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Angular Position  To describe the rotation of a rigid body about a fixed axis, called the rotation axis, we assume a reference line is fixed in the body, perpendicular to that axis and rotating with the body. We measure the angular position $\theta$ of this line relative to a fixed direction. When $\theta$ is measured in radians,

$$\theta = \frac{s}{r} \quad \text{(radian measure)},$$

where $s$ is the arc length of a circular path of radius $r$ and angle $\theta$. Radian measure is related to angle measure in revolutions and degrees by

$$1 \text{ rev} = 360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ rad}. \quad (10-2)$$

Angular Displacement  A body that rotates about a rotation axis, changing its angular position from $\theta_1$ to $\theta_2$, undergoes an angular displacement

$$\Delta \theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1, \quad (10-4)$$

where $\Delta \theta$ is positive for counterclockwise rotation and negative for clockwise rotation.

Angular Velocity and Speed  If a body rotates through an angular displacement $\Delta \theta$ in a time interval $\Delta t$, its average angular velocity $\omega_{\text{avg}}$ is

$$\omega_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}. \quad (10-5)$$

The instantaneous angular velocity $\omega$ of the body is

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}. \quad (10-6)$$

Both $\omega_{\text{avg}}$ and $\omega$ are vectors, with directions given by the right-hand rule of Fig. 10-6. They are positive for counterclockwise rotation and negative for clockwise rotation. The magnitude of the body’s angular velocity is the angular speed.

Angular Acceleration  If the angular velocity of a body changes from $\omega_1$ to $\omega_2$ in a time interval $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$, the average angular acceleration $\alpha_{\text{avg}}$ of the body is

$$\alpha_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta t}. \quad (10-7)$$

The instantaneous angular acceleration $\alpha$ of the body is

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \quad (10-8)$$

Both $\alpha_{\text{avg}}$ and $\alpha$ are vectors.

The Kinematic Equations for Constant Angular Acceleration  Constant angular acceleration ($\alpha = \text{constant}$) is an important special case of rotational motion. The appropriate kinematic equations, given in Table 10-1, are

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t, \quad (10-12)$$

$$\theta - \theta_0 = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2, \quad (10-13)$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha (\theta - \theta_0), \quad (10-14)$$

$$\theta - \theta_0 = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_0 + \omega)t, \quad (10-15)$$

$$\theta - \theta_0 = \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2. \quad (10-16)$$

Linear and Angular Variables Related  A point in a rigid rotating body, at a perpendicular distance $r$ from the rotation axis, moves in a circle with radius $r$. If the body rotates through an angle $\theta$, the point moves along an arc with length $s$ given by

$$s = \theta r \quad \text{(radian measure)}, \quad (10-17)$$

where $\theta$ is in radians.

The linear velocity $\vec{v}$ of the point is tangent to the circle; the point’s linear speed $v$ is given by

$$v = \omega r \quad \text{(radian measure)}, \quad (10-18)$$

where $\omega$ is the angular speed (in radians per second) of the body.

The linear acceleration $\vec{a}$ of the point has both tangential and radial components. The tangential component is

$$a_t = \alpha r \quad \text{(radian measure)}, \quad (10-22)$$

where $\alpha$ is the magnitude of the angular acceleration (in radians per second-squared) of the body. The radial component of $\vec{a}$ is

$$a_r = \frac{\omega^2 r}{r} = \omega^2 r \quad \text{(radian measure)}. \quad (10-23)$$

If the point moves in uniform circular motion, the period $T$ of the motion for the point and the body is

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \quad \text{(radian measure)}. \quad (10-19, 10-20)$$

Rotational Kinetic Energy and Rotational Inertia  The kinetic energy $K$ of a rigid body rotating about a fixed axis is given by

$$K = \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\omega} \quad \text{(radian measure)}, \quad (10-34)$$

in which $I$ is the rotational inertia of the body, defined as

$$I = \sum m r_i^2 \quad (10-33)$$

for a system of discrete particles and defined as

$$I = \int r^2 \, dm \quad (10-35)$$

for a body with continuously distributed mass. The $r$ and $r_i$ in these expressions represent the perpendicular distance from the axis of rotation to each mass element in the body, and the integration is carried out over the entire body so as to include every mass element.

The Parallel-Axis Theorem  The parallel-axis theorem relates the rotational inertia $I$ of a body about any axis to that of the same body about a parallel axis through the center of mass:

$$I = I_{\text{com}} + M h^2. \quad (10-36)$$

Here $h$ is the perpendicular distance between the two axes, and $I_{\text{com}}$ is the rotational inertia of the body about the axis through the com. We can describe $h$ as being the distance the actual rotation axis has been shifted from the rotation axis through the com.

Torque  Torque is a turning or twisting action on a body about a rotation axis due to a force $\vec{F}$. If $\vec{F}$ is exerted at a point given by the position vector $\vec{r}$ relative to the axis, then the magnitude of the torque is

$$\tau = r F \sin \phi = r \vec{F} \sin \phi \quad \text{(radial measure)}, \quad (10-40, 10-41, 10-39)$$

where $F_r$ is the component of $\vec{F}$ perpendicular to $\vec{r}$ and $\phi$ is the angle between $\vec{r}$ and $\vec{F}$. The quantity $r_i$ is the perpendicular distance between the rotation axis and an extended line running through the $\vec{F}$ vector. This line is called the line of action of $\vec{F}$, and $r_i$ is called the moment arm of $\vec{F}$. Similarly, $r$ is the moment arm of $F_r$. 

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The SI unit of torque is the newton-meter (N·m). A torque \( \tau \) is positive if it tends to rotate a body at rest counterclockwise and negative if it tends to rotate the body clockwise.

**Newton's Second Law in Angular Form** The rotational analog of Newton’s second law is

\[
\tau_{\text{net}} = I\alpha, \quad (10-45)
\]

where \( \tau_{\text{net}} \) is the net torque acting on a particle or rigid body, \( I \) is the rotational inertia of the particle or body about the rotation axis, and \( \alpha \) is the resulting angular acceleration about that axis.

**Work and Rotational Kinetic Energy** The equations used for calculating work and power in rotational motion correspond to equations used for translational motion and are

\[
W = \int_0^\theta \tau \, d\theta \quad (10-53)
\]

\[
P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \tau \omega. \quad (10-55)
\]

When \( \tau \) is constant, Eq. 10-53 reduces to

\[
W = \tau (\theta_f - \theta_i). \quad (10-54)
\]

The form of the work–kinetic energy theorem used for rotating bodies is

\[
\Delta K = K_f - K_i = \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}I\omega_i^2 = W. \quad (10-52)
\]

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### Questions

1. Figure 10-20 is a graph of the angular velocity versus time for a disk rotating like a merry-go-round. For a point on the disk rim, rank the instants \( a, b, c, \) and \( d \) according to the magnitude of the (a) tangential and (b) radial acceleration, greatest first.

2. Figure 10-21 shows plots of angular position \( \theta \) versus time \( t \) for three cases in which a disk is rotated like a merry-go-round. In each case, the rotation direction changes at a certain angular position \( \theta_{\text{change}} \). (a) For each case, determine whether \( \theta_{\text{change}} \) is clockwise or counterclockwise from \( \theta = 0 \), or whether it is at \( \theta = 0 \). For each case, determine (b) whether \( \omega \) is zero before, after, or at \( t = 0 \) and (c) whether \( \alpha \) is positive, negative, or zero.

3. A force is applied to the rim of a disk that can rotate like a merry-go-round, so as to change its angular velocity. Its initial and final angular velocities, respectively, for four situations are: (a) \(-2\) rad/s, \(5\) rad/s; (b) \(2\) rad/s, \(5\) rad/s; (c) \(-2\) rad/s, \(-5\) rad/s; and (d) \(2\) rad/s, \(-5\) rad/s. Rank the situations according to the work done by the torque due to the force, greatest first.

4. Figure 10-22b is a graph of the angular position of the rotating disk of Fig. 10-22a. Is the angular velocity of the disk positive, negative, or zero at (a) \( t = 1 \) s, (b) \( t = 2 \) s, and (c) \( t = 3 \) s? (d) Is the angular acceleration positive or negative?

5. In Fig. 10-23, two forces \( \vec{F}_1 \) and \( \vec{F}_2 \) act on a disk that turns about its center like a merry-go-round. The forces maintain the indicated angles during the rotation, which is counterclockwise and at a constant rate. However, we are to decrease the angle \( \theta \) of \( \vec{F}_1 \) without changing the magnitude of \( \vec{F}_1 \). (a) To keep the angular speed constant, should we increase, decrease, or maintain the magnitude of \( \vec{F}_2 \)? Do forces (b) \( \vec{F}_1 \) and (c) \( \vec{F}_2 \) tend to rotate the disk clockwise or counterclockwise?

6. In the overhead view of Fig. 10-24, five forces of the same magnitude act on a strange merry-go-round; it is a square that can rotate about point \( P \), at midlength along one of the edges. Rank the forces according to the magnitude of the torque they create about point \( P \), greatest first.

7. Figure 10-25a is an overhead view of a horizontal bar that can pivot; two horizontal forces act on the bar, but it is stationary. If the angle between the bar and \( \vec{F}_2 \) is now decreased from 90° and the bar is still not to turn, should \( \vec{F}_2 \) be made larger, made smaller, or left the same?

8. Figure 10-25b shows an overhead view of a horizontal bar that is rotated about the pivot point by two horizontal forces, \( \vec{F}_1 \) and \( \vec{F}_2 \), with \( \vec{F}_2 \) at angle \( \phi \) to the bar. Rank the following values of \( \phi \) according to the magnitude of the angular acceleration of the bar, greatest first: 90°, 70°, and 110°.

9. Figure 10-26 shows a uniform metal plate that had been square before 25% of it was snipped off. Three lettered points are indicated. Rank them according to the rotational inertia of the plate around a perpendicular axis through them, greatest first.
10 Figure 10-27 shows three flat disks (of the same radius) that can rotate about their centers like merry-go-rounds. Each disk consists of the same two materials, one denser than the other (density is mass per unit volume). In disks 1 and 3, the denser material forms the outer half of the disk area. In disk 2, it forms the inner half of the disk area. Forces with identical magnitudes are applied tangentially to the disk, either at the outer edge or at the interface of the two materials, as shown. Rank the disks according to (a) the torque about the disk center, (b) the rotational inertia about the disk center, and (c) the angular acceleration of the disk, greatest first.

![Figure 10-27 Question 10.](image)

11 Figure 10-28a shows a meter stick, half wood and half steel, that is pivoted at the wood end at O. A force \( \vec{F} \) is applied to the steel end at a. In Fig. 10-28b, the stick is reversed and pivoted at the steel end at \( O' \), and the same force is applied at the wood end at a’. Is the resulting angular acceleration of Fig. 10-28a greater than, less than, or the same as that of Fig. 10-28b?

![Figure 10-28 Question 11.](image)

12 Figure 10-29 shows three disks, each with a uniform distribution of mass. The radii \( R \) and masses \( M \) are indicated. Each disk can rotate around its central axis (perpendicular to the disk face and through the center). Rank the disks according to their rotational inertias calculated about their central axes, greatest first.

![Figure 10-29 Question 12.](image)

### Module 10-1 Rotational Variables

1. A good baseball pitcher can throw a baseball toward home plate at 85 mi/h with a spin of 1800 rev/min. How many revolutions does the baseball make on its way to home plate?

2. What is the angular speed of (a) the second hand, (b) the minute hand, and (c) the hour hand of a smoothly running analog watch? Answer in radians per second.

3. When a slice of buttered toast is accidentally pushed over the edge of a counter, it rotates as it falls. If the distance to the floor is 76 cm and for rotation less than 1 rev, what are the (a) smallest and (b) largest angular speeds that cause the toast to hit and then topple to be butter-side down?

4. The angular position of a point on a rotating wheel is given by \( \theta = 2.0 + 4.0t^2 + 2.0t^3 \), where \( \theta \) is in radians and \( t \) is in seconds. At \( t = 0 \), what are (a) the point’s angular position and (b) its angular velocity? (c) What is its angular velocity at \( t = 4.0 \) s? (d) Calculate its angular acceleration at \( t = 2.0 \) s. (e) Is its angular acceleration constant?

5. A dver makes 2.5 revolutions on the way from a 10-m-high platform to the water. Assuming zero initial vertical velocity, find the average angular velocity during the dive.

6. The angular position of a point on the rim of a rotating wheel is given by \( \theta = 4.0t - 3.0t^2 + t^3 \), where \( \theta \) is in radians and \( t \) is in seconds. What are the angular velocities at (a) \( t = 2.0 \) s and (b) \( t = 4.0 \) s? (c) What is the average angular acceleration for the time interval that begins at \( t = 2.0 \) s and ends at \( t = 4.0 \) s? What are the instantaneous angular accelerations at (d) the beginning and (e) the end of this time interval?

7. The wheel in Fig. 10-30 has eight equally spaced spokes and a radius of 30 cm. It is mounted on a fixed axle and is spinning at 2.5 rev/s. You want to shoot a 20-cm-long arrow parallel to this axle and through the wheel without hitting any of the spokes. Assume that the arrow and the spokes are very thin. (a) What is the best location? (b) Does it matter where between the axle and rim of the wheel you aim? If so, what is the best location?

8. The angular acceleration of a wheel is \( \alpha = 9.0t^3 - 4.0t^2 \), with \( \alpha \) in radians per second-squared and \( t \) in seconds. At time \( t = 0 \), the wheel has an angular velocity of \( +2.0 \) rad/s and an angular position of \( +1.0 \) rad. Write expressions for (a) the angular velocity (rad/s) and (b) the angular position (rad) as functions of time (s).

### Module 10-2 Rotation with Constant Angular Acceleration

9. A drum rotates around its central axis at an angular velocity of 12.60 rad/s. If the drum then slows at a constant rate of 4.20 rad/s^2, (a) how much time does it take and (b) through what angle does it rotate in coming to rest?

10. Starting from rest, a disk rotates about its central axis with constant angular acceleration. In 5.0 s, it rotates 25 rad. During that time, what are the magnitudes of (a) the angular acceleration and (b) the average angular velocity? (c) What is the instantaneous angular velocity of the disk at the end of the 5.0 s? (d) With the angular acceleration unchanged, through what additional angle will the disk turn during the next 5.0 s?

11. A disk, initially rotating at 120 rad/s, is slowed down with a constant angular acceleration of magnitude 4.0 rad/s^2. (a) How much time does the disk take to stop? (b) Through what angle does the disk rotate during that time?

12. The angular speed of an automobile engine is increased at a constant rate from 1200 rev/min to 3000 rev/min in 12 s. (a) What is
its angular acceleration in revolutions per minute-squared? (b) How many revolutions does the engine make during this 12 s interval?

**13 **IUW A flywheel turns through 40 rev as it slows from an angular speed of 1.5 rad/s to a stop. (a) Assuming a constant angular acceleration, find the time for it to come to rest. (b) What is its angular acceleration? (c) How much time is required for it to complete the first 20 of the 40 revolutions?

**14 **SSM A disk rotates about its central axis starting from rest and accelerates with constant angular acceleration. At one time it is rotating at 10 rev/s; 60 revolutions later, its angular speed is 15 rev/s. Calculate (a) the angular acceleration, (b) the time required to complete the 60 revolutions, (c) the time required to reach the 10 rev/s angular speed, and (d) the number of revolutions from rest until the time the disk reaches the 10 rev/s angular speed.

**15 **SSM Starting from rest, a wheel has constant \( \alpha = 3.0 \text{ rad/s}^2 \). During a certain 4.0 s interval, it turns through 120 rad. How much time did it take to reach that 4.0 s interval?

**16 **A merry-go-round rotates from rest with an angular acceleration of 1.50 rad/s\(^2\). How long does it take to rotate through (a) the first 2.00 rev and (b) the next 2.00 rev?

**17 **At \( t = 0 \), a flywheel has an angular velocity of 4.7 rad/s, a constant angular acceleration of \(-0.25 \text{ rad/s}^2\), and a reference line at \( \theta_b = 0 \). (a) Through what maximum angle \( \theta_{\text{max}} \) will the reference line turn in the positive direction? What are the (b) first and (c) second times the reference line will be at \( \theta = \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\text{max}} \)? At what (d) negative time and (e) positive time will the reference line be at \( \theta = 10.5 \text{ rad} \)? (f) Graph \( \theta \) versus \( t \), and indicate your answers.

**18 **A pulsar is a rapidly rotating neutron star that emits a radio beam the way a lighthouse emits a light beam. We receive a radio pulse for each rotation of the star. The period \( T \) of rotation is found by measuring the time between pulses. The pulsar in the Crab nebula has a period of rotation of \( T = 0.033 \text{ s} \) that is increasing at the rate of \( 1.26 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s/y} \). (a) What is the pulsar’s angular acceleration \( \alpha \)? (b) If \( \alpha \) is constant, how many years from now will the pulsar stop rotating? (c) The pulsar originated in a supernova explosion seen in the year 1054. Assuming constant \( \alpha \), find the initial \( T \).

**Module 10-3 Relating the Linear and Angular Variables**

**19 **What are the magnitudes of (a) the angular velocity, (b) the radial acceleration, and (c) the tangential acceleration of a spaceship taking a circular turn of radius 3220 km at a speed of 29 000 km/h?

**20 **An object rotates about a fixed axis, and the angular position of a reference line on the object is given by \( \theta = 0.40e^{t^2} \), where \( \theta \) is in radians and \( t \) is in seconds. Consider a point on the object that is 4.0 cm from the axis of rotation. At \( t = 0 \), what are the magnitudes of the point’s (a) tangential component of acceleration and (b) radial component of acceleration?

**21 **Between 1911 and 1990, the top of the leaning bell tower at Pisa, Italy, moved toward the south at an average rate of 1.2 mm/y. The tower is 55 m tall. In radians per second, what is the average angular speed of the tower’s top about its base?

**22 **An astronaut is tested in a centrifuge with radius 10 m and rotating according to \( \theta = 0.30t^2 \). At \( t = 5.0 \text{ s} \), what are the magnitudes of the (a) angular velocity, (b) linear velocity, (c) tangential acceleration, and (d) radial acceleration?

**23 **SSM WWW A flywheel with a diameter of 1.20 m is rotating at an angular speed of 200 rev/min. (a) What is the angular speed of the flywheel in radians per second? (b) What is the linear speed of a point on the rim of the flywheel? (c) What constant angular acceleration (in revolutions per minute-squared) will increase the wheel’s angular speed to 1000 rev/min in 60.0 s? (d) How many revolutions does the wheel make during that 60.0 s?

**24 **A vinyl record is played by rotating the record so that an approximately circular groove in the vinyl slides under a stylus. Bumps in the groove run into the stylus, causing it to oscillate. The equipment converts those oscillations to electrical signals and then to sound. Suppose that a record turns at the rate of 33 \( \frac{1}{2} \text{ rev/min} \), the groove being played is at a radius of 10.0 cm, and the bumps in the groove are uniformly separated by 1.75 mm. At what rate (hits per second) do the bumps hit the stylus?

