

# CALCULATIONS

## Motion Calculations I

- Velocity ... [  $v = d/t$  ]
  - Acceleration ... [  $a = \Delta v/t$  ]
  - Distance ... [  $d = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$  ]
  - Momentum ... [  $P = mv$  ]
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1. How fast is a rocket going in mph if it travels at 90 ft in 6 sec?
2. What is the acceleration of a thrown baseball while it is in the hand of the pitcher and goes from 0 mph to 90 mph; and he performs his pitch in  $\frac{1}{2}$  second?
3. How tall (in meters) is a building from which a penny is dropped, if it falls 3 seconds before hitting the ground?
4. How far down (in meters) does a penny go in 1 second if dropped from a rocket that is traveling at a horizontal velocity of 3,000 km/hr?
5. How fast will a rock be going when it hits the ground if you throw it straight up at 123.26 km/hr?
6. What is the momentum of a 1 ton car moving at 100 km/hr? How fast would a 4 ton cement truck have to move to have that same momentum?
7. A 5 ton railroad car going at 8 mph links to a stationary 15 ton car. They move slowly down the track after the linkage. How fast are they now going?
8. A big fish eats a small fish. The big fish was going 3 m/s. The little fish was still.  
 $m_{\text{big}} = 5 \text{ kg}$   
 $m_{\text{little}} = 1 \text{ kg}$   
What is the net momentum before and after lunch? And what is the velocity of the big fish with the small fish inside it?

## Motion Calculations II

- Velocity ... [  $v = d/t$  ]
  - Acceleration ... [  $a = \Delta v/t$  ]
  - Distance ... [  $d = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$  ]
  - Momentum ... [  $P = mv$  ]
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9. What is the speed of light in m/s if it is 186,000 mph?

10. What is the acceleration of an object that has  $v_i = 36.2$  km/s,  $v_f = 98.7$  km/s, and a time of 32.5 s?

11. How far does an object in free fall go in 8.3 s if it starts at rest?

12. A 656 g clay object is going a 75 cm/s. It collides with a second clay object that weighs 426 g and they stick together. How fast are they now going?

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Motion Calculations III

- Velocity ... [  $v = d/t$  ]
  - Acceleration ... [  $a = \Delta v/t$  ]
  - Distance ... [  $d = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$  ]
  - Momentum ... [  $P = mv$  ]
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13. How fast is an object going in mph if it travels at 131 ft in 5.30 seconds?

velocity in mph = \_\_\_\_\_

14. What is the acceleration of an object if it goes from 0.0 mph to 80 mph in .30 second?

acceleration = \_\_\_\_\_

15. How high is a building (in meters) if one drops a nickel and it falls 15.35 seconds before hitting the ground?

distance from earth = \_\_\_\_\_

16. A rocket is traveling at a horizontal velocity of 3,333.3333333333333 km/hr. How far down (in meters) will an object go if it is dropped from the rocket and it falls 8.300000000000000 seconds miraculously without air friction?

distance = \_\_\_\_\_

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17. How fast will a pebble be going when it is caught at the exact height from which it was thrown, if a thrower throws it straight up at 77.7777 km/hr?

pebble velocity = \_\_\_\_\_

18. Crash dummy #1 is driving a 1,500 kg car at 123 km/hr. Crash dummy #2 is driving a 6,800 kg cement truck. How fast will Crash dummy #2's truck have to move to have the same momentum?

Crash dummy #2's truck's velocity = \_\_\_\_\_

19. A 14 ton railroad car is traveling at 100 mph. It links to a stationary 36 ton car. They move slowly down the track after the linkage. How fast are they now going?

The railroad car plus the linked car's velocity = \_\_\_\_\_

20. A large fish going 5 m/s eats a small, still fish.

$m_{\text{big}} = 5 \text{ kg}$

$m_{\text{little}} = 1 \text{ kg}$

What is the net momentum? And what is the final velocity?

net momentum = \_\_\_\_\_ final velocity = \_\_\_\_\_

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Energy Calculations

- Work ... [  $W = fd$  ]
- Power ... [  $Power = W/t$  ]
- Potential Energy ... [  $PE = wt h$  ]
- Kinetic Energy ... [  $KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$  ]
- Work - Energy Theorem ... [  $W = \Delta KE$  ]

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21. A power lifter lifts a 300 pound barbell 2.3 meters off the ground (1 lb is about 4.45 Newtons). How much *work* did she do in joules (1 j = 1Nm)?

Work = \_\_\_\_\_ j

22. What is the *power* of a 500 horsepower truck in kiloWatts? Remember that 1horsepower = 750w.

Power = \_\_\_\_\_ kW

23. How much *potential energy* does a 63.8N rock have if it is on a cliff that is 450.2m above the valley floor? Remember that 1j = 1Nm.

PE = \_\_\_\_\_ j

24. a) How much *work* is done carrying a 75N bowling ball horizontally across the room for 10m? b) How about lifting it 1.27m?

a)  $W =$  \_\_\_\_\_ j      b)  $W =$  \_\_\_\_\_ j

25. a) How much *kinetic energy* in joules does a 1.45kg ball thrown at 35.5m/s? b) How about 0.1kg bullet shot at 894.08 m/s?

a)  $KE =$  \_\_\_\_\_ j      b)  $KE =$  \_\_\_\_\_ j

26. a) How much *work* in joules does a 907 kg car exert in slowing down from 25 m/s (which is about 90 km/hr or 60 mph) to 8.3 m/s (which is about 30 km/hr or 20 mph)?  
b) Since the formula [  $KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$  ] has velocity being squared, how much more stopping distance will the car need at 90 km/hr compared to 30 km/hr?

a)  $KE =$  \_\_\_\_\_ j      b) stopping distance of \_\_\_\_\_ times more

## Motion/Energy Calculations

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  - Work - Energy Theorem ... [  $W = \Delta KE$  ]
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27. How fast is a rocket going in mph if it travels at 120 ft in 6 sec?

\_\_\_ mph

28. A weight lifter lifts a 400 pound barbell 2.3 meters off the ground (1 lb is about 4.45 Newtons). How much *work* did he do in joules (1 j = 1Nm)?

Work = \_\_\_\_\_ j

29. What is the acceleration of a thrown baseball while it is in the hand of the pitcher and goes from 0 mph to 95 mph; and he performs his pitch in  $\frac{1}{2}$  second?

30. How tall (in meters) is a building from which a penny is dropped, if it falls 4 seconds before hitting the ground?

31. What is the *power* of a 500 horsepower truck in kiloWatts?  
Remember that 1horsepower = 750 w.

Power = \_\_\_\_\_ kW

32. How far down (in meters) does a penny go in 3 seconds if dropped from a rocket that is traveling at a horizontal velocity of 2,238 km/hr?

33. How much *potential energy* does a 53.8N rock have if it is on a cliff that is 550.8m above the valley floor? Remember that 1j = 1Nm.

PE = \_\_\_\_\_ j

34. How fast will a rock be going when it hits the ground if thrown straight up at



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distance = \_\_\_\_\_

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