

# Review

Physics 231  
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# Main issues

- ✓ Kinematics - motion with constant acceleration  
1 D motion, 2D projectile motion, rotational motion
- ✓ Dynamics (forces)
- ✓ Energy (kinetic and potential) (translational or rotational motion when details are not important)
- ✓ Momentum and systems of particles (collisions, systems of objects)
- ✓ Equilibrium (equations from equilibrium conditions)
- ✓ Gravitation (mostly motion of planets and satellites)
- ✓ Periodic motion (SHM, springs, pendulum)
- ✓ Fluids (pressure, force, principle of buoyancy)

# Problem solving

- ✓ Phase 1: You have to understand the problem
- ✓ Phase 2: Devising a plan
- ✓ Phase 3: Carrying out the plan
- ✓ Phase 4: Looking back

## Practical advise (phase 1)

- ✓ Start from the statement of the problem. If you cannot understand the problem, try to restate the problem
- ✓ Visualize the problem as a whole as clearly and as vividly as you can. **Draw a diagram.**
- ✓ Isolate the principal parts of your problem. Do not concern yourself with details for the moment. Go through the principal parts of your problem
- ✓ Good questions: What is the unknown? What are the data? What is the condition?  
Is the condition sufficient to determine the unknown? Or is it insufficient? Or redundant? Or contradictory?

## Practical advise (phase 2)

- ✓ Devising a plan is a heuristic reasoning (includes: evaluating possible answers or solutions, trial and error)
- ✓ Examine principal parts, details and their connections. Consider them from various sides, combine them differently. Seek connections with you formerly acquired knowledge.
- ✓ Examine your guess.
- ✓ Look at the unknown. Try to think of a familiar problem having the same or similar unknown.
- ✓ You may be obliged to consider auxiliary problems if an immediate connection cannot be found

## Phase 3: *Carrying out the plan*

- ✓ This phase is easier than the first two, what we need is mainly patience.
- ✓ Practical advise: follow you plan and check each step

## Practical advise (phase 4)

- ✓ Check the result using formerly acquired knowledge (including common sense!).
- ✓ Problem “in letters” are susceptible of more tests than “problems in numbers”.
- ✓ Can we derive the result differently?

# Kinematics

1D motion (for free fall  $a = -g$ )

$$\begin{cases} v &= v_0 + at \\ x &= x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \end{cases}$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

2D projectile motion

$$\begin{cases} v_x &= v_{x0} \\ x &= x_0 + v_{x0}t \\ v_y &= v_{y0} - g_yt \\ y &= y_0 + v_{y0}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{cases}$$

# Dynamics

Second Newton's Law  $\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}$

for 1D/2D motion:  $F_{net,x} = ma_x$ ,  $F_{net,y} = ma_y$

for uniform circular motion:  $F_{net,r} = mv^2 / r$

Forces:

Gravitational force  $\vec{F}_g = m\vec{g}$

Normal force  $N = mg \cos(\theta) + F_{external}$

Tension  $T$

Frictional force  $f_s = \mu_s N$  and  $f_k = \mu_k N$

Spring force  $\vec{F}_e = -k\vec{x}$

# Energy

Kinetic energy  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Change in kinetic energy  $\Delta K = K_f - K_i = W = F \cdot d \cos \vartheta$

Gravitational potential energy  $U(y) = mgy$

Elastic potential energy  $U(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

Conservation of Mechanical Energy

$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$$

Conservation of Energy (friction involved)

$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f + f_k(x_f - x_i)$$

Power:  $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = Fv$

# Rotational kinematics, dynamics & energy

rotational and translational motion:  $\theta = \frac{s}{r}$   $\omega = \frac{v}{r}$   $\alpha = \frac{a}{r}$

period  $T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ , frequency  $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$

$$\begin{cases} \omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t \\ \theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \alpha t^2 / 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha(\theta - \theta_0)$$

torque  $\tau = r F \sin(\phi)$

Second Newton's law  $\tau_{net} = I\alpha$  (where  $I$  is rotational inertia)

Total kinetic energy  $K = \frac{1}{2} m v_{cm}^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega^2$

Work and power:  $W = \tau(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$   $P = \tau\omega$

# Moment and Impulse

Linear momentum  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$ , 2<sup>nd</sup> Newton's Law  $\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$

Impulse:  $\vec{J} = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i = \vec{F}_{ave}\Delta t$

Conservation of linear momentum:  $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$  then  $\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f$

Elastic collision:  $\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f$  and  $E_i = E_f$

Inelastic collision:  $\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f$  and  $E_i \neq E_f$

Angular momentum: particle  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ , rigid body  $\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$

Conservation of angular momentum: for  $\tau_{net} = 0$   $\vec{L} = const$

# System of particles

Center of mass  $\vec{r}_{CM} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i$

Second Newton's Law for a system of particles

$$\vec{F}_{net} = M \vec{a}_{CM}$$

for  $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$   $\vec{v}_{CM} = 0$ ,  $\vec{r}_{CM} = const$

# Equilibrium

Two Conditions for Equilibrium:  $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$  and  $\vec{\tau}_{net} = 0$

