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Mechanics and Thermodynamics

Displacement and position vectors	
Displacement and position component vectors	
Linear (\vec{v}) and angular ($\vec{\omega}$) velocity vectors	
Velocity component vectors	
Force vectors (\vec{F})	
Force component vectors	
Acceleration vectors (\vec{a})	
Acceleration component vectors	
Energy transfer arrows	  
Process arrow	


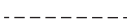


Linear (\vec{p}) and angular (\vec{L}) momentum vectors	
Linear and angular momentum component vectors	
Torque vectors ($\vec{\tau}$)	
Torque component vectors	
Schematic linear or rotational motion directions	
Dimensional rotational arrow	
Enlargement arrow	
Springs	
Pulleys	





Electricity and Magnetism

Electric field lines	
Electric field vectors	
Electric field component vectors	
Magnetic field lines	
Magnetic field vectors	
Magnetic field component vectors	
Positive charges	
Negative charges	
Resistors	
Batteries and other DC power supplies	
Switches	

Capacitors	
Inductors (coils)	
Voltmeters	
Ammeters	
AC Sources	
Lightbulbs	
Ground symbol	
Current	

Light and Optics

Light rays	
Extension of light ray	
Converging lens	
Diverging lens	

Flat mirror	
Curved mirror	
Objects	
Images	

Some Physical Constants

Quantity	Symbol	Value ^a
Atomic mass unit	u	1.660 539 040 (20) × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg 931.494 095 4 (57) MeV/c ²
Avogadro's number	N _A	6.022 140 857 (74) × 10 ²³ particles/mol
Bohr magneton	$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$	9.274 009 994 (57) × 10 ⁻²⁴ J/T
Bohr radius	$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e e^2 k_e}$	5.291 772 106 7 (12) × 10 ⁻¹¹ m
Boltzmann's constant	$k_B = \frac{R}{N_A}$	1.380 648 52 (79) × 10 ⁻²³ J/K
Compton wavelength	$\lambda_C = \frac{h}{m_e c}$	2.426 310 236 7 (11) × 10 ⁻¹² m
Coulomb constant	$k_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$	8.987 551 788 . . . × 10 ⁹ N·m ² /C ² (exact)
Deuteron mass	m _d	3.343 583 719 (41) × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg 2.013 553 212 745 (40) u
Electron mass	m _e	9.109 383 56 (11) × 10 ⁻³¹ kg 5.485 799 090 70 (16) × 10 ⁻⁴ u 0.510 998 946 1 (31) MeV/c ²
Electron volt	eV	1.602 176 620 8 (98) × 10 ⁻¹⁹ J
Elementary charge	e	1.602 176 620 8 (98) × 10 ⁻¹⁹ C
Gas constant	R	8.314 459 8 (48) J/mol·K
Gravitational constant	G	6.674 08 (31) × 10 ⁻¹¹ N·m ² /kg ²
Neutron mass	m _n	1.674 927 471 (21) × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg 1.008 664 915 88 (49) u 939.565 413 3 (58) MeV/c ²
Nuclear magneton	$\mu_n = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p}$	5.050 783 699 (31) × 10 ⁻²⁷ J/T
Permeability of free space	μ ₀	4π × 10 ⁻⁷ T·m/A (exact)
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2}$	8.854 187 817 . . . × 10 ⁻¹² C ² /N·m ² (exact)
Planck's constant	h	6.626 070 040 (81) × 10 ⁻³⁴ J·s
	$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$	1.054 571 800 (13) × 10 ⁻³⁴ J·s
Proton mass	m _p	1.672 621 898 (21) × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg 1.007 276 466 879 (91) u 938.272 081 3 (58) MeV/c ²
Rydberg constant	R _H	1.097 373 156 850 8 (65) × 10 ⁷ m ⁻¹
Speed of light in vacuum	c	2.997 924 58 × 10 ⁸ m/s (exact)

Note: These constants are the values recommended in 2014 by CODATA, based on a least-squares adjustment of data from different measurements. For a more complete list, see P. J. Mohr, B. N. Taylor, and D. B. Newell, "CODATA Recommended Values of the Fundamental Physical Constants: 2014." *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **88**:3, 035009, 2016.

^aThe numbers in parentheses for the values represent the uncertainties of the last two digits.

Solar System Data

Body	Mass (kg)	Mean Radius (m)	Period (s)	Mean Distance from the Sun (m)
Mercury	3.30×10^{23}	2.44×10^6	7.60×10^6	5.79×10^{10}
Venus	4.87×10^{24}	6.05×10^6	1.94×10^7	1.08×10^{11}
Earth	5.97×10^{24}	6.37×10^6	3.156×10^7	1.496×10^{11}
Mars	6.42×10^{23}	3.39×10^6	5.94×10^7	2.28×10^{11}
Jupiter	1.90×10^{27}	6.99×10^7	3.74×10^8	7.78×10^{11}
Saturn	5.68×10^{26}	5.82×10^7	9.29×10^8	1.43×10^{12}
Uranus	8.68×10^{25}	2.54×10^7	2.65×10^9	2.87×10^{12}
Neptune	1.02×10^{26}	2.46×10^7	5.18×10^9	4.50×10^{12}
Pluto ^a	1.25×10^{22}	1.20×10^6	7.82×10^9	5.91×10^{12}
Moon	7.35×10^{22}	1.74×10^6	—	—
Sun	1.989×10^{30}	6.96×10^8	—	—

^aIn August 2006, the International Astronomical Union adopted a definition of a planet that separates Pluto from the other eight planets. Pluto is now defined as a “dwarf planet” (like the asteroid Ceres).

Physical Data Often Used

Average Earth–Moon distance	3.84×10^8 m
Average Earth–Sun distance	1.496×10^{11} m
Average radius of the Earth	6.37×10^6 m
Density of air (20°C and 1 atm)	1.20 kg/m ³
Density of air (0°C and 1 atm)	1.29 kg/m ³
Density of water (20°C and 1 atm)	1.00×10^3 kg/m ³
Free-fall acceleration on the Earth	9.80 m/s ²
Mass of the Earth	5.97×10^{24} kg
Mass of the Moon	7.35×10^{22} kg
Mass of the Sun	1.99×10^{30} kg
Standard atmospheric pressure on the Earth	1.013×10^5 Pa

Note: These values are the ones used in the text.

Some Prefixes for Powers of Ten

Power	Prefix	Abbreviation	Power	Prefix	Abbreviation
10^{-24}	yocto	y	10^1	deka	da
10^{-21}	zepto	z	10^2	hecto	h
10^{-18}	atto	a	10^3	kilo	k
10^{-15}	femto	f	10^6	mega	M
10^{-12}	pico	p	10^9	giga	G
10^{-9}	nano	n	10^{12}	tera	T
10^{-6}	micro	μ	10^{15}	peta	P
10^{-3}	milli	m	10^{18}	exa	E
10^{-2}	centi	c	10^{21}	zetta	Z
10^{-1}	deci	d	10^{24}	yotta	Y

Standard Abbreviations and Symbols for Units

Symbol	Unit	Symbol	Unit
A	ampere	K	kelvin
u	atomic mass unit	kg	kilogram
atm	atmosphere	kmol	kilomole
Btu	British thermal unit	L	liter
C	coulomb	lb	pound
°C	degree Celsius	ly	light-year
cal	calorie	m	meter
d	day	min	minute
eV	electron volt	mol	mole
°F	degree Fahrenheit	N	newton
F	farad	Pa	pascal
ft	foot	rad	radian
G	gauss	rev	revolution
g	gram	s	second
H	henry	T	tesla
h	hour	V	volt
hp	horsepower	W	watt
Hz	hertz	Wb	weber
in.	inch	yr	year
J	joule	Ω	ohm

Mathematical Symbols Used in the Text and Their Meaning

Symbol	Meaning
=	is equal to
≡	is defined as
≠	is not equal to
∝	is proportional to
~	is on the order of
>	is greater than
<	is less than
>>(<<<)	is much greater (less) than
≈	is approximately equal to
Δx	the change in x
$\sum_{i=1}^N x_i$	the sum of all quantities x_i from $i = 1$ to $i = N$
x	the absolute value of x (always a nonnegative quantity)
$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$	Δx approaches zero
$\frac{dx}{dt}$	the derivative of x with respect to t
$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$	the partial derivative of x with respect to t
∫	integral

Conversions

Length

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ in.} &= 2.54 \text{ cm (exact)} \\
 1 \text{ m} &= 39.37 \text{ in.} = 3.281 \text{ ft} \\
 1 \text{ ft} &= 0.3048 \text{ m} \\
 12 \text{ in.} &= 1 \text{ ft} \\
 3 \text{ ft} &= 1 \text{ yd} \\
 1 \text{ yd} &= 0.9144 \text{ m} \\
 1 \text{ km} &= 0.621 \text{ mi} \\
 1 \text{ mi} &= 1.609 \text{ km} \\
 1 \text{ mi} &= 5280 \text{ ft} \\
 1 \mu\text{m} &= 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 10^3 \text{ nm} \\
 1 \text{ ly (light-year)} &= 9.461 \times 10^{15} \text{ m} \\
 1 \text{ pc (parsec)} &= 3.26 \text{ ly} = 3.09 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Area

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ m}^2 &= 10^4 \text{ cm}^2 = 10.76 \text{ ft}^2 \\
 1 \text{ ft}^2 &= 0.0929 \text{ m}^2 = 144 \text{ in.}^2 \\
 1 \text{ in.}^2 &= 6.452 \text{ cm}^2 \\
 1 \text{ ha (hectare)} &= 1.00 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Volume

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ m}^3 &= 10^6 \text{ cm}^3 = 6.102 \times 10^4 \text{ in.}^3 \\
 1 \text{ ft}^3 &= 1728 \text{ in.}^3 = 2.83 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3 \\
 1 \text{ L} &= 1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1.0576 \text{ qt} = 0.0353 \text{ ft}^3 \\
 1 \text{ ft}^3 &= 7.481 \text{ gal} = 28.32 \text{ L} = 2.832 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3 \\
 1 \text{ gal} &= 3.786 \text{ L} = 231 \text{ in.}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Mass

$$\begin{aligned}
 1000 \text{ kg} &= 1 \text{ t (metric ton)} \\
 1 \text{ slug} &= 14.59 \text{ kg} \\
 1 \text{ u} &= 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Force

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ N} &= 0.2248 \text{ lb} \\
 1 \text{ lb} &= 4.448 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

Velocity

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ mi/h} &= 1.47 \text{ ft/s} = 0.447 \text{ m/s} = 1.61 \text{ km/h} \\
 1 \text{ m/s} &= 100 \text{ cm/s} = 3.281 \text{ ft/s} \\
 1 \text{ mi/min} &= 60 \text{ mi/h} = 88 \text{ ft/s}
 \end{aligned}$$

Acceleration

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ m/s}^2 &= 3.28 \text{ ft/s}^2 = 100 \text{ cm/s}^2 \\
 1 \text{ ft/s}^2 &= 0.3048 \text{ m/s}^2 = 30.48 \text{ cm/s}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Pressure

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ bar} &= 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 14.50 \text{ lb/in.}^2 \\
 1 \text{ atm} &= 760 \text{ mm Hg} = 76.0 \text{ cm Hg} \\
 1 \text{ atm} &= 14.7 \text{ lb/in.}^2 = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 \\
 1 \text{ Pa} &= 1 \text{ N/m}^2 = 1.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lb/in.}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Time

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ yr} &= 365 \text{ days} = 3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s} \\
 1 \text{ day} &= 24 \text{ h} = 1.44 \times 10^3 \text{ min} = 8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ s}
 \end{aligned}$$

Energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ J} &= 0.738 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} \\
 1 \text{ cal} &= 4.186 \text{ J} \\
 1 \text{ Btu} &= 252 \text{ cal} = 1.054 \times 10^3 \text{ J} \\
 1 \text{ eV} &= 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \\
 1 \text{ kWh} &= 3.60 \times 10^6 \text{ J}
 \end{aligned}$$

Power

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ hp} &= 550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s} = 0.746 \text{ kW} \\
 1 \text{ W} &= 1 \text{ J/s} = 0.738 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s} \\
 1 \text{ Btu/h} &= 0.293 \text{ W}
 \end{aligned}$$

Some Approximations Useful for Estimation Problems

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ m} &\approx 1 \text{ yd} & 1 \text{ m/s} &\approx 2 \text{ mi/h} \\
 1 \text{ kg} &\approx 2 \text{ lb} & 1 \text{ yr} &\approx \pi \times 10^7 \text{ s} \\
 1 \text{ N} &\approx \frac{1}{4} \text{ lb} & 60 \text{ mi/h} &\approx 100 \text{ ft/s} \\
 1 \text{ L} &\approx \frac{1}{4} \text{ gal} & 1 \text{ km} &\approx \frac{1}{2} \text{ mi}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: See Table A.1 of Appendix A for a more complete list.