**25 **SSM (a) What is the angular speed \( \omega \) about the polar axis of a point on Earth’s surface at latitude 40° N? (Earth rotates about that axis.) (b) What is the linear speed \( v \) of the point? What are (c) \( \omega \) and (d) \( v \) for a point at the equator?

**26 **The flywheel of a steam engine runs with a constant angular velocity of 150 rev/min. When steam is shut off, the friction of the bearings and of the air stops the wheel in 2.2 h. (a) What is the constant angular acceleration, in revolutions per minute-squared, of the wheel during the slowdown? (b) How many revolutions does the wheel make before stopping? (c) At the instant the flywheel is turning at 75 rev/min, what is the tangential component of the linear acceleration of a flywheel particle that is 50 cm from the axis of rotation? (d) What is the magnitude of the net linear acceleration of the particle in (c)?

**27 **A seed is on a turntable rotating at 33 \( \frac{1}{2} \text{ rev/min} \), 6.0 cm from the rotation axis. What are (a) the seed’s acceleration and (b) the least coefficient of static friction to avoid slippage? (c) If the turntable had undergone constant angular acceleration from rest in 0.25 s, what is the least coefficient to avoid slippage?

**28 **In Fig. 10-31, wheel \( A \) of radius \( r_A = 10 \text{ cm} \) is coupled by belt \( B \) to wheel \( C \) of radius \( r_C = 25 \text{ cm} \). The angular speed of wheel \( A \) is increased from rest at a constant rate of \( 1.6 \text{ rad/s}^2 \). Find the time needed for wheel \( C \) to reach an angular speed of 100 rev/min, assuming the belt does not slip. (Hint: If the belt does not slip, the linear speeds at the two rims must be equal.)

**29 **Figure 10-32 shows an early method of measuring the speed of light that makes use of a rotating slotted wheel. A beam of
light passes through one of the slots at the outside edge of the wheel, travels to a distant mirror, and returns to the wheel just in time to pass through the next slot in the wheel. One such slotted wheel has a radius of 5.0 cm and 500 slots around its edge. Measurements taken when the mirror is \( L = 500 \text{ m} \) from the wheel indicate a speed of light of \( 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ km/s} \). (a) What is the (constant) angular speed of the wheel? (b) What is the linear speed of a point on the edge of the wheel?

**30** A gyroscope flywheel of radius 2.83 cm is accelerated from rest at \( 14.2 \text{ rad/s}^2 \) until its angular speed is 2760 rev/min. (a) What is the tangential acceleration of a point on the rim of the flywheel during this spin-up process? (b) What is the radial acceleration of this point when the flywheel is spinning at full speed? (c) Through what distance does a point on the rim move during the spin-up?

**31** A disk, with a radius of 0.25 m, is to be rotated like a merry-go-round through 800 rad, starting from rest, gaining angular speed at the constant rate \( \alpha_1 \) through the first 400 rad and then losing angular speed at the constant rate \(-\alpha_1 \) until it is again at rest. The magnitude of the centripetal acceleration of any portion of the disk is not to exceed 400 m/s\(^2\). (a) What is the least time required for the rotation? (b) What is the corresponding value of \( \alpha_1 \)?

**32** A car starts from rest and moves around a circular track of radius 30.0 m. Its speed increases at the constant rate of 0.500 m/s\(^2\). (a) What is the magnitude of its net linear acceleration 15.0 s later? (b) What angle does this net acceleration vector make with the car’s velocity at this time?

**Module 10-4 Kinetic Energy of Rotation**

**33** SSM Calculate the rotational inertia of a wheel that has a kinetic energy of 24 400 J when rotating at 602 rev/min.

**34** Figure 10-33 gives angular speed versus time for a thin rod that rotates around one end. The scale on the \( \omega \) axis is set by \( \omega_0 = 6.0 \text{ rad/s} \). (a) What is the magnitude of the rod’s angular acceleration? (b) At \( t = 4.0 \text{ s} \), the rod has a rotational kinetic energy of 1.60 J. What is its kinetic energy at \( t = 0 \)?

**Module 10-5 Calculating the Rotational Inertia**

**35** SSM Two uniform solid cylinders, each rotating about its central (longitudinal) axis at 235 rad/s, have the same mass of 1.25 kg but differ in radius. What is the rotational kinetic energy of (a) the smaller cylinder, of radius 0.25 m, and (b) the larger cylinder, of radius 0.75 m?

**36** Figure 10-34 gives angular speed versus time for a thin rod that rotates around an axis at \( \omega \). Figure 10-34a shows a disk that can rotate about an axis at a radial distance \( h \) from the center of the disk. Figure 10-34b gives the rotational inertia \( I \) of the disk about the axis as a function of that distance \( h \), from the center out to the edge of the disk. The scale on the \( I \) axis is set by \( I_A = 0.050 \text{ kg \cdot m}^2 \) and \( I_B = 0.150 \text{ kg \cdot m}^2 \). What is the mass of the disk?

**37** SSM Calculate the rotational inertia of a meter stick, with mass 0.56 kg, about an axis perpendicular to the stick and located at the 20 cm mark. (Treat the stick as a thin rod.)

**38** Figure 10-35 shows three 0.0100 kg particles that have been glued to a rod of length \( L = 6.00 \text{ cm} \) and negligible mass. The assembly can rotate around a perpendicular axis through point \( O \) at the left end. If we remove one particle (that is, 33% of the mass), by what percentage does the rotational inertia of the assembly around the rotation axis decrease when that removed particle is (a) the innermost one and (b) the outermost one?

**39** Trucks can be run on energy stored in a rotating flywheel, with an electric motor getting the flywheel up to its top speed of \( 200\pi \text{ rad/s} \). Suppose that one such flywheel is a solid, uniform cylinder with a mass of 500 kg and a radius of 1.0 m. (a) What is the kinetic energy of the flywheel after charging? (b) If the truck uses an average power of 8.0 kW, for how many minutes can it operate between chargings?

**40** Figure 10-36 shows an arrangement of 15 identical disks that have been glued together in a rod-like shape of length \( L = 1.0000 \text{ m} \) and (total) mass \( M = 100.0 \text{ mg} \). The disks are uniform, and the disk arrangement can rotate about a perpendicular axis through its central disk at point \( O \). (a) What is the rotational inertia of the arrangement about that axis? (b) If we approximated the arrangement as being a uniform rod of mass \( M \) and length \( L \), what percentage error would we make in using the formula in Table 10-2e to calculate the rotational inertia?

**41** In Fig. 10-37, two particles, each with mass \( m = 0.85 \text{ kg} \), are fastened to each other, and to a rotation axis at \( O \), by two thin rods, each with length \( d = 5.6 \text{ cm} \) and mass \( M = 1.2 \text{ kg} \). The combination rotates around the rotation axis with the angular speed \( \omega = 0.30 \text{ rad/s} \). Measured about \( O \), what are the combination’s (a) rotational inertia and (b) kinetic energy?

**42** The masses and coordinates of four particles are as follows: 50 g, \( x = 2.0 \text{ cm}, y = 2.0 \text{ cm} \); 25 g, \( x = 0, y = 4.0 \text{ cm} \); 25 g, \( x = -3.0 \text{ cm}, y = -3.0 \text{ cm} \); 30 g, \( x = -2.0 \text{ cm}, y = 4.0 \text{ cm} \). What are the rotational inertias of this collection about the (a) \( x \), (b) \( y \), and (c) \( z \) axes? (d) Suppose that we symbolize the answers to (a) and (b) as \( A \) and \( B \), respectively. Then what is the answer to (c) in terms of \( A \) and \( B \)?
The uniform solid block in Fig. 10-38 has mass 0.172 kg and edge lengths \( a = 3.5 \text{ cm} \), \( b = 8.4 \text{ cm} \), and \( c = 1.4 \text{ cm} \). Calculate its rotational inertia about an axis through one corner and perpendicular to the large faces.

Four identical particles of mass 0.50 kg each are placed at the vertices of a 2.0 m \( \times \) 2.0 m square and held there by four massless rods, which form the sides of the square. What is the rotational inertia of this rigid body about an axis that (a) passes through the midpoints of opposite sides and lies in the plane of the square, (b) passes through the midpoint of one of the sides and is perpendicular to the plane of the square, and (c) lies in the plane of the square and passes through two diagonally opposite particles?

**Module 10-6 Torque**

The body in Fig. 10-39 is pivoted at \( O \), and two forces act on it as shown. If \( r_1 = 1.30 \text{ m} \), \( r_2 = 2.15 \text{ m} \), \( F_1 = 4.20 \text{ N} \), \( F_2 = 4.90 \text{ N} \), \( \theta_1 = 75.0^\circ \), and \( \theta_2 = 60.0^\circ \), what is the net torque about the pivot?

The body in Fig. 10-40 is pivoted at \( O \). Three forces act on it: \( F_{A} = 10 \text{ N} \) at point \( A \), 8.0 m from \( O \); \( F_{B} = 16 \text{ N} \) at \( B \), 4.0 m from \( O \); and \( F_{C} = 19 \text{ N} \) at \( C \), 3.0 m from \( O \). What is the net torque about \( O \)?

A small ball of mass 0.75 kg is attached to one end of a 1.25-m-long massless rod, and the other end of the rod is hung from a pivot. When the resulting pendulum is 30° from the vertical, what is the magnitude of the gravitational torque calculated about the pivot?

The length of a bicycle pedal arm is 0.152 m, and a downward force of 111 N is applied to the pedal by the rider. What is the magnitude of the torque about the pedal arm’s pivot when the arm is at angle (a) 30°, (b) 90°, and (c) 180° with the vertical?

**Module 10-7 Newton’s Second Law for Rotation**

During the launch from a board, a diver’s angular speed about her center of mass changes from zero to 6.20 rad/s in 220 ms. Her rotational inertia about her center of mass is 12.0 \( \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \). During the launch, what are the magnitudes of (a) her average angular acceleration and (b) the average external torque on her from the board?

If a 32.0 N·m torque on a wheel causes angular acceleration 25.0 rad/s\(^2\), what is the wheel’s rotational inertia?

In Fig. 10-41, block 1 has mass \( m_1 = 460 \text{ g} \), block 2 has mass \( m_2 = 500 \text{ g} \), and the pulley, which is mounted on a horizontal axle with negligible friction, has radius \( R = 5.00 \text{ cm} \). When released from rest, block 2 falls 75.0 cm in 5.00 s without the cord slipping on the pulley. (a) What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the blocks? What are (b) tension \( T_1 \) and (c) tension \( T_2 \)? (d) What is the magnitude of the pulley’s angular acceleration? (e) What is its rotational inertia?

In Fig. 10-42, a cylinder having a mass of 2.0 kg can rotate about its central axis through point \( O \). Forces are applied as shown: \( F_1 = 6.0 \text{ N} \), \( F_2 = 4.0 \text{ N} \), \( F_3 = 2.0 \text{ N} \), and \( F_4 = 5.0 \text{ N} \). Also, \( r = 5.0 \text{ cm} \) and \( R = 12 \text{ cm} \). Find the (a) magnitude and (b) direction of the angular acceleration of the cylinder. (During the rotation, the forces maintain their same angles relative to the cylinder.)

Figure 10-43 shows a uniform disk that can rotate around its center like a merry-go-round. The disk has a radius of 2.00 cm and a mass of 20.0 grams and is initially at rest. Starting at time \( t = 0 \), two forces are to be applied tangentially to the rim as indicated, so that at time \( t = 1.25 \text{ s} \) the disk has an angular velocity of 250 rad/s counterclockwise. Force \( F_1 \) has a magnitude of 0.100 N. What is magnitude \( F_2 \)?

In a judo foot-sweep move, you sweep your opponent’s left foot out from under him while pulling on his gi (uniform) toward that side. As a result, your opponent rotates around his right foot and onto the mat. Figure 10-44 shows a simplified diagram of your opponent as you face him, with his left foot swept out. The rotational axis is through point \( O \). The gravitational force \( F_g \) on him effectively acts at his center of mass, which is a horizontal distance \( d = 28 \text{ cm} \) from point \( O \). His mass is 70 kg, and his rotational inertia about point \( O \) is 65 \( \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \). What is the magnitude of his initial angular acceleration about point \( O \) if your pull \( F_g \) on his gi is (a) negligible and (b) horizontal with a magnitude of 300 N and applied at height \( h = 1.4 \text{ m} \)?

In Fig. 10-45a, an irregularly shaped plastic plate with uniform thickness and density (mass per unit volume) is to be rotated around an axle that is perpendicular to the plate face and through point \( O \). The rotational inertia of the plate about
that axle is measured with the following method. A circular disk of mass 0.500 kg and radius 2.00 cm is glued to the plate, with its center aligned with point $O$ (Fig. 10-45b). A string is wrapped around the edge of the disk the way a string is wrapped around a top. Then the string is pulled for 5.00 s. As a result, the disk and plate are rotated by a constant force of 0.400 N that is applied by the string tangentially to the edge of the disk. The resulting angular speed is 114 rad/s. What is the rotational inertia of the plate about the axle?

Figure 10-46 shows particles 1 and 2, each of mass $m$, fixed to the ends of a rigid massless rod of length $L_1 + L_2$, with $L_1 = 20$ cm and $L_2 = 80$ cm. The rod is held horizontally on the fulcrum and then released. What are the magnitudes of the initial accelerations of (a) particle 1 and (b) particle 2?

A pulley, with a rotational inertia of $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ kg·m² about its axle and a radius of 10 cm, is acted on by a force applied tangentially at its rim. The force magnitude varies in time as $F = 0.50t + 0.30t^2$, with $F$ in newtons and $t$ in seconds. The pulley is initially at rest. At $t = 3.0$ s what are its (a) angular acceleration and (b) angular speed?

Module 10-8 Work and Rotational Kinetic Energy

(a) If $R = 12$ cm, $M = 400$ g, and $m = 50$ g in Fig. 10-19, find the speed of the block after it has descended 50 cm starting from rest. Solve the problem using energy conservation principles. (b) Repeat (a) with $R = 5.0$ cm.

An automobile crankshaft transfers energy from the engine to the axle at the rate of 100 hp (= 74.6 kW) when rotating at a speed of 1800 rev/min. What torque (in newton-meters) does the crankshaft deliver?

A thin rod of length 0.75 m and mass 0.42 kg is suspended freely from one end. It is pulled to one side and then allowed to swing like a pendulum, passing through its lowest position with angular speed 4.0 rad/s. Neglecting friction and air resistance, find (a) the rod’s kinetic energy at its lowest position and (b) how far above that position the center of mass rises.

A 32.0 kg wheel, essentially a thin hoop with radius 1.20 m, is rotating at 280 rev/min. It must be brought to a stop in 15.0 s. (a) How much work must be done to stop it? (b) What is the required average power?

In Fig. 10-35, three 0.0100 kg particles have been glued to a rod of length $L = 6.00$ cm and negligible mass and can rotate around a perpendicular axis through point $O$ at one end. How much work is required to change the rotational rate (a) from 0 to 20.0 rad/s, (b) from 20.0 rad/s to 40.0 rad/s, and (c) from 40.0 rad/s to 60.0 rad/s? (d) What is the slope of a plot of the assembly’s kinetic energy (in joules) versus the square of its rotation rate (in radians-squared per second-squared)?

A meter stick is held vertically with one end on the floor and is then allowed to fall. Find the speed of the other end just before it hits the floor, assuming that the end on the floor does not slip. (Hint: Consider the stick to be a thin rod and use the conservation of energy principle.)

A uniform cylinder of radius 10 cm and mass 20 kg is mounted so as to rotate freely about a horizontal axis that is parallel to and 5.0 cm from the central longitudinal axis of the cylinder. (a) What is the rotational inertia of the cylinder about the axis of rotation? (b) If the cylinder is released from rest with its central longitudinal axis at the same height as the axis about which the cylinder rotates, what is the angular speed of the cylinder as it passes through its lowest position?

A tall, cylindrical chimney falls over when its base is ruptured. Treat the chimney as a thin rod of length 55.0 m. At the instant it makes an angle of 35.0° with the vertical as it falls, what are (a) the radial acceleration of the top, and (b) the tangential acceleration of the top. (Hint: Use energy considerations, not a torque.) (c) At what angle $\theta$ is the tangential acceleration equal to $g$?

A uniform spherical shell of mass $M = 4.5$ kg and radius $R = 8.5$ cm can rotate about a vertical axis on frictionless bearings (Fig. 10-47). A massless cord passes around the equator of the shell, over a pulley of rotational inertia $I = 3.0 \times 10^{-3}$ kg·m² and radius $r = 5.0$ cm, and is attached to a small object of mass $m = 0.60$ kg. There is no friction on the pulley’s axle; the cord does not slip on the pulley. What is the speed of the object when it has fallen 82 cm after being released from rest? Use energy considerations.

Two uniform solid spheres have the same mass of 1.65 kg, but one has a radius of 0.226 m and the other has a radius of 0.854 m. Each can rotate about an axis through its center. (a) What is the magnitude $\tau$ of the torque required to bring the smaller sphere from rest to an angular speed of 317 rad/s in 15.5 s? (b) What is the magnitude $F$ of the force that must be applied tangentially at the sphere’s equator to give that torque? What are the corresponding values of (c) $\tau$ and (d) $F$ for the larger sphere?

In Fig. 10-49, a small disk of radius $r = 2.00$ cm has been glued to the edge of a larger disk of radius $R = 4.00$ cm so that
the disks lie in the same plane. The disks can be rotated around a perpendicular axis through point $O$ at the center of the larger disk. The disks both have a uniform density (mass per unit volume) of $1.40 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and a uniform thickness of 5.00 mm. What is the rotational inertia of the two-disk assembly about the rotation axis through $O$?

70 A wheel, starting from rest, rotates with a constant angular acceleration of 2.00 rad/s$^2$. During a certain 3.00 s interval, it turns through 90.0 rad. (a) What is the angular velocity of the wheel at the start of the 3.00 s interval? (b) How long has the wheel been turning before the start of the 3.00 s interval?

71 SSM In Fig. 10-50, two 6.20 kg blocks are connected by a massless string over a pulley of radius 2.40 cm and rotational inertia $7.40 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$. The string does not slip on the pulley; it is not known whether there is friction between the table and the sliding block; the pulley’s axis is frictionless. When this system is released from rest, the pulley turns through 0.130 rad in 91.0 ms and the acceleration of the blocks is constant. What are (a) the magnitude of the pulley’s angular acceleration, (b) the magnitude of either block’s acceleration, (c) string tension $T_1$, and (d) string tension $T_2$?

72 Attached to each end of a thin steel rod of length 1.20 m and mass 6.40 kg is a small ball of mass 1.06 kg. The rod is constrained to rotate in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis through its midpoint. At a certain instant, it is rotating at 39.0 rev/s. Because of friction, it slows to a stop in 32.0 s. Assuming a constant retarding torque due to friction, compute (a) the angular acceleration, (b) the retarding torque, (c) the total energy transferred from mechanical energy to thermal energy by friction, and (d) the number of revolutions rotated during the 32.0 s. (e) Now suppose that the retarding torque is known to be constant. If any of the quantities (a), (b), (c), and (d) can still be computed without additional information, give its value.

