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### **Conversion Factors**

### LENGTH

1 in = 2.54 cm 1 cm = 0.394 in 1 ft = 30.5 cm 1 m = 39.4 in = 3.281 ft 1 km = 0.621 mi

1 mi = 5280 ft = 1.609 km 1 light-year =  $9.461 \times 10^{15}$  m

### **MASS AND WEIGHT**

1 lb  $\Rightarrow$  0.4536 kg (where  $g = 9.80 \text{ m/sec}^2$ ) 1 kg  $\Rightarrow$  2.205 lb (where  $g = 9.80 \text{ m/sec}^2$ ) 1 atomic mass unit (u) = 1.66061  $\times$  10<sup>-27</sup> kg

### **VOLUME**

1 liter = 1.057 quarts = 0.2643 gallons 1 in<sup>3</sup> = 16.4 cm<sup>3</sup> 1 gallon = 3.786 liter 1 ft<sup>3</sup> =  $2.832 \times 10^{-2}$  m<sup>3</sup>

### **ENERGY AND POWER**

1 cal = 4.186 J1 J = 0.239 cal1 kWhr =  $3.60 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$  = 860 cal1 hp = 746 W1 J =  $6.24 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$ 1 eV =  $1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ 

### **TEMPERATURE**

Absolute zero (0 K) =  $-273.15^{\circ}$  C

### **SPEED**

1 km/hr = 0.278 m/sec = 0.621 MPH 1 m/sec = 3.60 km/hr = 2.237 MPH = 3.281 ft/sec 1 MPH = 1.609 km/hr = 0.447 m/sec = 1.47 ft/sec 1 ft/sec = 0.305 m/sec = 0.682 MPH

### **FORCE**

1 N = 0.2248 lb1 lb = 4.448 N

### **PRESSURE**

1 atm = 1.013 bar = 1.013  $\times$  10<sup>5</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup> = 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> 1 lb/in<sup>2</sup> = 6.90  $\times$  10<sup>3</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup> 1 Pa = 1 N/m<sup>2</sup>

### ANGLE

1 rad =  $57.30^{\circ}$ 1° = 0.01745 rad 1 rev =  $360^{\circ}$  =  $2\pi$  rad

### **METRIC PREFIXES**

Prefix	Symbol	Meaning
Giga-	G	1 000 000 000 times the unit
Mega-	M	1 000 000 times the unit
Kilo-	k	1 000 times the unit
Hecto-	h	100 times the unit
Deka-	da	10 times the unit

### **Base Unit**

d	0.1 of the unit
С	0.01 of the unit
m	0.001 of the unit
μ	0.000 001 of the unit
n	0.000 000 001 of the unit
	c m µ

### PHYSICAL CONSTANTS AND DATA

Quantity	Approximate	Value

Acceleration of gravity  $g = 9.80 \text{ m/sec}^2$ (near the earth's surface)  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}^2/\mathrm{kg}^2$ Gravitational law constant  $6.38 \times 10^6 \,\mathrm{m}$ Earth radius (mean)  $5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ Earth mass  $1.50 \times 10^{11} \,\mathrm{m}$ Earth-sun distance (mean)  $3.84 \times 10^{8} \,\mathrm{m}$ Earth-moon distance (mean)  $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \,\mathrm{C}$ Fundamental charge  $k = 9.00 \times 10^9 \,\mathrm{N \cdot m^2/C^2}$ Coulomb law constant  $9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ Electron rest mass  $1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ Proton rest mass  $1.6750 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ Neutron rest mass  $5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ Bohr radius  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ /mole Avogadro's number  $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \,\mathrm{J/K}$ Boltzmann's constant  $6.626 \times 10^{-34} \,\mathrm{J \cdot s}$ Planck's constant  $3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ Speed of light (vacuum)