The Greek Alphabet

Alpha	A	α	Iota	I	ι	Rho	P	ρ
Beta	B	β	Kappa	K	κ	Sigma	Σ	σ
Gamma	Γ	γ	Lambda	Λ	λ	Tau	T	τ
Delta	Δ	δ	Mu	M	μ	Upsilon	Y	υ
Epsilon	E	ϵ	Nu	N	ν	Phi	Φ	ϕ
Zeta	Z	ζ	Xi	Ξ	ξ	Chi	X	χ
Eta	H	η	Omicron	O	o	Psi	Ψ	ψ
Theta	Θ	θ	Pi	Π	π	Omega	Ω	ω

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for their loving understanding
when we spent time on writing instead of being with them.*

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Preface

In writing this Tenth Edition of *Physics for Scientists and Engineers*, we continue our ongoing efforts to improve the clarity of presentation and include new pedagogical features that help support the learning and teaching processes. Drawing on positive feedback from users of the Ninth Edition, data gathered from both professors and students who use WebAssign, as well as reviewers' suggestions, we have refined the text to better meet the needs of students and teachers.

This textbook is intended for a course in introductory physics for students majoring in science or engineering. The entire contents of the book in its extended version could be covered in a three-semester course, but it is possible to use the material in shorter sequences with the omission of selected chapters and sections. The mathematical background of the student taking this course should ideally include one semester of calculus. If that is not possible, the student should be enrolled in a concurrent course in introductory calculus.

Content

The material in this book covers fundamental topics in classical physics and provides an introduction to modern physics. The book is divided into six parts. Part 1 (Chapters 1 to 14) deals with the fundamentals of Newtonian mechanics and the physics of fluids; Part 2 (Chapters 15 to 17) covers oscillations, mechanical waves, and sound; Part 3 (Chapters 18 to 21) addresses heat and thermodynamics; Part 4 (Chapters 22 to 33) treats electricity and magnetism; Part 5 (Chapters 34 to 37) covers light and optics; and Part 6 (Chapters 38 to 44) deals with relativity and modern physics.

Objectives

This introductory physics textbook has three main objectives: to provide the student with a clear and logical presentation of the basic concepts and principles of physics, to strengthen an understanding of the concepts and principles through a broad range of interesting real-world applications, and to develop strong problem-solving skills through an effectively organized approach. To meet these objectives, we emphasize well-organized physical arguments and a focused problem-solving strategy. At the same time, we attempt to motivate the student through practical examples that demonstrate the role of physics in other disciplines, including engineering, chemistry, and medicine.

An Integrative Approach to Course Materials

This new edition takes an *integrative approach* to course material with an optimized, protected, online-only problem experience combined with rich textbook content designed to support an active classroom experience. This new optimized online homework set is built on contextual randomizations and answer-dependent student remediation for every problem. With this edition, you'll have an integrative approach that seamlessly matches curated content to the learning environment for which it was intended—from in-class group problem solving to online homework that utilizes targeted feedback. This approach engages and guides students where they are at—whether they are studying online or with the textbook.

Students often approach an online homework problem by googling to find the right equation or explanation of the relevant concept; however, this approach has

eroded the value attributed to online homework as students leave the support of the program for unrelated help elsewhere and encounter imprecise information.

Students don't need to leave WebAssign to get help when they are stuck—each problem has feedback that addresses the misconception or error a student made to reach the wrong answer. Each optimized problem also features comprehensive written solutions, and many have supporting video solutions that go through one contextual variant of the problem one step at a time. Since the optimized problem set is not in print, the content is protected from “solution providers” and will be augmented every year with updates to the targeted feedback based on actual student answers.

Working in tandem with the optimized online homework, the printed textbook has been designed for an active learning experience that supports activities in the classroom as well as after-class practice and review. New content includes *Think–Pair–Share* activities, context-rich problems, and a greater emphasis on symbolic and conceptual problems. *All* of the printed textbook's problems will also be available to assign in WebAssign.

Changes in the Tenth Edition

A large number of changes and improvements were made for the Tenth Edition of this text. Some of the new features are based on our experiences and on current trends in science education. Other changes were incorporated in response to comments and suggestions offered by users of the Ninth Edition and by reviewers of the manuscript. The features listed here represent the major changes in the Tenth Edition.



WebAssign for *Physics for Scientists and Engineers*

WebAssign is a flexible and fully customizable online instructional solution that puts powerful tools in the hands of instructors, enabling you to deploy assignments, instantly assess individual student and class performance, and help your students master the course concepts. With WebAssign's powerful digital platform and content specific to *Physics for Scientists and Engineers*, you can tailor your course with a wide range of assignment settings, add your own questions and content, and access student and course analytics and communication tools. WebAssign for *Physics for Scientists and Engineers* includes the following new features for this edition.

Optimized Problems. Only available online via WebAssign, this problem set combines new assessments with classic problems from *Physics for Scientists and Engineers* that have been optimized with just-in-time targeted feedback tailored to student responses and full student-focused solutions. Moving these problems so that they are only available online allows instructors to make full use of the capability of WebAssign to provide their students with dynamic assessment content, and reduces the opportunity for students to find online solutions through anti-search-engine optimizations. These problems reduce these opportunities both by making the text of the problem less searchable and by providing immediate assistance to students within the homework platform.

Interactive Video Vignettes (IVV) encourage students to address their alternate conceptions outside of the classroom and can be used for pre-lecture activities in traditional or even workshop physics classrooms. Interactive Video Vignettes include online video analysis and interactive individual tutorials to address learning difficulties identified by PER (Physics Education Research). Within the WebAssign platform there are additional conceptual questions immediately following each IVV in order to evaluate student engagement with the material and reinforce the message around these classic misconceptions. A screen shot from one of the Interactive Video Vignettes appears on the next page:

The screenshot shows an interactive video vignette interface. At the top, it is titled "Freefall" and "Interactive Video Vignette". Below the title are two video thumbnails. The left thumbnail shows a man in a purple shirt with a globe graphic, and the right thumbnail shows two men on a lawn, one holding a bowling ball and the other an apple. Below each video is a question. The left question asks what happens when two objects are dropped, with three multiple-choice options. The right question asks for a confidence level on a scale of 1 to 5. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with "PREV" and "NEXT" buttons and a sequence of numbers 1 through 12.

Freefall Interactive Video Vignette

What do you think will happen when the two objects are dropped?

- A. The apple will land first.
- B. The bowling ball will land first.
- C. Both objects will land at the same time.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = very unsure, 5 = very confident) how confident are you about your answer?

Enter Answer

← PREV 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 NEXT →

New MCAT-Style Passage Problem Modules. Available only in WebAssign, these 30 brand-new modules are modeled after the new MCAT exam’s “passage problems.” Each module starts with a text passage (often with accompanying photos/figures) followed by 5–6 multiple-choice questions. The passage and the questions are usually not confined to a single chapter, and feedback is available with each question.

New Life Science Problems. The online-only problems set for each chapter in WebAssign features two new life science problems that highlight the relevance of physics principles to those students taking the course who are majoring in one of the life sciences.

New What If? Problem Extensions. The online-only problems set for each chapter in WebAssign contains 6 new **What If? extensions** to existing problems. What If? extensions extend students’ understanding of physics concepts beyond the simple act of arriving at a numerical result.

Pre-Lecture Explorations combine interactive simulations with conceptual and analytical questions that guide students to a deeper understanding and help promote a robust physical intuition.

An Expanded Offering of All-New Integrated Tutorials. These Integrated Tutorials strengthen students’ problem-solving skills by guiding them through the steps in the book’s problem-solving process, and include meaningful feedback at each step so students can practice the problem-solving process and improve their skills. The feedback also addresses student preconceptions and helps them to catch algebraic and other mathematical errors. Solutions are carried out symbolically as long as possible, with numerical values substituted at the end. This feature promotes conceptual understanding above memorization, helps students understand the effects of changing the values of each variable in the problem, avoids unnecessary repetitive substitution of the same numbers, and eliminates round-off errors.

Increased Number of Fully Worked-Out Problem Solutions. Hundreds of solutions have been newly added to online end-of-chapter problems. Solutions step through problem-solving strategies as they are applied to specific problems.

Objective and Conceptual Questions Now Exclusively Available in WebAssign. **Objective Questions** are multiple-choice, true/false, ranking, or other multiple-guess-type questions. Some require calculations designed to facilitate students’ familiarity with the equations, the variables used, the concepts the variables represent, and

the relationships between the concepts. Others are more conceptual in nature and designed to encourage conceptual thinking. Objective Questions are also written with the personal response system user in mind, and most of the questions could easily be used in these systems. **Conceptual Questions** are more traditional short-answer and essay-type questions that require students to think conceptually about a physical situation. More than 900 Objective and Conceptual Questions are available in WebAssign.

New Physics for Scientists and Engineers WebAssign Implementation Guide. The Implementation Guide provides instructors with occurrences of the different assignable problems, tutorials, questions, and activities that are available with each chapter of *Physics for Scientists and Engineers* in WebAssign. Instructors can use this manual when making decisions about which and how many assessment items to assign. To facilitate this, an overview of how the assignable items are integrated into the course is included.