73 A uniform helicopter rotor blade is 7.80 m long, has a mass of 110 kg, and is attached to the rotor axle by a single bolt. (a) What is the magnitude of the force on the bolt from the axle when the rotor is turning at 320 rev/min? (Hint: For this calculation the blade can be considered to be a point mass at its center of mass. Why?) (b) Calculate the torque that must be applied to the rotor to bring it to full speed from rest in 6.70 s. Ignore air resistance. (The blade cannot be considered to be a point mass for this calculation. Why not? Assume the mass distribution of a uniform thin rod.) (c) How much work does the torque do on the blade in order for the blade to reach a speed of 320 rev/min?

74 Racing disks. Figure 10-51 shows two disks that can rotate about their centers like a merry-go-round. At time $t = 0$, the reference lines of the two disks have the same orientation. Disk $A$ is already rotating, with a constant angular velocity of 9.5 rad/s. Disk $B$ has been stationary but now begins to rotate at a constant angular acceleration of 2.2 rad/s$^2$. (a) At what time $t$ will the reference lines of the two disks momentarily have the same angular displacement $\theta$? (b) Will that time $t$ be the first time since $t = 0$ that the reference lines are momentarily aligned?

75 A high-wire walker always attempts to keep his center of mass over the wire (or rope). He normally carries a long, heavy pole to help: If he leans, say, to his right (his com moves to the right) and is in danger of rotating around the wire, he moves the pole to his left (its com moves to the left) to slow the rotation and allow himself time to adjust his balance. Assume that the walker has a mass of 70.0 kg and a rotational inertia of 15.0 kg·m$^2$ about the wire. What is the magnitude of his angular acceleration about the wire if his com is 5.0 cm to the right of the wire and (a) he carries no pole and (b) the 14.0 kg pole he carries has its com 10 cm to the left of the wire?

76 Starting from rest at $t = 0$, a wheel undergoes a constant angular acceleration. When $t = 2.0$ s, the angular velocity of the wheel is 5.0 rad/s. The acceleration continues until $t = 20$ s, when it abruptly ceases. Through what angle does the wheel rotate in the interval $t = 0$ to $t = 40$ s?

77 SSM A record turntable rotating at 33 1/3 rev/min slows down and stops in 30 s after the motor is turned off. (a) Find its (constant) angular acceleration in revolutions per minute-squared. (b) How many revolutions does it make in this time?

78 SSM A rigid body is made of three identical thin rods, each with length $L = 0.600$ m, fastened together in the form of a letter $H$ (Fig. 10-52). The body is free to rotate about a horizontal axis that runs along the length of one of the legs of the $H$. The body is allowed to fall from rest from a position in which the plane of the $H$ is horizontal. What is the angular speed of the body when the plane of the $H$ is vertical?

79 SSM (a) Show that the rotational inertia of a solid cylinder of mass $M$ and radius $R$ about its central axis is equal to the rotational inertia of a thin hoop of mass $M$ and radius $R/\sqrt{2}$ about its central axis. (b) Show that the rotational inertia $I$ of any given body of mass $M$ about any given axis is equal to the rotational inertia of an equivalent hoop about that axis, if the hoop has the same mass $M$ and a radius $k$ given by

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{T}{M}}$$

The radius $k$ of the equivalent hoop is called the radius of gyration of the given body.

80 A disk rotates at constant angular acceleration, from angular position $\theta_1 = 10.0$ rad to angular position $\theta_2 = 70.0$ rad in 6.00 s. Its angular velocity at $\theta_1$ is 15.0 rad/s. (a) What was its angular velocity at $\theta_2$? (b) What is the angular acceleration? (c) At what angular position was the disk initially at rest? (d) Graph $\theta$ versus time $t$ and angular speed $\omega$ versus $t$ for the disk, from the beginning of the motion (let $t = 0$ then).

81 SSM The thin uniform rod in Fig. 10-53 has length 2.0 m and can pivot about a horizontal, frictionless pin through one end. It is released from rest at angle $\theta = 40^\circ$ above the horizontal. Use the principle of conservation of energy to determine the angular speed of the rod as it passes through the horizontal position.

82 George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., a civil engineering graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, built the original Ferris wheel for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The wheel, an astounding engineering construction at the time, carried 36 wooden cars, each holding up to 60 passengers, around a circle 76 m in diameter. The cars were loaded 6 at a time, and once all 36 cars were full, the wheel made a complete
rotation at constant angular speed in about 2 min. Estimate the amount of work that was required of the machinery to rotate the passengers alone.

83 In Fig. 10-41, two blocks, of mass \( m_1 = 400 \text{ g} \) and \( m_2 = 600 \text{ g} \), are connected by a massless cord that is wrapped around a uniform disk of mass \( M = 500 \text{ g} \) and radius \( R = 12.0 \text{ cm} \). The disk can rotate without friction about a fixed horizontal axis through its center; the cord cannot slip on the disk. The system is released from rest. Find (a) the magnitude of the acceleration of the blocks, (b) the tension \( T_1 \) in the cord at the left, and (c) the tension \( T_2 \) in the cord at the right.

84 At 7:14 A.M. on June 30, 1908, a huge explosion occurred above remote central Siberia, at latitude 61° N and longitude 102° E; the fireball thus created was the brightest flash seen by anyone before nuclear weapons. The *Tunguska Event*, which according to one chance witness “covered an enormous part of the sky,” was probably the explosion of a *stony asteroid* about 140 m wide. (a) Considering only Earth’s rotation, determine how much later the asteroid would have had to arrive to put the explosion above Helsinki at longitude 25° E. This would have obliterated the city. (b) If the asteroid had, instead, been a *metallic asteroid*, it could have reached Earth’s surface. How much later would such an asteroid have had to arrive to put the impact in the Atlantic Ocean at longitude 20° W? (The resulting tsunamis would have wiped out coastal civilization on both sides of the Atlantic.)

85 A golf ball is launched at an angle of 20° to the horizontal, with a speed of 60 m/s and a rotation rate of 90 rad/s. Neglecting air drag, determine the number of revolutions the ball makes by the time it reaches maximum height.

86 Figure 10-54 shows a flat construction of two circular rings that have a common center and are held together by three rods of negligible mass. The construction, which is initially at rest, can rotate around the common center (like a merry-go-round), where another rod of negligible mass lies. The mass, inner radius, and outer radius of the rings are given in the following table. A tangential force of magnitude 12.0 N is applied to the outer edge of the outer ring for 0.300 s. What is the change in the angular speed of the construction during the time interval?

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87 In Fig. 10-55, a wheel of radius 0.20 m is mounted on a frictionless horizontal axle. A massless cord is wrapped around the wheel and attached to a 2.0 kg box that slides on a frictionless surface inclined at angle \( \theta = 20° \) with the horizontal. The box accelerates down the surface at 2.0 m/s². What is the rotational inertia of the wheel about the axle?

88 A thin spherical shell has a radius of 1.90 m. An applied torque of 960 N·m gives the shell an angular acceleration of 620 rad/s² about an axis through the center of the shell. What are (a) the rotational inertia of the shell about that axis and (b) the mass of the shell?

89 A bicyclist of mass 70 kg puts all his mass on each downward-moving pedal as he pedals up a steep road. Take the diameter of the circle in which the pedals rotate to be 0.40 m, and determine the magnitude of the maximum torque he exerts about the rotation axis of the pedals.

90 The flywheel of an engine is rotating at 25.0 rad/s. When the engine is turned off, the flywheel slows at a constant rate and stops in 20.0 s. Calculate (a) the angular acceleration of the flywheel, (b) the angle through which the flywheel rotates in stopping, and (c) the number of revolutions made by the flywheel in stopping.

91 SSM In Fig. 10-19a, a wheel of radius 0.20 m is mounted on a frictionless horizontal axis. The rotational inertia of the wheel about the axis is 0.40 kg·m². A massless cord wrapped around the wheel’s circumference is attached to a 6.0 kg box. The system is released from rest. When the box has a kinetic energy of 6.0 J, what are (a) the wheel’s rotational kinetic energy and (b) the distance the box has fallen?

92 Our Sun is \( 2.3 \times 10^4 \) light-years from the center of our Milky Way galaxy and is moving in a circle around that center at a speed of 250 km/s. (a) How long does it take the Sun to make one revolution about the galactic center? (b) How many revolutions has the Sun completed since it was formed about \( 4.5 \times 10^9 \) years ago?

93 SSM A wheel of radius 0.20 m is mounted on a frictionless horizontal axis. The rotational inertia of the wheel about the axis is 0.050 kg·m². A massless cord wrapped around the wheel is attached to a 2.0 kg block that slides on a horizontal frictionless surface. If a horizontal force of magnitude \( P = 3.0 \text{ N} \) is applied to the block as shown in Fig. 10-56, what is the magnitude of the angular acceleration of the wheel? Assume the cord does not slip on the wheel.

94 If an airplane propeller rotates at 2000 rev/min while the airplane flies at a speed of 480 km/h relative to the ground, what is the linear speed of a point on the tip of the propeller, at radius 1.5 m, as seen by (a) the pilot and (b) an observer on the ground? The plane’s velocity is parallel to the propeller’s axis of rotation.

95 The rigid body shown in Fig. 10-57 consists of three particles connected by massless rods. It is to be rotated about an axis perpendicular to its plane through point \( P \). If \( M = 0.40 \text{ kg} \), \( a = 30 \text{ cm} \), and \( b = 50 \text{ cm} \), how much work is required to take the body from rest to an angular speed of 5.0 rad/s?

96 *Beverage engineering.* The pull tab was a major advance in the engineering design of beverage containers. The tab pivots on a central bolt in the can’s top. When you pull upward on one end of the tab, the other end presses downward on a portion of the can’s top that has been scored. If you pull upward with a 10 N force, what force magnitude acts on the scored section? (You will need to examine a can with a pull tab.)

97 Figure 10-58 shows a propeller blade that rotates at 2000 rev/min about a perpendicular axis at point \( B \). Point \( A \) is at the outer tip of the blade, at radial distance 1.50 m. (a) What is the difference in the magnitudes \( a \) of the centripetal acceleration of point \( A \) and of a point at radial distance 0.150 m? (b) Find the slope of a plot of \( a \) versus radial distance along the blade.

98 Starbucks is the largest coffee chain in the world. Starbucks’ mission is to provide a superior experience to our customers in each of our stores around the world. Starbucks’ vision is to be the leading retailer of specialty coffee in the world. Starbucks’ pr
A yo-yo-shaped device mounted on a horizontal frictionless axis is used to lift a 30 kg box as shown in Fig. 10-59. The outer radius \( R \) of the device is 0.50 m, and the radius \( r \) of the hub is 0.20 m. When a constant horizontal force \( F_{\text{app}} \) of magnitude 140 N is applied to a rope wrapped around the outside of the device, the box, which is suspended from a rope wrapped around the hub, has an upward acceleration of magnitude 0.80 m/s\(^2\). What is the rotational inertia of the device about its axis of rotation?

A small ball with mass 1.30 kg is mounted on one end of a rod 0.780 m long and of negligible mass. The system rotates in a horizontal circle about the other end of the rod at 5010 rev/min. (a) Calculate the rotational inertia of the system about the axis of rotation. (b) There is an air drag of 2.30 \( \times 10^{-2} \) N on the ball, directed opposite its motion. What torque must be applied to the system to keep it rotating at constant speed?

Two thin rods (each of mass 0.20 kg) are joined together to form a rigid body as shown in Fig. 10-60. One of the rods has length \( L_1 = 0.40 \) m, and the other has length \( L_2 = 0.50 \) m. What is the rotational inertia of this rigid body about (a) an axis that is perpendicular to the plane of the paper and passes through the center of the shorter rod and (b) an axis that is perpendicular to the plane of the paper and passes through the center of the longer rod?

In Fig. 10-61, four pulleys are connected by two belts. Pulley A (radius 15 cm) is the drive pulley, and it rotates at 10 rad/s. Pulley B (radius 10 cm) is connected by belt 1 to pulley A. Pulley B' (radius 5 cm) is concentric with pulley B and is rigidly attached to it. Pulley C (radius 25 cm) is connected by belt 2 to pulley B'. Calculate (a) the linear speed of a point on belt 1, (b) the angular speed of pulley B, (c) the angular speed of pulley B', (d) the linear speed of a point on belt 2, and (e) the angular speed of pulley C. (Hint: If the belt between two pulleys does not slip, the linear speeds at the rims of the two pulleys must be equal.)

The rigid object shown in Fig. 10-62 consists of three balls and three connecting rods, with \( M = 1.6 \) kg, \( L = 0.60 \) m, and \( \theta = 30^\circ \). The balls may be treated as particles, and the connecting rods have negligible mass. Determine the rotational kinetic energy of the object if it has an angular speed of 1.2 rad/s about (a) an axis that passes through point \( P \) and is perpendicular to the plane of the figure and (b) an axis that passes through point \( P \), is perpendicular to the rod of length \( 2L \), and lies in the plane of the figure.

Problem 103. In Fig. 10-63, a thin uniform rod (mass 3.0 kg, length 4.0 m) rotates freely about a horizontal axis \( A \) that is perpendicular to the rod and passes through a point at distance \( d = 1.0 \) m from the end of the rod. The kinetic energy of the rod as it passes through the vertical position is 20 J. (a) What is the rotational inertia of the rod about axis \( A \)? (b) What is the (linear) speed of the end \( B \) of the rod as the rod passes through the vertical position? (c) At what angle \( \theta \) will the rod momentarily stop in its upward swing?

Four particles, each of mass, 0.20 kg, are placed at the vertices of a square with sides of length 0.50 m. The particles are connected by rods of negligible mass. This rigid body can rotate in a vertical plane about a horizontal axis \( A \) that passes through one of the particles. The body is released from rest with rod \( AB \) horizontal (Fig. 10-64). (a) What is the rotational inertia of the body about axis \( A \)? (b) What is the angular speed of the body about axis \( A \) when rod \( AB \) swings through the vertical position?

Cheetahs running at top speed have been reported at an astounding 114 km/h (about 71 mi/h) by observers driving alongside the animals. Imagine trying to measure a cheetah’s speed by keeping your vehicle abreast of the animal while also glancing at your speedometer, which is registering 114 km/h. You keep the vehicle a constant 8.0 m from the cheetah, but the noise of the vehicle causes the cheetah to continuously veer away from you along a circular path of radius 92 m. Thus, you travel along a circular path of radius 100 m. (a) What is the angular speed of you and the cheetah around the circular paths? (b) What is the linear speed of the cheetah along its path? (If you did not account for the circular motion, you would conclude erroneously that the cheetah’s speed is 114 km/h, and that type of error was apparently made in the published reports.)

A point on the rim of a 0.75-m-diameter grinding wheel changes speed at a constant rate from 12 m/s to 25 m/s in 6.2 s. What is the average angular acceleration of the wheel?

A pulley wheel that is 8.0 cm in diameter has a 5.6-m-long cord wrapped around its periphery. Starting from rest, the wheel is given a constant angular acceleration of 1.5 rad/s\(^2\). (a) Through what angle must the wheel turn for the cord to unwind completely? (b) How long will this take?

A vinyl record on a turntable rotates at 33 1/3 rev/min. (a) What is its angular speed in radians per second? What is the linear speed of a point on the record (b) 15 cm and (c) 7.4 cm from the turntable axis?
CHAPTER 11
Rolling, Torque, and Angular Momentum

11-1 ROLLING AS TRANSLATION AND ROTATION COMBINED

Learning Objectives
After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

11.01 Identify that smooth rolling can be considered as a combination of pure translation and pure rotation.

11.02 Apply the relationship between the center-of-mass speed and the angular speed of a body in smooth rolling.

Key Ideas
- For a wheel of radius $R$ rolling smoothly,
  \[ v_{\text{com}} = \omega R, \]
  where $v_{\text{com}}$ is the linear speed of the wheel’s center of mass and $\omega$ is the angular speed of the wheel about its center.

- The wheel may also be viewed as rotating instantaneously about the point $P$ of the “road” that is in contact with the wheel. The angular speed of the wheel about this point is the same as the angular speed of the wheel about its center.

What Is Physics?
As we discussed in Chapter 10, physics includes the study of rotation. Arguably, the most important application of that physics is in the rolling motion of wheels and wheel-like objects. This applied physics has long been used. For example, when the prehistoric people of Easter Island moved their gigantic stone statues from the quarry and across the island, they dragged them over logs acting as rollers. Much later, when settlers moved westward across America in the 1800s, they rolled their possessions first by wagon and then later by train. Today, like it or not, the world is filled with cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, and other rolling vehicles.

The physics and engineering of rolling have been around for so long that you might think no fresh ideas remain to be developed. However, skateboards and inline skates were invented and engineered fairly recently, to become huge financial successes. Street luge is now catching on, and the self-righting Segway (Fig. 11-1) may change the way people move around in large cities. Applying the physics of rolling can still lead to surprises and rewards. Our starting point in exploring that physics is to simplify rolling motion.

Rolling as Translation and Rotation Combined
Here we consider only objects that roll smoothly along a surface; that is, the objects roll without slipping or bouncing on the surface. Figure 11-2 shows how complicated smooth rolling motion can be: Although the center of the object moves in a straight line parallel to the surface, a point on the rim certainly does not. However, we can study this motion by treating it as a combination of translation of the center of mass and rotation of the rest of the object around that center.
To see how we do this, pretend you are standing on a sidewalk watching the bicycle wheel of Fig. 11-3 as it rolls along a street. As shown, you see the center of mass \( O \) of the wheel move forward at constant speed \( v_{\text{com}} \). The point \( P \) on the street where the wheel makes contact with the street surface also moves forward at speed \( v_{\text{com}} \), so that \( P \) always remains directly below \( O \).

During a time interval \( t \), you see both \( O \) and \( P \) move forward by a distance \( s \).

The bicycle rider sees the wheel rotate through an angle \( \theta \) about the center of the wheel, with the point of the wheel that was touching the street at the beginning of \( t \) moving through arc length \( s \). Equation 10-17 relates the arc length \( s \) to the rotation angle \( \theta \):

\[
s = \theta R, \tag{11-1}
\]

where \( R \) is the radius of the wheel. The linear speed \( v_{\text{com}} \) of the center of the wheel (the center of mass of this uniform wheel) is \( ds/dt \). The angular speed \( \omega \) of the wheel about its center is \( d\theta/dt \). Thus, differentiating Eq. 11-1 with respect to time (with \( R \) held constant) gives us

\[
v_{\text{com}} = \omega R \quad \text{(smooth rolling motion).} \tag{11-2}
\]

A Combination. Figure 11-4 shows that the rolling motion of a wheel is a combination of purely translational and purely rotational motions. Figure 11-4a shows the purely rotational motion (as if the rotation axis through the center were stationary): Every point on the wheel rotates about the center with angular speed \( \omega \). (This is the type of motion we considered in Chapter 10.) Every point on the outside edge of the wheel has linear speed \( v_{\text{com}} \) given by Eq. 11-2. Figure 11-4b shows the purely translational motion (as if the wheel did not rotate at all): Every point on the wheel moves to the right with speed \( v_{\text{com}} \).

