energy: electron volt (*eV*)

- The work done to move an electron across one volt of potential.
- $= e \cdot V = 1.602\,176\,565 \times 10^{-19} J \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-19} J$

B.4 Planck Units

Units based around the five universal constants c , G , \hbar , $k_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ and k_B . Only the base units are listed; units for other quantities can be easily derived from these.

$$\text{Planck length } (l_P): = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}} = 1.616\,229 \times 10^{-35} m$$

$$\text{Planck mass } (l_P): = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} = 2.176\,470 \times 10^{-8} kg$$

$$\text{Planck time } (l_P): = \frac{l_P}{c} = \frac{\hbar}{m_P c^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^5}} = 5.391\,16 \times 10^{-44} s$$

$$\text{Planck charge } (q_P): = \sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} = \frac{e}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = 1.875\,545\,956 \times 10^{-18} C$$

$$\text{Planck temperature } (T_P): = \frac{m_P c^2}{k_B} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c^5}{G k_B^2}} = 1.416\,808 \times 10^{32} K$$

B.5 Astronomy units

B.5.1 Astronomical system

Distance: astronomical unit (AU)

- Roughly the distance from the Earth to the Sun.
- $= 1.4960 \times 10^{11} m = 4.8481 \times 10^{-6} pc = 1.5813 \times 10^{-5} ly$

Mass: solar mass (M_\odot)

- $= 1.98855 \times 10^{30} kg \approx 2 \times 10^{30} kg = 1048 M_\oplus = 332\,950 M_\odot$

Time: Day

- $= 86\,400 s$

Complimentary units

Distance: Solar radius (R_\odot)

- $= 6.957 \times 10^8 m = 695\,700 km \approx 7 \times 10^8 m$

Distance: parsec (pc)

- The distance at which the parallax of an object over the course of the Earth's orbit is one arcsec.
- $= 3.0857 \times 10^{16} m = 2.0626 \times 10^5 AU = 3.26156 ly$

Distance: light year (ly)

- The distance travelled by light in a vacuum in a year.
- $= 9.4607 \times 10^{15} m = 6.3241 \times 10^4 AU = 0.3066 pc$

Mass: Earth mass (M_\oplus)

- $= 5.9722 \times 10^{24} kg \approx 6 \times 10^{27} kg$

Mass: Jupiter mass (M_\Jup)

- $= 1.898 \times 10^{27} kg \approx 1.9 \times 10^{27} kg$

Specific Flux: Jansky (Jy)

- $= 10^{-26} W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot Hz^{-1}$

B.5.2 Equatorial Coordinate System

Right Ascension (α)

$$\text{Hour (}^h\text{): } \frac{1}{24} \text{ circle} = 15^\circ$$

$$\text{Minute (}^m\text{): } \frac{1}{60} \text{ }^h = \frac{1}{1440} \text{ circle} = 15'$$

$$\text{Second (}^s\text{): } \frac{1}{60} \text{ }^m = \frac{1}{3600} \text{ }^h = \frac{1}{86400} \text{ circle} = 15''$$

Declination (δ)

Declination is measured using normal degrees (see *Degrees of Angle*) from the equator.

B.6 United States customary units (aka Imperial Units)

B.6.1 Length

$$\text{Point (}p\text{): } = \frac{127}{360} \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Pica (}P/\text{): } = 12 p = \frac{127}{30} \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Inch (}in \text{ or }''\text{): } = 6 P/ = 25.4 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Foot (}ft \text{ or }'\text{): } = 12 in = 0.3048 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Yard (}yd\text{): } = 3 ft = 0.9144 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Mile (}Mi\text{): } = 5280 ft = 1760 yd = 1.609344 \text{ km}$$

B.7 Degrees of Angle

$$\text{Degree (}^\circ\text{): } \frac{1}{360} \text{ circle} = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ rad} \approx 0.0174532925199433 \text{ rad}$$

$$\text{Minute of arc (}arcmin \text{ or }'\text{): } \frac{1}{60} \text{ }^\circ = \frac{1}{21600} \text{ circle} = \frac{\pi}{10800} \text{ rad}$$

$$\text{Second of arc (}arcsec \text{ or }''\text{): } \frac{1}{60} \text{ }arcmin = \frac{1}{3600} \text{ }^\circ = \frac{1}{206265} \text{ circle} = \frac{\pi}{648000} \text{ rad}$$