New Assessment Items

New Context-Rich Problems. Context-rich problems (identified with a **CR** icon) always discuss “you” as the individual in the problem and have a real-world connection instead of discussing blocks on planes or balls on strings. They are structured like a short story and may not always explicitly identify the variable that needs to be evaluated. Context-rich problems may relate to the opening storyline of the chapter, might involve “expert witness” scenarios, which allow students to go beyond mathematical manipulation by designing an argument based on mathematical results, or ask for decisions to be made in real situations. Selected new context-rich problems will only appear online in WebAssign. An example of a new context-rich problem appears below:

20. **CR** There is a 5K event coming up in your town. While talking to your grandmother, who uses an electric scooter for mobility, she says that she would like to accompany you on her scooter while you walk the 5.00-km distance. The manual that came with her scooter claims that the fully charged battery is capable of providing 120 Wh of energy before being depleted. In preparation for the race, you go for a “test drive”: beginning with a fully charged battery, your grandmother rides beside you as you walk 5.00 km on flat ground. At the end of the walk, the battery usage indicator shows that 40.0% of the original energy in the battery remains. You also know that the combined weight of the scooter and your grandmother is 890 N. A few days later, filled with confidence that the battery has sufficient energy, you and your grandmother drive to the 5K event. Unbeknownst to you, the 5K route is not on flat ground, but is all uphill, ending at a point higher than the starting line. A race official tells you that the total amount of vertical displacement on the route is 150 m. Should your grandmother accompany you on the walk, or will she be stranded when her battery runs out of energy? Assume that the only difference between your test drive and the actual event is the vertical displacement.

New Think–Pair–Share Problems and Activities. Think–Pair–Share problems and activities are similar to context-rich problems, but tend to benefit more from group discussion because the solution is not as straightforward as for a single-concept problem. Some Think–Pair–Share problems require the group to discuss and make decisions; others are made more challenging by the fact that some information is not and cannot be known. All chapters in the text have at least one Think–Pair–Share problem or activity; several more per chapter will be available only in WebAssign. Examples of a Think–Pair–Share Problem and a Think–Pair–Share Activity appear on the next page:

1. You are working as a delivery person for a dairy store. In the back of your pickup truck is a crate of eggs. The dairy company has run out of bungee cords, so the crate is not tied down. You have been told to drive carefully because the coefficient of static friction between the crate and the bed of the truck is 0.600. You are not worried, because you are traveling on a road that appears perfectly straight. Due to your confidence and inattention, your speed has crept upward to 45.0 mi/h. Suddenly, you see a curve ahead with a warning sign saying, “Danger: unbanked curve with radius of curvature 35.0 m.” You are 15.0 m from the beginning of the curve. What can you do to save the eggs: (i) take the curve at 45.0 mi/h, (ii) brake to a stop before entering the curve to think about it, or (iii) slow down to take the curve at a slower speed? Discuss these options in your group and determine if there is a best course of action.

3. **ACTIVITY** (a) Place ten pennies on a horizontal meterstick, with a penny at 10 cm, 20 cm, 30 cm, etc., out to 100 cm. Carefully pick up the meterstick, keeping it horizontal, and have a member of the group make a video recording of the following event, using a smartphone or other device. While the video recording is underway, release the 100-cm end of the meterstick while the 0-cm end rests on someone’s finger or the edge of the desk. By stepping through the video images or watching the video in slow motion, determine which pennies first lose contact with the meterstick as it falls. (b) Make a theoretical determination of which pennies should first lose contact and compare to your experimental result.

Content Changes

Reorganized Chapter 16 (Wave Motion). This combination of Chapters 16 and 17 from the last edition brings all of the fundamental material on traveling mechanical waves on strings and sound waves through materials together in one chapter. This allows for more close comparisons between the features of the two types of waves that are similar, such as derivations of the speed of the wave. The section on reflection and transmission of waves, details of which are not necessary in a chapter on traveling waves, was moved into Chapter 17 (Superposition and Standing Waves) for this edition, where it fits more naturally in a discussion of the effects of boundary conditions on waves.

Reorganization of Chapters 22–24. Movement of the material on continuous distribution of charge out of Chapter 22 (Electric Fields) to Chapter 23 (Continuous Charge Distributions and Gauss’s Law) results in a chapter that is a more gradual introduction for students into the new and challenging topic of electricity. The chapter now involves only electric fields due to point charges and uniform electric fields due to parallel plates.

Chapter 23 previously involved only the analysis of electric fields due to continuous charge distributions using Gauss’s law. Movement of the material on continuous distribution of charge into Chapter 23 results in an entire chapter based on the analysis of fields from continuous charge distributions, using two techniques: integration and Gauss’s law.

Chapter 23 previously contained a discussion of four properties of isolated charged conductors. Three of the properties were discussed and argued from basic principles, while the student was referred to necessary material in the next chapter (on Electric Potential) for a discussion of the fourth property. With the movement of this discussion into Chapter 24 for this edition, the student has learned all of the necessary basic material *before* the discussion of properties of isolated charged conductors, and all four properties can be argued from basic principles together.

Reorganized Chapter 43 (Nuclear Physics). Chapters 44 (Nuclear Structure) and 45 (Applications of Nuclear Physics) in the last edition have been combined in this edition. This new Chapter 43 allows all of the material on nuclear physics to be studied together. As a consequence, we now have a series of the final five chapters of the text that each cover in one chapter focused applications of the fundamental principles studied before: Chapter 40 (Quantum Mechanics), Chapter 41 (Atomic Physics), Chapter 42 (Molecules and Solids), Chapter 43 (Nuclear Physics), and Chapter 44 (Particle Physics).

New Storyline Approach to Chapter-Opening Text. Each chapter opens with a *Storyline* section. This feature provides a continuous storyline through the whole book of “you” as an inquisitive physics student observing and analyzing phenomena seen in

everyday life. Many chapters' Storyline involves measurements made with a smart-phone, observations of YouTube videos, or investigations on the Internet.

New Chapter-Opening Connections. The start of each chapter also features a *Connections* section that shows how the material in the chapter connects to previously studied material and to future material. The Connections section provides a “big picture” of the concepts, explains why this chapter is placed in this particular location relative to the other chapters, and shows how the structure of physics builds on previous material.

Text Features

Most instructors believe that the textbook selected for a course should be the student's primary guide for understanding and learning the subject matter. Furthermore, the textbook should be easily accessible and should be styled and written to facilitate instruction and learning. With these points in mind, we have included many pedagogical features, listed below, that are intended to enhance its usefulness to both students and instructors.

Problem Solving and Conceptual Understanding

Analysis Model Approach to Problem Solving. Students are faced with hundreds of problems during their physics courses. A relatively small number of fundamental principles form the basis of these problems. When faced with a new problem, a physicist forms a model of the problem that can be solved in a simple way by identifying the fundamental principle that is applicable in the problem. For example, many problems involve conservation of energy, Newton's second law, or kinematic equations. Because the physicist has studied these principles and their applications extensively, he or she can apply this knowledge as a model for solving a new problem. Although it would be ideal for students to follow this same process, most students have difficulty becoming familiar with the entire palette of fundamental principles that are available. It is easier for students to identify a situation rather than a fundamental principle.

The *Analysis Model approach* lays out a standard set of situations that appear in most physics problems. These situations are based on an entity in one of four simplification models: *particle*, *system*, *rigid object*, and *wave*. Once the simplification model is identified, the student thinks about what the entity is doing or how it interacts with its environment. This leads the student to identify a particular Analysis Model for the problem. For example, if an object is falling, the object is recognized as a particle experiencing an acceleration due to gravity that is constant. The student has learned that the Analysis Model of a *particle under constant acceleration* describes this situation. Furthermore, this model has a small number of equations associated with it for use in starting problems, the kinematic equations presented in Chapter 2. Therefore, an understanding of the situation has led to an Analysis Model, which then identifies a very small number of equations to start the problem, rather than the myriad equations that students see in the text. In this way, the use of Analysis Models leads the student to identify the fundamental principle. As the student gains more experience, he or she will lean less on the Analysis Model approach and begin to identify fundamental principles directly.

The Analysis Model Approach to Problem Solving is presented in full in Chapter 2 (Section 2.4, pages 30–32), and provides students with a structured process for solving problems. In all remaining chapters, the strategy is employed explicitly in every example so that students learn how it is applied. Students are encouraged to follow this strategy when working end-of-chapter problems.

Analysis Model descriptive boxes appear at the end of any section that introduces a new Analysis Model. This feature recaps the Analysis Model introduced in the section and provides examples of the types of problems that a student could solve using the Analysis Model. These boxes function as a “refresher” before students see the Analysis Models in use in the worked examples for a given section. The approach is further reinforced in the end-of-chapter summary under the heading *Analysis Models for Problem Solving*, and through the **Analysis Model Tutorials** that are based on selected end-of-chapter problems and appear in WebAssign.

Analysis Model Tutorials. John Jewett developed 165 tutorials (ones that appear in the printed text's problem sets are indicated by an **AMT** icon) that strengthen students' problem-solving skills by guiding them through the steps in the problem-solving process. Important first steps include making predictions and focusing on physics concepts before solving the problem quantitatively. A critical component of these tutorials is the selection of an appropriate Analysis Model to describe what is going on in the problem. This step allows students to make the important link between the situation in the problem and the mathematical representation of the situation. Analysis Model tutorials include meaningful feedback at each step to help students practice the problem-solving process and improve their skills. In addition, the feedback addresses student misconceptions and helps them to catch algebraic and other mathematical errors. Solutions are carried out symbolically as long as possible, with numerical values substituted at the end. This feature helps students understand the effects of changing the values of each variable in the problem, avoids unnecessary repetitive substitution of the same numbers, and eliminates round-off errors. Feedback at the end of the tutorial encourages students to compare the final answer with their original predictions.

Worked Examples. All in-text worked examples are presented in a two-column format to better reinforce physical concepts. The left column shows textual information that describes the steps for solving the problem. The right column shows the mathematical manipulations and results of taking these steps. This layout facilitates matching the concept with its mathematical execution and helps students organize their work. The examples closely follow the Analysis Model Approach to Problem Solving introduced in Section 2.4 to reinforce effective problem-solving habits. All worked examples in the text may be assigned for homework in WebAssign. A sample of a worked example can be found on the next page.

Examples consist of two types. The first (and most common) example type presents a problem and numerical answer. The second type of example is conceptual in nature. To accommodate increased emphasis on understanding physical concepts, the many conceptual examples are labeled as such and are designed to help students focus on the physical situation in the problem. Solutions in worked examples are presented symbolically as far as possible, with numerical values substituted at the end. This approach will help students think symbolically when they solve problems instead of unnecessarily inserting numbers into intermediate equations.

What If? Approximately one-third of the worked examples in the text contain a What If? feature. At the completion of the example solution, a What If? question offers a variation on the situation posed in the text of the example. This feature encourages students to think about the results of the example, and it also assists in conceptual understanding of the principles. What If? questions also prepare students to encounter novel problems that may be included on exams. Selected end-of-chapter problems also include this feature.

Quick Quizzes. Students are provided an opportunity to test their understanding of the physical concepts presented through Quick Quizzes. The questions require students to make decisions on the basis of sound reasoning, and some of the questions have been written to help students overcome common misconceptions. Quick Quizzes have been cast in an objective format, including multiple-choice, true–false, and ranking. Answers to all Quick Quiz questions are found at the end of the text. Many instructors choose to use such questions in a “peer instruction” teaching style or with the use of personal response system “clickers,” but they can be used in standard quiz format as well. An example of a Quick Quiz follows below.

- QUICK QUIZ 7.5** A dart is inserted into a spring-loaded dart gun by pushing the spring in by a distance x . For the next loading, the spring is compressed a distance $2x$. How much faster does the second dart leave the gun compared with the first? (a) four times as fast (b) two times as fast (c) the same (d) half as fast (e) one-fourth as fast



All worked examples are also available to be assigned as interactive examples in WebAssign.