The combination of Figs. 11-4a and 11-4b yields the actual rolling motion of the wheel, Fig. 11-4c. Note that in this combination of motions, the portion of the wheel at the bottom (at point \( P \)) is stationary and the portion at the top
The rear wheel on a clown’s bicycle has twice the radius of the front wheel. (a) When the bicycle is moving, is the linear speed at the very top of the rear wheel greater than, less than, or the same as that of the very top of the front wheel? (b) Is the angular speed of the rear wheel greater than, less than, or the same as that of the front wheel?
11-2 FORCES AND KINETIC ENERGY OF ROLLING

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

11.03 Calculate the kinetic energy of a body in smooth rolling as the sum of the translational kinetic energy of the center of mass and the rotational kinetic energy around the center of mass.
11.04 Apply the relationship between the work done on a smoothly rolling object and the change in its kinetic energy.
11.05 For smooth rolling (and thus no sliding), conserve mechanical energy to relate initial energy values to the values at a later point.

Key Ideas

● A smoothly rolling wheel has kinetic energy

\[ K = \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{com}}^2, \]

where \( I_{\text{com}} \) is the rotational inertia of the wheel about its center of mass and \( M \) is the mass of the wheel.

● If the wheel is being accelerated but is still rolling smoothly, the acceleration of the center of mass \( \mathbf{a}_{\text{com}} \) is related to the angular acceleration \( \alpha \) about the center with

\[ \mathbf{a}_{\text{com}} = \alpha \mathbf{R}. \]

● If the wheel rolls smoothly down a ramp of angle \( \theta \), its acceleration along an \( x \) axis extending up the ramp is

\[ a_{\text{com},x} = -\frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{I_{\text{com}}}{MR^2}}. \]

The Kinetic Energy of Rolling

Let us now calculate the kinetic energy of the rolling wheel as measured by the stationary observer. If we view the rolling as pure rotation about an axis through \( P \) in Fig. 11-6, then from Eq. 10-34 we have

\[ K = \frac{1}{2}I_P\omega^2, \quad (11-3) \]

in which \( \omega \) is the angular speed of the wheel and \( I_P \) is the rotational inertia of the wheel about the axis through \( P \). From the parallel-axis theorem of Eq. 10-36 \((I = I_{\text{com}} + Mr^2)\), we have

\[ I_P = I_{\text{com}} + MR^2, \quad (11-4) \]

in which \( M \) is the mass of the wheel, \( I_{\text{com}} \) is its rotational inertia about an axis through its center of mass, and \( R \) (the wheel’s radius) is the perpendicular distance \( h \). Substituting Eq. 11-4 into Eq. 11-3, we obtain

\[ K = \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}MR^2\omega^2, \]

and using the relation \( v_{\text{com}} = \omega R \) (Eq. 11-2) yields

\[ K = \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{com}}^2. \quad (11-5) \]

We can interpret the term \( \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 \) as the kinetic energy associated with the rotation of the wheel about an axis through its center of mass (Fig. 11-4a), and the term \( \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{com}}^2 \) as the kinetic energy associated with the translational motion of the wheel’s center of mass (Fig. 11-4b). Thus, we have the following rule:

A rolling object has two types of kinetic energy: a rotational kinetic energy \((\frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2)\) due to its rotation about its center of mass and a translational kinetic energy \((\frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{com}}^2)\) due to translation of its center of mass.
The Forces of Rolling

Friction and Rolling

If a wheel rolls at constant speed, as in Fig. 11-3, it has no tendency to slide at the point of contact \( P \), and thus no frictional force acts there. However, if a net force acts on the rolling wheel to speed it up or to slow it, then that net force causes acceleration \( \vec{a}_{\text{com}} \) of the center of mass along the direction of travel. It also causes the wheel to rotate faster or slower, which means it causes an angular acceleration \( \alpha \). These accelerations tend to make the wheel slide at \( P \). Thus, a frictional force must act on the wheel at \( P \) to oppose that tendency.

If the wheel \textit{does} not slide, the force is a \textit{static} frictional force \( \vec{f}_s \), and the motion is smooth rolling. We can then relate the magnitudes of the linear acceleration \( \vec{a}_{\text{com}} \) and the angular acceleration \( \alpha \) by differentiating Eq. 11-2 with respect to time (with \( R \) held constant). On the left side, \( d\vec{v}_{\text{com}}/dt \) is \( \vec{a}_{\text{com}} \), and on the right side \( d\alpha/dt \) is \( \alpha \). So, for smooth rolling we have

\[
\alpha = \alpha R \quad \text{(smooth rolling motion).} \tag{11-6}
\]

If the wheel \textit{does} slide when the net force acts on it, the frictional force that acts at \( P \) in Fig. 11-3 is a \textit{kinetic} frictional force \( \vec{f}_k \). The motion then is not smooth rolling, and Eq. 11-6 does not apply to the motion. In this chapter we discuss only smooth rolling motion.

Figure 11-7 shows an example in which a wheel is being made to rotate faster while rolling to the right along a flat surface, as on a bicycle at the start of a race. The faster rotation tends to make the bottom of the wheel slide to the left at point \( P \). A frictional force at \( P \), directed to the right, opposes this tendency to slide. If the wheel does not slide, that frictional force is a static frictional force \( \vec{f}_s \) (as shown), the motion is smooth rolling, and Eq. 11-6 applies to the motion. (Without friction, bicycle races would be stationary and very boring.)

If the wheel in Fig. 11-7 were made to rotate slower, as on a slowing bicycle, we would change the figure in two ways: The directions of the center-of-mass acceleration \( \vec{a}_{\text{com}} \) and the frictional force \( \vec{f}_s \) at point \( P \) would now be to the left.

Rolling Down a Ramp

Figure 11-8 shows a round uniform body of mass \( M \) and radius \( R \) rolling smoothly down a ramp at angle \( \theta \), along an \( x \) axis. We want to find an expression for the body’s
acceleration \(a_{\text{com},x}\) down the ramp. We do this by using Newton’s second law in both its linear version \((F_{\text{net}} = Ma)\) and its angular version \((\tau_{\text{net}} = I\alpha)\).

We start by drawing the forces on the body as shown in Fig. 11-8:

1. The gravitational force \(\vec{F}_g\) on the body is directed downward. The tail of the vector is placed at the center of mass of the body. The component along the ramp is \(F_g \sin \theta\), which is equal to \(Mg \sin \theta\).

2. A normal force \(\vec{F}_N\) is perpendicular to the ramp. It acts at the point of contact \(P\), but in Fig. 11-8 the vector has been shifted along its direction until its tail is at the body’s center of mass.

3. A static frictional force acts at the point of contact \(P\) and is directed up the ramp. (Do you see why? If the body were to slide at \(P\), it would slide down the ramp. Thus, the frictional force opposing the sliding must be up the ramp.)

We can write Newton’s second law for components along the \(x\) axis in Fig. 11-8 \((F_{\text{net},x} = ma_x)\) as

\[f_s - Mg \sin \theta = Ma_{\text{com},x}.\]  
(11-7)

This equation contains two unknowns, \(f_s\) and \(a_{\text{com},x}\). (We should not assume that \(f_s\) is at its maximum value \(f_{s,\text{max}}\). All we know is that the value of \(f_s\) is just right for the body to roll smoothly down the ramp, without sliding.)

We now wish to apply Newton’s second law in angular form to the body’s rotation about its center of mass. First, we shall use Eq. 10-41 \((\tau = rF)\) to write the torques on the body about that point. The frictional force \(\vec{f}_f\) has moment arm \(R\) and thus produces a torque \(Rf_s\), which is positive because it tends to rotate the body counterclockwise in Fig. 11-8. Forces \(\vec{F}_g\) and \(\vec{F}_N\) have zero moment arms about the center of mass and thus produce zero torques. So we can write the angular form of Newton’s second law \((\tau_{\text{net}} = Ia)\) about an axis through the body’s center of mass as

\[Rf_s = I_{\text{com}}\alpha.\]  
(11-8)

This equation contains two unknowns, \(f_s\) and \(\alpha\).

Because the body is rolling smoothly, we can use Eq. 11-6 \((a_{\text{com}} = aR)\) to relate the unknowns \(a_{\text{com},x}\) and \(\alpha\). But we must be cautious because here \(a_{\text{com},x}\) is negative (in the negative direction of the \(x\) axis) and \(\alpha\) is positive (counterclockwise). Thus we substitute \(-a_{\text{com},x}/R\) for \(\alpha\) in Eq. 11-8. Then, solving for \(f_s\), we obtain

\[f_s = -I_{\text{com}} \frac{a_{\text{com},x}}{R^2}.\]  
(11-9)

Substituting the right side of Eq. 11-9 for \(f_s\) in Eq. 11-7, we then find

\[a_{\text{com},x} = -\frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + I_{\text{com}}/MR^2}.\]  
(11-10)

We can use this equation to find the linear acceleration \(a_{\text{com},x}\) of any body rolling along an incline of angle \(\theta\) with the horizontal.

Note that the pull by the gravitational force causes the body to come down the ramp, but it is the frictional force that causes the body to rotate and thus roll. If you eliminate the friction (by, say, making the ramp slick with ice or grease) or arrange for \(Mg \sin \theta\) to exceed \(f_{s,\text{max}}\), then you eliminate the smooth rolling and the body slides down the ramp.

\(\square\) **Checkpoint 2**

Disks \(A\) and \(B\) are identical and roll across a floor with equal speeds. Then disk \(A\) rolls up an incline, reaching a maximum height \(h\), and disk \(B\) moves up an incline that is identical except that it is frictionless. Is the maximum height reached by disk \(B\) greater than, less than, or equal to \(h\)?
Sample Problem 11.01 Ball rolling down a ramp

A uniform ball, of mass $M = 6.00\, \text{kg}$ and radius $R$, rolls smoothly from rest down a ramp at angle $\theta = 30.0^\circ$ (Fig. 11-8).

(a) The ball descends a vertical height $h = 1.20\, \text{m}$ to reach the bottom of the ramp. What is its speed at the bottom?

**KEY IDEAS**

The mechanical energy $E$ of the ball–Earth system is conserved as the ball rolls down the ramp. The reason is that the only force doing work on the ball is the gravitational force, a conservative force. The normal force on the ball from the ramp does zero work because it is perpendicular to the ball’s path. The frictional force on the ball from the ramp does not transfer any energy to thermal energy because the ball does not slide (it rolls smoothly).

Thus, we conserve mechanical energy ($E_f = E_i$):

$$K_f + U_f = K_i + U_i$$

where subscripts $f$ and $i$ refer to the final values (at the bottom) and initial values (at rest), respectively. The gravitational potential energy is initially $U_i = Mgh$ (where $M$ is the ball’s mass) and finally $U_f = 0$. The kinetic energy is initially $K_i = 0$. For the final kinetic energy $K_f$, we need an additional idea: Because the ball rolls, the kinetic energy involves both translation and rotation, so we include them both by using the right side of Eq. 11-5.

**Calculations:** Substituting into Eq. 11-11 gives us

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{com}}^2\right) + 0 = 0 + Mgh,$$

where $I_{\text{com}}$ is the ball’s rotational inertia about an axis through its center of mass, $v_{\text{com}}$ is the requested speed at the bottom, and $\omega$ is the angular speed there.

Because the ball rolls smoothly, we can use Eq. 11-2 to substitute $v_{\text{com}}/R$ for $\omega$ to reduce the unknowns in Eq. 11-12.

Doing so, substituting $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$ for $I_{\text{com}}$ (from Table 10-2f), and then solving for $v_{\text{com}}$ give us

$$v_{\text{com}} = \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}gh = \sqrt{\left(\frac{10}{3}\right)(9.8\, \text{m/s}^2)(1.20\, \text{m})} = 4.10\, \text{m/s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Note that the answer does not depend on $M$ or $R$.

(b) What are the magnitude and direction of the frictional force on the ball as it rolls down the ramp?

**KEY IDEA**

Because the ball rolls smoothly, Eq. 11-9 gives the frictional force on the ball.

**Calculations:** Before we can use Eq. 11-9, we need the ball’s acceleration $a_{\text{com},x}$ from Eq. 11-10:

$$a_{\text{com},x} = -\frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{2}{5}MR^2/\pi R^2} = -\frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{2}{5}} = -3.50\, \text{m/s}^2.$$

Note that we needed neither mass $M$ nor radius $R$ to find $a_{\text{com},x}$. Thus, any size ball with any uniform mass would have this smoothly rolling acceleration down a $30.0^\circ$ ramp.

We can now solve Eq. 11-9 as

$$f_s = -I_{\text{com}}\frac{a_{\text{com},x}}{R^2} = -\frac{2}{5}MR^2\frac{a_{\text{com},x}}{R^2} = -\frac{2}{5}Mg\omega_{\text{com},x}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{5}(6.00\, \text{kg})(3.50\, \text{m/s}^2) = 8.40\, \text{N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Note that we needed mass $M$ but not radius $R$. Thus, the frictional force on any 6.00 kg ball rolling smoothly down a $30.0^\circ$ ramp would be 8.40 N regardless of the ball’s radius but would be larger for a larger mass.

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**11-3 THE YO-YO**

**Learning Objectives**

*After reading this module, you should be able to . . .*

11.09 Draw a free-body diagram of a yo-yo moving up or down its string.

11.10 Identify that a yo-yo is effectively an object that rolls smoothly up or down a ramp with an incline angle of $90^\circ$.

11.11 For a yo-yo moving up or down its string, apply the relationship between the yo-yo’s acceleration and its rotational inertia.

11.12 Determine the tension in a yo-yo’s string as the yo-yo moves up or down its string.

**Key Idea**

* A yo-yo, which travels vertically up or down a string, can be treated as a wheel rolling along an inclined plane at angle $\theta = 90^\circ$.
The Yo-Yo

A yo-yo is a physics lab that you can fit in your pocket. If a yo-yo rolls down its string for a distance \( h \), it loses potential energy in amount \( mgh \) but gains kinetic energy in both translational (\( \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{com}}^2 \)) and rotational (\( \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 \)) forms. As it climbs back up, it loses kinetic energy and regains potential energy.

In a modern yo-yo, the string is not tied to the axle but is looped around it. When the yo-yo “hits” the bottom of its string, an upward force on the axle from the string stops the descent. The yo-yo then spins, axle inside loop, with only rotational kinetic energy. The yo-yo keeps spinning (“sleeping”) until you “wake it” by jerking on the string, causing the string to catch on the axle and the yo-yo to climb back up. The rotational kinetic energy of the yo-yo at the bottom of its string (and thus the sleeping time) can be considerably increased by throwing the yo-yo downward so that it starts down the string with initial speeds \( v_{\text{com}} \) and \( \omega \) instead of rolling down from rest.

To find an expression for the linear acceleration \( a_{\text{com}} \) of a yo-yo rolling down a string, we could use Newton’s second law (in linear and angular forms) just as we did for the body rolling down a ramp in Fig. 11-8. The analysis is the same except for the following:

1. Instead of rolling down a ramp at angle \( \theta \) with the horizontal, the yo-yo rolls down a string at angle \( \theta = 90^\circ \) with the horizontal.
2. Instead of rolling on its outer surface at radius \( R \), the yo-yo rolls on an axle of radius \( R_0 \) (Fig. 11-9a).
3. Instead of being slowed by frictional force \( \vec{F}_f \), the yo-yo is slowed by the force \( \vec{F} \) on it from the string (Fig. 11-9b).

The analysis would again lead us to Eq. 11-10. Therefore, let us just change the notation in Eq. 11-10 and set \( \theta = 90^\circ \) to write the linear acceleration as

\[
a_{\text{com}} = -\frac{g}{1 + I_{\text{com}}/MR_0^2},
\]

where \( I_{\text{com}} \) is the yo-yo’s rotational inertia about its center and \( M \) is its mass. A yo-yo has the same downward acceleration when it is climbing back up.

11-4 TORQUE REVISITED

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

11.13 Identify that torque is a vector quantity.
11.14 Identify that the point about which a torque is calculated must always be specified.
11.15 Calculate the torque due to a force on a particle by taking the cross product of the particle’s position vector and the force vector, in either unit-vector notation or magnitude-angle notation.
11.16 Use the right-hand rule for cross products to find the direction of a torque vector.

Key Ideas

- In three dimensions, torque \( \vec{\tau} \) is a vector quantity defined relative to a fixed point (usually an origin); it is
  \[
  \vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F},
  \]
  where \( \vec{F} \) is a force applied to a particle and \( \vec{r} \) is a position vector locating the particle relative to the fixed point.
- The magnitude of \( \vec{\tau} \) is given by
  \[
  \tau = rF \sin \phi = r_F \times F,
  \]
  where \( \phi \) is the angle between \( \vec{F} \) and \( \vec{r} \), \( F_\perp \) is the component of \( \vec{F} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \), and \( r_\perp \) is the moment arm of \( \vec{F} \).
- The direction of \( \vec{\tau} \) is given by the right-hand rule for cross products.
Torque Revisited

In Chapter 10 we defined torque \( \tau \) for a rigid body that can rotate around a fixed axis. We now expand the definition of torque to apply it to an individual particle that moves along any path relative to a fixed point (rather than a fixed axis). The path need no longer be a circle, and we must write the torque as a vector that may have any direction. We can calculate the magnitude of the torque with a formula and determine its direction with the right-hand rule for cross products.

Figure 11-10 shows such a particle at point \( A \) in an \( xy \) plane. A single force \( \vec{F} \) in that plane acts on the particle, and the particle’s position relative to the origin \( O \) is given by position vector \( \vec{r} \). The torque \( \vec{\tau} \) acting on the particle relative to the fixed point \( O \) is a vector quantity defined as

\[
\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \quad \text{(torque defined).} \quad (11-14)
\]

We can evaluate the vector (or cross) product in this definition of \( \vec{\tau} \) by using the rules in Module 3-3. To find the direction of \( \vec{\tau} \), we slide the vector \( \vec{F} \) (without changing its direction) until its tail is at the origin \( O \), so that the two vectors in the vector product are tail to tail as in Fig. 11-10b. We then use the right-hand rule in Fig. 3-19a, sweeping the fingers of the right hand from \( \vec{r} \) (the first vector in the product) into \( \vec{F} \) (the second vector). The outstretched right thumb then gives the direction of \( \vec{\tau} \). In Fig. 11-10b, it is in the positive direction of the \( z \) axis.

To determine the magnitude of \( \vec{\tau} \), we apply the general result of Eq. 3-27 \(( c = ab \sin \phi )\), finding

\[
\tau = rF \sin \phi, \quad (11-15)
\]

where \( \phi \) is the smaller angle between the directions of \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{F} \) when the vectors are tail to tail. From Fig. 11-10b, we see that Eq. 11-15 can be rewritten as

\[
\tau = rF_\perp, \quad (11-16)
\]

where \( F_\perp (= F \sin \phi) \) is the component of \( \vec{F} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \). From Fig. 11-10c, we see that Eq. 11-15 can also be rewritten as

\[
\tau = r_\perp F, \quad (11-17)
\]

where \( r_\perp (= r \sin \phi) \) is the moment arm of \( \vec{F} \) (the perpendicular distance between \( O \) and the line of action of \( \vec{F} \)).

