

Advanced Mechanics

Projectile Motion

Projectiles and Acceleration

- An object launched with an initial velocity at an initial angle, not acted upon by forces during flight
- Gravity is constant for HSC ($g = 9.8ms^{-2}$)
- Air resistance is negligible for HSC
- Usually separated into vertical and horizontal components
 - o $v_x = u \cos \theta$
 - o $v_y = u \sin \theta + gt$

Horizontal and vertical direction and velocity

- Horizontal and vertical motion are independent
- Horizontal
 - o $v_x = u_x$ horizontal velocity is the same as initial until landing
 - o $s_x = u_x t$
- Vertical
 - o $v_y = u_y + a_y t$
 - o $s_y = u_y t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$
 - o $v_y^2 = u_y^2 + 2a_y s_y$ useful for vertical velocity at a specific position rather than time

Circular Motion

Uniform circular motion

- Uniform circular motion is when an object moves in a circle at a constant (uniform) speed
- Constant speed, but there is acceleration as there is a change in direction, therefore changing velocity
- Force causing this movement is centripetal force
 - o Can come from a variety of sources: gravity (orbits), friction (car turning) or tension (spinning string)

Centripetal forces

- Standard examples
 - o Car moving around a bend: Force created by the friction of the tires and the road
 - o Mass on a string: Force created by the tension in the string
 - o Objects on banked tracks: Gravity acting downward, then a normal force perpendicular to the track. Centripetal comes from the vector sum

Quantitative predictions and formulas

- $F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$
- $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$
- $v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$
- $\omega = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t}$

Energy and work

- Energy is constant in uniform circular motion
- $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- No change in kinetic energy means no work being done

Torque as a rotational force

- Torque: The turning moment of a force, rotational force
- $T = r_{\perp} F = rF \sin \theta$
 - o Angle between the radius and the force applied

Motion in Gravitational Fields

Gravitational fields and Newton's Law

- Gravitational field surrounds any object with mass and theoretically infinite in size
- The heavier and denser the object the stronger the field
- Moving against a gravitational field requires work to be done and gives gravitational potential energy to the object being moved
- Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation allows it to be determined the force of attraction between two bodies due to their gravity
 - o $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$
 - Usually M is the bigger object and m is the smaller one
 - G is the Universal Gravitational Constant ($6.67 \times 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}$)
 - o Can be linked to Newton's 2nd law to find strength of field at a certain point
 - o $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$

Orbital motion

- An example of uniform circular motion where gravity creates the centripetal force
- More gravitational force required to keep a larger mass in orbit
- Acc. due to gravity at a point = centripetal acc. at the same point
- Quantities
 - o Orbital radius – distance from the centre of the orbit to the object
 - o Orbital velocity – speed the object is moving in its orbit
 - o Orbital period – how long to complete an orbit
 - o All interrelated
- Types of orbits
 - o Low Earth Orbits (LEOs)
 - Orbits with very small orbital radius, less than 8500km, usually above 6800km)
 - Period of about 1.5-2 hours
 - Usually used for surveillance
 - o Middle Earth orbits
 - In between LEOs and geostationary (8500km to 42500km)
 - Used for navigation and communication
 - o Geostationary orbits
 - Specific orbital period of 24 hours, stay at the same point above the planet at all times
 - Roughly 42500km orbital radius
 - Used for communication and broadcasting

Kepler's Laws

- All orbiting bodies orbit in an elliptical fashion with the body being orbited at one focus of the ellipse, circular motion is assumed for simplicity
- A line joining an orbiting body to the centre of its orbit will sweep out equal area in equal time
- $\frac{r^3}{T^2} = K$
- $F_g = F_c$ therefore through substituting formulas
- $\frac{r^3}{T^2} = \frac{GM}{4\pi^2}$

Gravitational potential energy

- Energy possessed by an object when it is raised against a gravitational field
- $E_p = mg\Delta h$
- For objects in orbit the zero point occurs at an infinite distance

- $E_{gp} = -\frac{GMm}{2r}$

Escape velocity

- The velocity that would need to be travelled to escape the gravitational field of that planet

- $v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$

Electromagnetism

Charged Particles, Conductors, and Electric and Magnetic Fields

Charged particles and uniform electric fields

- Two charged plates with a voltage applied between them will cause an accumulation of charge on either plate
- Plate connected to the positive end of the battery will accumulate positive charges and same for negative
- This will create an electric field between the plates, from the positive to the negative
- Size is $E = \frac{V}{d}$
- $E = \frac{F}{q} = \frac{W}{qd} = \frac{V}{d}$
- $V = \frac{W}{q}$
- $W = Fd, W = Eqd, W = qV$
- $F = Eq \rightarrow Eq = ma \rightarrow a = \frac{Eq}{m}$

Particle trajectories

- Charges can move like projectiles, force comes from the electric field
- Parabolic motion, same formulas can be used

Interactions of charged particles and uniform magnetic fields

- For a charged particle to interact with a magnetic field it must be moving, all moving charges are surrounded by a magnetic field
- Magnetic fields interact with other fields which means the moving particle will interact with magnetic fields
- Magnetic field's force direction is perpendicular to the field rather than parallel, like electric fields
- Right hand rule
 - o Fingers in line with magnetic field lines
 - o Thumb with direction of motion
 - o Palm goes in the direction of the force
 - o This is for positively charged, negative use left hand
- $F = qv_{\perp}B = Bqv \sin \theta$
 - o Force is largest when field and motion are perpendicular ($\sin 90 = 1$)
 - o As they move towards parallel force gets smaller
- Force of both electric and magnetic is based on size of field and magnitude of charge
- As electric is projectile, magnetic field motion is uniform circular motion

The Motor Effect

Current-carrying conductors and uniform magnetic fields

- Direction of magnetic field around a current-carrying wire is determined using right-hand grip rule
 - o Right hand in thumbs up
 - o Thumb goes in direction of conventional current flow (positive to negative)
 - o Fingers wrap around the wire, this is the direction of the magnetic field
- If an external magnetic field surrounds the wire then they will interact and put a force on the wire
- Magnitude of the force on the wire: $F = LI_{\perp}B = BIL \sin \theta$
 - o B is size of field, I is size of the current, L is length of wire, θ is angle between current and magnetic field lines
 - o Force is largest when field and motion are perpendicular ($\sin 90 = 1$)
 - o As they move towards parallel force gets smaller
 - o Direction can be determined using right hand slap