

PY 251 - Principles of Physics

Mathematical preliminaries.

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Evaluate the expressions that follow, covering the right hand side of the equations. If you miss more then 10%-15% of the answers, take a note of the expressions you cannot evaluate correctly and please come see me.

Derivatives and integrals.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{at^2}{2} + bt + c \right) = at + b \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = \omega \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log(5x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad (3)$$

$$\int 3x \, dx = \frac{3x^2}{2} + c \quad (4)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (gt + v) \, dt = \frac{g}{2}(t_1^2 - t_0^2) + v(t_1 - t_0) \quad (5)$$

$$\int_0^t A \sin(\omega t') \, dt' = -\frac{A}{\omega} [\cos(\omega t) - 1] \quad (6)$$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{dx}{dt} \, dt = x(t_2) - x(t_1) \quad (7)$$

Vectors.

Let

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}_1 &= 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \\ \vec{v}_2 &= -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} \\ \vec{v}_3 &= 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ \vec{w} &= -2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \quad (8)$$

$$2\vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \quad (9)$$

$$\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 - \vec{w} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \quad (10)$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = -1 \quad (11)$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{w} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$w \equiv \sqrt{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}} = \sqrt{6} \quad (13)$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{v}_3 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \quad (14)$$

Vectors in component notation.

Let

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2b \\ -a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \\ 2a \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$2\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2a - b \\ 4b - c \\ -4a \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = ab + 2bc - 2a^2 \quad (16)$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4ab + ac \\ -2a^2 - ab \\ ac - 2b^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

Time dependent vectors.

Let

$$\vec{v} = a\hat{i} - g\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = A \cos(\omega t)\hat{i} + B \sin(\omega t)\hat{j}$$

then

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -g\hat{k} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t)\hat{i} + B\omega \cos(\omega t)\hat{j} \quad (19)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \vec{v} dt = a(t_1 - t_0)\hat{i} + \frac{g}{2}(t_1^2 - t_0^2)\hat{k} \quad (20)$$

$$\int \vec{r} dt = \frac{A}{\omega} \sin(\omega t)\hat{i} - \frac{B}{\omega} \cos(\omega t)\hat{j} + \vec{c} \quad (21)$$