**Checkpoint 3**

The position vector \( \vec{r} \) of a particle points along the positive direction of a \( z \) axis. If the torque on the particle is (a) zero, (b) in the negative direction of \( x \), and (c) in the negative direction of \( y \), in what direction is the force causing the torque?
Sample Problem 11.02  Torque on a particle due to a force

In Fig. 11-11a, three forces, each of magnitude 2.0 N, act on a particle. The particle is in the xz plane at point A given by position vector \( \vec{r} \), where \( r = 3.0 \text{ m} \) and \( \theta = 30^\circ \). What is the torque, about the origin \( O \), due to each force?

**KEY IDEA**

Because the three force vectors do not lie in a plane, we must use cross products, with magnitudes given by Eq. 11-15 (\( \tau = rF \sin\phi \)) and directions given by the right-hand rule.

**Calculations:** Because we want the torques with respect to the origin \( O \), the vector \( \vec{r} \) required for each cross product is the given position vector. To determine the angle \( \phi \) between \( \vec{r} \) and each force, we shift the force vectors of Fig. 11-11a, each in turn, so that their tails are at the origin. Figures 11-11b, c, and d, which are direct views of the xz plane, show the shifted force vectors \( \vec{F}_1 \), \( \vec{F}_2 \), and \( \vec{F}_3 \), respectively. (Note how much easier the angles between the force vectors and the position vector are to see.) In Fig. 11-11d, the angle between the directions of \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{F}_2 \) is 90° and the symbol \( \otimes \) means \( \vec{F}_2 \) is directed into the page. (For out of the page, we would use \( \oslash \).)

Now, applying Eq. 11-15, we find

\[
\tau_1 = rF_1 \sin \phi_1 = (3.0 \text{ m})(2.0 \text{ N})(\sin 150^\circ) = 3.0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m},
\]

\[
\tau_2 = rF_2 \sin \phi_2 = (3.0 \text{ m})(2.0 \text{ N})(\sin 120^\circ) = 5.2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m},
\]

and \[
\tau_3 = rF_3 \sin \phi_3 = (3.0 \text{ m})(2.0 \text{ N})(\sin 90^\circ) = 6.0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}.
\]

Answer)

Next, we use the right-hand rule, placing the fingers of the right hand so as to rotate \( \vec{r} \) into \( \vec{F} \) through the smaller of the two angles between their directions. The thumb points in the direction of the torque. Thus \( \tau_1 \) is directed into the page in Fig. 11-11b; \( \tau_2 \) is directed out of the page in Fig. 11-11c; and \( \tau_3 \) is directed as shown in Fig. 11-11d. All three torque vectors are shown in Fig. 11-11e.

Figure 11-11  (a) A particle at point A is acted on by three forces, each parallel to a coordinate axis. The angle \( \phi \) (used in finding torque) is shown (b) for \( \vec{F}_1 \) and (c) for \( \vec{F}_2 \). (d) Torque \( \tau_3 \) is perpendicular to both \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{F}_2 \) (force \( \vec{F}_2 \) is directed into the plane of the figure). (e) The torques.
11-5 ANGULAR MOMENTUM

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

11.17 Identify that angular momentum is a vector quantity.
11.18 Identify that the fixed point about which an angular momentum is calculated must always be specified.
11.19 Calculate the angular momentum of a particle by taking the cross product of the particle’s position vector and its momentum vector, in either unit-vector notation or magnitude-angle notation.
11.20 Use the right-hand rule for cross products to find the direction of an angular momentum vector.

Key Ideas

- The angular momentum \( \vec{\ell} \) of a particle with linear momentum \( \vec{p} \), mass \( m \), and linear velocity \( \vec{v} \) is a vector quantity defined relative to a fixed point (usually an origin) as
  \[
  \vec{\ell} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v}).
  \]
- The magnitude of \( \vec{\ell} \) is given by
  \[
  \ell = rmv \sin \phi
  \]
  where \( \phi \) is the angle between \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{p} \), \( p_\perp \) and \( v_\perp \) are the components of \( \vec{p} \) and \( \vec{v} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \), and \( r_\perp \) is the perpendicular distance between the fixed point and the extension of \( \vec{p} \).
- The direction of \( \vec{\ell} \) is given by the right-hand rule: Position your right hand so that the fingers are in the direction of \( \vec{r} \). Then rotate them around the palm to be in the direction of \( \vec{p} \). Your outstretched thumb gives the direction of \( \vec{\ell} \).

Angular Momentum

Recall that the concept of linear momentum \( \vec{p} \) and the principle of conservation of linear momentum are extremely powerful tools. They allow us to predict the outcome of, say, a collision of two cars without knowing the details of the collision. Here we begin a discussion of the angular counterpart of \( \vec{p} \), winding up in Module 11-8 with the angular counterpart of the conservation principle, which can lead to beautiful (almost magical) feats in ballet, fancy diving, ice skating, and many other activities.

Figure 11-12 shows a particle of mass \( m \) with linear momentum \( \vec{p} (= m\vec{v}) \) as it passes through point \( A \) in an \( xy \) plane. The angular momentum \( \vec{\ell} \) of this particle with respect to the origin \( O \) is a vector quantity defined as

\[
\vec{\ell} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v}).
\]  

(angular momentum defined),

(11-18)

where \( \vec{r} \) is the position vector of the particle with respect to \( O \). As the particle moves relative to \( O \) in the direction of its momentum \( \vec{p} (= m\vec{v}) \), position vector \( \vec{r} \) rotates around \( O \). Note carefully that to have angular momentum about \( O \), the particle does not itself have to rotate around \( O \). Comparison of Eqs. 11-14 and 11-18 shows that angular momentum bears the same relation to linear momentum that torque does to force. The SI unit of angular momentum is the kilogram-meter-squared per second (kg \cdot m^2/s), equivalent to the joule-second (J \cdot s).

Direction. To find the direction of the angular momentum vector \( \vec{\ell} \) in Fig. 11-12, we slide the vector \( \vec{p} \) until its tail is at the origin \( O \). Then we use the right-hand rule for vector products, sweeping the fingers from \( \vec{r} \) into \( \vec{p} \). The outstretched thumb then shows that the direction of \( \vec{\ell} \) is in the positive direction of the \( z \) axis in Fig. 11-12. This positive direction is consistent with the counterclockwise rotation of position vector \( \vec{r} \) about the \( z \) axis, as the particle moves. (A negative direction of \( \vec{\ell} \) would be consistent with a clockwise rotation of \( \vec{r} \) about the \( z \) axis.)

Magnitude. To find the magnitude of \( \vec{\ell} \), we use the general result of Eq. 3-27 to write

\[
\ell = rmv \sin \phi,
\]

(11-19)

where \( \phi \) is the smaller angle between \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{p} \) when these two vectors are tail
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where \( p_\perp \) is the component of \( \vec{p} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \) and \( v_\perp \) is the component of \( \vec{v} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \). From Fig. 11-12b, we see that Eq. 11-19 can also be rewritten as

\[
\ell = r_\perp p = r_\perp m v,
\]

(11-21)

where \( r_\perp \) is the perpendicular distance between \( O \) and the extension of \( \vec{p} \).

**Important.** Note two features here: (1) angular momentum has meaning only with respect to a specified origin and (2) its direction is always perpendicular to the plane formed by the position and linear momentum vectors \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{p} \).

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**Checkpoint 4**

In part \( a \) of the figure, particles 1 and 2 move around point \( O \) in circles with radii 2 m and 4 m. In part \( b \), particles 3 and 4 travel along straight lines at perpendicular distances of 4 m and 2 m from point \( O \). Particle 5 moves directly away from \( O \). All five particles have the same mass and the same constant speed. (a) Rank the particles according to the magnitudes of their angular momentum about point \( O \), greatest first. (b) Which particles have negative angular momentum about point \( O \)?

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**Sample Problem 11.03 Angular momentum of a two-particle system**

Figure 11-13 shows an overhead view of two particles moving at constant momentum along horizontal paths. Particle 1, with momentum magnitude \( p_1 = 5.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \), has position vector \( \vec{r}_1 \) and will pass 2.0 m from point \( O \). Particle 2, with momentum magnitude \( p_2 = 2.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \), has position vector \( \vec{r}_2 \) and will pass 4.0 m from point \( O \). What are the magnitude and direction of the net angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) about point \( O \) of the two-particle system?

**KEY IDEA**

To find \( \vec{L} \), we can first find the individual angular momenta \( \vec{\ell}_1 \) and \( \vec{\ell}_2 \) and then add them. To evaluate their magnitudes, we can use any one of Eqs. 11-18 through 11-21. However, Eq. 11-21 is easiest, because we are given the perpendicular distances \( r_{1\perp} (= 2.0 \text{ m}) \) and \( r_{2\perp} (= 4.0 \text{ m}) \) and the momentum magnitudes \( p_1 \) and \( p_2 \).

**Calculations:** For particle 1, Eq. 11-21 yields

\[
\ell_1 = r_{1\perp} p_1 = (2.0 \text{ m})(5.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s})
= 10 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}.
\]

To find the direction of vector \( \vec{\ell}_1 \), we use Eq. 11-18 and the right-hand rule for vector products. For \( \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{p}_1 \), the vector product is out of the page, perpendicular to the plane of Fig. 11-13. This is the positive direction, consistent with the counterclockwise rotation of the particle’s position vector to tail. From Fig. 11-12a, we see that Eq. 11-19 can be rewritten as

\[
\ell = r p_v = r v_\perp,
\]

(11-20)

Similarly, the magnitude of \( \vec{\ell}_2 \) is

\[
\ell_2 = r_{2\perp} p_2 = (4.0 \text{ m})(2.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s})
= 8.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s},
\]

and the vector product \( \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{p}_2 \) is into the page, which is the negative direction, consistent with the clockwise rotation of \( \vec{r}_2 \) around \( O \) as particle 2 moves. Thus, the angular momentum vector for particle 2 is

\[
\ell_2 = -8.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}.
\]

The net angular momentum for the two-particle system is

\[
L = \ell_1 + \ell_2 = +10 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s} + (-8.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s})
= +2.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

The plus sign means that the system’s net angular momentum about point \( O \) is out of the page.

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Newton's Second Law in Angular Form

Newton's second law written in the form

\[ \mathbf{F}_\text{net} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \]

expresses the close relation between force and linear momentum for a single particle. We have seen enough of the parallelism between linear and angular quantities to be pretty sure that there is also a close relation between torque and angular momentum. Guided by Eq. 11-22, we can even guess that it must be

\[ \mathbf{\tau}_\text{net} = \frac{d\mathbf{\ell}}{dt}, \]

Equation 11-23 is indeed an angular form of Newton's second law for a single particle:

The (vector) sum of all the torques acting on a particle is equal to the time rate of change of the angular momentum of that particle.

Equation 11-23 has no meaning unless the torques \( \mathbf{\tau} \) and the angular momentum \( \mathbf{\ell} \) are defined with respect to the same point, usually the origin of the coordinate system being used.

Proof of Equation 11-23

We start with Eq. 11-18, the definition of the angular momentum of a particle:

\[ \mathbf{\ell} = m(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}), \]

where \( \mathbf{r} \) is the position vector of the particle and \( \mathbf{v} \) is the velocity of the particle. Differentiating each side with respect to time \( t \) yields

\[ \frac{d\mathbf{\ell}}{dt} = m \left( \mathbf{r} \times \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \times \mathbf{v} \right). \]

However, \( d\mathbf{v}/dt \) is the acceleration \( \mathbf{a} \) of the particle, and \( d\mathbf{r}/dt \) is its velocity \( \mathbf{\dot{r}} \). Thus, we can rewrite Eq. 11-24 as

\[ \frac{d\mathbf{\ell}}{dt} = m(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{\dot{r}} \times \mathbf{v}). \]

*In differentiating a vector product, be sure not to change the order of the two quantities (here \( \mathbf{r} \) and \( \mathbf{v} \)) that form that product. (See Eq. 3-25.)
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Now \( \vec{v} \times \vec{v} = 0 \) (the vector product of any vector with itself is zero because the angle between the two vectors is necessarily zero). Thus, the last term of this expression is eliminated and we then have

\[
\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{r} \times m\vec{a}.
\]

We now use Newton’s second law \( (\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a}) \) to replace \( m\vec{a} \) with its equal, the vector sum of the forces that act on the particle, obtaining

\[
\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \sum(\vec{r} \times \vec{F}). \tag{11-25}
\]

Here the symbol \( \sum \) indicates that we must sum the vector products \( \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \) for all the forces. However, from Eq. 11-14, we know that each one of those vector products is the torque associated with one of the forces. Therefore, Eq. 11-25 tells us that

\[
\vec{r}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}.
\]

This is Eq. 11-23, the relation that we set out to prove.

Checkpoint 5

The figure shows the position vector \( \vec{r} \) of a particle at a certain instant, and four choices for the direction of a force that is to accelerate the particle. All four choices lie in the \( xy \) plane. (a) Rank the choices according to the magnitude of the time rate of change (\( \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \)) they produce in the angular momentum of the particle about point \( O \), greatest first. (b) Which choice results in a negative rate of change about \( O \)?

Sample Problem 11.04 Torque and the time derivative of angular momentum

Figure 11-14a shows a freeze-frame of a 0.500 kg particle moving along a straight line with a position vector given by

\[
\vec{r} = (-2.00t^2 - t)\hat{i} + 5.00\hat{j},
\]

with \( \vec{r} \) in meters and \( t \) in seconds, starting at \( t = 0 \). The position vector points from the origin to the particle. In unit-vector notation, find expressions for the angular momentum \( \vec{\ell} \) of the particle and the torque \( \vec{\tau} \) acting on the particle, both with respect to (or about) the origin. Justify their algebraic signs in terms of the particle’s motion.

KEY IDEAS

1. The point about which an angular momentum of a particle is to be calculated must always be specified. Here it is the origin.
2. The angular momentum \( \vec{\ell} \) of a particle is given by Eq. 11-18 \( (\vec{\ell} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v})) \).
3. The sign associated with a particle’s angular momentum is set by the sense of rotation of the particle’s position vector (around the rotation axis) as the particle moves: clockwise is negative and counterclockwise is positive.
4. If the torque acting on a particle and the angular momentum of the particle are calculated around the same point, then the torque is related to angular momentum by Eq. 11-23 \( (\vec{r} = \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt}) \).

Calculations: In order to use Eq. 11-18 to find the angular momentum about the origin, we first must find an expression for the particle’s velocity by taking a time derivative of its position vector. Following Eq. 4-10 \( (\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) \), we write

\[
\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt}((-2.00t^2 - t)\hat{i} + 5.00\hat{j})
= (-4.00t - 1.00)\hat{i},
\]

with \( \vec{v} \) in meters per second.

Next, let’s take the cross product of \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{v} \) using the template for cross products displayed in Eq. 3-27:

\[
\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (a_xb_z - b_xa_z)\hat{i} + (a_yb_z - b_ya_z)\hat{j} + (a_zb_x - b_za_x)\hat{k}.
\]

Here the generic \( \vec{a} \) is \( \vec{r} \) and the generic \( \vec{b} \) is \( \vec{v} \). However, because we really don’t want to do more work than needed, let’s first just think about our substitutions into
The generic cross product. Because \( \vec{r} \) lacks any \( z \) component and because \( \vec{v} \) lacks any \( y \) or \( z \) component, the only nonzero term in the generic cross product is the very last one \( (-b_x a_y) \hat{k} \). So, let’s cut to the (mathematical) chase by writing

\[
\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = -(4.00t - 1.00)(5.00)\hat{k} = (20.0t + 5.00)\hat{k} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}.
\]

Note that, as always, the cross product produces a vector that is perpendicular to the original vectors.

To finish up Eq. 11-18, we multiply by the mass, finding

\[
\vec{\ell} = (0.500 \text{ kg})[(20.0t + 5.00)\hat{k} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}]
= (10.0t + 2.50)\hat{k} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

The torque about the origin then immediately follows from Eq. 11-23:

\[
\vec{\tau} = \frac{d}{dt} (10.0t + 2.50)\hat{k} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}
= 10.0\hat{k} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2 = 10.0 \hat{k} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

which is in the positive direction of the \( z \) axis.

Our result for \( \vec{\ell} \) tells us that the angular momentum is in the positive direction of the \( z \) axis. To make sense of that positive result in terms of the rotation of the position vector, let’s evaluate that vector for several times:

\[
\begin{align*}
t &= 0, & \vec{r} &= 5.00\hat{j} \text{ m} \\
t &= 1.00 \text{ s}, & \vec{r}_1 &= -3.00\hat{i} + 5.00\hat{j} \text{ m} \\
t &= 2.00 \text{ s}, & \vec{r}_2 &= -10.0\hat{i} + 5.00\hat{j} \text{ m}
\end{align*}
\]

By drawing these results as in Fig. 11-14b, we see that \( \vec{r} \) rotates counterclockwise in order to keep up with the particle. That is the positive direction of rotation. Thus, even though the particle is moving in a straight line, it is still moving counterclockwise around the origin and thus has a positive angular momentum.

We can also make sense of the direction of \( \vec{\ell} \) by applying the right-hand rule for cross products (here \( \vec{r} \times \vec{v} \), or, if you like, \( m\vec{r} \times \vec{v} \), which gives the same direction). For any moment during the particle’s motion, the fingers of the right hand are first extended in the direction of the first vector in the cross product (\( \vec{r} \)) as indicated in Fig. 11-14c. The orientation of the hand (on the page or viewing screen) is then adjusted so that the fingers can be comfortably rotated about the palm to be in the direction of the second vector in the cross product (\( \vec{v} \)) as indicated in Fig. 11-14d. The outstretched thumb then points in the direction of the result of the cross product. As indicated in Fig. 11-14e, the vector is in the positive direction of the \( z \) axis (which is directly out of the plane of the figure), consistent with our previous result. Figure 11-14e also indicates the direction of \( \vec{\tau} \), which is also in the positive direction of the \( z \) axis because the angular momentum is in that direction and is increasing in magnitude.
The Angular Momentum of a System of Particles

Now we turn our attention to the angular momentum of a system of particles with respect to an origin. The total angular momentum of the system is the (vector) sum of the angular momenta of the individual particles:

$$\vec{L} = \vec{L}_1 + \vec{L}_2 + \cdots + \vec{L}_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \vec{L}_i.$$  \hspace{1cm} (11-26)

With time, the angular momenta of individual particles may change because of interactions between the particles or with the outside. We can find the resulting change in the total angular momentum by taking the time derivative of Eq. 11-26. Thus,

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{d\vec{L}_i}{dt}. \hspace{1cm} (11-27)$$

From Eq. 11-23, we see that \( \frac{d\vec{L}_i}{dt} \) is equal to the net torque \( \vec{\tau}_{\text{net},i} \) on the \( i \)-th particle. We can rewrite Eq. 11-27 as

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \vec{\tau}_{\text{net},i}. \hspace{1cm} (11-28)$$

That is, the rate of change of the system’s angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) is equal to the vector sum of the torques on its individual particles. Those torques include internal torques (due to forces between the particles) and external torques (due to forces on the particles from bodies external to the system). However, the forces between the particles always come in third-law force pairs so their torques sum to zero. Thus, the only torques that can change the total angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) of the system are the external torques acting on the system.

