AP PHYSICS C MECHANICS – SUMMER CHECKLIST

REMIND INSTRUCTIONS

 \Box The first document contains instructions for joining the Remind class discussion group. At any time after 7/15/20 and before the first day of school, please follow the instructions and join the group.

SYLLABUS

- \Box Document #2 is the course syllabus. Please read it carefully.
- \Box You must have a three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper the first day of class.
- □ You must have a graphing calculator. I recommend either the TI-Nspire CX CAS or the TI-84+CE.

STUDY NOTES

- □ Please read document #3 titled "AP Course Guidelines".
- □ Document #4 is an outline of the mathematical prerequisites required for AP Physics C. We will be using this mathematics throughout the course with little or no review beforehand. Please familiarize yourself with it.

CONTRACT

- \Box Please read and sign the contract (Document #5).
- $\hfill\square$ Please have a parent or guardian read and sign the contract.
- \Box Please bring the signed contract to the first day of class.



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AP PHYSICS C MECHANICS

2021 AP Exam Date: Mon May 3, 12:00 noon

Course Description

AP Physics C Mechanics is equivalent to a one-semester, calculus-based, university-level physics course (i.e., PHY 2048 in Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System), especially appropriate for students planning to specialize or major in physical science or engineering. The course covers Newtonian mechanics.

Laboratory Component

The course includes a hands-on laboratory component (20%) comparable to a semester-long introductory university-level physics laboratory course (i.e., PHY 2048L in Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System). Each student in the class will be required to maintain a portfolio of lab reports.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite

Students should have taken or be concurrently taking calculus. Basic differential and integral calculus are used throughout the course, starting on the first day. Students should have completed an introductory physics course equivalent to Honors Physics with an overall grade of B or better.

Required Materials

- Graphing calculator. I will be using a TI-84+CE in class, but any of the calculators on the AP approved list is acceptable.
- A three-ring binder to keep lecture notes, problem assignments and class handouts. It is essential that you have a binder with loose-leaf paper rather than a notebook because you will often have to pull sheets out for classwork or to turn in work.
- Loose-leaf paper, pens (black/blue for work and red/green for corrections), pencils, etc.
- Dry-erase markers

Textbook

Serway & Jewett, *Physics for Scientists and Engineers 9th Edition* (Cengage, 2014)

Grading

Daily homework assessments, quizzes upon completion of each topic (exact dates TBD), and tests upon completion of each of the seven units.

Schedule of Topics (First Three Quarters)

- Unit 1 Kinematics [10 days]
- Unit 2 Newton's Laws of Motion [11 days]
- Unit 3 Work, Energy, Power [10 days]
- Unit 4 Systems of Particles and Linear Momentum [10 days]
- Unit 5 Rotation [10 days]
- Unit 6 Oscillations [6 days]
- Unit 7 Gravitation [6 days]

Advanced Placement Course Guidelines

Students taking an Advanced Placement (AP) course at Everglades should understand the following information:

- An AP course is the equivalent of a college-level course. The curriculum for an AP course, as set by College Board, is designed to prepare students to take a national exam in May. Everglades students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam.
- Taking an AP course means having to complete assignments at a very fast pace. The pace of an AP course is set by College Board. To develop the skills necessary and to learn the content required for the AP exam, the course must move at a steady (some say rapid) pace. Students in an AP course must feel comfortable if the class moves on to another skill or new content before they have mastered the previous skills and content.
- Taking an AP course means doing more work. You can expect to have longer assignments and more work outside of regularly scheduled class time. Students should expect to study **at least** 90 minutes outside of class for every 90 minutes spent in class.
- The content and skills to be mastered in an AP course are more sophisticated than those in previous courses. Students moving into an AP course will generally see their grades go down. Almost every student in AP Calculus earned an A in Pre-Calculus Honors, but experience indicates that few will do so in AP Calculus. If you are a student for whom it is important to get an A in every course, then an AP class may not be right for you.
- Just because you are eligible to take an AP course does not mean you should take an AP course. Students who have a deep interest in the course material, who are willing to work longer hours, who can work independently and think abstractly in the discipline, AND who can balance such a commitment with their other obligations and goals (particularly other Everglades AP courses) tend to have the most positive experiences in an AP course.