### MATHEMATICAL CONSTANTS AND FORMULAS

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Pi	3.1416
Area of circle	$\pi r^2$
Circumference of circle	$2\pi r$
Area of sphere	$4\pi r^2$
Volume of sphere	$4/3 \pi r^3$

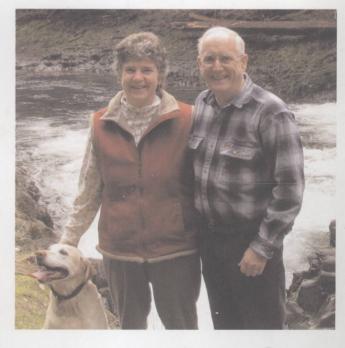
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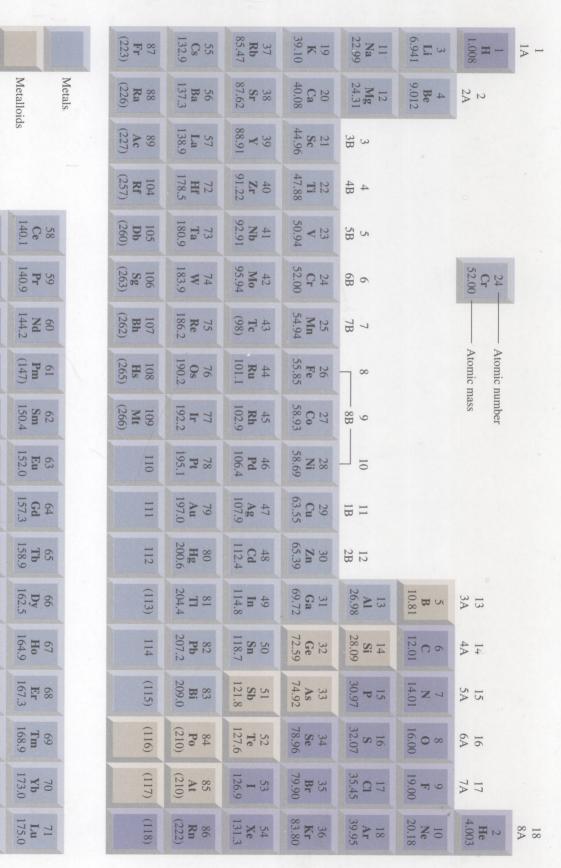


The author and his wife, Adelia, hiking in the mountains of Oregon.



The author, Juliet Brosing, and her husband Keith LeComte at the Tualatin River near their home in Cherry Grove, Oregon.

# Periodic Table of the Elements



No names have been assigned for elements 110-112 and 114. Elements 113 and 115-118 have not yet been synthesized. The 1-18 group designation has been recommended by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) but is not yet in wide use

Nonmetals

90 **Th** 232.0

> 91 Pa

Pu

Am

Cm (247)

96

97 Bk

Of 98

99 Es

100 Fm (253)

Md 101

No 102

103 **Lr** (257)

## preface

he satisfaction of understanding how rainbows are formed, how ice skaters spin, or why ocean tides roll in and out—phenomena that we have all seen or experienced—is one of the best motivators available for building scientific literacy. This book attempts to make that sense of satisfaction accessible to non-science majors. Intended for use in a one-semester or two-quarter course in conceptual physics, this book is written in a narrative style, frequently using questions designed to draw the reader into a dialogue about the ideas of physics. This inclusive style allows the book to be used by anyone interested in exploring the nature of physics and explanations of everyday physical phenomena.

"Griffith has done a very respectable job in presenting his conceptual physics course in a clear, useable fashion. It is a fine work that is evidently quickly evolving into a top-notch textbook."