Net External Torque. Let \( \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} \) represent the net external torque, the vector sum of all external torques on all particles in the system. Then we can write Eq. 11-28 as

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \hspace{1cm} \text{(system of particles)}. \hspace{1cm} (11-29)$$
which is Newton’s second law in angular form. It says:

The net external torque \( \tau_{\text{net}} \) acting on a system of particles is equal to the time rate of change of the system’s total angular momentum \( \vec{L} \).

Equation 11-29 is analogous to \( \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = d\vec{p}/dt \) (Eq. 9-27) but requires extra caution: Torques and the system’s angular momentum must be measured relative to the same origin. If the center of mass of the system is not accelerating relative to an inertial frame, that origin can be any point. However, if it is accelerating, then it must be the origin. For example, consider a wheel as the system of particles. If it is rotating about an axis that is fixed relative to the ground, then the origin for applying Eq. 11-29 can be any point that is stationary relative to the ground. However, if it is rotating about an axis that is accelerating (such as when it rolls down a ramp), then the origin can be only at its center of mass.

**The Angular Momentum of a Rigid Body Rotating About a Fixed Axis**

We next evaluate the angular momentum of a system of particles that form a rigid body that rotates about a fixed axis. Figure 11-15a shows such a body. The fixed axis of rotation is a \( z \) axis, and the body rotates about it with constant angular speed \( \omega \). We wish to find the angular momentum of the body about that axis.

We can find the angular momentum by summing the \( z \) components of the angular momenta of the mass elements in the body. In Fig. 11-15a, a typical mass element, of mass \( \Delta m_i \), moves around the \( z \) axis in a circular path. The position of the mass element is located relative to the origin \( O \) by position vector \( \vec{r}_i \). The radius of the mass element’s circular path is \( r_{z,i} \), the perpendicular distance between the element and the \( z \) axis.

The magnitude of the angular momentum \( \vec{\ell}_i \) of this mass element, with respect to \( O \), is given by Eq. 11-19:

\[
\vec{\ell}_i = (r_i)(p_i)\sin 90^\circ = (r_i)(\Delta m_i v_i),
\]

where \( p_i \) and \( v_i \) are the linear momentum and linear speed of the mass element, and \( 90^\circ \) is the angle between \( \vec{r}_i \) and \( \vec{p}_i \). The angular momentum vector \( \vec{\ell}_i \) for the mass element in Fig. 11-15a is shown in Fig. 11-15b; its direction must be perpendicular to those of \( \vec{r}_i \) and \( \vec{p}_i \).

**The \( z \) Components.** We are interested in the component of \( \vec{\ell}_i \) that is parallel to the rotation axis, here the \( z \) axis. That \( z \) component is

\[
\ell_{\text{iz}} = \ell_i \sin \theta = (r_i \sin \theta)(\Delta m_i v_i) = r_{z,i} \Delta m_i v_i.
\]

The \( z \) component of the angular momentum for the rotating rigid body as a whole is found by adding up the contributions of all the mass elements that make up the body. Thus, because \( \omega = \omega_{z,i} \), we may write

\[
L_z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell_{\text{iz}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Delta m_i v_r r_{z,i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Delta m_i (\omega r_{z,i}) r_{z,i}
\]

\[
= \omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Delta m_i r_{z,i}^2 \right). \tag{11-30}
\]

We can remove \( \omega \) from the summation here because it has the same value for all points of the rotating rigid body.

The quantity \( \sum \Delta m_i r_{z,i}^2 \) in Eq. 11-30 is the rotational inertia \( I \) of the body about the fixed axis (see Eq. 10-33). Thus Eq. 11-30 reduces to

\[
L = I \omega \quad \text{(rigid body, fixed axis).} \tag{11-31}
\]
Conservation of Angular Momentum

So far we have discussed two powerful conservation laws, the conservation of energy and the conservation of linear momentum. Now we meet a third law of this type, involving the conservation of angular momentum. We start from

We have dropped the subscript \( z \), but you must remember that the angular momentum defined by Eq. 11-31 is the angular momentum about the rotation axis. Also, \( I \) in that equation is the rotational inertia about that same axis.

Table 11-1, which supplements Table 10-3, extends our list of corresponding linear and angular relations.

**Checkpoint 6**

In the figure, a disk, a hoop, and a solid sphere are made to spin about fixed central axes (like a top) by means of strings wrapped around them, with the strings producing the same constant tangential force \( F \) on all three objects. The three objects have the same mass and radius, and they are initially stationary. Rank the objects according to (a) their angular momentum about their central axes and (b) their angular speed, greatest first, when the strings have been pulled for a certain time \( t \).

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\(^{a}\)See also Table 10-3.

\(^{b}\)For systems of particles, including rigid bodies.

\(^{c}\)For a rigid body about a fixed axis, with \( L \) being the component along that axis.

\(^{d}\)For a closed, isolated system.

We have dropped the subscript \( z \), but you must remember that the angular momentum defined by Eq. 11-31 is the angular momentum about the rotation axis. Also, \( I \) in that equation is the rotational inertia about that same axis.

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**11-8 CONSERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM**

**Learning Objective**

*After reading this module, you should be able to . . .*

11.25 When no external net torque acts on a system along a specified axis, apply the conservation of angular momentum to relate the initial angular momentum value along that axis to the value at a later instant.

**Key Idea**

- The angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) of a system remains constant if the net external torque acting on the system is zero:
  
  \[
  \vec{L} = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(isolated system)}
  \]

  or
  
  \[
  L_i = L_f \quad \text{(isolated system)}.
  \]

This is the law of conservation of angular momentum.

**Conservation of Angular Momentum**

So far we have discussed two powerful conservation laws, the conservation of energy and the conservation of linear momentum. Now we meet a third law of this type, involving the conservation of angular momentum. We start from
Eq. 11-29 ($\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = d\vec{L}/dt$), which is Newton’s second law in angular form. If no net external torque acts on the system, this equation becomes $d\vec{L}/dt = 0$, or

$$\vec{L} = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(isolated system).} \quad \text{(11-32)}$$

This result, called the law of conservation of angular momentum, can also be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{net angular momentum} \\ \text{at some initial time } t_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{net angular momentum} \\ \text{at some later time } t_f \end{pmatrix},$$

or

$$\vec{L}_i = \vec{L}_f \quad \text{(isolated system).} \quad \text{(11-33)}$$

Equations 11-32 and 11-33 tell us:

- If the net external torque acting on a system is zero, the angular momentum $\vec{L}$ of the system remains constant, no matter what changes take place within the system.

This is a powerful statement: In this situation we are concerned with only the initial and final states of the system; we do not need to consider any intermediate state.

We can apply this law to the isolated body in Fig. 11-15, which rotates around the $z$ axis. Suppose that the initially rigid body somehow redistributes its mass relative to that rotation axis, changing its rotational inertia about that axis. Equations 11-32 and 11-33 state that the angular momentum of the body cannot change. Substituting Eq. 11-31 (for the angular momentum along the rotational axis) into Eq. 11-33, we write this conservation law as

$$I_i \omega_i = I_f \omega_f. \quad \text{(11-34)}$$

Here the subscripts refer to the values of the rotational inertia $I$ and angular speed $\omega$ before and after the redistribution of mass.

Like the other two conservation laws that we have discussed, Eqs. 11-32 and 11-33 hold beyond the limitations of Newtonian mechanics. They hold for particles whose speeds approach that of light (where the theory of special relativity reigns), and they remain true in the world of subatomic particles (where quantum physics reigns). No exceptions to the law of conservation of angular momentum have ever been found.

We now discuss four examples involving this law.

1. **The spinning volunteer** Figure 11-16 shows a student seated on a stool that can rotate freely about a vertical axis. The student, who has been set into rotation at a modest initial angular speed $\omega_i$, holds two dumbbells in his outstretched hands. His angular momentum vector $\vec{L}$ lies along the vertical rotation axis, pointing upward.

   The instructor now asks the student to pull in his arms; this action reduces his rotational inertia from its initial value $I_i$ to a smaller value $I_f$ because he moves mass closer to the rotation axis. His rate of rotation increases markedly,
from \( \omega_i \) to \( \omega_f \). The student can then slow down by extending his arms once more, moving the dumbbells outward.

No net external torque acts on the system consisting of the student, stool, and dumbbells. Thus, the angular momentum of that system about the rotation axis must remain constant, no matter how the student maneuvers the dumbbells. In Fig. 11-16a, the student’s angular speed \( \omega_i \) is relatively low and his rotational inertia \( I_i \) is relatively high. According to Eq. 11-34, his angular speed in Fig. 11-16b must be greater to compensate for the decreased \( I_f \).

2. **The springboard diver**  
Figure 11-17 shows a diver doing a forward one-and-a-half-somersault dive. As you should expect, her center of mass follows a parabolic path. She leaves the springboard with a definite angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) about an axis through her center of mass, represented by a vector pointing into the plane of Fig. 11-17, perpendicular to the page. When she is in the air, no net external torque acts on her about her center of mass, so her angular momentum about her center of mass cannot change. By pulling her arms and legs into the closed tuck position, she can considerably reduce her rotational inertia about the same axis and thus, according to Eq. 11-34, considerably increase her angular speed. Pulling out of the tuck position (into the open layout position) at the end of the dive increases her rotational inertia and thus slows her rotation rate so she can enter the water with little splash. Even in a more complicated dive involving both twisting and somersaulting, the angular momentum of the diver must be conserved, in both magnitude and direction, throughout the dive.

3. **Long jump**  
When an athlete takes off from the ground in a running long jump, the forces on the launching foot give the athlete an angular momentum with a forward rotation around a horizontal axis. Such rotation would not allow the jumper to land properly: In the landing, the legs should be together and extended forward at an angle so that the heels mark the sand at the greatest distance. Once airborne, the angular momentum cannot change (it is conserved) because no external torque acts to change it. However, the jumper can shift most of the angular momentum to the arms by rotating them in windmill fashion (Fig. 11-18). Then the body remains upright and in the proper orientation for landing.

4. **Tour jeté**  
In a tour jeté, a ballet performer leaps with a small twisting motion on the floor with one foot while holding the other leg perpendicular to the body (Fig. 11-19a). The angular speed is so small that it may not be perceptible
to the audience. As the performer ascends, the outstretched leg is brought down and the other leg is brought up, with both ending up at angle θ to the body (Fig. 11-19b). The motion is graceful, but it also serves to increase the rotation because bringing in the initially outstretched leg decreases the performer's rotational inertia. Since no external torque acts on the airborne performer, the angular momentum cannot change. Thus, with a decrease in rotational inertia, the angular speed must increase. When the jump is well executed, the performer seems to suddenly begin to spin and rotates 180° before the initial leg orientations are reversed in preparation for the landing. Once a leg is again outstretched, the rotation seems to vanish.

Checkpoint 7
A rhinoceros beetle rides the rim of a small disk that rotates like a merry-go-round. If the beetle crawls toward the center of the disk, do the following (each relative to the central axis) increase, decrease, or remain the same for the beetle–disk system:
(a) rotational inertia, (b) angular momentum, and (c) angular speed?

Sample Problem 11.05 Conservation of angular momentum, rotating wheel demo

Figure 11-20a shows a student, again sitting on a stool that can rotate freely about a vertical axis. The student, initially at rest, is holding a bicycle wheel whose rim is loaded with lead and whose rotational inertia $I_{wh}$ about its central axis is 1.2 kg·m$^2$. (The rim contains lead in order to make the value of $I_{wh}$ substantial.)

The wheel is rotating at an angular speed $\omega_{wh}$ of 3.9 rev/s; as seen from overhead, the rotation is counterclockwise. The axis of the wheel is vertical, and the angular momentum $L_{wh}$ of the wheel points vertically upward.

The student now inverts the wheel (Fig. 11-20b) so that, as seen from overhead, it is rotating clockwise. Its angular momentum is now $-L_{wh}$. The inversion results in the student, the stool, and the wheel’s center rotating together as a composite rigid body about the stool’s rotation axis, with rotational inertia $I_b = 6.8$ kg·m$^2$. (The fact that the wheel is also rotating about its center does not affect the mass distribution of this composite body; thus, $I_b$ has the same value whether or not the wheel rotates.) With what angular speed $\omega_b$ and in what direction does the composite body rotate after the inversion of the wheel?

**KEY IDEAS**

1. The angular speed $\omega_b$ we seek is related to the final angular momentum $L_b$ of the composite body about the stool’s rotation axis by Eq. 11-31 ($L = I\omega$).
2. The initial angular speed $\omega_{wh}$ of the wheel is related to the angular momentum $L_{wh}$ of the wheel’s rotation about its center by the same equation.
3. The vector addition of $L_b$ and $L_{wh}$ gives the total angular momentum $L_{tot}$ of the system of the student, stool, and wheel.
4. As the wheel is inverted, no net external torque acts on that system to change $L_{tot}$ about any vertical axis. (Torques due to forces between the student and the wheel as the student inverts the wheel are internal to the system.) So, the system’s total angular momentum is conserved about any vertical axis, including the rotation axis through the stool.
Calculations: The conservation of $\mathbf{L}_{\text{tot}}$ is represented with vectors in Fig. 11-20c. We can also write this conservation in terms of components along a vertical axis as

$$L_{b,f} + L_{wh,f} = L_{b,i} + L_{wh,i}, \quad (11-35)$$

where $i$ and $f$ refer to the initial state (before inversion of the wheel) and the final state (after inversion). Because inversion of the wheel inverted the angular momentum vector of the wheel’s rotation, we substitute $-L_{wh,i}$ for $L_{wh,f}$. Then, if we set $L_{b,i} = 0$ (because the student, the stool, and the wheel’s center were initially at rest), Eq. 11-35 yields

$$L_{b,f} = 2L_{wh,i}.$$

Sample Problem 11.06 Conservation of angular momentum, cockroach on disk

In Fig. 11-21, a cockroach with mass $m$ rides on a disk of mass 6.00 m and radius $R$. The disk rotates like a merry-go-round around its central axis at angular speed $\omega_i = 1.50$ rad/s. The cockroach is initially at radius $r = 0.800 R$, but then it crawls out to the rim of the disk. Treat the cockroach as a particle. What then is the angular speed?

KEY IDEAS

(1) The cockroach’s crawl changes the mass distribution (and thus the rotational inertia) of the cockroach–disk system.
(2) The angular momentum of the system does not change because there is no external torque to change it. (The forces and torques due to the cockroach’s crawl are internal to the system.)
(3) The magnitude of the angular momentum of a rigid body or a particle is given by Eq. 11-31 ($L = I\omega$).

Calculations: We want to find the final angular speed. Our key is to equate the final angular momentum $L_f$ to the initial angular momentum $L_i$, because both involve angular speed. They also involve rotational inertia $I$. So, let’s start by finding the rotational inertia of the system of cockroach and disk before and after the crawl.

Using Eq. 11-31, we next substitute $I_b\omega_b$ for $L_{b,f}$ and $I_{wh}\omega_{wh}$ for $L_{wh,i}$ and solve for $\omega_b$, finding

$$\omega_b = \frac{2I_{wh}}{I_b} \omega_{wh} = \frac{(2)(1.2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)(3.9 \text{ rev/s})}{6.8 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2} = 1.4 \text{ rev/s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

This positive result tells us that the student rotates counterclockwise about the stool axis as seen from overhead. If the student wishes to stop rotating, he has only to invert the wheel once more.

The rotational inertia of a disk rotating about its central axis is given by Table 10-2 as $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$. Substituting 6.00 m for the mass $M$, our disk here has rotational inertia

$$I_d = 3.00mR^2. \quad (11-36)$$

(We don’t have values for $m$ and $R$, but we shall continue with physics courage.)

From Eq. 10-33, we know that the rotational inertia of the cockroach (a particle) is equal to $mr^2$. Substituting the cockroach’s initial radius ($r = 0.800 R$) and final radius ($r = R$), we find that its initial rotational inertia about the rotation axis is

$$I_c = 0.64mR^2 \quad (11-37)$$

and its final rotational inertia about the rotation axis is

$$I_{cf} = mR^2. \quad (11-38)$$

So, the cockroach–disk system initially has the rotational inertia

$$I_i = I_d + I_c = 3.64mR^2, \quad (11-39)$$

and finally has the rotational inertia

$$I_f = I_d + I_{cf} = 4.00mR^2. \quad (11-40)$$

Next, we use Eq. 11-31 ($L = I\omega$) to write the fact that the system’s final angular momentum $L_f$ is equal to the system’s initial angular momentum $L_i$:

$$I_f \omega_f = I_i \omega_i$$

or

$$4.00mR^2 \omega_f = 3.64mR^2(1.50 \text{ rad/s}).$$

After canceling the unknowns $m$ and $R$, we come to

$$\omega_f = 1.37 \text{ rad/s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Note that $\omega$ decreased because part of the mass moved outward, thus increasing that system’s rotational inertia.
11-9 PRECESSION OF A GYROSCOPE

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

11.26 Identify that the gravitational force acting on a spinning gyroscope causes the spin angular momentum vector (and thus the gyroscope) to rotate about the vertical axis in a motion called precession.

11.27 Calculate the precession rate of a gyroscope.

11.28 Identify that a gyroscope’s precession rate is independent of the gyroscope’s mass.

Key Idea

- A spinning gyroscope can precess about a vertical axis through its support at the rate

\[ \Omega = \frac{Mgr}{I\omega}, \]

where \( M \) is the gyroscope’s mass, \( r \) is the moment arm, \( I \) is the rotational inertia, and \( \omega \) is the spin rate.

Precession of a Gyroscope

A simple gyroscope consists of a wheel fixed to a shaft and free to spin about the axis of the shaft. If one end of the shaft of a nonspinning gyroscope is placed on a support as in Fig. 11-22a and the gyroscope is released, the gyroscope falls by rotating downward about the tip of the support. Since the fall involves rotation, it is governed by Newton’s second law in angular form, which is given by Eq. 11-29:

\[ \tau = Mgr \sin 90^\circ = Mgr \]

(because the angle between \( M\bar{g} \) and \( \vec{r} \) is 90°), and its direction is as shown in Fig. 11-22a.

A rapidly spinning gyroscope behaves differently. Assume it is released with the shaft angled slightly upward. It first rotates slightly downward but then, while it is still spinning about its shaft, it begins to rotate horizontally about a vertical axis through support point \( O \) in a motion called precession.

Why Not Just Fall Over? Why does the spinning gyroscope stay aloft instead of falling over like the nonspinning gyroscope? The clue is that when the spinning gyroscope is released, the torque due to \( M\bar{g} \) must change not an initial angular momentum of zero but rather some already existing nonzero angular momentum due to the spin.