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$$\begin{cases} F_{net,x} = 0 \\ F_{net,y} = 0 \\ \tau_{net,z} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Choose ONE object in a time for consideration

Draw a free-body diagram

(show ALL forces acting ON that object)

Choose (wisely) a coordinate system and resolve forces in their components

"Generate" equilibrium equations using the conditions for equilibrium

# Gravitation

Newton's Law of gravitation  $F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$

The free - fall acceleration  $g = \frac{GM}{R^2}$

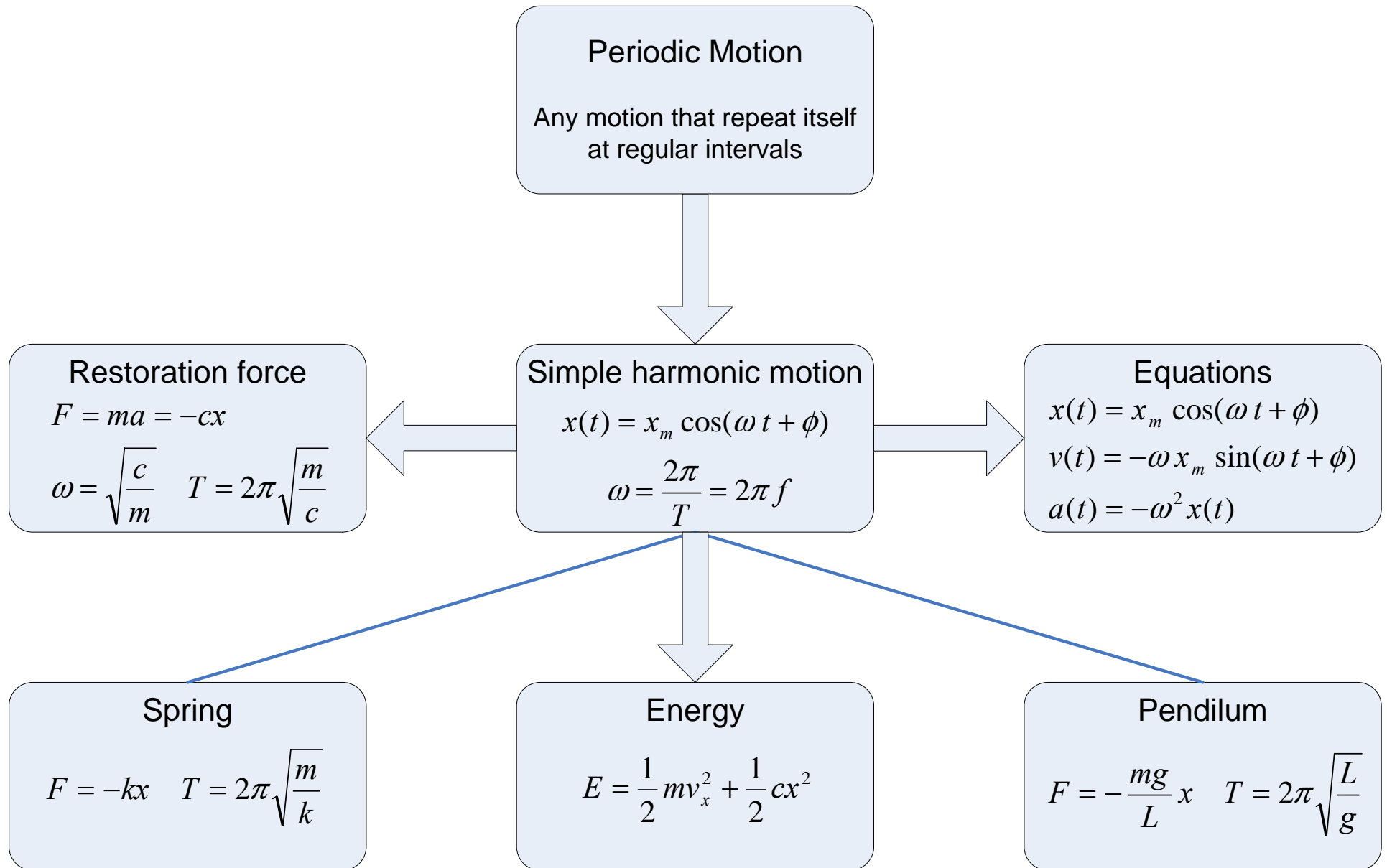
for  $M = \rho V = \rho \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3$  then  $g = \frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho R$

Gravitational potential energy  $U = -\frac{GMm}{R}$

Escape speed:  $v_i = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$

Orbital motion:  $v_c = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R+h}}$  and  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{GM}} (R+h)^{3/2}$

# Periodic motion



# Fluids

Density  $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$

Pressure  $p = \frac{F}{A}$

Pressure at depth  $h$ :  $p = p_0 + \rho gh$

Pascal's principle:  $F_0 = F_i \frac{A_0}{A_i}$

Archimedes' principle of buoyancy  $F_b = m_f g = \rho_f V g$