—Michael Bretz,University of Michigan

### How This Book Is Organized

With the exception of the reorganization of chapters 15, 16, and 17 introduced in the fourth edition, we have retained the same order of topics as in the previous editions. It is traditional with some minor variations. The chapter on energy (chapter 6) appears prior to that on momentum (chapter 7) so that energy ideas can be used in the discussion of collisions. Wave motion is found in chapter 15, following electricity and magnetism and prior to chapters 16 and 17 on optics. The chapter on fluids (chapter 9) follows mechanics and leads into the chapters on thermodynamics. The first 17 chapters are designed to introduce students to the major ideas of classical physics and can be covered in a one-semester course with some judicious paring.

The complete 21 chapters could easily support a twoquarter course, and even a two-semester course in which the ideas are treated thoroughly and carefully. Chapters 18 and 19 on atomic and nuclear phenomena, are considered essential by many instructors, even in a one-semester course. If included in such a course, we recommend curtailing coverage in other areas to avoid student overload. Sample syllabi for these different types of courses can be found on the Instructor Center of the Online Learning Center

Some instructors would prefer to put chapter 20 on relativity at the end of the mechanics section or just prior to the modern physics material. Relativity has little to do with everyday phenomena, of course, but is included because of the high interest that it generally holds for students. The final chapter (21) introduces a variety of topics in modern physics—including particle physics, cosmology, semiconductors, and superconductivity—that could be used to stimulate interest at various points in a course.

One plea to instructors, as well as to students using this book: Don't try to cram too much material into too short a time! We have worked diligently to keep this book to a reasonable length while still covering the core concepts usually found in an introduction to physics. These ideas are most enjoyable when enough time is spent in lively discussion and in consideration of questions so that a real understanding develops. Trying to cover material too quickly defeats the conceptual learning and leaves students in a dense haze of words and definitions. Less can be more if a good understanding results.

### Mathematics in a Conceptual Physics Course

The use of mathematics in a physics course is a formidable block for many students, particularly non-science majors. Although there have been attempts to teach conceptual physics without any mathematics, these attempts miss an opportunity to help students gain confidence in using and manipulating simple quantitative relationships.

Clearly mathematics is a powerful tool for expressing the quantitative relationships of physics. The use of mathematics can be carefully limited, however, and subordinated to the physical concepts being addressed. Many users of the first edition of this text felt that mathematical

expressions appeared too frequently for the comfort of some students. In response, we substantially reduced the use of mathematics in the body of the text in the second edition. Most users have indicated that the current level is about right, so we have not changed the mathematics level in subsequent editions.

"The level of presentation is pitch-perfect for a college physics course. I happen to have a need for a book at just this level, compromising between a math-free conceptual book and one that goes for the full college-level (but not university-level) treatment. The brevity of presentation also lends itself well to a one-semester survey course format."

—Brent Royuk, Concordia University

Logical coherence is a strong feature of this book. Formulas are introduced carefully after conceptual arguments are provided, and statements in words of these relationships generally accompany their introduction. We have continued to fine tune the example boxes that present sample exercises and questions. Most of these provide simple numerical illustrations of the ideas discussed. No mathematics prerequisite beyond high school algebra should be necessary. A discussion of the basic ideas of very simple algebra is found in appendix A, together with some practice exercises, for students who need help with these ideas.

### **New to This Edition**

We have made several significant changes to the sixth edition. As the book has evolved, however, we have tried to remain faithful to the principles that have guided the writing of the book from the outset. One of these has been to keep the book to a manageable length, both in the number of chapters and the overall content. Many books become bloated as users and reviewers request more and more pet topics, We have tried to add material judiciously and have pared material elsewhere so that the overall length of the book has not changed. The changes include the following:

- 1. New Everyday Phenomenon Boxes. We have added five new everyday phenomenon boxes to this edition. Three of these are related to energy issues designed to better support instructors interested in building an energy emphasis into their courses. The new boxes are:
  - everyday phenomenon box 6.1 Conservation of Energy everyday phenomenon box 7.1 The Egg Toss everyday phenomenon box 12.1 Cleaning Up the
  - everyday phenomenon box 12.1 Cleaning Up the Smoke
  - everyday phenomenon box 15.1 Electric Power from Waves
  - everyday phenomenon box 19.1 Smoke Detectors
- **2. New Sample Exercises.** Many users have pointed out a need for more sample exercises in some chapters. We