To see how this nonzero initial angular momentum leads to precession, we first consider the angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) of the gyroscope due to its spin. To simplify the situation, we assume the spin rate is so rapid that the angular momentum due to precession is negligible relative to \( \vec{L} \). We also assume the shaft is horizontal when precession begins, as in Fig. 11-22b. The magnitude of \( \vec{L} \) is given by Eq. 11-31:

\[ L = I\omega, \]

where \( I \) is the rotational moment of the gyroscope about its shaft and \( \omega \) is the angular speed at which the wheel spins about the shaft. The vector \( \vec{L} \) points along the shaft, as in Fig. 11-22b. Since \( \vec{L} \) is parallel to \( \vec{r} \), torque \( \vec{\tau} \) must be perpendicular to \( \vec{L} \).

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According to Eq. 11-41, torque \( \vec{\tau} \) causes an incremental change \( d\vec{L} \) in the angular momentum of the gyroscope in an incremental time interval \( dt \); that is,

\[
d\vec{L} = \vec{\tau} \, dt. \tag{11-44}
\]

However, for a rapidly spinning gyroscope, the magnitude of \( \vec{L} \) is fixed by Eq. 11-43. Thus the torque can change only the direction of \( \vec{L} \), not its magnitude.

From Eq. 11-44 we see that the direction of \( d\vec{L} \) is in the direction of \( \vec{\tau} \), perpendicular to \( \vec{L} \). The only way that \( \vec{L} \) can be changed in the direction of \( \vec{\tau} \) without the magnitude \( L \) being changed is for \( \vec{L} \) to rotate around the \( z \) axis as shown in Fig. 11-22c. \( \vec{L} \) maintains its magnitude, the head of the \( \vec{L} \) vector follows a circular path, and \( \vec{\tau} \) is always tangent to that path. Since \( \vec{L} \) must always point along the shaft, the shaft must rotate about the \( z \) axis in the direction of \( \vec{\tau} \). Thus we have precession. Because the spinning gyroscope must obey Newton’s law in angular form in response to any change in its initial angular momentum, it must precess instead of merely toppling over.

**Precession.** We can find the *precession rate* \( \Omega \) by first using Eqs. 11-44 and 11-42 to get the magnitude of \( d\vec{L} \):

\[
dL = \tau \, dt = Mgr \, dt. \tag{11-45}
\]

As \( \vec{L} \) changes by an incremental amount in an incremental time interval \( dt \), the shaft and \( \vec{L} \) precess around the \( z \) axis through incremental angle \( d\phi \). (In Fig. 11-22c, angle \( d\phi \) is exaggerated for clarity.) With the aid of Eqs. 11-43 and 11-45, we find that \( d\phi \) is given by

\[
d\phi = \frac{dL}{L} = \frac{Mgr \, dt}{I\omega}. \tag{11-46}
\]

Dividing this expression by \( dt \) and setting the rate \( \Omega = d\phi/dt \), we obtain

\[
\Omega = \frac{Mgr}{I\omega} \quad \text{(precession rate)}. \tag{11-46}
\]

This result is valid under the assumption that the spin rate \( \omega \) is rapid. Note that \( \Omega \) decreases as \( \omega \) is increased. Note also that there would be no precession if the gravitational force \( Mg \) did not act on the gyroscope, but because \( I \) is a function of \( M \), mass cancels from Eq. 11-46; thus \( \Omega \) is independent of the mass.

Equation 11-46 also applies if the shaft of a spinning gyroscope is at an angle to the horizontal. It holds as well for a spinning top, which is essentially a spinning gyroscope at an angle to the horizontal.

**Review & Summary**

**Rolling Bodies** For a wheel of radius \( R \) rolling smoothly,

\[
v_{com} = \omega R, \tag{11-2}
\]

where \( v_{com} \) is the linear speed of the wheel’s center of mass and \( \omega \) is the angular speed of the wheel about its center. The wheel may also be viewed as rotating instantaneously about the point \( P \) of the “road” that is in contact with the wheel. The angular speed of the wheel about this point is the same as the angular speed of the wheel about its center. The rolling wheel has kinetic energy

\[
K = \frac{1}{2}I_{com}\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv_{com}^2, \tag{11-5}
\]

where \( I_{com} \) is the rotational inertia of the wheel about its center of mass and \( M \) is the mass of the wheel. If the wheel is being accelerated but is still rolling smoothly, the acceleration of the center of mass \( a_{com} \) is related to the angular acceleration \( \alpha \) about the center with

\[
a_{com} = aR. \tag{11-6}
\]

If the wheel rolls smoothly down a ramp of angle \( \theta \), its acceleration along an \( x \) axis extending up the ramp is

\[
a_{com,x} = -\frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{I_{com}}{MR^2}}. \tag{11-10}
\]

**Torque as a Vector** In three dimensions, torque \( \vec{\tau} \) is a vector quantity defined relative to a fixed point (usually an origin); it is

\[
\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}, \tag{11-14}
\]

where \( \vec{F} \) is a force applied to a particle and \( \vec{r} \) is a position vector locating the particle relative to the fixed point. The magnitude of \( \vec{\tau} \) is

\[
\tau = rF\sin \phi = r_{z}F, \tag{11-15, 11-16, 11-17}
\]

where \( \phi \) is the angle between \( \vec{F} \) and \( \vec{r} \), \( r_{z} \) is the component of \( \vec{F} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \), and \( r_{z} \) is the moment arm of \( \vec{F} \). The direction of \( \vec{\tau} \) is given by the right-hand rule.
Angular Momentum of a Particle. The angular momentum \( \vec{\ell} \) of a particle with linear momentum \( \vec{p} \), mass \( m \), and linear velocity \( \vec{v} \) is a vector quantity defined relative to a fixed point (usually an origin) as
\[
\vec{\ell} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v}).
\] (11-18)
The magnitude of \( \vec{\ell} \) is given by
\[
\ell = rmv \sin \phi
\] (11-19)
where \( \phi \) is the angle between \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{p} \), \( p_\perp \) and \( v_\perp \) are the components of \( \vec{p} \) and \( \vec{v} \) perpendicular to \( \vec{r} \), and \( r_\perp \) is the perpendicular distance between the fixed point and the extension of \( \vec{p} \). The direction of \( \vec{\ell} \) is given by the right-hand rule for cross products.

Newton’s Second Law in Angular Form. Newton’s second law for a particle can be written in angular form as
\[
\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{\ell}}{dt},
\] (11-23)
where \( \tau_{\text{net}} \) is the net torque acting on the particle and \( \vec{\ell} \) is the angular momentum of the particle.

Angular Momentum of a System of Particles. The angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) of a system of particles is the vector sum of the angular momenta of the individual particles:
\[
\vec{L} = \vec{\ell}_1 + \vec{\ell}_2 + \cdots + \vec{\ell}_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \vec{\ell}_i.
\] (11-26)

The time rate of change of this angular momentum is equal to the net external torque on the system (the vector sum of the torques due to interactions with particles external to the system):
\[
\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \quad \text{(system of particles).}
\] (11-29)

Angular Momentum of a Rigid Body. For a rigid body rotating about a fixed axis, the component of its angular momentum parallel to the rotation axis is
\[
L = I\omega \quad \text{(rigid body, fixed axis)}.
\] (11-31)

Conservation of Angular Momentum. The angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) of a system remains constant if the net external torque acting on the system is zero:
\[
\vec{L} = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(isolated system)}
\] (11-32)
or
\[
\vec{L}_t = \vec{L}_f \quad \text{(isolated system)}.
\] (11-33)
This is the law of conservation of angular momentum.

Precession of a Gyroscope. A spinning gyroscope can precess about a vertical axis through its support at the rate
\[
\Omega = \frac{Mgr}{I\omega}
\] (11-46)
where \( M \) is the gyroscope’s mass, \( r \) is the moment arm, \( I \) is the rotational inertia, and \( \omega \) is the spin rate.

Questions

1. Figure 11-23 shows three particles of the same mass and the same constant speed moving as indicated by the velocity vectors. Points a, b, c, and d form a square, with point e at the center. Rank the points according to the magnitude of the net angular momentum of the three-particle system when measured about the points, greatest first.

2. Figure 11-24 shows two particles A and B at xyz coordinates (1 m, 1 m, 0) and (1 m, 0, 1 m). Acting on each particle are three numbered forces, all of the same magnitude and each directed parallel to an axis. (a) Which of the forces produce a torque about the origin that is directed parallel to \( y \)? (b) Rank the forces according to the magnitudes of the torques they produce on the particles about the origin, greatest first.

3. What happens to the initially stationary yo-yo in Fig. 11-25 if you pull it via its string with (a) force \( \vec{F}_3 \) (the line of action passes through the point of contact on the table, as indicated), (b) force \( \vec{F}_1 \) (the line of action passes above the point of contact), and (c) force \( \vec{F}_1 \) (the line of action passes to the right of the point of contact)?

4. The position vector \( \vec{r} \) of a particle relative to a certain point has a magnitude of 3 m and the force \( \vec{F} \) on the particle has a magnitude of 4 N. What is the angle between the directions of \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{F} \) if the magnitude of the associated torque equals (a) zero and (b) 12 N·m?

5. In Fig. 11-26, three forces of the same magnitude are applied to a particle at the origin (\( \vec{F}_1 \) acts directly into the plane of the figure). Rank the forces according to the magnitudes of the torques they create about (a) point \( P_1 \), (b) point \( P_2 \), and (c) point \( P_3 \), greatest first.

6. The angular momenta \( \ell(t) \) of a particle in four situations are (1) \( \ell = 3t + 4 \); (2) \( \ell = -6t^2 \); (3) \( \ell = 2 \); (4) \( \ell = 4/t \). In which situation is the net torque on the particle (a) zero, (b) positive and constant, (c) negative and increasing in magnitude \( (t > 0) \), and (d) negative and decreasing in magnitude \( (t > 0) \)?

7. A rhinoceros beetle rides the rim of a horizontal disk rotating counterclockwise like a merry-go-round. If the beetle then walks along the rim in the direction of the rotation, will the magnitudes of the following quantities (each measured about the rotation axis) increase, decrease, or remain the same (the disk is still rotating in the counterclockwise direction): (a) the angular momentum of the
beetle—disk system, (b) the angular momentum and angular velocity of the beetle, and (c) the angular momentum and angular velocity of the disk? (d) What are your answers if the beetle walks in the direction opposite the rotation?

8 Figure 11-27 shows an overhead view of a rectangular slab that can spin like a merry-go-round about its center at \( O \). Also shown are seven paths along which wads of bubble gum can be thrown (all with the same speed and mass) to stick onto the stationary slab. (a) Rank the paths according to the angular speed that the slab (and gum) will have after the gum sticks, greatest first. (b) For which paths will the angular momentum of the slab (and gum) about \( O \) be negative from the view of Fig. 11-27?

9 Figure 11-28 gives the angular momentum magnitude \( L \) of a wheel versus time \( t \). Rank the four lettered time intervals according to the magnitude of the torque acting on the wheel, greatest first.

10 Figure 11-29 shows a particle moving at constant velocity \( \vec{v} \) and five points with their \( xy \) coordinates. Rank the points according to the magnitude of the angular momentum of the particle measured about them, greatest first.

Module 11-1 Rolling as Translation and Rotation Combined

1 A car travels at 80 km/h on a level road in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis. Each tire has a diameter of 66 cm. Relative to a woman riding in the car and in unit-vector notation, what are the velocity \( \vec{v} \) at the (a) center, (b) top, and (c) bottom of the tire and the magnitude \( a \) of the acceleration at the (d) center, (e) top, and (f) bottom of each tire? Relative to a hitchhiker sitting next to the road and in unit-vector notation, what are the velocity \( \vec{v} \) at the (g) center, (h) top, and (i) bottom of the tire and the magnitude \( a \) of the acceleration at the (j) center, (k) top, and (l) bottom of each tire?

2 An automobile traveling at 80.0 km/h has tires of 75.0 cm diameter. (a) What is the angular speed of the tires about their axles? (b) If the car is brought to a stop uniformly in 30.0 complete turns of the tires (without skidding), what is the magnitude of the angular acceleration of the wheels? (c) How far does the car move during the braking?

Module 11-2 Forces and Kinetic Energy of Rolling

3 SSM A 140 kg hoop rolls along a horizontal floor so that the hoop’s center of mass has a speed of 0.150 m/s. How much work must be done on the hoop to stop it?

4 A uniform solid sphere rolls down an incline. (a) What must be the incline angle if the linear acceleration of the center of the sphere is to have a magnitude of 0.10g? (b) If a frictionless block were to slide down the incline at that angle, would its acceleration magnitude be more than, less than, or equal to 0.10g? Why?

5 ILW A 1000 kg car has four 10 kg wheels. When the car is moving, what fraction of its total kinetic energy is due to rotation of the wheels about their axles? Assume that the wheels are uniform disks of the same mass and size. Why do you not need to know the radius of the wheels?

6 Figure 11-30 gives the speed \( v \) versus time \( t \) for a 0.500 kg object of radius 6.00 cm that rolls smoothly down a 30° ramp. The scale on the velocity axis is set by \( v_f = 4.0 \text{ m/s} \). What is the rotational inertia of the object?

7 ILW In Fig. 11-31, a solid cylinder of radius 10 cm and mass 12 kg starts from rest and rolls without slipping a distance \( L = 6.0 \text{ m} \) down a roof that is inclined at angle \( \theta = 30° \). (a) What is the angular speed of the cylinder about its center as it leaves the roof? (b) The roof’s edge is at height \( H = 5.0 \text{ m} \). How far horizontally from the roof’s edge does the cylinder hit the level ground?
Problem 8. Figure 11-32 shows the potential energy $U(x)$ of a solid ball that can roll along an $x$ axis. The scale on the $U$ axis is set by $U_f = 100 \ J$. The ball is uniform, rolls smoothly, and has a mass of 0.400 kg. It is released at $x = 7.0 \ m$ headed in the negative direction of the $x$ axis with a mechanical energy of 75 J. (a) If the ball can reach $x = 0 \ m$, what is its speed there, and if it cannot, what is its turning point? Suppose, instead, it is headed in the positive direction of the $x$ axis when it is released at $x = 7.0 \ m$ with 75 J. (b) If the ball can reach $x = 13 \ m$, what is its speed there, and if it cannot, what is its turning point?

Problem 9. In Fig. 11-33, a solid ball rolls smoothly from rest (starting at height $H = 6.0 \ m$) until it leaves the horizontal section at the end of the track, at height $h = 2.0 \ m$. How far horizontally from point $A$ does the ball hit the floor?

Problem 10. A hollow sphere of radius 0.15 m, with rotational inertia $I = 0.040 \ kg \cdot m^2$ about a line through its center of mass, rolls without slipping up a surface inclined at 30° to the horizontal. At a certain initial position, the sphere’s total kinetic energy is 20 J. (a) How much of this initial kinetic energy is rotational? (b) What is the speed of the center of mass of the sphere at the initial position? When the sphere has moved 1.0 m up the incline from its initial position, what are (c) its total kinetic energy and (d) the speed of its center of mass?

Problem 11. In Fig. 11-34, a constant horizontal force $F_{app}$ of magnitude 10 N is applied to a wheel of mass 10 kg and radius 0.30 m. The wheel rolls smoothly on the horizontal surface, and the acceleration of its center of mass has magnitude 0.60 m/s². (a) In unit-vector notation, what is the frictional force on the wheel? (b) What is the rotational inertia of the wheel about the rotation axis through its center of mass?

Problem 12. In Fig. 11-35, a solid brass ball of mass 0.280 g will roll smoothly along a loop-the-loop track when released from rest along the straight section. The circular loop has radius $R = 1.40 \ cm$, and the ball has radius $r \ll R$. (a) What is $h$ if the ball is on the verge of leaving the track when it reaches the top of the loop? If the ball is released at height $h = 6.00R$, what are the (b) magnitude and (c) direction of the horizontal force component acting on the ball at point $Q$?

Problem 13. Nonuniform ball. In Fig. 11-36, a ball of mass $M$ and radius $R$ rolls smoothly from rest down a ramp and onto a circular loop of radius 0.48 m. The initial height of the ball is $h = 0.36 \ m$. At the loop bottom, the magnitude of the normal force on the ball is 2.00$Mg$. The ball consists of an outer spherical shell (of a certain uniform density) that is glued to a central sphere (of a different uniform density). The rotational inertia of the ball can be expressed in the general form $I = \beta MR^2$, but $\beta$ is not 0.4 as it is for a ball of uniform density. Determine $\beta$.

Problem 14. In Fig. 11-37, a small, solid, uniform ball is to be shot from point $P$ so that it rolls smoothly along a horizontal path, up along a ramp, and onto a plateau. Then it leaves the plateau horizontally to land on a game board, at a horizontal distance $d$ from the right edge of the plateau. The vertical heights are $h_1 = 5.00 \ cm$ and $h_2 = 1.60 \ cm$. With what speed must the ball be shot at point $P$ for it to land at $d = 6.00 \ cm$?

Problem 15. A bowler throws a bowling ball of radius $R = 11 \ cm$ along a lane. The ball (Fig. 11-38) slides on the lane with initial speed $v_{com,0} = 8.5 \ m/s$ and initial angular speed $\omega_0 = 0$. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the ball and the lane is 0.21. The kinetic frictional force $\vec{f}_k$ acting on the ball causes a linear acceleration of the ball while producing a torque that causes an angular acceleration of the ball. When speed $v_{com}$ has decreased enough and angular speed $\omega$ has increased enough, the ball stops sliding and then rolls smoothly. (a) What then is $v_{com}$ in terms of $\omega$? During the sliding, what are the ball’s (b) linear acceleration and (c) angular acceleration? (d) How long does the ball slide? (e) How far does the ball slide? (f) What is the linear speed of the ball when smooth rolling begins?

Problem 16. Nonuniform cylindrical object. In Fig. 11-39, a cylindrical object of mass $M$ and radius $R$ rolls smoothly from rest down a ramp and onto a horizontal section. From there it rolls off the ramp and onto the floor, landing a horizontal distance $d = 0.506 \ m$ from the end of the ramp. The initial height of the object is $H = 0.90 \ m$; the end of the ramp is at height $h = 0.10 \ m$. The object consists of an outer cylindrical shell (of a certain uniform density) that is glued to a central cylinder (of a different uniform density). The rotational inertia of the object can be expressed in the general form $I = \beta MR^2$, but $\beta$ is not 0.5 as it is for a cylinder of uniform density. Determine $\beta$. 

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Module 11-3 The Yo-Yo

17 SSM A yo-yo has a rotational inertia of 950 g · cm² and a mass of 120 g. Its axle radius is 3.2 mm, and its string is 120 cm long. The yo-yo rolls from rest to the end of the string. (a) What is the magnitude of its linear acceleration? (b) How long does it take to reach the end of the string? As it reaches the end of the string, what are its (c) linear speed, (d) translational kinetic energy, (e) rotational kinetic energy, and (f) angular speed?