Example 3.2 A Vacation Trip

A car travels 20.0 km due north and then 35.0 km in a direction 60.0° west of north as shown in Figure 3.11a. Find the magnitude and direction of the car's resultant displacement.

SOLUTION

Conceptualize The two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} that appear in Figure 3.11a help us conceptualize the problem. The resultant vector \vec{R} has also been drawn. We expect its magnitude to be a few tens of kilometers. The angle β that the resultant vector makes with the y axis is expected to be less than 60°, the angle that vector \vec{B} makes with the y axis.

Categorize We can categorize this example as a simple analysis problem in vector addition. The displacement \vec{R} is the resultant when the two individual displacements \vec{A} and \vec{B} are added. We can further categorize it as a problem about the analysis of triangles, so we appeal to our expertise in geometry and trigonometry.

Analyze In this example, we show two ways to analyze the problem of finding the resultant of two vectors. The first way is to solve the problem geometrically, using graph paper and a protractor to measure the magnitude of \vec{R} and its direction in Figure 3.11a. (In fact, even when you know you are going to be carrying out a calculation, you should sketch the vectors to check your results.) With an ordinary ruler and protractor, a large diagram typically gives answers to two-digit but not to three-digit precision. Try using these tools on \vec{R} in Figure 3.11a and compare to the trigonometric analysis below!

The second way to solve the problem is to analyze it using algebra and trigonometry. The magnitude of \vec{R} can be obtained from the law of cosines as applied to the triangle in Figure 3.11a (see Appendix B.4).

Use $R^2 = A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos \theta$ from the law of cosines to find R :

$$R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos \theta}$$

Substitute numerical values, noting that $\theta = 180^\circ - 60^\circ = 120^\circ$:

$$R = \sqrt{(20.0 \text{ km})^2 + (35.0 \text{ km})^2 - 2(20.0 \text{ km})(35.0 \text{ km}) \cos 120^\circ} = 48.2 \text{ km}$$

Use the law of sines (Appendix B.4) to find the direction of \vec{R} measured from the northerly direction:

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{B} = \frac{\sin \theta}{R}$$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{B}{R} \sin \theta = \frac{35.0 \text{ km}}{48.2 \text{ km}} \sin 120^\circ = 0.629$$

$$\beta = 38.9^\circ$$

The resultant displacement of the car is 48.2 km in a direction 38.9° west of north.

Finalize Does the angle β that we calculated agree with an estimate made by looking at Figure 3.11a or with an actual angle measured from the diagram using the graphical method? Is it reasonable that the magnitude of \vec{R} is larger than that of both \vec{A} and \vec{B} ? Are the units of \vec{R} correct?

find using the laws of cosines and sines to be awkward. Second, a triangle only results if you are adding two vectors. If you are adding three or more vectors, the resulting geometric shape is usually not a triangle. In Section 3.4, we explore a new method of adding vectors that will address both of these disadvantages.

Although the head to tail method of adding vectors works well, it suffers from two disadvantages. First, some people

WHAT IF? Suppose the trip were taken with the two vectors in reverse order: 35.0 km at 60.0° west of north first and then 20.0 km due north. How would the magnitude and the direction of the resultant vector change?

Answer They would not change. The commutative law for vector addition tells us that the order of vectors in an addition is irrelevant. Graphically, Figure 3.11b shows that the vectors added in the reverse order give us the same resultant vector.

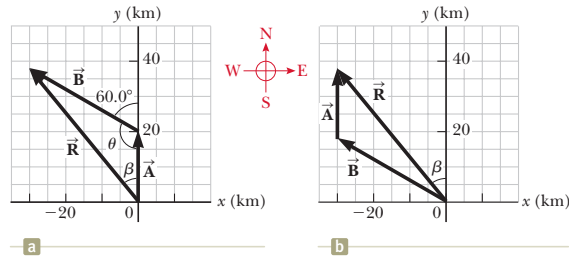


Figure 3.11 (Example 3.2) (a) Graphical method for finding the resultant displacement vector $\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$. (b) Adding the vectors in reverse order ($\vec{B} + \vec{A}$) gives the same result for \vec{R} .

Each solution has been written to closely follow the Analysis Model Approach to Problem Solving as outlined in Section 2.4 (pages 30–32), so as to reinforce good problem-solving habits.

Each step of the solution is detailed in a two-column format. The left column provides an explanation for each mathematical step in the right column, to better reinforce the physical concepts.

What If? statements appear in about one-third of the worked examples and offer a variation on the situation posed in the text of the example. For instance, this feature might explore the effects of changing the conditions of the situation, determine what happens when a quantity is taken to a particular limiting value, or question whether additional information can be determined about the problem situation. This feature encourages students to think about the results of the example and assists in conceptual understanding of the principles.

Pitfall Preventions. More than two hundred Pitfall Preventions (such as the one to the right) are provided to help students avoid common mistakes and misunderstandings. These features, which are placed in the margins of the text, address both common student misconceptions and situations in which students often follow unproductive paths.

Summaries. Each chapter contains a summary that reviews the important concepts and equations discussed in that chapter. The summary is divided into three sections: Definitions, Concepts and Principles, and Analysis Models for Problem Solving. In each section, flash card–type boxes focus on each separate definition, concept, principle, or analysis model.

Problems Sets. For the Tenth Edition, the authors reviewed each question and problem and incorporated revisions designed to improve both readability and assignability.

Problems. An extensive set of problems is included at the end of each chapter; in all, the printed textbook contains more than 2 000 problems, while another 1 500 optimized problems are available only in WebAssign. Answers for odd-numbered problems in the printed text are provided at the end of the book, and solutions for all printed text problems are found in the *Instructor's Solutions Manual*.

The end-of-chapter problems are organized by the sections in each chapter (about two-thirds of the problems are keyed to specific sections of the chapter). Within each section, the problems now “platform” students to higher-order thinking by presenting all the straightforward problems in the section first, followed by the intermediate problems. (The problem numbers for straightforward problems are printed in **black**; intermediate-level problems are in **blue**.) The *Additional Problems* section contains problems that are not keyed to specific sections. At the end of each chapter is the *Challenge Problems* section, which gathers the most difficult problems for a given chapter in one place. (Challenge Problems have problem numbers marked in **red**.)

There are several kinds of problems featured in this text:

W *Watch It* video solutions available in WebAssign explain fundamental problem-solving strategies to help students step through selected problems.

Q/C *Quantitative/Conceptual problems* contain parts that ask students to think both quantitatively and conceptually. An example of a Quantitative/Conceptual problem appears here:

The problem is identified with a **Q/C** icon.

Parts (a)–(c) of the problem ask for quantitative calculations.

35. A horizontal spring attached to a wall has a force constant of $k = 850$ N/m. A block of mass $m = 1.00$ kg is attached to the spring and rests on a frictionless, horizontal surface as in Figure P8.35. (a) The block is pulled to a position $x_i = 6.00$ cm from equilibrium and released. Find the elastic potential energy stored in the spring when the block is 6.00 cm from equilibrium and when the block passes through equilibrium. (b) Find the speed of the block as it passes through the equilibrium point. (c) What is the speed of the block when it is at a position $x_i/2 = 3.00$ cm? (d) Why isn't the answer to part (c) half the answer to part (b)?

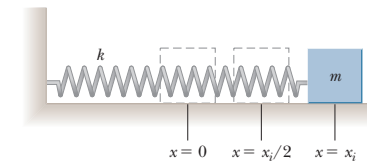


Figure P8.35

Part (d) asks a conceptual question about the situation.

S *Symbolic problems* ask students to solve a problem using only symbolic manipulation. Reviewers of the Ninth Edition (as well as the majority of respondents to a large survey) asked specifically for an increase in the number of symbolic problems found in the text because it better reflects the way instructors want their students to think when solving physics problems. An example of a Symbolic problem appears on the next page:

The problem is identified with a **S** icon.

No numbers appear in the problem statement.

36. A truck is moving with constant acceleration a up a hill that makes an angle ϕ with the horizontal as in Figure P6.36. A small sphere of mass m is suspended from the ceiling of the truck by a light cord. If the pendulum makes a constant angle θ with the perpendicular to the ceiling, what is a ?

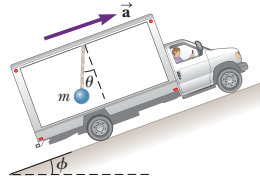


Figure P6.36

The figure shows only symbolic quantities.

The answer to the problem is purely symbolic.

36. $g(\cos \phi \tan \theta - \sin \phi)$

GP *Guided Problems* help students break problems into steps. A physics problem typically asks for one physical quantity in a given context. Often, however, several concepts must be used and a number of calculations are required to obtain that final answer. Many students are not accustomed to this level of complexity and often don't know where to start. A Guided Problem breaks a standard problem into smaller steps, enabling students to grasp all the concepts and strategies required to arrive at a correct solution. Unlike standard physics problems, guidance is often built into the problem statement. Guided Problems are reminiscent of how a student might interact with a professor in an office visit. These problems (there is one in every chapter of the text) help train students to break down complex problems into a series of simpler problems, an essential problem-solving skill. An example of a Guided Problem appears here:

The problem is identified with a **GP** icon.

24. A uniform beam resting on two pivots has a length $L = 6.00$ m and mass $M = 90.0$ kg. The pivot under the left end exerts a normal force n_1 on the beam, and the second pivot located a distance $\ell = 4.00$ m from the left end exerts a normal force n_2 . A woman of mass $m = 55.0$ kg steps onto the left end of the beam and begins walking to the right as in Figure P12.24. The goal is to find the woman's position when the beam begins to tip. (a) What is the appropriate analysis model for the beam before it begins to tip? (b) Sketch a force diagram for the beam, labeling the gravitational and normal forces acting on the beam and placing the woman a distance x to the right of the first pivot, which is the origin. (c) Where is the woman when the normal force n_1 is the greatest? (d) What is n_1 when the beam is about to tip? (e) Use Equation 12.1 to find the value of n_2 when the beam is about to tip. (f) Using the result of part (d) and Equation 12.2, with torques computed around the second pivot, find the woman's position x when the beam is about to tip. (g) Check the answer to part (e) by computing torques around the first pivot point.

The goal of the problem is identified.

Analysis begins by identifying the appropriate analysis model.

Students are provided with suggestions for steps to solve the problem.

The calculation associated with the goal is requested.

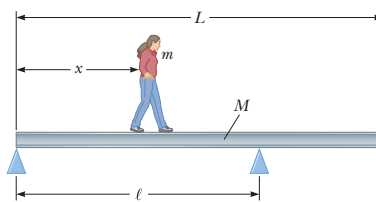


Figure P12.24

Biomedical problems. These problems (indicated with a **BIO** icon) highlight the relevance of physics principles to those students taking this course who are majoring in one of the life sciences.

T *Master It Tutorials* available in WebAssign help students solve problems by having them work through a stepped-out solution.

