

# **BASIC CONCEPTS**

#### A Quick Review of Undergraduate Dynamics

<u>Mechanics</u>: is one of the oldest and basic branches of Physics. Mechanics deals with the related ideas of Force, Energy, Inertia, and Motion.

**Dynamics:** is that branch of mechanics that is concerned with the forces acting on an object and its motion produced by the force system (i.e., is the relationship between forces acting on a system and the motion of that system.







**Kinematics:** is only concerned with the geometry of motion and deals with relationships among displacement, velocity, acceleration, and time without regard to forces causing the motion.

<u>Knietics</u>: is concerned with the force analysis of bodies in motion (force, mass, and acceleration).

## SOME BASIC DEFINITIONS

*Particle*: is a small portion of matter that its dimensions are negligible in the analysis of a physical problem. *Rigid Body*: is an aggregate of particles, of which the distance between any pair **remains constant** throughout the dynamic process.

**Deformable Body:** is an aggregate of particles, of which the distance between any pair **may change** throughout the dynamic process.



**Position:** of a particle at a given time is the point of space occupied by the particle at that time.

**Body Point:** is a point fixed in the rigid body or on its imaginary extension throughout the motion.

<u>**Reference Frame</u>: is a frame in which the kinematical and kinetic properties of a system can be defined, (i.e.,** *Newtonian* **Reference Frame).</u>** 

*Note:* Do not confuse Reference Frames with Coordinate Systems (i.e. Cartesian, Cylindrical). Many coordinate systems can be embedded in a given reference frame. (any rigid body may be regarded as a reference frame).



**NEWTONIAN MECHANICS**: In utilizing the Newton's laws of motion, we must define and consider;

<u>Newtonian Reference Frame</u> "NRF" (Inertial Reference Frame, or Galilean Reference Frame): is defined as a reference frame (coordinate) that does not rotate and whose origin is either fixed in space or if it translates, then it moves in a straight line at a constant velocity. In other words: <u>it is a Non-Accelerating and Irrotational reference</u> <u>frame</u>.

The earth, which is often used as a reference frame, is rotating about its own axis and this axis, in turn, is revolving about the sun. The solar system, consisting of the sun and its planets, is a small part of the vast *Milky Way galaxy* which is revolving in space. Note that: <u>NRF</u> does not consider the motion of the solar system "sun & its planets" within the Milky Way galaxy or the motion of this galaxy within the universe.



#### Newtonian Laws:

1<sup>st</sup> Law (law of Inertia): A particle will remain at rest or moves with constant speed along a straight line, unless it is acted upon by a resultant force.

<u>**2<sup>nd</sup> Law (Law of Motion):**</u> A particle acted upon by an unbalanced force " $\underline{F}$ " receives an acceleration " $\underline{a}$ " that is in the direction of the force and has a magnitude which is directly proportional to the force.

# <u>F = ma</u>



<u>**3**rd Law</u> (Law of Mutual Interaction): For every force acting on a particle, the particle exerts an equal, opposite, and collinear reactive force.



<u>**4**th</u> Law (Law of Gravitation): Two particles of mass  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , mutually attract each other with equal and opposite forces, <u>F</u> and <u>-F</u>, whose magnitude is:

Force of Attraction =  $F = (Gm_1m_2)/r^2$  (2.2)

r = Distance between two particles G = Universal Gravitation Constant = 6.673 × 10<sup>-11</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/kg.s<sup>2</sup> (from exp. Data)





Then, *Force of Attraction* between **earth** with mass **M** and a body of mass **m** is:

 $F = (GMm)/r^2$  (2.3)

Where; **M= 5.976** × **1024** kg, and **r = r<sub>e</sub> = 6371** km.