Calculus

Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibniz developed a sophisticated language of numbers and symbols called **Calculus** based on work. Newton began his work first but it was Leibniz who first published his findings. Both led the other towards accusations of plagiarism.















 Learn the lingo!

 Calculus is about "rates of change".

 A RATE is anything divided by time.

 CHANGE is expressed by using the Greek letter, Delta, Δ .

 For example: Average SPEED is simply the "RATE at which DISTANCE changes".

 S = $\frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$

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In most Physics books, the derivative is written

= lim

Mathematicians treat dx/dt as a SINGLE SYMBOL which means find the

l(x)

derivative. It is simply a mathematical operation.

 $x(t+\Delta t)-x(t)$

 Δt

The derivative

like this:



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dv

a =

dx

v =







In summary...



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A SCALAR is ANY quantity in physics that has MAGNITUDE, but NOT a direction associated with it. Magnitude – A numerical value with units.	Scalar Example	Magnitude
	Speed	20 m/s
	Distance	10 m
	Age	15 years
	Heat	1000 calories















Unit Vector Notation J = vector of magnitude "1" in the "y" direction i = vector of magnitude "1" in the "x" direction i = vector of magnitude "1" in the "x" directionThe hypotenuse in Physics iscalled the RESULTANT orVector SUM.The LEGS of the triangle arecalled the COMPONENTS3Vertical ComponentHorizontal ComponentHorizontal Component













































































Pitfall Prevention 1.1

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Reasonable Values Generating intuition about typical values of quantities when solving problems is important because you must think about your end result and determine if it seems reasonable. For example, if you are calculating the mass of a housefly and arrive at a value of 100 kg, this answer is *unreasonable* and there is an error somewhere.





Power	Prefix	Abbreviation	Power	Prefix	Abbreviation
10^{-24}	yocto	y	103	kilo	k
10^{-21}	zepto	z	106	mega	M
10^{-18}	atto	a	109	giga	G
10^{-15}	femto	f	1012	tera	т
10^{-12}	pico	р	1015	peta	Р
10^{-9}	nano	'n	1018	exa	E
10^{-6}	micro	μ	1021	zetta	Z
10^{-3}	milli	m	1024	yotta	Y
10^{-2}	centi	с			
10^{-1}	deci	d			









Example 1.2:



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1 mi = 1 609 m = 1.609 km 1 ft = 0.304 8 m = 30.48 cm 1 m = 39.37 in. = 3.281 ft 1 in. = 0.025 4 m = 2.54 cm (exactly)



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Conversion of Units

Convert 15.0 in. to centimeters.

1 in. = 2.54 cm →
$$\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in.}}$$

15.0 in. = (15.0 in.) $\left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in.}}\right)$ = 38.1 cm

Pitfall Prevention 1.3

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Always Include Units When performing calculations with numerical values, include the units for every quantity and carry the units through the entire calculation. Avoid the temptation to drop the units early and then attach the expected units once you have an answer. By including the units in every step, you can detect errors if the units for the answer turn out to be incorrect.

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Example 1.4: Breaths in a Lifetime

What if the average lifetime were estimated as 80 years instead of 70? Would that change our final estimate?

$$(80 \text{ yr})(6 \times 10^5 \text{ min/yr}) = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ min}$$

$$(10 \text{ breaths/min})(5 \times 10^7 \text{ min}) = 5 \times 10^8 \text{ breaths}$$

on the order of 10⁹ breaths









Significant Figures

1500 g \rightarrow ? significant figures

 1.500×10^3 g \rightarrow 4 significant figures 1.50×10^3 g \rightarrow 3 significant figures 1.5×10^2 g \rightarrow 2 significant figures

 $2.3 \times 10^{-4} \rightarrow 2$ significant figures $\rightarrow 0.0023$ $2.30 \times 10^{-4} \rightarrow 3$ significant figures $\rightarrow 0.000230$