Impossibility problems. Physics education research has focused heavily on the problem-solving skills of students. Although most problems in this text are structured in the form of providing data and asking for a result of computation, two problems in each chapter, on average, are structured as impossibility problems. They begin with the phrase *Why is the following situation impossible?* That is followed by the description of a situation. The striking aspect of these problems is that no question is asked of the students, other than that in the initial italics. The student must determine what questions need to be asked and what calculations need to be performed. Based on the results of these calculations, the student must determine why the situation described is not possible. This determination may require information from personal experience, common sense, Internet or print research, measurement, mathematical skills, knowledge of human norms, or scientific thinking.

These problems can be assigned to build critical thinking skills in students. They are also fun, having the aspect of physics “mysteries” to be solved by students individually or in groups. An example of an impossibility problem appears here:

The diagram shows a problem statement with three callout boxes pointing to different parts of the text:

- Callout 1 (top left): "The initial phrase in italics signals an impossibility problem." Points to the italicized phrase: "Why is the following situation impossible?"
- Callout 2 (middle right): "A situation is described." Points to the description: "Albert Pujols hits a home run so that the baseball just clears the top row of bleachers, 24.0 m high, located 130 m from home plate. The ball is hit at 41.7 m/s at an angle of 35.0° to the horizontal, and air resistance is negligible."
- Callout 3 (bottom right): "No question is asked. The student must determine what needs to be calculated and why the situation is impossible." Points to the entire problem statement.

39. *Why is the following situation impossible?* Albert Pujols hits a home run so that the baseball just clears the top row of bleachers, 24.0 m high, located 130 m from home plate. The ball is hit at 41.7 m/s at an angle of 35.0° to the horizontal, and air resistance is negligible.

Paired problems. These problems are otherwise identical, one asking for a numerical solution and one asking for a symbolic derivation. There is at least one pair of these problems in most chapters, indicated by cyan shading in the end-of-chapter problems set.

Review problems. Many chapters include review problems requiring the student to combine concepts covered in the chapter with those discussed in previous chapters. These problems (marked **Review**) reflect the cohesive nature of the principles in the text and verify that physics is not a scattered set of ideas. When facing a real-world issue such as global warming or nuclear weapons, it may be necessary to call on ideas in physics from several parts of a textbook such as this one.

“Fermi problems.” One or more problems in most chapters ask the student to reason in order-of-magnitude terms.

Design problems. Several chapters contain problems that ask the student to determine design parameters for a practical device so that it can function as required.

Calculus-based problems. Every chapter contains at least one problem applying ideas and methods from differential calculus and one problem using integral calculus.

Artwork. Every piece of artwork in the Tenth Edition is in a modern style that helps express the physics principles at work in a clear and precise fashion. *Focus pointers* are included with many figures in the text; these either point out important aspects of a figure or guide students through a process illustrated by the artwork or photo. This format helps those students who are more visual learners. An example of a figure with a focus pointer appears on the next page.

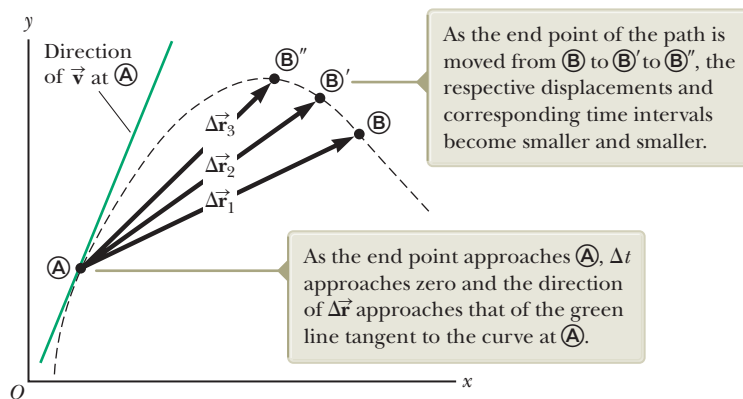


Figure 4.2 As a particle moves between two points, its average velocity is in the direction of the displacement vector $\Delta\vec{r}$. By definition, the instantaneous velocity at \textcircled{A} is directed along the line tangent to the curve at \textcircled{A} .

Math Appendix. The math appendix (Appendix B), a valuable tool for students, shows the math tools in a physics context. This resource is ideal for students who need a quick review on topics such as algebra, trigonometry, and calculus.

Helpful Features

Style. To facilitate rapid comprehension, we have written the book in a clear, logical, and engaging style. We have chosen a writing style that is somewhat informal and relaxed so that students will find the text appealing and enjoyable to read. New terms are carefully defined, and we have avoided the use of jargon.

Important Definitions and Equations. Most important definitions are set in **bold-face** or are highlighted with a background screen for added emphasis and ease of review. Similarly, important equations are also highlighted with a background screen to facilitate location.

Marginal Notes. Comments and notes appearing in the margin with a ▶ icon can be used to locate important statements, equations, and concepts in the text.

Pedagogical Use of Color. Readers should consult the **pedagogical color chart** (inside the front cover) for a listing of the color-coded symbols used in the text diagrams. This system is followed consistently throughout the text.

Mathematical Level. We have introduced calculus gradually, keeping in mind that students often take introductory courses in calculus and physics concurrently. Most steps are shown when basic equations are developed, and reference is often made to mathematical appendices near the end of the textbook. Although vectors are discussed in detail in Chapter 3, vector products are introduced later in the text, where they are needed in physical applications. The dot product is introduced in Chapter 7, which addresses energy of a system; the cross product is introduced in Chapter 11, which deals with angular momentum.

Significant Figures. In both worked examples and end-of-chapter problems, significant figures have been handled with care. Most numerical examples are worked to either two or three significant figures, depending on the precision of the data provided. End-of-chapter problems regularly state data and answers to three-digit precision. When carrying out estimation calculations, we shall typically work with a single significant figure. (More discussion of significant figures can be found in Chapter 1, pages 13–15.)

Units. The international system of units (SI) is used throughout the text. The U.S. customary system of units is used only to a limited extent in the chapters on mechanics and thermodynamics.

Appendices and Endpapers. Several appendices are provided near the end of the textbook. Most of the appendix material represents a review of mathematical

concepts and techniques used in the text, including scientific notation, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, differential calculus, and integral calculus. Reference to these appendices is made throughout the text. Most mathematical review sections in the appendices include worked examples and exercises with answers. In addition to the mathematical reviews, the appendices contain tables of physical data, conversion factors, and the SI units of physical quantities as well as a periodic table of the elements. Other useful information—fundamental constants and physical data, planetary data, a list of standard prefixes, mathematical symbols, the Greek alphabet, and standard abbreviations of units of measure—appears on the endpapers.

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Instructor Resource Website for Serway/Jewett Physics for Scientists and Engineers, Tenth Edition. The Instructor Resource Website contains a variety of resources to aid you in preparing and presenting text material in a manner that meets your personal preferences and course needs. The posted *Instructor's Solutions Manual* presents complete worked solutions for all of the printed textbook's end-of-chapter problems and answers for all even-numbered problems. Robust PowerPoint lecture outlines that have been designed for an active classroom are available, with reading check questions and Think–Pair–Share questions as well as the traditional section-by-section outline. Images from the textbook can be used to customize your own presentations. Available online via www.cengage.com/login.

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Student Resources

Physics Laboratory Manual, Fourth Edition by David Loyd (Angelo State University) Ideal for use with any introductory physics text, Loyd's *Physics Laboratory Manual* is suitable for either calculus- or algebra/trigonometry-based physics courses. Designed to help students demonstrate a physical principle and teach techniques of careful measurement, Loyd's *Physics Laboratory Manual* also emphasizes conceptual understanding and includes a thorough discussion of physical theory to help students see the connection between the lab and the lecture. Many labs give students hands-on experience with statistical analysis, and now five computer-assisted data-entry labs are included in the printed manual. The fourth edition maintains

the minimum equipment requirements to allow for maximum flexibility and to make the most of preexisting lab equipment. For instructors interested in using some of Loyd's experiments, a customized lab manual is another option available through the Cengage Learning Custom Solutions program. Now, you can select specific experiments from Loyd's *Physics Laboratory Manual*, include your own original lab experiments, and create one affordable bound book. Contact your Cengage Learning representative for more information on our Custom Solutions program. Available with InfoTrac® Student Collections <http://gocengage.com/infotrac>.

Physics Laboratory Experiments, Eighth Edition by Jerry D. Wilson (Lander College) and Cecilia A. Hernández (American River College). This market-leading manual for the first-year physics laboratory course offers a wide range of class-tested experiments designed specifically for use in small to midsize lab programs. A series of integrated experiments emphasizes the use of computerized instrumentation and includes a set of “computer-assisted experiments” to allow students and instructors to gain experience with modern equipment. It also lets instructors determine the appropriate balance of traditional versus computer-based experiments for their courses. By analyzing data through two different methods, students gain a greater understanding of the concepts behind the experiments. The Eighth Edition is updated with 4 new economical labs to accommodate shrinking department budgets and 30 new Pre-Lab Demonstrations, designed to capture students' interest prior to the lab and requiring only widely available materials and items.

Teaching Options

The topics in this textbook are presented in the following sequence: classical mechanics, oscillations and mechanical waves, and heat and thermodynamics, followed by electricity and magnetism, electromagnetic waves, optics, relativity, and modern physics. This presentation represents a traditional sequence, with the subject of mechanical waves being presented before electricity and magnetism. Some instructors may prefer to discuss both mechanical and electromagnetic waves together after completing electricity and magnetism. In this case, Chapters 16 and 17 could be covered along with Chapter 33. The chapter on relativity is placed near the end of the text because this topic often is treated as an introduction to the era of “modern physics.” If time permits, instructors may choose to cover Chapter 38 after completing Chapter 13 as a conclusion to the material on Newtonian mechanics. For those instructors teaching a two-semester sequence, some sections and chapters could be deleted without any loss of continuity. The following sections can be considered optional for this purpose:

2.9 Kinematic Equations Derived from Calculus	28.6 The Hall Effect
4.6 Relative Velocity and Relative Acceleration	29.6 Magnetism in Matter
6.3 Motion in Accelerated Frames	30.6 Eddy Currents
6.4 Motion in the Presence of Resistive Forces	33.6 Production of Electromagnetic Waves by an Antenna
7.9 Energy Diagrams and Equilibrium of a System	35.5 Lens Aberrations
9.9 Rocket Propulsion	35.6 Optical Instruments
11.5 The Motion of Gyroscopes and Tops	37.5 Diffraction of X-Rays by Crystals
14.8 Other Applications of Fluid Dynamics	38.9 The General Theory of Relativity
15.6 Damped Oscillations	40.6 Applications of Tunneling
15.7 Forced Oscillations	41.9 Spontaneous and Stimulated Transitions
17.8 Nonsinusoidal Waveforms	41.10 Lasers
25.7 An Atomic Description of Dielectrics	42.7 Semiconductor Devices
26.5 Superconductors	43.11 Radiation Damage
27.5 Household Wiring and Electrical Safety	43.12 Uses of Radiation from the Nucleus
28.3 Applications Involving Charged Particles Moving in a Magnetic Field	43.13 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Magnetic Resonance Imaging

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To the Student

It is appropriate to offer some words of advice that should be of benefit to you, the student. Before doing so, we assume you have read the Preface, which describes the various features of the text and support materials that will help you through the course.

How to Study

Instructors are often asked, “How should I study physics and prepare for examinations?” There is no simple answer to this question, but we can offer some suggestions based on our own experiences in learning and teaching over the years.