Therefore, <u>Weight (gravitational attraction)</u> of a body near the earth's surface during a free-fall in vacuum is:

 $W = m (GM/r^2) = mg$  (2.4)

 $g = GM/r^2 = \frac{gravitational\ acceleration}{= 32.17\ ft/s^2} = 9.807\ m/s^2 = (2.5)$ 

**Force:** A force is best described by the way that a person feels, sensually or otherwise.



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## **KINEMATICAL QUANTITIES**:

**Position Vector:** a vector describing the position of a point or particle at a time "**t**" in a coordinate system.

<u>**r**</u><sub>p/o</sub>(t) = <u>**Position Vector**</u>: {1<sup>st</sup> kinematical quantity}





#### KINEMATICAL QUANTITIES: °

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## **Acceleration Vector:**

$$\mathbf{\underline{a}}_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{d\underline{v}_{p}}{dt} = \underline{\dot{v}}_{p} = \underline{\ddot{r}}_{p/o} \quad \{3^{\text{rd kinematical quantity}}\} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\mathbf{\underline{Jerk \, Vector}:} \quad (\underline{sudden \, movement}) \text{ is the rate of change of acceleration. It is occasionally considered.}$$

$$\mathbf{\underline{J}}_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{d\underline{a}_{p}}{dt} = \underline{\dot{a}}_{p} = \underline{\ddot{v}}_{p} = \underline{\ddot{r}}_{p/o} \quad \{4^{\text{th kinematical quantity}}\} \quad (2.8)$$

**Angular Velocity:** of a line-segment is equal to the time rate of change of its angular position.

$$\underline{\omega} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \underline{\theta}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d \underline{\theta}}{dt} = \underline{\dot{\theta}} = \omega_x \underline{i} + \omega_y \underline{j} + \omega_z \underline{k} \quad (2.9)$$

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$$\underline{\omega} \text{ Angular Acceleration: of a line-segment is equal to the time rate of change of its angular velocity.}$$

$$\underline{\alpha} = \frac{d \underline{\omega}}{dt} = \underline{\dot{\omega}} = \underline{\ddot{\theta}} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\underline{Moment:} \text{ is the effect of force "} \underline{F} \text{ " about any given point in space called the "moment center".}$$

$$\underline{M}^{o} = \underline{r} \times \underline{F} \quad (2.11)$$



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- $\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathbf{o}} = \underline{Moment \ Vector}$  of the force  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  about the moment center "O".
- $\underline{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{Vector Moment Arm};$  vector drawn from point "O" to any point like "A" on the line of action of the force  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ .





<u>Theorem-1</u>: The moment of an equal and opposite pair of forces is called the <u>Couple</u> " <u>C</u> ", and is invariant to the position of the moment center.





**Theorem-2**: The simplest equipollent system to a force system is <u>one force</u> and <u>one couple</u>, called the <u>resultant system</u>.

Therefore, for a system of N-force  $\{\underline{F}_i\}$  we have:

**Resultant Force:** 

$$\underline{F}_R = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i$$

(line-of-action of " $\underline{F}_{R}$ " passes through "**O**", since all " $\underline{F}_{i}$ 's are written with respect to "**O**").

#### Resultant Couple:

$$\underline{C}_{R} = \underline{M}^{o} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \underline{r}_{i} \times \underline{F}_{i}$$
(2.15)

 $\{\underline{\mathbf{r}}_i\}$  = set of moment arms of  $\{\underline{\mathbf{F}}_i\}$  with respect to the moment center "**O**"



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(2.14)

*Linear-Momentum (Momentum)*: of a particle is defined by the *mass* times the *velocity* of the particle.



**Moment of Momentum (Angular-Momentum)**: of a particle about a point "O"is defined as:

$$\underline{H}^{o} = \underline{r} \times \underline{P}$$

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**Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law:** may now be re-stated as "resultant of all forces applied on a particle is equal to the time rate of change of its momentum".