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Significant Figures

In this book, most of the numerical examples and end-ofchapter problems will yield answers having three significant figures. When carrying out estimation calculations, we shall typically work with a single significant figure.

last digit dropped > 5: increase last retained digit by 1: $1.356 \rightarrow 1.35$

last digit dropped = 5: increase last retained rounded to nearest even number: $1.345 \rightarrow 1.34$

last digit dropped < 5: leave last retained as is: $1.343 \rightarrow 1.34$



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Significant Figures When numbers are added or subtracted, the number of decimal places in the result should equal the smallest number of decimal places of any term in the sum or difference. 23.2 + 5.174 = 28.374 $\rightarrow 23.2$ has one decimal place \rightarrow sum = 28.4

1.0001 + 0.0003 = 1.00041.002 - 0.998 = 0.004

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Pitfall Prevention 1.4

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Read Carefully Notice that the rule for addition and subtraction is different from that for multiplication and division. For addition and subtraction, the important consideration is the number of *decimal places*, not the number of *significant figures*.

Example 1.5: Installing a Carpet

A carpet is to be installed in a rectangular room whose length is measured to be 12.71 m and whose width is measured to be 3.46 m. Find the area of the room.

 $12.71 \text{ m} \times 3.46 \text{ m} = 43.9766 \text{ m}^2$

 $3.46 \rightarrow 3 \text{ sig figs} \rightarrow A = 44.0 \text{ m}^2$

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Pitfall Prevention 1.5				
	Pitfall Prevention 1.5 Symbolic Solutions When solving problems, it is very useful to per- form the solution completely in algebraic form and wait until the very end to enter numerical values into the final symbolic expres- sion. This method will save many calculator keystrokes, especially if some quantities cancel so that you never have to enter their values into your calculator! In addition, you will only need to round once, on the final result.			







Vectors

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Vector and Scalar Quantities A scalar quantity is completely specified by a single

value with an appropriate unit and has no direction. A **vector quantity** is completely specified by a number with an appropriate unit (the *magnitude* of the vector) plus a direction.



Basic Vector Arithmetic $\vec{A} = \vec{B}$ only if A = BBoth point in the same direction along parallel lines $y = \frac{1}{2} \frac$







































Vector Addition using Components
$\vec{\mathbf{R}} = \vec{\mathbf{A}} + \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \left(A_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + A_y\hat{\mathbf{j}}\right) + \left(B_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + B_y\hat{\mathbf{j}}\right)$
$\vec{\mathbf{R}} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (A_y + B_y)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$
$\vec{\mathbf{R}} = R_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + R_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} \Longrightarrow$
$\begin{aligned} R_x &= A_x + B_x \\ R_y &= A_y + B_y \end{aligned}$











Example 3.3: The Sum of Two Vectors Find the sum of two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} lying in the *xy* plane and given by $\vec{A} = (2.0\hat{i} + 2.0\hat{j})$ and $\vec{B} = (2.0\hat{i} - 4.0\hat{j})$

$$\vec{\mathbf{A}} = A_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + A_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + A_z \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$
$$A_x = 2.0, A_y = 2.0, A_z = 0$$
$$B_x = 2.0, B_y = -4.0, B_z = 0$$

Example 3.4: The Resultant Displacement

A particle undergoes three consecutive displacements: $\Delta \mathbf{r}_1 = \left(15\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 30\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 12\hat{\mathbf{k}}\right) \text{cm}, \ \Delta \mathbf{r}_2 = \left(23\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 14\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 5.0\hat{\mathbf{k}}\right) \text{cm},$ and $\Delta \mathbf{r}_3 = \left(-13\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 15\hat{\mathbf{j}}\right) \text{cm}$. Find unit-vector notation for the resultant displacement and magnitude.



Example 3.5: Taking a Hike A hiker begins a trip by first walking 25.0 km southeast from her car. She stops and sets up her tent for the night. On the second day, she walks 40.0 km in a direction 60.0° north of east, at which point she discovers a forest ranger's tower. (A) Determine the components of the hiker's displacement for each day.