First and foremost, maintain a positive attitude toward the subject matter, keeping in mind that physics is the most fundamental of all natural sciences. Other science courses that follow will use the same physical principles, so it is important that you understand and are able to apply the various concepts and theories discussed in the text.

Concepts and Principles

It is essential that you understand the basic concepts and principles before attempting to solve assigned problems. You can best accomplish this goal by carefully reading the textbook before you attend your lecture on the covered material. When reading the text, you should jot down those points that are not clear to you. Also be sure to make a diligent attempt at answering the questions in the Quick Quizzes as you come to them in your reading. We have worked hard to prepare questions that help you judge for yourself how well you understand the material. Study the **What If?** features that appear in many of the worked examples carefully. They will help you extend your understanding beyond the simple act of arriving at a numerical result. The Pitfall Preventions will also help guide you away from common misunderstandings about physics. During class, take careful notes and ask questions about those ideas that are unclear to you. Keep in mind that few people are able to absorb the full meaning of scientific material after only one reading; several readings of the text and your notes may be necessary. Your lectures and laboratory work supplement the textbook and should clarify some of the more difficult material. You should minimize your memorization of material. Successful memorization of passages from the text, equations, and derivations does not necessarily indicate that you understand the material. Your understanding of the material will be enhanced through a combination of efficient study habits, discussions with other students and with instructors, and your ability to solve the problems presented in the textbook. Ask questions whenever you believe that clarification of a concept is necessary.

Study Schedule

It is important that you set up a regular study schedule, preferably a daily one. Make sure that you read the syllabus for the course and adhere to the schedule set by your instructor. The lectures will make much more sense if you read the corresponding text material *before* attending them. As a general rule, you should devote about two hours of study time for each hour you are in class. If you are having trouble with the course, seek the advice of the instructor or other students who have taken the course. You may find it necessary to seek further instruction from experienced students. Very often, instructors offer review sessions in addition to regular class periods. Avoid the practice of delaying study until a day or two before an exam.

More often than not, this approach has disastrous results. Rather than undertake an all-night study session before a test, briefly review the basic concepts and equations, and then get a good night's rest.

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Use the Features

You should make full use of the various features of the text discussed in the Preface. For example, marginal notes are useful for locating and describing important equations and concepts, and **boldface** indicates important definitions. Many useful tables are contained in the appendices, but most are incorporated in the text where they are most often referenced. Appendix B is a convenient review of mathematical tools used in the text.

Answers to Quick Quizzes and odd-numbered problems are given at the end of the textbook. The table of contents provides an overview of the entire text, and the index enables you to locate specific material quickly. Footnotes are sometimes used to supplement the text or to cite other references on the subject discussed.

After reading a chapter, you should be able to define any new quantities introduced in that chapter and discuss the principles and assumptions that were used to arrive at certain key relations. In some cases, you may find it necessary to refer to the textbook's index to locate certain topics. You should be able to associate with each physical quantity the correct symbol used to represent that quantity and the unit in which the quantity is specified. Furthermore, you should be able to express each important equation in concise and accurate prose.

Problem Solving

R. P. Feynman, Nobel laureate in physics, once said, "You do not know anything until you have practiced." In keeping with this statement, we strongly advise you to develop the skills necessary to solve a wide range of problems. Your ability to solve problems will be one of the main tests of your knowledge of physics; therefore, you should try to solve as many problems as possible. It is essential that you understand basic concepts and principles before attempting to solve problems. It is good practice to try to find alternate solutions to the same problem. For example, you can solve problems in mechanics using Newton's laws, but very often an alternative method that draws on energy considerations is more direct. You should not deceive yourself into thinking that you understand a problem merely because you have seen it solved in class. You must be able to solve the problem and similar problems on your own.

The approach to solving problems should be carefully planned. A systematic plan is especially important when a problem involves several concepts. First, read the problem several times until you are confident you understand what is being asked. Look for any key words that will help you interpret the problem and perhaps allow you to make certain assumptions. Your ability to interpret a question properly is an integral part of problem solving. Second, you should acquire the habit of writing down the information given in a problem and those quantities that need to be found; for example, you might construct a table listing both the quantities given and the quantities to be found. This procedure is sometimes used in the worked examples of the textbook. Finally, after you have decided on the method you believe is appropriate for a given problem, proceed with your solution. The Analysis Model Approach to Problem Solving will guide you through complex problems. If you follow the steps of this procedure (*Conceptualize, Categorize, Analyze, Finalize*), you will find it easier to come up with a solution and gain more from your efforts. This strategy, located in Section 2.4 (pages 30–32), is used in all worked examples in the remaining chapters so that you can learn how to apply it. Specific problem-solving strategies for certain types of situations are included in the text and appear with a

special heading. These specific strategies follow the outline of the Analysis Model Approach to Problem Solving.

Often, students fail to recognize the limitations of certain equations or physical laws in a particular situation. It is very important that you understand and remember the assumptions that underlie a particular theory or formalism. For example, certain equations in kinematics apply only to a particle moving with constant acceleration. These equations are not valid for describing motion whose acceleration is not constant, such as the motion of an object connected to a spring or the motion of an object through a fluid. Study the Analysis Models for Problem Solving in the chapter summaries carefully so that you know how each model can be applied to a specific situation. The analysis models provide you with a logical structure for solving problems and help you develop your thinking skills to become more like those of a physicist. Use the analysis model approach to save you hours of looking for the correct equation and to make you a faster and more efficient problem solver.

Experiments

Physics is a science based on experimental observations. Therefore, we recommend that you try to supplement the text by performing various types of “hands-on” experiments either at home or in the laboratory. These experiments can be used to test ideas and models discussed in class or in the textbook. For example, the common Slinky toy is excellent for studying traveling waves, a ball swinging on the end of a long string can be used to investigate pendulum motion, various masses attached to the end of a vertical spring or rubber band can be used to determine its elastic nature, an old pair of polarized sunglasses and some discarded lenses and a magnifying glass are the components of various experiments in optics, and an approximate measure of the free-fall acceleration can be determined simply by measuring with a stopwatch the time interval required for a ball to drop from a known height. The list of such experiments is endless. When physical models are not available, be imaginative and try to develop models of your own.

New Media



If available, we strongly encourage you to use the **WebAssign** product that is available with this textbook. It is far easier to understand physics if you see it in action, and the materials available in WebAssign will enable you to become a part of that action.

It is our sincere hope that you will find physics an exciting and enjoyable experience and that you will benefit from this experience, regardless of your chosen profession. Welcome to the exciting world of physics!

The scientist does not study nature because it is useful; he studies it because he delights in it, and he delights in it because it is beautiful. If nature were not beautiful, it would not be worth knowing, and if nature were not worth knowing, life would not be worth living.

—Henri Poincaré



Mechanics

Physics, the most fundamental physical science, is concerned with the fundamental principles of the Universe. It is the foundation upon which the other sciences—astronomy, biology, chemistry, and geology—are based. It is also the basis of a large number of engineering applications. The beauty of physics lies in the simplicity of its fundamental principles and in the manner in which just a small number of concepts and models can alter and expand our view of the world around us.

The study of physics can be divided into six main areas:

1. *classical mechanics*, concerning the motion of objects that are large relative to atoms and move at speeds much slower than the speed of light
2. *relativity*, a theory describing objects moving at any speed, even speeds approaching the speed of light
3. *thermodynamics*, dealing with heat, temperature, and the statistical behavior of systems with large numbers of particles
4. *electromagnetism*, concerning electricity, magnetism, and electromagnetic fields
5. *optics*, the study of the behavior of light and its interaction with materials
6. *quantum mechanics*, a collection of theories connecting the behavior of matter at the submicroscopic level to macroscopic observations

The disciplines of mechanics and electromagnetism are basic to all other branches of classical physics (developed before 1900) and modern physics (c. 1900–present). The first part of this textbook deals with classical mechanics, sometimes referred to as *Newtonian mechanics* or simply *mechanics*. Many principles and models used to understand mechanical systems retain their importance in the theories of other areas of physics and can later be used to describe many natural phenomena. Therefore, classical mechanics is of vital importance to students from all disciplines. ■

The Toyota Mirai, a fuel-cell-powered automobile available to the public, albeit in limited quantities. A fuel cell converts hydrogen fuel into electricity to drive the motor attached to the wheels of the car. Automobiles, whether powered by fuel cells, gasoline engines, or batteries, use many of the concepts and principles of mechanics that we will study in this first part of the book. Quantities that we can use to describe the operation of vehicles include position, velocity, acceleration, force, energy, and momentum.

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Physics and Measurement

Stonehenge, in southern England, was built thousands of years ago. Various hypotheses have been proposed about its function, including a burial ground, a healing site, and a place for ancestor worship. One of the more intriguing ideas suggests that Stonehenge was an observatory, allowing measurements of some of the quantities discussed in this chapter, such as position of objects in space and time intervals between repeating celestial events.

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STORYLINE Each chapter in this textbook will begin with a paragraph

related to a storyline that runs throughout the text. The storyline centers on *you*: an inquisitive physics student. You could live anywhere in the world, but let's say you live in southern California, where one of the authors lives. Most of your observations will occur there, although you will take trips to other locations. As you go through your everyday activities, you see physics in action all around you. In fact, you can't get away from physics! As you observe phenomena at the beginning of each chapter, you will ask yourself, "Why does that happen?" You might take measurements with your smartphone. You might look for related videos on YouTube or photographs on an image search site. You are lucky indeed because, in addition to those resources, you have this textbook and the expertise of your instructor to help you understand the exciting physics surrounding you. Let's look at your first observations as we begin your storyline. You have just bought this textbook and have flipped through some of its pages. You notice a page of conversions on the inside back cover. You notice in the entries under "Length" the unit of a *light-year*. You say, "Wait a minute! (You will say this often in the upcoming chapters.) How can a unit based on a *year* be a unit of *length*?" As you look farther down the page, you see $1 \text{ kg} \approx 2.2 \text{ lb}$ (lb is the abbreviation for *pound*; lb is from Latin *libra pondo*) under the heading "Some Approximations Useful for Estimation Problems." Noticing the "approximately equal" sign (\approx), you wonder what the *exact* conversion is and look upward on the page to the heading "Mass," since a kilogram is a unit of mass. The relation between kilograms and pounds is not there! Why not? Your physics adventure has begun!

CONNECTIONS The second paragraph in each chapter will explain how the material in the chapter connects to that in the previous chapter and/or future

chapters. This feature will help you see that the textbook is not a collection of unrelated chapters, but rather is a structure of understanding that we are building, step by step. These paragraphs will provide a roadmap through the concepts and principles as they are introduced in the text. They will justify why the material in that chapter is presented at that time and help you to see the “big picture” of the study of physics. In this first chapter, of course, we cannot connect to a previous chapter. We will simply look ahead to the present chapter, in which we discuss some preliminary concepts of measurement, units, modeling, and estimation that we will need throughout *all* the chapters of the text.

1.1 Standards of Length, Mass, and Time

To describe natural phenomena, we must make measurements of various aspects of nature. Each measurement is associated with a physical quantity, such as the length of an object. The laws of physics are expressed as mathematical relationships among physical quantities that we will introduce and discuss throughout the book. In mechanics, the three fundamental quantities are *length*, *mass*, and *time*. All other quantities in mechanics can be expressed in terms of these three.