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#### TIME DERIVATIVE OF A VECTOR:

<u>**Theorem-3</u>**: For a general vector like  $\underline{A} = A\underline{e}_A$  which contains the time variation of its magnitude and direction, we have:</u>



**Theorem-4**: The time derivative of a vector <u>A</u> in terms of its <u>Cartesian</u> component set {A<sub>i</sub>}, where;  $\underline{A} = A_i(t)\underline{e}_i(t)$ , is:

$$\underline{\dot{A}} = \dot{A}_i \underline{e}_i + \underline{\Omega} \times \underline{A}$$

(2.20)

<u>e</u>2

<u>e</u>1

 $\underline{\Omega}$  = angular velocity of the Cartesian coordinate {x<sub>i</sub>}. <u>First Term</u>: <u>observed</u>/relative change of the vector in the reference frame. <u>Second Term</u>: change in <u>A</u> <u>due to rotation</u> of the coordinates.

Proof:

 $\underline{\dot{A}} = \dot{A}_i \underline{e}_i + A_i \underline{\dot{e}}_i , \quad \text{where:} \quad \underline{\dot{e}}_i = \underline{\Omega} \times \underline{e}_i , \quad \sin ce \quad |\underline{\dot{e}}_i| = 0, \qquad \underline{e}_3$   $\underline{\dot{A}} = \dot{A}_i \underline{e}_i + A_i (\underline{\Omega} \times \underline{e}_i) = \dot{A}_i \underline{e}_i + \underline{\Omega} \times A_i \underline{e}_i = \dot{A}_i \underline{e}_i + \underline{\Omega} \times \underline{A} \qquad \mathbf{x}_3$ 



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X<sub>1</sub>

**Theorem-4 (another version)**: The time derivative of any vector <u>**A**</u> in <u>two frames</u>  $\{x_i\}$  and  $\{X_i\}$  are related as follows:

$$\left(\frac{d\underline{A}}{dt}\right)_{X_1X_2X_3} = \left(\frac{d\underline{A}}{dt}\right)_{x_1x_2x_3} + \underline{\Omega} \times \underline{A}$$
(2.21)

 $\underline{\Omega}$  = angular velocity of the Cartesian coordinate {x<sub>i</sub>} in {X<sub>i</sub>}.

 $\mathbf{X}_{1}$ 

 $\mathbf{X}_2$ 

X<sub>3</sub>

(Equations 20 and 21 enable one to find the time-derivative of <u>A</u> in  $\{X_i\}$  without having to resolve <u>A</u> into components parallel to unit vectors fixed in  $\{X_i\}$ ).

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 $\underline{\Omega}$ 

X<sub>1</sub>

 $\mathbf{X}_2$ 

X<sub>3</sub>

A

## **DIMENSIONS AND UNITS**:

The <u>units</u> specified for the measurement of physical quantities are defined to be consistent with the <u>Newon's 2<sup>nd</sup></u> Law:  $\underline{F} = \underline{ma}$ 

For a *freely-falling* object in the vacuum, *Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law*, becomes:

W = mg

Where; F = W (weight), a =g (acceleration of gravity).

Note: For a *unit-mass* "m", the *weight* of the object is *g-units* of force. (i.e. Weight = (1) g = g-units of force)



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(2.22)

#### In general there are two basic systems of units:

L-M-T (SI, System International) System: The three fundamental units of this system are:

L = length M = m = mass

T = time

{If *L* is in *Centimeters*, *M* is in *Grams*, and *T* is in *Seconds*, then the <u>unit of Force</u> from *Newton's*  $2^{nd}$  *law* will be in <u>dyne</u> (gr.cm/s<sup>2</sup>)}.

- **Dyne**: a dyne is defined as the force necessary to accelerate **1** gram of mass at a rate of **1** cm/s<sup>2</sup>.
- **Ex**: Since,  $g = 980.66 \text{ cm/s}^2$  on the earth, therefore, **1** gram mass weighs about: W = mg = (1 gr.)(980.66 cm/s<sup>2</sup>) = 980.66 *dynes*.