B.8 Miscellaneous Units

Area: barn

$$\bullet = 100 fm^2 = 1 \times 10^{-29} m^2$$

B.8.1 Pressure

$$\text{Bar (}bar\text{): } = 10^5 Pa \approx 0.9869 atm$$

$$\text{Atmosphere (}atm\text{): } = 101325 Pa = 1.01325 bar$$

$$\text{Torr (}torr\text{): } = \frac{1}{760} atm = \frac{101325}{760} Pa \approx 133.3224 Pa$$

B.9 Prefixes

atto (a) = $\times 10^{-18}$

femto (f) = $\times 10^{-15}$

pico (p) = $\times 10^{-12}$

nano (n) = $\times 10^{-9}$

micro (μ) = $\times 10^{-6}$

milli (m) = $\times 10^{-3}$

centi (c) = $\times 10^{-2}$

deca (da) = $\times 10^1$

hecto (h) = $\times 10^2$

kilo (k) = $\times 10^3$

mega (M) = $\times 10^6$

giga (G) = $\times 10^9$

tera (T) = $\times 10^{12}$

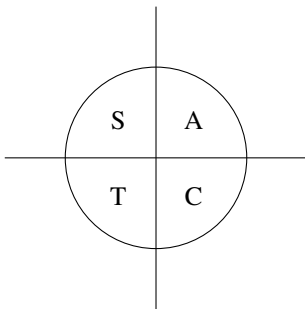
peta (P) = $\times 10^{15}$

exa (E) = $\times 10^{18}$

Appendix C

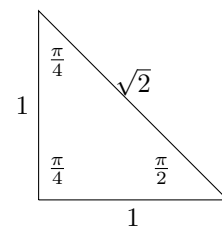
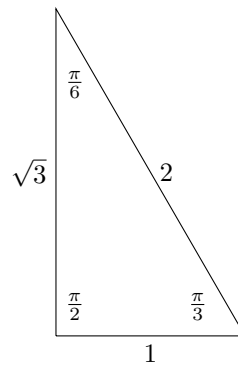
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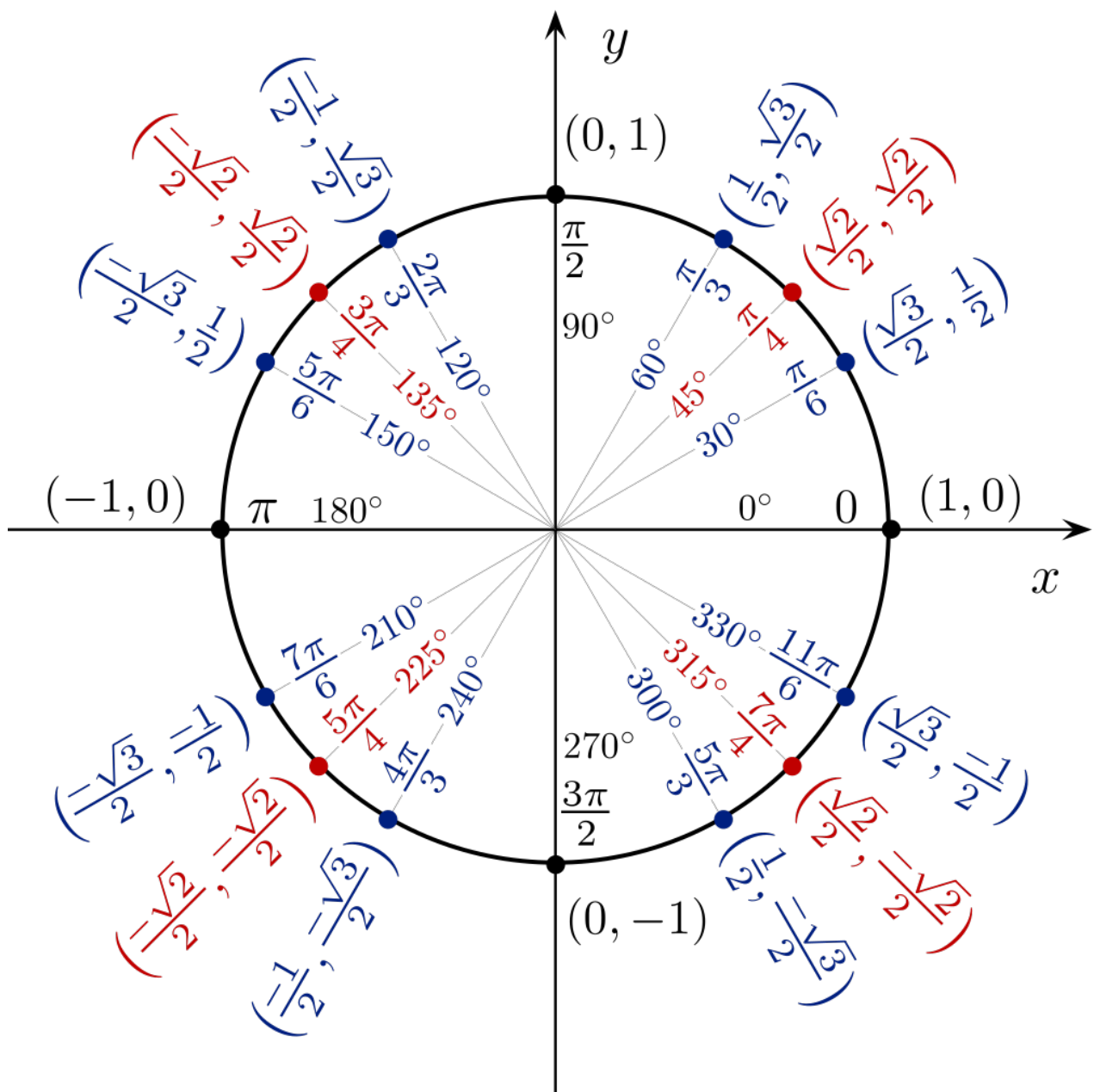
C.1 Trigonometric Values