- have added several new sample exercises in places where the need was apparent. Except for the first and the last chapter, most chapters now have three or four sample exercises.
- 3. Building an Energy Emphasis. Although this book remains a basic conceptual physics text, we are working to make the book better serve instructors who want to teach a conceptual physics course with an energy emphasis. This is reflected in the new everyday phenomenon boxes, but also in other places within the body of the text. In the past few editions, we have added everyday phenomenon boxes on fuel cells and hybrid automobiles, and boxes on solar collectors and nuclear reactors were already included. We have enhanced the discussion of the greenhouse effect in everyday phenomenon box 10.1. A syllabus for instructors wishing to teach a course with an energy emphasis can be found on the Instructor Center of the text website. We plan to continue building this emphasis in future editions.
- 4. New Home Experiments. We have added several new home experiments and have also added a few new synthesis problems. Many users have found these features to be very useful.
- 5. Continued Refinements in Artwork and Textual Clarity. Although the textual clarity of this text has been extensively praised by many reviewers and users, it can always be improved. Reviewers continue to point out places where either the art or text can be improved, and we have responded to many of these suggestions. To this end, we have made many changes, often subtle, to both the art and text. More noticeable changes include an improved and simplified discussion of planetory motion and Kepler's Laws in chapter 5 and on updated discussion of integrated circuits in chapter 21.

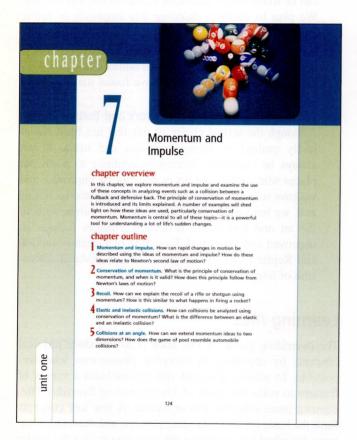
### **Learning Aids**

The overriding theme of this book is to introduce physical concepts by appealing to everyday phenomena whenever possible. To achieve this goal, this text includes a variety of features to make the study of *The Physics of Everyday Phenomena* more effective and enjoyable. A few key concepts form the basis for understanding physics, and the textual features described here reinforce this structure so that the reader will not be lost in a flurry of definitions and formulas.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The presentation is outstanding: Clear, concise, not too complicated, not trivial either. The style is refreshing. Students are invited to think; they are not overwhelmed by complicated explanations...."

### **Chapter Openers**

Each chapter begins with an illustration from everyday experience and then proceeds to use it as a theme for introducing relevant physical concepts. Physics can seem abstract to many students, but using everyday phenomena and concrete examples reduces that abstractness. The chapter overview previews the chapter's contents and what students can expect to learn from reading the chapter. The overview introduces the concepts to be covered, facilitating the integration of topics, and helping students to stay focused and organized while reading the chapter for the first time. The chapter outline includes all the major topic headings within the body of the chapter. It also contains questions that provide students with a guide of what they will be expected to know in order to comprehend the major concepts of the chapter. (These questions are then correlated to the end-ofchapter summaries.)



"Very good chapter overview and chapter outline for each chapter and for each unit. Very clear introduction and illustration of physics phenomena, concepts, and principles, and excellent exercises, problems, and home experiments/observations at the end of each chapter."

> —Hai-Sheng Wu, Minnesota State University, Mankato

The chapter outlines, questions, and summaries provide a clear framework for the ideas discussed in each chapter. One of the difficulties that students have in learning physics (or any subject) is that they fail to construct the big picture of how things fit together. A consistent chapter framework can be a powerful tool in helping students see how ideas mesh.