If we are to report the results of a measurement to someone who wishes to reproduce this measurement, a *standard* must be defined. For example, if someone reports that a wall is 2 meters high and our standard unit of length is defined to be 1 meter, we know that the height of the wall is twice our basic length unit. Whatever is chosen as a standard must be readily accessible and must possess some property that can be measured reliably. Measurement standards used by different people in different places—throughout the Universe—must yield the same result. In addition, standards used for measurements must not change with time.

In 1960, an international committee established a set of standards for the fundamental quantities of science. It is called the **SI** (Système International), and its fundamental units of length, mass, and time are the *meter*, *kilogram*, and *second*, respectively. Other standards for SI fundamental units established by the committee are those for temperature (the *kelvin*), electric current (the *ampere*), luminous intensity (the *candela*), and the amount of substance (the *mole*).

Length

We can identify **length** as the distance between two points in space. In 1120, the king of England decreed that the standard of length in his country would be named the *yard* and would be precisely equal to the distance from the tip of his nose to the end of his outstretched arm. Similarly, the original standard for the foot adopted by the French was the length of the royal foot of King Louis XIV. Neither of these standards is constant in time; when a new king took the throne, length measurements changed! The French standard prevailed until 1799, when the legal standard of length in France became the **meter** (m), defined as one ten-millionth of the distance from the equator to the North Pole along one particular longitudinal line that passes through Paris. Notice that this value is an Earth-based standard that does not satisfy the requirement that it can be used throughout the Universe.

Table 1.1 (page 4) lists approximate values of some measured lengths. You should study this table as well as the next two tables and begin to generate an intuition for what is meant by, for example, a length of 20 centimeters, a mass of 100 kilograms, or a time interval of 3.2×10^7 seconds.

As recently as 1960, the length of the meter was defined as the distance between two lines on a specific platinum–iridium bar stored under controlled conditions in France. Current requirements of science and technology, however, necessitate more accuracy than that with which the separation between the lines on the bar can be determined. In the 1960s and 1970s, the meter was defined to be equal to

PITFALL PREVENTION 1.1

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.

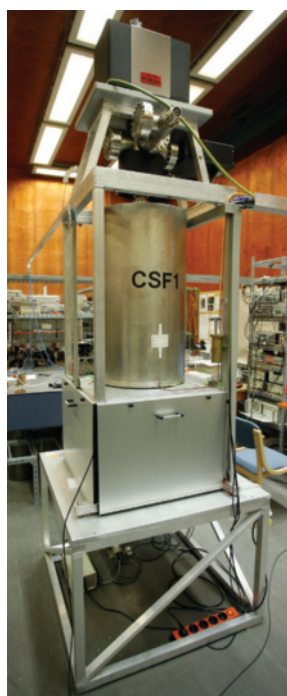
TABLE 1.1 Approximate Values of Some Measured Lengths

	Length (m)
Distance from the Earth to the most remote known quasar	2.7×10^{26}
Distance from the Earth to the most remote normal galaxies	3×10^{26}
Distance from the Earth to the nearest large galaxy (Andromeda)	2×10^{22}
Distance from the Sun to the nearest star (Proxima Centauri)	4×10^{16}
One light-year	9.46×10^{15}
Mean orbit radius of the Earth about the Sun	1.50×10^{11}
Mean distance from the Earth to the Moon	3.84×10^8
Distance from the equator to the North Pole	1.00×10^7
Mean radius of the Earth	6.37×10^6
Typical altitude (above the surface) of a satellite orbiting the Earth	2×10^5
Length of a football field	9.1×10^1
Length of a housefly	5×10^{-3}
Size of smallest dust particles	$\sim 10^{-4}$
Size of cells of most living organisms	$\sim 10^{-5}$
Diameter of a hydrogen atom	$\sim 10^{-10}$
Diameter of an atomic nucleus	$\sim 10^{-14}$
Diameter of a proton	$\sim 10^{-15}$



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Figure 1.1 (a) International Prototype of the Kilogram, an accurate copy of the International Standard Kilogram kept at Sèvres, France, is housed under a double bell jar in a vault at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. (b) A cesium fountain atomic clock. The clock will neither gain nor lose a second in 20 million years.

$1\,650\,763.73$ wavelengths¹ of orange-red light emitted from a krypton-86 lamp. In October 1983, however, the meter was redefined as **the distance traveled by light in vacuum during a time interval of 1/299 792 458 second**. In effect, this latest definition establishes that the speed of light in vacuum is precisely 299 792 458 meters per second. This definition of the meter is valid throughout the Universe based on our assumption that light is the same everywhere. The speed of light also allows us to define the **light-year**, as mentioned in the introductory storyline: the distance that light travels through empty space in one year. Use this definition and the speed of light to verify the length of a light-year in meters as given in Table 1.1.

Mass

We will find that the **mass** of an object is related to the amount of material that is present in the object, or to how much that object resists changes in its motion. Mass is an inherent property of an object and is independent of the object's surroundings and of the method used to measure it. The SI fundamental unit of mass, the **kilogram** (kg), is defined as **the mass of a specific platinum–iridium alloy cylinder kept at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures at Sèvres, France**. This mass standard was established in 1887 and has not been changed since that time because platinum–iridium is an unusually stable alloy. A duplicate of the Sèvres cylinder is kept at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Maryland (Fig. 1.1a). Table 1.2 lists approximate values of the masses of various objects.

In Chapter 5, we will discuss the difference between mass and weight. In anticipation of that discussion, let's look again at the approximate equivalence mentioned in the introductory storyline: $1\text{ kg} \approx 2.2\text{ lb}$. It would never be correct to claim that a number of kilograms *equals* a number of pounds, because these units represent different variables. A kilogram is a unit of *mass*, while a pound is a unit of *weight*. That's why an equality between kilograms and pounds is not given in the section of conversions for mass on the inside back cover of the textbook.

¹We will use the standard international notation for numbers with more than three digits, in which groups of three digits are separated by spaces rather than commas. Therefore, 10 000 is the same as the common American notation of 10,000. Similarly, $\pi = 3.14159265$ is written as 3.141 592 65.

TABLE 1.2 Approximate Masses of Various Objects

	Mass (kg)
Observable Universe	$\sim 10^{52}$
Milky Way galaxy	$\sim 10^{42}$
Sun	1.99×10^{30}
Earth	5.98×10^{24}
Moon	7.36×10^{22}
Shark	$\sim 10^3$
Human	$\sim 10^2$
Frog	$\sim 10^{-1}$
Mosquito	$\sim 10^{-5}$
Bacterium	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-15}$
Hydrogen atom	1.67×10^{-27}
Electron	9.11×10^{-31}

TABLE 1.3 Approximate Values of Some Time Intervals

	Time Interval (s)
Age of the Universe	4×10^{17}
Age of the Earth	1.3×10^{17}
Average age of a college student	6.3×10^8
One year	3.2×10^7
One day	8.6×10^4
One class period	3.0×10^3
Time interval between normal heartbeats	8×10^{-1}
Period of audible sound waves	$\sim 10^{-3}$
Period of typical radio waves	$\sim 10^{-6}$
Period of vibration of an atom in a solid	$\sim 10^{-13}$
Period of visible light waves	$\sim 10^{-15}$
Duration of a nuclear collision	$\sim 10^{-22}$
Time interval for light to cross a proton	$\sim 10^{-24}$

Time

Before 1967, the standard of **time** was defined in terms of the *mean solar day*. (A solar day is the time interval between successive appearances of the Sun at the highest point it reaches in the sky each day.) The fundamental unit of a **second** (s) was defined as $(\frac{1}{60})(\frac{1}{60})(\frac{1}{24})$ of a mean solar day. This definition is based on the rotation of one planet, the Earth. Therefore, this motion does not provide a time standard that is universal.

In 1967, the second was redefined to take advantage of the high precision attainable in a device known as an *atomic clock* (Fig. 1.1b), which measures vibrations of cesium atoms. One second is now defined as **9 192 631 770 times the period of vibration of radiation from the cesium-133 atom.**² Approximate values of time intervals are presented in Table 1.3.

You should note that we will use the notations *time* and *time interval* differently. A **time** is a description of an instant relative to a reference time. For example, $t = 10.0$ s refers to an instant 10.0 s after the instant we have identified as $t = 0$. As another example, a *time* of 11:30 a.m. means an instant 11.5 hours after our reference time of midnight. On the other hand, a **time interval** refers to *duration*: he required 30.0 minutes to finish the task. It is common to hear a “time of 30.0 minutes” in this latter example, but we will be careful to refer to measurements of duration as time intervals.

Units and Quantities In addition to SI, another system of units, the *U.S. customary system*, is still used in the United States despite acceptance of SI by the rest of the world. In this system, the units of length, mass, and time are the foot (ft), slug, and second, respectively. In this book, we shall use SI units because they are almost universally accepted in science and industry. We shall make some limited use of U.S. customary units in the study of classical mechanics.

In addition to the fundamental SI units of meter, kilogram, and second, we can also use other units, such as millimeters and nanoseconds, where the prefixes *milli-* and *nano-* denote multipliers of the basic units based on various powers of ten. Prefixes for the various powers of ten and their abbreviations are listed in Table 1.4 (page 6). For example, 10^{-3} m is equivalent to 1 millimeter (mm), and 10^3 m corresponds to 1 kilometer (km). Likewise, 1 kilogram (kg) is 10^3 grams (g), and 1 mega volt (MV) is 10^6 volts (V).

²Period is defined as the time interval needed for one complete vibration.

TABLE 1.4 Prefixes for Powers of Ten

Power	Prefix	Abbreviation	Power	Prefix	Abbreviation
10^{-24}	yocto	y	10^3	kilo	k
10^{-21}	zepto	z	10^6	mega	M
10^{-18}	atto	a	10^9	giga	G
10^{-15}	femto	f	10^{12}	tera	T
10^{-12}	pico	p	10^{15}	peta	P
10^{-9}	nano	n	10^{18}	exa	E
10^{-6}	micro	μ	10^{21}	zetta	Z
10^{-3}	milli	m	10^{24}	yotta	Y
10^{-2}	centi	c			
10^{-1}	deci	d			

The variables length, mass, and time are examples of *fundamental quantities*. Most other variables are *derived quantities*, those that can be expressed as a mathematical combination of fundamental quantities. Common examples are *area* (a product of two lengths) and *speed* (a ratio of a length to a time interval).

Another example of a derived quantity is **density**. The density ρ (Greek letter rho) of any substance is defined as its *mass per unit volume*:

$$\rho \equiv \frac{m}{V} \quad (1.1)$$

In terms of fundamental quantities, density is a ratio of a mass to a product of three lengths. Aluminum, for example, has a density of $2.70 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$, and iron has a density of $7.86 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$. An extreme difference in density can be imagined by thinking about holding a 10-centimeter (cm) cube of Styrofoam in one hand and a 10-cm cube of lead in the other. See Table 14.1 in Chapter 14 for densities of several materials.

- QUICK QUIZ 1.1** In a machine shop, two cams are produced, one of aluminum and one of iron. Both cams have the same mass. Which cam is larger? (a) The aluminum cam is larger. (b) The iron cam is larger. (c) Both cams have the same size.