rad	°	sin	cos	tan
0	0	0	1	0
$\pi/6$	30	1/2	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$1/\sqrt{3}$
$\pi/4$	45	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	1
$\pi/3$	60	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1/2	$\sqrt{3}$
$\pi/2$	90	1	0	$\pm\infty$
$2\pi/3$	120	$\sqrt{3}/2$	-1/2	$-\sqrt{3}$
$3\pi/4$	135	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$-1/\sqrt{2}$	-1
$5\pi/6$	150	1/2	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	$-1/\sqrt{3}$
π	180	0	-1	0
$7\pi/6$	210	-1/2	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$1/\sqrt{3}$
$5\pi/4$	225	$-1/\sqrt{2}$	$-1/\sqrt{2}$	1
$4\pi/3$	240	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	-1/2	$\sqrt{3}$
$3\pi/2$	270	-1	0	$\pm\infty$
$5\pi/3$	300	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	1/2	$-\sqrt{3}$
$7\pi/4$	315	$-1/\sqrt{2}$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	-1
$11\pi/6$	330	-1/2	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$-1/\sqrt{3}$
2π	360	0	1	0

C.1.1 Pythagorean Triples



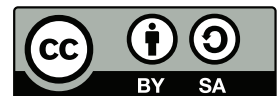


Appendix D

Boring stuff

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D.3 Source Code

Available here:

<https://github.com/Lachimax/The-Ultimate-Cheat-Sheet-for-Astrophysics-Students>

D.4 Version History

- v **0.1 2016**: This project is begun in a trio of physical exercise books as *The Little Book of Physics Formulae*, *The Little Book of Mathematics Formulae*, and *The Little Book of Astronomy Formulae*
- v **0.6 2016**: The process of transferring the formulae from paper to LaTeX is initiated, but abandoned (or drifted away from).
- v **0.7 2018-03-20**: The project is resurrected (probably because the author started MRes), uploaded to Overleaf, and cleaned up.
- v **0.8 2018-07-12**: Remaining formulae imported from the original books.
- v **0.9 2018-07-26**: Further formulae imported from undergrad formula sheets.
- v **1.0 2018-07-28**: First public release, with some additions from 0.9.
- v **1.0.1 2018-07-31**: Minor corrections, added “dynamical timescale” (2.2.2) and some more formulae to the Statistics chapter (it was looking a little bare).
- v **1.1 2019-11-29**: Font change; added Planck units and some other miscellaneous units to Units of Measurement; fine structure constant to Physical Constants (why wasn’t it already there?); stellar luminosity; formulae for Green’s functions and other differential equation techniques; minor corrections; Gaussian distributions to Statistics section; more detailed unit circle.

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