### **Other Text Features**

**Running summary paragraphs** are found at the end of each chapter section to supplement the more general summary at the end of the chapter.

Rotational displacement, rotational velocity, and rotational acceleration are the quantities that we need to fully describe the motion of a rotating object. They describe how far the object has rotated (rotational displacement), how fast it is rotating (rotational velocity), and the rate at which the rotation may be changing (rotational acceleration). These definitions are analogous to similar quantities used to describe linear motion. They tell us how the object is rotating, but not why. Causes of rotation are considered next.

"I found the liberal use of questions such as "Do you believe in atoms? And, if so, why?" to motivate the discussion to be outstanding. I also found the interwoven history used to guide the discussion to be excellent. I often use that approach myself. It usually leads to a natural flow of concepts and also informs the student how we know what we know, as well as giving them training in scientific thinking and showing them how science is done in real life. . . . Only someone who actively resisted understanding could fail to understand Griffith's text. He writes clearly, logically, and interestingly."

—Charles W. Rogers, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

**Subsection headings** are often cast in the form of questions to motivate the reader and pique curiosity.

### What is the difference between speed and velocity?

Imagine that you are driving a car around a curve (as illustrated in figure 2.5) and that you maintain a constant speed of 60 km/h. Is your velocity also constant in this case? The answer is no, because **velocity** involves the direction of motion as well as how fast the object is going. The direction of motion is changing as the car goes around the curve.

Study hints and study suggestions provide students with pointers on their use of the textbook, tips on applying the principles of physical concepts, and suggestions for home experiments.

Everyday phenomenon boxes relate physical concepts discussed in the text to real-world topics, societal issues, and modern technology, underscoring the relevance of physics and how it relates to our day-to-day lives. The list of topics includes:

The Case of the Malfunctioning Coffee Pot (chapter 1)

Transitions in Traffic Flow (chapter 2)

The 100-m Dash (chapter 2)

Shooting a Basketball (chapter 3)

The Tablecloth Trick (chapter 4)

Riding an Elevator (chapter 4)

Seat Belts, Air Bags, and Accident Dynamics (chapter 5)

Explaining the Tides (chapter 5)

Conservation of Energy (chapter 6)

Energy and the Pole Vault (chapter 6)

The Egg Toss (chapter 7)

An Automobile Collision (chapter 7)

Achieving the State of Yo (chapter 8)

Bicycle Gears (chapter 8)

Measuring Blood Pressure (chapter 9)

Throwing a Curveball (chapter 9)

Solar Collectors and the Greenhouse Effect (chapter 10)

Hybrid Automobile Engines (chapter 11)

A Productive Pond (chapter 11)

Cleaning Up the Smoke (chapter 12)

Lightning (chapter 12)

Electrical Impulses in Nerve Cells (chapter 13)

The Hidden Switch in Your Toaster (chapter 13)

Direct-Current Motors (chapter 14)

Vehicle Sensors at Traffic Lights (chapter 14)

Electric Power from Waves (chapter 15)

A Moving Car Horn and the Doppler Effect (chapter 15)

Why Is the Sky Blue? (chapter 16)

Antireflection Coatings on Eyeglasses

(chapter 16)

Rainbows (chapter 17)

Laser Refractive Surgery (chapter 17)

Fuel Cells and the Hydrogen Economy

(chapter 18)

Electrons and Television (chapter 18)

Smoke Detectors (chapter 19)

What Happened at Chernobyl? (chapter 19)

The Twin Paradox (chapter 20)

Holograms (chapter 21)

### study hint

Visualizing these angular momentum vectors and their changes can be an abstract and difficult task. The effect will seem much more real if you can directly experience it. If a bicycle wheel mounted on a hand-held axle (such as that pictured in figure 8.23) is available, try the tilt effect yourself. Grasp the wheel with both hands by the handles on each side and have someone give it a good spin with the wheel in a vertical plane. Then try tilting the wheel downward to the left to simulate a fall. The wheel will seem to have a mind of its own and will turn to the left as suggested by figure 8.22.

