

Translational motion	$x = x_o + v_o t + 1/2at^2 \mid (V_f)^2 = (V_o)^2 + 2ax$	$V_f = V_o + at$
Frictional force	$f_{\max} = \mu N$	$\mu_k < \mu_s$ always
Uniform circular motion	$F_c = ma_c = mv^2 / r$	$a_c = v^2 / r$
Momentum, Impulse	$I = F \Delta t = \Delta M$	$M = mv$
Work, Power	$W = F d \cos\theta$	$P = \Delta W / \Delta t$
<i>Energy (conservation)</i>	$E_T = E_k + E_p$	$E = mc^2$
Spring Force, Work	$F = -kx$	$W = kx^2 / 2$
<i>Continuity (fluids)</i>	$A v = \text{const.}$	$\rho A v = \text{const.}$
<i>Current and Resistance</i>	$I = Q/t$	$R = \rho l / A$
<i>Resistors (series, par.)</i>	$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 \dots$	$1 / R_{eq} = 1 / R_1 + 1 / R_2$
<i>Sound</i>	$dB = 10 \log_{10} (I/I_0)$	beats = $\Delta f$
<i>Kirchoff's Laws</i>	$\Sigma i = 0$ at a junction	$\Sigma \Delta V = 0$ in a loop
Thermodynamics	$Q = mc \Delta T$ (MCAT !)	$Q = mL$
Torque forces	$L_1 = F_1 \times r_1$ (CCW + ve)	$L_2 = F_2 \times r_2$ (CW -ve)
Torque force at EQ	$\Sigma F_x = 0$ and $\Sigma F_y = 0$	$\Sigma L = 0$
Refraction	$(\sin \theta_1) / (\sin \theta_2) = v_1 / v_2 = n_2 / n_1 = \lambda_1 / \lambda_2$	$n = c/v$

## MCAT Physics Equations to memorize as pairs

$F = ma$	$F = qE$	Similar Form
$F = K_G ( m_1 m_2 / r^2 )$	$F = k ( q_1 q_2 / r^2 )$	
$V = IR$	$P = IV$	Paired Use
$v_{av} = \Delta d / \Delta t$	$a_{av} = \Delta v / \Delta t$	(avg vel, acc)
$v = \lambda f$	$E = hf$	( $f = 1/T$ )
$E_k = 1/2 mv^2$	$E_p = mgh$	(kin, pot E)
$P = F/A$	$\Delta P = \rho g \Delta h$	(pressure P)
$SG = \rho \text{ substance} / \rho \text{ water}$	$\rho = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$	(Spec Grav)
$\rho = mass / volume$	$F_b = V\rho g = mg$	(buoyant F)
$I_{rms} = I_{max} / \sqrt{2}$	$V_{rms} = V_{max} / \sqrt{2}$	Root Mean Sq
$1/i + 1/o = 1/f = 2/r = Power$	$M = magnification = - i/o$	Optics

Note: Specific gravity (SG) is equivalent to the fraction of the *height* of a buoyant object below the surface of the fluid.

## Don't Memorize, Know How to Use...

$$P + \rho gh + 1/2 \rho v^2 = \text{constant}$$

Bernoulli's Equation

Fluids in Motion

$$L = L_0 (1 + \alpha \Delta T)$$

Linear Expansion

Solids, Temp  $\Delta$

$$A = A_0(1 + \gamma \Delta T)$$

Area Expansion

$$V = V_0(1 + \beta \Delta T)$$

Volume Expansion

$$\beta = 3 \alpha$$

$$f_o = f_s (V \pm v_o) / (V \pm v_s)$$

Doppler Effect: when d is *decreasing* use  $+v_o$  and  $-v_s$

$$V = Ed \text{ for a parallel plate capacitor}$$

$d$  = the distance between the plates

$$dF = dq \sin(B \sin \alpha) = I dl(B \sin \alpha)$$

Laplace's Law

RH rule

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

Capacitors in Ser. and Par.

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 \dots$$

$$\text{Potential Energy (PE)} = W = 1/2 QV$$

*Work in Electricity*

$$W = 1/2 CV^2$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

Gibbs Free Energy

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq}$$

# Atomic Physics

1) alpha ( $\alpha$ ) particle =  ${}_2\text{He}^4$  (helium nucleus);

2) beta ( $\beta$ ) particle =  ${}_{-1}\text{e}^0$  (an electron);

3) a positron  ${}_{+1}\text{e}^0$  (same mass as an electron but opposite charge);

4) gamma ( $\gamma$ ) ray = no mass, no charge, just electromagnetic energy;

5)  $\Delta m / \Delta t$  = rate of decay where  $\Delta m$  = change in mass,  $\Delta t$  = change in time.

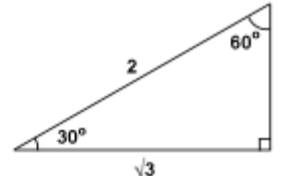
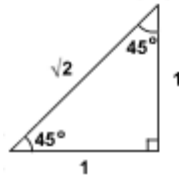
6) If the number of half-lives  $n$  are known we can calculate the percentage of a pure radioactive sample left after undergoing decay since the fraction remaining =  $(1/2)^n$ .

$N_{\text{electrons}} = 2n^2$ , where  $N_{\text{electrons}}$  designates the number of electrons in shell  $n$ .

The state of each electron is determined by the four quantum numbers:

- *principal quantum number*  $n$  determines the number of shells, possible values are: 1 (K), 2 (L), 3 (M), etc...
- *angular momentum quantum number*  $l$ , determines the subshell, possible values are: 0 (s), 1 (p), 2 (d), 3 (f),  $n-1$ , etc...
- *magnetic momentum quantum number*  $m_l$ , possible values are:  $\pm l, \dots, 0$
- *spin quantum number*  $m_s$ , determines the direction of rotation of the electron, possible values are:  $\pm 1/2$ .

## The Basics



$$\sin \theta = \text{opp/hyp}$$

$$\cos \theta = \text{adj/hyp}$$

$$\tan \theta = \text{opp/adj}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\text{arcsec } \theta = \sec^{-1} \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

- angle  $\theta$  may be given in radians (R) where 1 revolution =  $2\pi^R = 360^\circ$
- estimate square root 3 as 1.7 and root 2 as 1.4
- cross-sectional area of a tube = area of a circle =  $\pi r^2$  where  $\pi$  can be estimated as 3.14 and  $r$  is the radius of the circle; circumference =  $2\pi r$

## Some Units to Memorize

- Both work and energy are measured in joules where 1 *joule* ( $J$ ) =  $1 \text{ N} \times 1 \text{ m}$ . {Imperial units: the *foot-pound*, CGS units: the *dyne-centimeter* or *erg* }
- The SI unit for power is the *watt* (W) which equals one *joule per second* ( $J/s$ ) = *volts*  $\times$  *amperes*.
- Current is measured in *amperes* = *coulombs/sec*. The units of resistance are ohms, symbolized by  $\Omega$  (omega), where 1 ohm = 1 volt/ampere.
- The SI unit for pressure is the *pascal* ( $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$ ). Other units are:  $1.00 \text{ atm} = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 1.01 \text{ bar} = 760 \text{ mmHg} = 760 \text{ torr}$ .
- The SI unit for the magnetic induction vector  $B$  is the tesla where  $1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ N/(A)(m)} = 10^4 \text{ gauss}$ .