1.2 Modeling and Alternative Representations

Most courses in general physics require the student to learn the skills of problem solving, and examinations usually include problems that test such skills. This section describes some useful ideas that will enable you to enhance your understanding of physical concepts, increase your accuracy in solving problems, eliminate initial panic or lack of direction in approaching a problem, and organize your work.

One of the primary problem-solving methods in physics is to form an appropriate **model** of the problem. **A model is a simplified substitute for the real problem that allows us to solve the problem in a relatively simple way.** As long as the predictions of the model agree to our satisfaction with the actual behavior of the real system, the model is valid. If the predictions do not agree, the model must be refined or replaced with another model. The power of modeling is in its ability to reduce a wide variety of very complex problems to a limited number of classes of problems that can be approached in similar ways.

In science, a model is very different from, for example, an architect's scale model of a proposed building, which appears as a smaller version of what it represents.

A table of the letters in the Greek alphabet is provided on the back endpaper of this book.

A scientific model is a theoretical construct and may have no visual similarity to the physical problem. A simple application of modeling is presented in Example 1.1, and we shall encounter many more examples of models as the text progresses.

Models are needed because the actual operation of the Universe is extremely complicated. Suppose, for example, we are asked to solve a problem about the Earth's motion around the Sun. The Earth is very complicated, with many processes occurring simultaneously. These processes include weather, seismic activity, and ocean movements as well as the multitude of processes involving human activity. Trying to maintain knowledge and understanding of all these processes is an impossible task.

The modeling approach recognizes that none of these processes affects the motion of the Earth around the Sun to a measurable degree. Therefore, these details are all ignored. In addition, as we shall find in Chapter 13, the size of the Earth does not affect the gravitational force between the Earth and the Sun; only the masses of the Earth and Sun and the distance between their centers determine this force. In a simplified model, the Earth is imagined to be a particle, an object with mass but zero size. This replacement of an extended object by a particle is called the **particle model**, which is used extensively in physics. By analyzing the motion of a particle with the mass of the Earth in orbit around the Sun, we find that the predictions of the particle's motion are in excellent agreement with the actual motion of the Earth.

The two primary conditions for using the particle model are as follows:

- The size of the actual object is of no consequence in the analysis of its motion.
- Any internal processes occurring in the object are of no consequence in the analysis of its motion.

Both of these conditions are in action in modeling the Earth as a particle. Its radius is not a factor in determining its motion, and internal processes such as thunderstorms, earthquakes, and manufacturing processes can be ignored.

Four categories of models used in this book will help us understand and solve physics problems. The first category is the **geometric model**. In this model, we form a geometric construction that represents the real situation. We then set aside the real problem and perform an analysis of the geometric construction. Consider a popular problem in elementary trigonometry, as in the following example.

Example 1.1 Finding the Height of a Tree

You wish to find the height of a tree but cannot measure it directly. You stand 50.0 m from the tree and determine that a line of sight from the ground to the top of the tree makes an angle of 25.0° with the ground. How tall is the tree?

SOLUTION

Figure 1.2 shows the tree and a right triangle corresponding to the information in the problem superimposed over it. (We assume that the tree is exactly perpendicular to a perfectly flat ground.) In the triangle, we know the length of the horizontal leg and the angle between the hypotenuse and the horizontal leg. We can find the height of the tree by calculating the length of the vertical leg. We do so with the tangent function:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{h}{50.0 \text{ m}}$$

$$h = (50.0 \text{ m}) \tan \theta = (50.0 \text{ m}) \tan 25.0^\circ = 23.3 \text{ m}$$

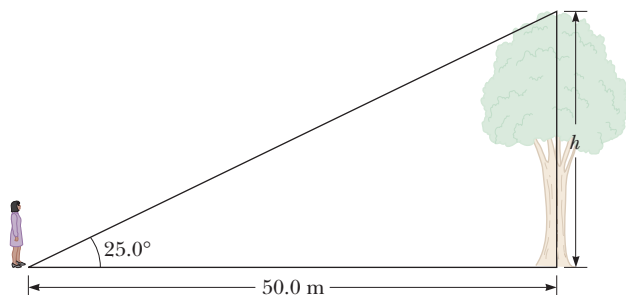


Figure 1.2 (Example 1.1) The height of a tree can be found by measuring the distance from the tree and the angle of sight to the top above the ground. This problem is a simple example of geometrically *modeling* the actual problem.

You may have solved a problem very similar to Example 1.1 but never thought about the notion of modeling. From the modeling approach, however, once we draw the triangle in Figure 1.2, the triangle is a geometric model of the real problem; it is a *substitute*. Until we reach the end of the problem, we do not imagine the problem to be about a *tree* but to be about a *triangle*. We use trigonometry to find the vertical leg of the triangle, leading to a value of 23.3 m. Because this leg *represents* the height of the tree, we can now return to the original problem and claim that the height of the tree is 23.3 m.

Other examples of geometric models include modeling the Earth as a perfect sphere, a pizza as a perfect disk, a meter stick as a long rod with no thickness, and an electric wire as a long, straight cylinder.

The particle model is an example of the second category of models, which we will call **simplification models**. In a simplification model, details that are not significant in determining the outcome of the problem are ignored. When we study rotation in Chapter 10, objects will be modeled as *rigid objects*. All the molecules in a rigid object maintain their exact positions with respect to one another. We adopt this simplification model because a spinning rock is much easier to analyze than a spinning block of gelatin, which is *not* a rigid object. Other simplification models will assume that quantities such as friction forces are negligible, remain constant, or are proportional to some power of the object's speed. We will assume *uniform* metal beams in Chapter 12, *laminar* flow of fluids in Chapter 14, *massless* springs in Chapter 15, *symmetric* distributions of electric charge in Chapter 23, *resistance-free* wires in Chapter 27, *thin* lenses in Chapter 34. These, and many more, are simplification models.

The third category is that of **analysis models**, which are general types of problems that we have solved before. An important technique in problem solving is to cast a new problem into a form similar to one we have already solved and which can be used as a model. As we shall see, there are about two dozen analysis models that can be used to solve most of the problems you will encounter. All of the analysis models in classical physics will be based on four simplification models: *particle*, *system*, *rigid object*, and *wave*. We will see our first analysis models in Chapter 2, where we will discuss them in more detail.

The fourth category of models is **structural models**. These models are generally used to understand the behavior of a system that is far different in scale from our macroscopic world—either much smaller or much larger—so that we cannot interact with it directly. As an example, the notion of a hydrogen atom as an electron in a circular orbit around a proton is a structural model of the atom. The ancient *geocentric* model of the Universe, in which the Earth is theorized to be at the center of the Universe, is an example of a structural model for something larger in scale than our macroscopic world.

Intimately related to the notion of modeling is that of forming **alternative representations** of the problem that you are solving. **A representation is a method of viewing or presenting the information related to the problem.** Scientists must be able to communicate complex ideas to individuals without scientific backgrounds. The best representation to use in conveying the information successfully will vary from one individual to the next. Some will be convinced by a well-drawn graph, and others will require a picture. Physicists are often persuaded to agree with a point of view by examining an equation, but non-physicists may not be convinced by this mathematical representation of the information.

A word problem, such as those at the ends of the chapters in this book, is one representation of a problem. In the “real world” that you will enter after graduation, the initial representation of a problem may be just an existing situation, such as the effects of climate change or a patient in danger of dying. You may have to identify the important data and information, and then cast the situation yourself into an equivalent word problem!

Considering alternative representations can help you think about the information in the problem in several different ways to help you understand and solve it. Several types of representations can be of assistance in this endeavor:

- **Mental representation.** From the description of the problem, imagine a scene that describes what is happening in the word problem, then let time progress so that you understand the situation and can predict what changes will occur in the situation. This step is critical in approaching *every* problem.
- **Pictorial representation.** Drawing a picture of the situation described in the word problem can be of great assistance in understanding the problem. In Example 1.1, the pictorial representation in Figure 1.2 allows us to identify the triangle as a geometric model of the problem. In architecture, a blueprint is a pictorial representation of a proposed building.

Generally, a pictorial representation describes *what you would see* if you were observing the situation in the problem. For example, Figure 1.3 shows a pictorial representation of a baseball player hitting a short pop foul. Any coordinate axes included in your pictorial representation will be in two dimensions: x and y axes.

- **Simplified pictorial representation.** It is often useful to redraw the pictorial representation without complicating details by applying a simplification model. This process is similar to the discussion of the particle model described earlier. In a pictorial representation of the Earth in orbit around the Sun, you might draw the Earth and the Sun as spheres, with possibly some attempt to draw continents to identify which sphere is the Earth. In the simplified pictorial representation, the Earth and the Sun would be drawn simply as dots, representing particles, with appropriate labels. Figure 1.4 shows a simplified pictorial representation corresponding to the pictorial representation of the baseball trajectory in Figure 1.3. The notations v_x and v_y refer to the components of the velocity vector for the baseball. We will study vector components in Chapter 3. We shall use such simplified pictorial representations throughout the book.
- **Graphical representation.** In some problems, drawing a graph that describes the situation can be very helpful. In mechanics, for example, position–time graphs can be of great assistance. Similarly, in thermodynamics, pressure–volume graphs are essential to understanding. Figure 1.5 shows a graphical representation of the position as a function of time of a block on the end of a vertical spring as it oscillates up and down. Such a graph is helpful for understanding simple harmonic motion, which we study in Chapter 15.

A graphical representation is different from a pictorial representation, which is also a two-dimensional display of information but whose axes, if any, represent *length* coordinates. In a graphical representation, the axes may represent *any* two related variables. For example, a graphical representation may have axes for temperature and time. The graph in Figure 1.5 has axes of vertical position y and time t . Therefore, in comparison to a pictorial representation, a graphical representation is generally *not* something you would see when observing the situation in the problem with your eyes.

- **Tabular representation.** It is sometimes helpful to organize the information in tabular form to help make it clearer. For example, some students find that making tables of known quantities and unknown quantities is helpful. The periodic table of the elements is an extremely useful tabular representation of information in chemistry and physics.
- **Mathematical representation.** The ultimate goal in solving a problem is often the mathematical representation. You want to move from the information contained in the word problem, through various representations of the problem that allow you to understand what is happening, to one or more equations that represent the situation in the problem and that can be solved mathematically for the desired result.

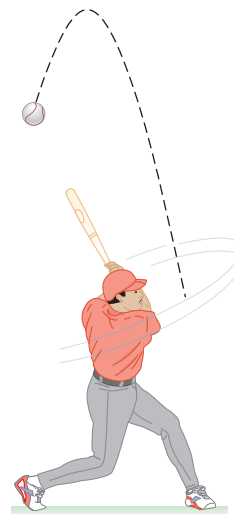


Figure 1.3 A pictorial representation of a pop foul being hit by a baseball player.

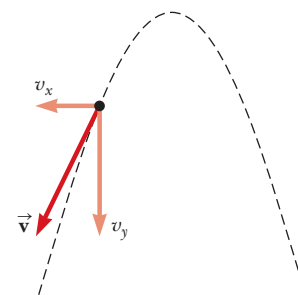


Figure 1.4 A simplified pictorial representation for the situation shown in Figure 1.3.

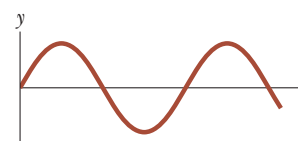


Figure 1.5 A graphical representation of the position as a function of time of a block hanging from a spring and oscillating.