### everyday phenomenon

### Measuring Blood Pressure

The Situation. When you visit your doctor's office, the rurse will almost always take your blood pressure before the doctor spends time with you. A criff is placed around your upper arm (as shown in the photograph) and air is pumped into the cult, producing a feeling of tightness in your arm. Then the air is slowly released while the nurse lests to something with a stethoscope and records some numbers, such as 125 over 80.



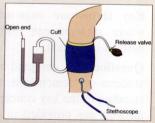
What is the significance of these two numbers? What is od pressure and how is it measured? Why are these reac ings an important factor, along with your weight, temp ture, and medical history, in assessing your health?

Ine Analysis. Your blood flows through an elaborate system of arteries and weirs in your body. As we all know, this flow is driven by your heart, which is basically a pump. More accu-rately, the heart is a double pump. One-half pumps blood through your lungs, where the blood cells pick up oxygen and discard carbon dioxide. The other half of the heart pumps blood through your lungs, where the blood cells pick up oxygen and discard carbon dioxide. The other half of the heart pumps blood through when the pumps blood through through through the pumps blood through the pumps blood through the rest of your body to deliver oxygen and nutrients. Arteries carry blood away from the heart into small capillaries that interface with other cells in muscles and organs. The veins collect blood from the capillaries and carry it back to the heart.

We measure the blood pressure in a major artery in your upper arm at about the same height as your heart. When air is pumped into the cuff around your upper arm, it compresses this artery so that the blood flow stops. The nurse places the

this artery so that the blood flow stops. The nurse places the stethoscope, a listening device, near this same artery at a lower point in the arm and listens for the blood flow to restart as the air in the cuff is released. The heart is a pulsating pump that pumps blood most strongly when the heart muscle is most fully compressed. The pressure therefore fluctuates between high and low values. The higher reading in the blood pressure measurement, the systolic pressure, is taken when the blood just begins to spurt

through the compressed artery at the peak of the heart's cycle. The lower reading, the disatolic pressure, is taken when blood flow occurs even at the low point in the cycle. There are districtive sounds picked up by the stethoscope at these two points. The pressure recorded is actually the pressure in the air cuff for these two conditions. It is a gauge pressure, meaning that it is the pressure difference between the pressure being measured and atmoscheric pressure it is reported in the measured and atmospheric pressure. It is recorded in the units mm of mercury, which is the common way of recording atmospheric pressure. Thus a reading of 125 means that the pressure in the cuff is 125 mm of mercury above atmospheric pressure. A mercury manometer that is open to the air on or side (see the drawing) will measure gauge pressure directly.



High blood pressure can be a symptom of many health prob-lems, but most specifically, it is a warning sign for heart attacks and strokes. When arteries become constricted from the buildup of plaque deposits inside, the heart must work harder to pump blood through the body. Over time this can weaken the heart musde. The other danger is that blood vessels might burst in the brain, causing a stoke, or blood clost might break loose and block smaller arteries in the heart or brain. In any case, high blood pressure is an important indicator of a potential problem. Low blood pressure can also be a sign of problems. It can cause dizziness when not enough blood is reaching the brain. When you stand up quickly, you sometimes experience a feel-

When you stand up quickly, you sometimes experience a feel ing of "light-headedness" because it takes a brief time for the heart to adjust to the new condition where your head is higher. Giraffes have a blood pressure about three times higher than humans (in gauge pressure terms). Why do you

"This book compared to others is simply interesting. Topics like physics of music and color perception really engaged me, even as I read most of the chapters in one sitting. It indeed does a good job at getting at everyday phenomena."

> —Tim Bolton, Kansas State University

**Example boxes** are included within the chapter and contain one or more concrete, worked examples of a problem and its solution as it applies to the topic at hand. Through careful study of these examples, students can better appreciate the many uses of problem solving in physics.