Example 3.3:
The Sum of Two Vectors

$$\vec{\mathbf{R}} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (A_y + B_y)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

 $= (2.0 + 2.0)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (2.0 - 4.0)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$
 $= 4.0\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 2.0\hat{\mathbf{j}}$
 $R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2} = \sqrt{(4.0)^2 + (2.0)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{20} = [4.5]$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{R_y}{R_x} = \frac{-2.0}{4.0} = -0.50 \rightarrow \theta = 333^\circ$







Example 3.5: Taking a Hike

(B) Determine the components of the hiker's resultant displacement \vec{R} for the trip. Find an expression for \vec{R} in terms of unit vectors.

$$R_x = A_x + B_x = 17.7 \text{ km} + 20.0 \text{ km} = 37.3 \text{ km}$$

 $R_y = A_y + B_y = -17.7 \text{ km} + 34.6 \text{ km} = 17.0 \text{ km}$

$$\vec{\mathbf{R}} = (37.7\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 17.0\hat{\mathbf{j}}) \text{ km}$$

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Example 3.5: Taking a Hike

After reaching the tower, the hiker wishes to return to her car along a single straight line. What are the components of the vector representing this hike? What should the direction of the hike be?

$$\vec{\mathbf{R}}_{car} = -\vec{\mathbf{R}} = \left(-37.7\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 17.0\hat{\mathbf{j}}\right) \text{ km}$$
$$\tan \theta = \frac{R_{car,y}}{R_{car,x}} = \frac{-17.0 \text{ km}}{-37.7 \text{ km}} = 0.450$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 204.2^\circ, \text{ or } 24.2^\circ \text{ south of west}$$

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The Vector Product
Properties of vector product:
$\vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = -\vec{\mathbf{B}} \times \vec{\mathbf{A}}$
$\vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0 \ \left(\vec{\mathbf{A}} \Box \vec{\mathbf{B}} \right) \qquad \Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{A}} = 0$
If $\vec{\mathbf{A}} \perp \vec{\mathbf{B}}$, then $\left \vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} \right = AB$
$\vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \left(\vec{\mathbf{B}} + \vec{\mathbf{C}}\right) = \vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} + \vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{C}}$
$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}) = \frac{d\vec{\mathbf{A}}}{dt} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} + \vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \frac{d\vec{\mathbf{B}}}{dt}$













Advanced Placement Contract – Physics C Mechanics

Requirements:

- Before the first day of class, students should read and agree to abide by the conditions stated in the AP Course Guidelines, the course syllabus, and this contract.
- Some homework assignments will not be turned in. Students must understand that this does NOT mean there is no homework. The learning objective for such assignments is for the student to understand how to solve the suggested problems. If the student does not complete the homework, the student will most likely fail the corresponding quiz.
- Assignments that do have to be turned in should be completed by the due dates given. Other than in the case of absence, late work will not be accepted.
- Students should be prepared for class every day, ready to participate fully in class discussions, individual class work, quizzes and/or examinations, and any other work determined necessary by the teacher.
- Students are required to take the first semester exam. There are no exemptions available for the first semester exam.
- Exam solution sessions (particularly for 4th quarter mock exams) will be scheduled immediately after school on certain dates (advance notice will be given). Students are responsible for their own transportation to classes scheduled when buses do not normally run. Material covered during these sessions will be essential knowledge; these are not optional.
- Cheating will not be tolerated in any form. Students who cheat will receive a grade of zero on the assignment or assessment and will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Students are required to take the AP exam on Monday, May 3, 2021, 12:00 noon 2:00 pm (college credit may be given for students who earn a score of 3 or better, decided by individual colleges at their sole discretion). Students who do not take the AP exam will not get the additional quality point in their GPA calculation, will not be eligible for exemption from the second semester exam, and will incur a financial obligation.

I affirm that I have read this contract and agree to abide by its stipulations.

Student Signature

Date

I affirm that I have read this contract and support my student's decision to take this course. I understand the ramifications of this course selection.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return this contract to Mr. Dominguez on the first day of class.