

Ruiz - Houston's Physics Equation Sheet

Chapter 9 ~ Heat

Temperature Conversions

$$K = ^\circ C + 273.15 \quad ^\circ F = \frac{9}{5} (^\circ C) + 32$$

$$^\circ C = K - 273.15 \quad ^\circ C = \frac{5}{9} (^^\circ F - 32)$$

Conservation of Energy

$$\Delta PE + \Delta KE + \Delta U = 0$$

$$(PE_f - PE_i) + (KE_f - KE_i) + (U_f - U_i) = 0$$

Heat & Calorimetry

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$Q_{gained} = -Q_{loss}$$

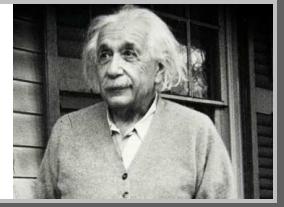
$$m_w c_w \Delta T_w = -m_x c_x \Delta T_x$$

Heat during a Phase Change

$$Q = mL_F \quad Q = mL_v$$

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~ Albert Einstein ~



Chapter 10 ~ Thermodynamics

Work done by a Gas

$$W = PAd = P\Delta V$$

First Law of Thermodynamics

$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

Cyclic Process

$$\Delta U_{net} = 0 \quad Q_{net} = W_{net}$$

Efficiency of a Heat Engine

$$eff = \frac{W_{net}}{Q_h} = \frac{Q_h - Q_c}{Q_h} = 1 - \frac{Q_c}{Q_h}$$

Chapter 11 ~ Vibrations & Waves

Hooke's Law

$$F_{elastic} = -kx$$

Period of a Simple Pendulum

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

Period of a Mass-Spring System

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

Wave Equation

$$v = f\lambda \quad c = f\lambda \\ c = 3.00 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Chapter 12 ~ Sound

Intensity of a Spherical Wave

$$Intensity = I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$$

Harmonic Series - String

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Harmonic Series - Open Pipe

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Harmonic Series - Closed Pipe

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{4L} \quad n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$$

Chapter 13 ~ Light & Reflection

Wave Speed Equation

$$c = f\lambda \quad c = 3.00 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Law of Reflection

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

Mirror Equation

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{2}{r} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Magnification Equation

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{q}{p}$$

Variables

$$p = \text{Object} \quad h' = \text{Image height} \\ q = \text{image} \quad h = \text{Object height}$$

Chapter 14 ~ Refraction

Index of Refraction

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

Snell's Law

$$n_i (\sin \theta_i) = n_r (\sin \theta_r)$$

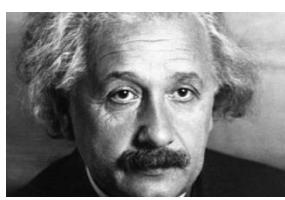
Critical Angle

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_r}{n_i} (\sin 90^\circ) = \frac{n_r}{n_i}$$

for $n_r > n_i$

Lens & Magnification Equation

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{2}{r} = \frac{1}{f} \quad M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{q}{p}$$

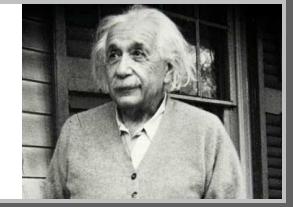


The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

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Chapter 16 ~ Electric Forces & Fields

Coulomb's Law

$$F_{electric} = k_c \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Electric Field Strength

$$E = k_c \frac{q}{r^2} = \frac{F_{electric}}{q} \\ k_c = 8.99 \cdot 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2$$

Chapter 17 ~ Electric Energy & Current

Electric Potential Energy

Electrical PE - in Capacitor

$$PE_{electric} = \frac{1}{2} Q \Delta V = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2 = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

Potential Difference

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta PE_{electric}}{q} = -E \Delta d = k_c \frac{q}{r}$$

Capacitance

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \quad C_{vacuum} = \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$$

Ohm's Law

$$\Delta V = IR$$

Electrical Current

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} \quad I = \frac{\Delta V}{R_{eq}}$$

Electrical Power

$$P = I \Delta V = I^2 R = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$$

Chapter 18 ~ Circuits & Circuit Elements

Series

$$emf = \Delta V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots$$

$$I_{Total} = I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = \dots$$

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

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

Parallel

$$emf = \Delta V = \Delta V_1 = \Delta V_2 = \Delta V_3 = \dots$$

$$I_{Total} = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

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

Chapter 19 ~ Magnetism

Magnetic Flux

$$\Phi_M = AB \cos \theta$$

Magnetic Force

$$F_{magnetic} = qvB = BiL$$

Chapter 21 ~ Atomic Physics

Energy of Quantum

$$E = hf$$

de Broglie λ & Frequency

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv} \quad f = \frac{E}{h}$$

Photoelectric Kinetic Energy

$$KE_{max} = hf - hf_i$$

$$\text{Planck's Constant} = 6.63 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

Chapter 22 ~ Subatomic Physics

Rest Energy

$$E_{rest} = \Delta mc^2$$

Activity (Decay Rate)

$$\text{Activity} = -\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} = \lambda N$$

Nuclear Binding Energy

$$E_{binding} = \Delta mc^2$$

$$c^2 = 931.49 \text{ MeV/u}$$

Activity (Decay Rate)

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda} \quad A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^t \\ t = \# \text{ half lives}$$

Mass Defect

$$\Delta m = Z(\text{atomic mass of } H) + Nm_n - \text{atomic mass}$$

$$\Delta m = Z(1.007825u) + N(1.008665u) - \text{atomic mass}$$

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. ~ Albert Einstein ~