### example box 2.4

### Sample Exercise: Uniform Acceleration

A car traveling due east with an initial velocity of 10 m/s accelerates for 6 seconds at a constant rate of 4 m/s<sup>2</sup>.

- a. What is its velocity at the end of this time?
- b. How far does it travel during this time?

a. 
$$v_0 = 10 \text{ m/s}$$
  $v = v_0 + at$   
 $a = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$   $= 10 \text{ m/s} + (4 \text{ m/s}^2)(6 \text{ s})$   
 $t = 6 \text{ s}$   $= 10 \text{ m/s} + 24 \text{ m/s}$   
 $v = ?$   $= 34 \text{ m/s}$   
 $v = 34 \text{ m/s}$  due east

### **End-of-Chapter Features**

The summary highlights the key elements of the chapter and correlates to the questions asked about the chapter's major concepts on the chapter opener.

**Key terms** are page-referenced to where students can find the terms defined in context.

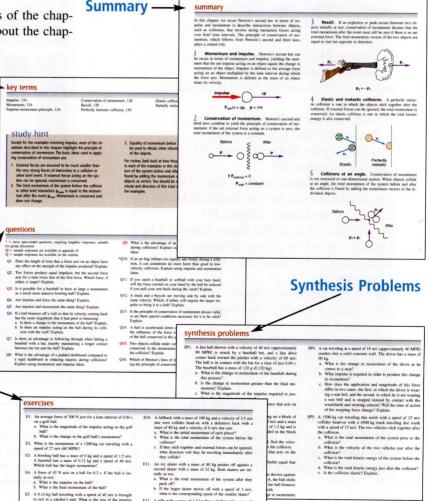
**Key Terms-**

Questions are designed to challenge students to demonstrate their understanding of the key concepts. Selected answers are provided in appendix D to assist students with their study of more difficult concepts.

**Questions** 

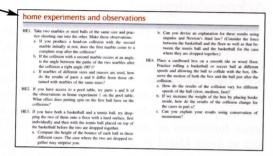
**Exercises** 

Exercises and synthesis problems are intended to help students test their grasp of problem-solving. The odd-numbered exercises have answers in appendix D. By working through the odd-numbered exercises and checking the answer in appendix D, students can gain confidence in tackling the even-numbered exercises, and thus reinforce their problem-solving skills.



• Because many courses for non-science majors do not have a laboratory component, home experiments and observations are found at the end of each chapter. The spirit of these home experiments is to enable students to explore the behavior of physical phenomena using easily available rulers, string, paper clips, balls, toy cars, flashlight batteries, and so on. Many instructors have found them useful for putting students into the exploratory and observational frame of mind that is important to scientific thinking. This is certainly one of our objectives in developing scientific literacy.

### Home Experiments and Observations



"The selection of problems and questions at the end of each chapter is excellent. They provide students with a comprehensive review of the chapters and at the same time present challenges to reinforce the concepts. . . . Many students taking an introductory physics course do not have a chance to take a lab component with the course. The home experiments can go a long way toward addressing this deficiency."

—Farhang Amiri, Weber State University

### **Supplements**

### **Text Website**

A text-specific website that provides students with useful study tools designed to help improve their understanding of the material presented in the text and class. For the instructor, the website is designed to help ease the time burdens of the course by providing valuable presentation and preparation tools.

### For Students

Student Study Guide Integration

- · Mastery Quiz
- · Know
- Understand
- Study Hints
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Animations

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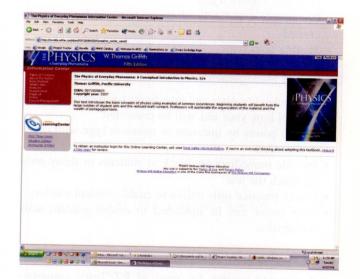
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## Secrets to Success in Studying Physics

First of all, we should admit that there are no secrets. Conscientious work and follow-through with reading, problem assignments, and class participation will reap the rewards that students can expect from such efforts in other courses. Failing to do so will also lead to expected results.