{If L is in meters, M is in Kilograms, and T is in Seconds, then the <u>unit of Force</u> from Newton's  $2^{nd}$  law will be in <u>Newton</u> (kg.m/s<sup>2</sup>)}.

**<u>Newton</u>**: a Newton is defined as the force necessary to accelerate **1** kilogram of mass at a rate of **1** m/s<sup>2</sup>.

**Ex**: Since,  $g = 9.807 \text{ m/s}^2$  on the earth, therefore, **1** kilogram mass weighs about: W = mg = (1 kg)(9.807 m/s<sup>2</sup>) = 9.807 *Newtons*.



L-F-T (British/US Customary System) System:

The three fundamental units of this system are:

L = length

F = Force (instead of mass M)

T = time

{If *L* is in *foot*, *F* is in *pounds*, and *T* is in *Seconds*, then the <u>unit of Mass</u> from *Newton's*  $2^{nd}$  *law*, "M=m=W/g", will be in <u>slug</u> (lb.s<sup>2</sup>/ft)}.

**Slug:** 1 pound is the force necessary to accelerate 1 slug of mass at a rate of 1 ft/s<sup>2</sup>.

**Ex**: Since, g = 32.17 ft/s<sup>2</sup> on the earth, therefore, **1** slug mass weighs about:  $W = mg = (1 \text{ slug})(32.17 \text{ ft/s}^2) = 32.17 \text{ lbs}.$ 

{1 lb = 4.46 Newton, 1 Slug = 14.63 kg}



**Dimensions:** The fundamental units of **L-M-T** or **L-F-T** systems can be used to represent any physical quantities in mechanics.

When a physical quantity is represented by the fundamental units, the resulting expression is called the *dimensional* form of that quantity.

**Ex:** Dimensional form of **Velocity** is **[LT<sup>-1</sup>]**, and that of **Acceleration** is **[LT<sup>-2</sup>]**.

**<u>Theorem-5</u>**: <u>The Law of Dimensional Homogeneity</u>: states that physical equations must be homogeneous in dimensional sense (a necessary <u>but not</u> a sufficient condition for correctness of equations, since the validity of dimensionless coefficients could not be checked).

<u>Note that</u>: <u>Dimensions</u> and <u>Units</u> are two different terminologies. <u>For</u> <u>example</u>: the <u>Dimension of Length</u> is always equal to " L ", where as <u>Length</u> may be expressed in <u>different units</u> (inches, meters, foot...)



Physical Quantity	L-M-T, (SI) System	L-F-T, (USCS/British) System
Length, L	L	L
Force, F	MLT-2	F
Mass, M, m	М	FL <sup>-1</sup> T <sup>2</sup>
Time, t	Т	Т
Linear Velocity, v	LT <sup>-1</sup>	LT <sup>-1</sup>
Linear Acceleration, a	LT-2	LT <sup>-2</sup>
Angle, θ radians	Dimensionless	Dimensionless
Angular Velocity, ω	T-1	T-1
Angular Acceleration, α	T-2	T-2
Moment, M <sup>o</sup>	ML <sup>2</sup> T <sup>-2</sup>	FL
Linear Momentum, P	MLT-1	FT
Angular Momentum, H <sup>o</sup>	ML <sup>2</sup> T <sup>-1</sup>	FLT
Mass Moment of Inertia, I	ML <sup>2</sup>	FLT <sup>2</sup>
Area Moment of Inertia, J	L <sup>4</sup>	L <sup>4</sup>
Work or Energy, W or E	ML <sup>2</sup> T <sup>-2</sup>	FL
Power $\dot{W}$	ML <sup>2</sup> T <sup>-3</sup>	FLT <sup>-1</sup>
Area, A	L <sup>2</sup>	L <sup>2</sup>
Volume, V	L <sup>3</sup>	L <sup>3</sup>
Stress, σ	ML-1T-2	FL-2
Modulus of Elasticity, E	ML-1T-2	FL-2
Mass Density, γ	ML-3	FL-4T <sup>2</sup>