There are some ways, however, in which studying physics is different from your studies in biology, history, or many other courses. Physics is not an area of study that can be mastered by memorizing discrete facts or by cramming before tests. Students sometimes bring study strategies to physics that have worked in other courses and are disappointed when they fail to work in their physics class. The suggestions that follow are sure-fire steps to getting the most out of your physics course and this textbook.

- 1. Experiment. Experiments play a key role in the development of physics but also in the growth of understanding for anyone approaching physics concepts. We often suggest in the text that you try simple experiments that might involve throwing a ball, walking across a room, or other very rudimentary activities. Do them right away as they arise in the text. Not only will you gain the benefit of increased blood flow to various parts of the body including the brain, but what follows in your reading will make more sense. Experience with everyday phenomena cannot be gained passively.
- 2. Get the big picture. Physics is a big-picture subject. Your understanding of Newton's laws of motion, for example, cannot be encapsulated by a formula or by memorizing the laws themselves. You need to see the entire context, understand the definitions, and work with how the laws are applied. The outlines and summaries provided at the beginning and end of each chapter can help to provide the context. They cannot stand alone, however. You need to place the examples and descriptions provided in the classroom and text in the framework provided by the outlines and summaries. If you grasp the big picture, the details will often follow.
- 3. Explore questions. The textbook provides a list of conceptual questions at the end of each chapter, but also raises questions in the body of the text. The greatest benefit is gained by attacking these questions first on your own and then by discussion with classmates. Write out answers to these questions using full sentences, not just short-answer phrases. Compare your answers with those provided at the back of the text for selected questions, but only after having a good crack at answering the questions yourself.
- **4.** *Try the exercises.* The textbook also provides exercises and synthesis problems at the end of each chapter. Their purpose is to

provide practice with simple numerical applications of physics concepts. They are only useful if you do them yourself and write out the solution steps in such a way that you can follow your work. Copying answers and steps from classmates or other sources may gain points on the assignment but provides no benefit in understanding. As in sports and many other activities, success on physics exams will come to those who practice.

- 5. Be there. College students set their own priorities for use of time, and sometimes class attendance is not at the top of the list. In some classes, this may be justified by the nature of the benefit of class activities, but that is seldom the case in physics. The demonstrations, explanations, working of exercises, and class discussions that are usually part of what occurs during a physics class provide an invaluable aid to grasping the big picture and filling in holes in your understanding. The demonstrations alone are often worth the price of admission. (You do pay—it's called tuition.)
- 6. Ask questions. If the explanations of demonstrations or other issues are not clear, ask questions. If you are confused, chances are good that many other students are likewise befuddled. They will love you for raising the flag. Unless the instructor is unusually insecure, he or she will also love you for providing the opportunity to achieve better clarity. Physics instructors already know this stuff, so they sometimes have difficulty seeing where student hang-ups may lie. Questions provide the lubrication for moving things forward.
- 7. Review understanding. Preparing for tests should not be a matter of last-minute cramming and memorization. Instead, you should review your understanding of the big picture and question yourself on why we did what we did in answering questions and working exercises done previously. Memorization is usually pointless because many physics instructors provide or permit formula sheets that may include definitions and other information. Late-night cramming is counterproductive because it detracts from getting a good night's sleep. Sleep can be critical to having a clear head the next day to meet the challenges provided by the test.

Although there is an element of common sense in most of these suggestions, you will probably not be surprised to learn that many students do not approach things following these guidelines. Old habits are hard to break and peer pressure can also be a negative influence at times. Students fall into patterns that they know are ineffective, but are unable to climb out of the rut. We have done our duty in disclosing these secrets. You are on your own if you choose a different path. Let us know if it works.

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