18 In 1980, over San Francisco Bay, a large yo-yo was released from a crane. The 116 kg yo-yo consisted of two uniform disks of radius 32 cm connected by an axle of radius 3.2 cm. What was the magnitude of the acceleration of the yo-yo during (a) its fall and (b) its rise? (c) What was the tension in the cord on which it rolled? (d) Was that tension near the cord's limit of 52 kN? Suppose you build a scaled-up version of the yo-yo (same shape and materials but larger). (e) Will the magnitude of your yo-yo’s acceleration as it falls be greater than, less than, or the same as that of the San Francisco yo-yo? (f) How about the tension in the cord?

Module 11-4 Torque Revisited

19 In unit-vector notation, what is the net torque about the origin on a flea located at coordinates (0, -4.0 m, 5.0 m) when forces \( F_1 = (3.0 \text{ N})\hat{k} \) and \( F_2 = (-2.0 \text{ N})\hat{d} \) act on the flea?

20 A plum is located at coordinates (-2.0 m, 0, 4.0 m). In unit-vector notation, what is the torque about the origin on the plum if that torque is due to a force \( \vec{F} \) whose only component is (a) \( F_x = 6.0 \text{ N} \), (b) \( F_x = -6.0 \text{ N} \), (c) \( F_z = 6.0 \text{ N} \), and (d) \( F_z = -6.0 \text{ N} \)?

21 In unit-vector notation, what is the torque about the origin on a particle located at coordinates (0, -4.0 m, 3.0 m) if force is due to (a) force \( \vec{F}_1 \) with components \( F_x = 2.0 \text{ N} \), \( F_y = F_z = 0 \), and (b) force \( \vec{F}_2 \) with components \( F_x = 0, F_y = 2.0 \text{ N}, F_z = 4.0 \text{ N} \)?

22 A particle moves through an xyz coordinate system while a force acts on the particle. When the particle has the position vector \( \vec{r} = (2.00 \text{ m})\hat{i} + (3.00 \text{ m})\hat{j} + (2.00 \text{ m})\hat{k} \) and the force is given by \( \vec{F} = F_x\hat{i} + (7.00 \text{ N})\hat{j} - (6.00 \text{ N})\hat{k} \) and the corresponding torque about the origin is \( \vec{\tau} = (4.00 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\hat{i} + (2.00 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\hat{j} - (1.00 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\hat{k} \). Determine \( F_x \).

23 Force \( \vec{F} = (2.0 \text{ N})\hat{i} - (3.0 \text{ N})\hat{k} \) acts on a pebble with position vector \( \vec{r} = (0.50 \text{ m})\hat{i} - (2.0 \text{ m})\hat{k} \) relative to the origin. In unit-vector notation, what is the resulting torque on the pebble about (a) the origin and (b) the point (2.0 m, 0, -3.0 m)?

24 In unit-vector notation, what is the torque about the origin on a jar of jalapeño peppers located at coordinates (3.0 m, -2.0 m, 4.0 m) due to (a) force \( \vec{F}_1 = (3.0 \text{ N})\hat{i} - (4.0 \text{ N})\hat{j} + (5.0 \text{ N})\hat{k} \), (b) force \( \vec{F}_2 = (-3.0 \text{ N})\hat{i} - (4.0 \text{ N})\hat{j} - (5.0 \text{ N})\hat{k} \), and (c) the vector sum of \( \vec{F}_1 \) and \( \vec{F}_2 \)? (d) Repeat part (c) for the torque point with coordinates (3.0 m, 2.0 m, 4.0 m).

25 SSM Force \( \vec{F} = (-8.0 \text{ N})\hat{i} + (6.0 \text{ N})\hat{j} \) acts on a particle with position vector \( \vec{r} = (3.0 \text{ m})\hat{i} + (4.0 \text{ m})\hat{j} \). What are (a) the torque on the particle about the origin, in unit-vector notation, and (b) the angle between the directions of \( \vec{r} \) and \( \vec{F} \)?

Module 11-5 Angular Momentum

26 At the instant of Fig. 11-40, a 2.0 kg particle \( P \) has a position vector \( \vec{r} \) of magnitude 3.0 m and angle \( \theta_1 = 45^\circ \) and a velocity vector \( \vec{v} \) of magnitude 4.0 m/s and angle \( \theta_2 = 30^\circ \). Force \( \vec{F} \), of magnitude 2.0 N and angle \( \theta = 30^\circ \), acts on \( P \). All three vectors lie in the xy plane. About the origin, what are the (a) magnitude and (b) direction of the angular momentum of \( P \) and the (c) magnitude and (d) direction of the torque acting on \( P \)?

27 SSM At one instant, force \( \vec{F} = 4.0\hat{i} \text{ N} \) acts on a 0.25 kg object that has position vector \( \vec{r} = (2.0 \hat{i} - 2.0 \hat{k}) \text{ m} \) and velocity vector \( \vec{v} = (-5.0\hat{i} + 5.0\hat{k}) \text{ m/s} \). About the origin and in unit-vector notation, what are (a) the object’s angular momentum and (b) the torque acting on the object?

28 A 2.0 kg particle-like object moves in a plane with velocity components \( v_x = 30 \text{ m/s}, \) and \( v_y = 60 \text{ m/s} \) as it passes through the point with \( (x, y) \) coordinates of (3.0, -4.0 m). Just then, in unit-vector notation, what is its angular momentum relative to (a) the origin and (b) the point located at \((-2.0, -2.0) \text{ m}\)?

29 ILW In the instant of Fig. 11-41, two particles move in an xy plane. Particle \( P_1 \) has mass 6.5 kg and speed \( v_x = 2.2 \text{ m/s} \), and it is at distance \( d_1 = 1.5 \text{ m} \) from point \( O \). Particle \( P_2 \) has mass 3.1 kg and speed \( v_y = 3.6 \text{ m/s} \), and it is at distance \( d_2 = 2.8 \text{ m} \) from point \( O \). What are the (a) magnitude and (b) direction of the net angular momentum of the two particles about \( O \)?

30 At the instant the displacement of a 2.00 kg object relative to the origin is \( \vec{d} = (2.00 \text{ m})\hat{i} + (4.00 \text{ m})\hat{j} - (3.00 \text{ m})\hat{k} \), its velocity is \( \vec{v} = (-6.00 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (3.00 \text{ m/s})\hat{j} + (3.00 \text{ m/s})\hat{k} \) and it is subject to a force \( \vec{F} = (6.00 \text{ N})\hat{i} - (8.00 \text{ N})\hat{j} + (4.00 \text{ N})\hat{k} \). Find (a) the acceleration of the object, (b) the angular momentum of the object about the origin, (c) the torque about the origin acting on the object, and (d) the angle between the velocity of the object and the force acting on the object.

31 In Fig. 11-42, a 0.400 kg ball is shot directly upward at initial speed 40.0 m/s. What is its angular momentum about \( P \), 2.0 m horizontally from the launch point, when the ball is (a) at maximum height and (b) halfway back to the ground? What is the torque on the ball about \( P \) due to the gravitational force when the ball is (c) at maximum height and (d) halfway back to the ground?

Module 11-6 Newton’s Second Law in Angular Form

32 A particle is acted on by two torques about the origin: \( \vec{\tau}_1 \) has a magnitude of 2.0 N · m and is directed in the positive direction of the \( x \) axis, and \( \vec{\tau}_2 \) has a magnitude of 4.0 N · m and is directed in the negative direction of the \( y \) axis. In unit-vector notation, find \( \vec{d}/\vec{d}t \), where \( \vec{\tau} \) is the angular momentum of the particle about the origin.

33 SSM At time \( t = 0 \), a 3.0 kg particle with velocity \( \vec{v} = (5.0 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} - (6.0 \text{ m/s})\hat{j} \) is at \( x = 3.0 \text{ m}, y = 8.0 \text{ m} \). It is pulled by a 7.0 N force in the negative \( x \) direction. About the origin, what are (a) the particle’s angular momentum, (b) the torque acting on the particle, and (c) the rate at which the angular momentum is changing?

34 A particle is to move in an \( xy \) plane, clockwise around the origin as seen from the positive side of the \( z \) axis. In unit-vector notation, what torque acts on the particle if the magnitude of its angular momentum about the origin is (a) \( 4.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s} \), (b) \( 4.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s} \), (c) \( 4.0 \sqrt{t} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s} \), and (d) \( 4.0/t^2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s} \)?
**35** At time \( t \), the vector \( \vec{r} = 4.0r^2\hat{i} - (2.0t + 6.0t^2)\hat{j} \) gives the position of a 3.0 kg particle relative to the origin of an \( xy \) coordinate system (\( \vec{r} \) is in meters and \( t \) is in seconds). (a) Find an expression for the torque acting on the particle relative to the origin. (b) Is the magnitude of the particle’s angular momentum relative to the origin increasing, decreasing, or unchanging?

**Module 11-7 Angular Momentum of a Rigid Body**

**36** Figure 11-43 shows three rotating, uniform disks that are coupled by belts. One belt runs around the rims of disks \( A \) and \( C \). Another belt runs around a central hub on disk \( A \) and the rim of disk \( B \). The belts move smoothly without slippage on the rims and hub. Disk \( A \) has radius \( R \); its hub has radius 0.5000\( R \); disk \( B \) has radius 0.2500\( R \); and disk \( C \) has radius 2.000\( R \). Disks \( B \) and \( C \) have the same density (mass per unit volume) and thickness. What is the ratio of the magnitude of the angular momentum of disk \( C \) to that of disk \( B \)?

![Figure 11-43 Problem 36.](image)

**37** In Fig. 11-44, three particles of mass \( m = 23 \text{ g} \) are fastened to three rods of length \( d = 12 \text{ cm} \) and negligible mass. The rigid assembly rotates around point \( O \) at the angular speed \( \omega = 0.85 \text{ rad/s} \). About \( O \), what are (a) the rotational inertia of the assembly, (b) the magnitude of the angular momentum of the middle particle, and (c) the magnitude of the angular momentum of the assembly?

![Figure 11-44 Problem 37.](image)

**38** A sanding disk with rotational inertia \( 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \) is attached to an electric drill whose motor delivers a torque of magnitude 16 N\cdot m about the central axis of the disk. About that axis and with the torque applied for 33 ms, what is the magnitude of the (a) angular momentum and (b) angular velocity of the disk?

**39** The angular momentum of a flywheel having a rotational inertia of 0.140 kg \cdot m^2 about its central axis decreases from 3.00 to 0.800 kg \cdot m^2/s in 1.50 s. (a) What is the magnitude of the average torque acting on the flywheel about its central axis during this period? (b) Assuming a constant angular acceleration, through what angle does the flywheel turn? (c) How much work is done on the wheel? (d) What is the average power of the flywheel?

**40** A disk with a rotational inertia of \( 7.00 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \) rotates like a merry-go-round while undergoing a time-dependent torque given by \( \tau = (5.00 + 2.00t) \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \). At time \( t = 1.00 \text{ s} \), its angular momentum is \( 5.00 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s} \). What is its angular momentum at \( t = 3.00 \text{ s} \)?

**41** Figure 11-45 shows a circular structure consisting of a rigid hoop of radius \( R \) and mass \( m \), and a square made of four thin bars, each of length \( R \) and mass \( m \). The rigid structure rotates at a constant speed about a vertical axis, with a period of rotation of 2.5 s. Assuming \( R = 0.50 \text{ m} \) and \( m = 2.0 \text{ kg} \), calculate (a) the structure’s rotational inertia about the axis of rotation and (b) its angular momentum about that axis.

**Module 11-8 Conservation of Angular Momentum**

**42** Figure 11-46 gives the torque \( \tau \) that acts on an initially stationary disk that can rotate about its center like a merry-go-round. The scale on the \( \tau \) axis is set by \( \tau_c = 4.0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \). What is the angular momentum of the disk about the rotation axis at times (a) \( t = 7.0 \text{ s} \) and (b) \( t = 20 \text{ s} \)?

![Figure 11-46 Problem 42.](image)

**43** In Fig. 11-47, two skaters, each of mass 50 kg, approach each other along parallel paths separated by 3.0 m. They have opposite velocities of 1.4 m/s each. One skater carries one end of a long pole of negligible mass, and the other skater grabs the other end as she passes. The skaters then rotate around the center of the pole. Assume that the friction between skates and ice is negligible. What are (a) the radius of the circle, (b) the angular speed of the skaters, and (c) the kinetic energy of the two-skater system? Next, the skaters pull along the pole until they are separated by 1.0 m. What then are (d) their angular speed and (e) the kinetic energy of the system? (f) What provided the energy for the increased kinetic energy?

**44** A Texas cockroach of mass 0.17 kg runs counterclockwise around the rim of a lazy Susan (a circular disk mounted on a vertical axle) that has radius 15 cm, rotational inertia \( 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \), and frictionless bearings. The cockroach’s speed (relative to the ground) is 2.0 m/s, and the lazy Susan turns clockwise with angular speed \( \omega_0 = 2.8 \text{ rad/s} \). The cockroach finds a bread crumb on the rim and, of course, stops. (a) What is the angular speed of the lazy Susan after the cockroach stops? (b) Is mechanical energy conserved as it stops?

**45** A man stands on a platform that is rotating (without friction) with an angular speed of 1.2 rev/s; his arms are outstretched and he holds a brick in each hand. The rotational inertia of the system consisting of the man, bricks, and platform about the central vertical axis of the platform is 6.0 \( \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \). If by moving the bricks the man decreases the rotational inertia of the system to 2.0 \( \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \), what are (a) the resulting angular speed of the platform and (b) the ratio of the new kinetic energy of the system to the original kinetic energy? (c) What source provided the added kinetic energy?

**46** The rotational inertia of a collapsing spinning star drops to \( \frac{1}{3} \) its initial value. What is the ratio of the new rotational kinetic energy to the initial rotational kinetic energy?
**Problem 47.** A track is mounted on a large wheel that is free to turn with negligible friction about a vertical axis (Fig. 11-48). A toy train of mass \( m \) is placed on the track and, with the system initially at rest, the train’s electrical power is turned on. The train reaches speed 0.15 m/s with respect to the track. What is the wheel’s angular speed if its mass is 1.1\( m \) and its radius is 0.43 m? (Treat it as a hoop, and neglect the mass of the spokes and hub.)

**Problem 48.** A Texas cockroach walks from the center of a circular disk (that rotates like a merry-go-round without external torques) out to the edge at radius \( R \). The angular speed of the cockroach–disk system for the walk is given in Fig. 11-49 (\( \omega_0 = 5.0 \text{ rad/s} \) and \( \omega_b = 6.0 \text{ rad/s} \)). After reaching \( R \), what fraction of the rotational inertia of the disk does the cockroach have?

**Problem 49.** Two disks are mounted (like a merry-go-round) on low-friction bearings on the same axle and can be brought together so that they couple and rotate as one unit. The first disk, with rotational inertia 3.30 kg \( \cdot \text{m}^2 \) about its central axis, is set spinning counterclockwise at 450 rev/min. The second disk, with rotational inertia 6.60 kg \( \cdot \text{m}^2 \) about its central axis, is set spinning counterclockwise at 900 rev/min. They then couple together. (a) What is their angular speed after coupling? If instead the second disk is set spinning clockwise at 900 rev/min, what are their (b) angular speed and (c) direction of rotation after they couple together?

**Problem 50.** The rotor of an electric motor has rotational inertia \( I_m = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \) about its central axis. The motor is used to change the orientation of the space probe in which it is mounted. The motor axis is mounted along the central axis of the probe; the probe has rotational inertia \( I_p = 12 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \) about this axis. Calculate the number of revolutions of the rotor required to turn the probe through 30° about its central axis.

**Problem 51.** A wheel is rotating freely at angular speed 800 rev/min on a shaft whose rotational inertia is negligible. A second wheel, initially at rest and with twice the rotational inertia of the first, is suddenly coupled to the same shaft. (a) What is the angular speed of the resultant combination of the shaft and two wheels? (b) What fraction of the original rotational kinetic energy is lost?

**Problem 52.** A cockroach of mass \( m \) lies on the rim of a uniform disk of mass 4.00\( m \) that can rotate freely about its center like a merry-go-round. Initially the cockroach and disk rotate together with an angular velocity of 0.260 rad/s. Then the cockroach walks halfway to the center of the disk. (a) What then is the angular velocity of the cockroach–disk system? (b) What is the ratio \( K/K_o \) of the new kinetic energy of the system to its initial kinetic energy? (c) What accounts for the change in the kinetic energy?

**Problem 53.** In Fig. 11-50 (an overhead view), a uniform thin rod of length 0.500 m and mass 4.00 kg can rotate in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis through its center. The rod is at rest when a 3.00 g bullet traveling in the rotation plane is fired into one end of the rod. In the view from above, the bullet’s path makes angle \( \theta = 60.0^\circ \) with the rod (Fig. 11-50). If the bullet lodges in the rod and the angular velocity of the rod is 10 rad/s immediately after the collision, what is the bullet’s speed just before impact?

**Problem 54.** Figure 11-51 shows an overhead view of a ring that can rotate about its center like a merry-go-round. Its outer radius \( R_2 \) is 0.800 m, its inner radius \( R_1 \) is \( R_2/2.00 \), its mass \( M \) is 8.00 kg, and the mass of the crossbars at its center is negligible. It initially rotates at an angular speed of 8.00 rad/s with a cat of mass \( m = M/4.00 \) on its outer edge, at radius \( R_2 \). By how much does the cat increase the kinetic energy of the cat–ring system if the cat crawls to the inner edge, at radius \( R_1 \)?

**Problem 55.** A horizontal vinyl record of mass 0.10 kg and radius 0.10 m rotates freely about a vertical axis through its center with an angular speed of 4.7 rad/s and a rotational inertia of \( 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \). Putty of mass 0.020 kg drops vertically onto the record from above and sticks to the edge of the record. What is the angular speed of the record immediately afterwards?

**Problem 56.** In a long jump, an athlete leaves the ground with an initial angular momentum that tends to rotate her body forward, threatening to ruin her landing. To counter this tendency, she rotates her outstretched arms to “take up” the angular momentum (Fig. 11-18). In 0.700 s, one arm sweeps through 0.500 rev and the other arm sweeps through 1.000 rev. Treat each arm as a thin rod of mass 4.0 kg and length 0.60 m, rotating around one end. In the athlete’s reference frame, what is the magnitude of the total angular momentum of the arms around the common rotation axis through the shoulders?

**Problem 57.** A uniform disk of mass 10\( m \) and radius 3.0\( r \) can rotate freely about its fixed center like a merry-go-round. A smaller uniform disk of mass \( m \) and radius \( r \) lies on top of the larger disk, concentric with it. Initially the two disks rotate together with an angular velocity of 20 rad/s. Then a slight disturbance causes the smaller disk to slide outward across the larger disk, until the outer edge of the smaller disk catches on the outer edge of the larger disk. Afterward, the two disks again rotate together (without further sliding). (a) What then is their angular velocity about the center of the larger disk? (b) What is the ratio \( K/K_o \) of the new kinetic energy of the two-disk system to the system’s initial kinetic energy?

**Problem 58.** A horizontal platform in the shape of a circular disk rotates on a frictionless bearing about a vertical axle through the center of the disk. The platform has a mass of 150 kg, a radius of 2.0 m, and a rotational inertia of 300 kg \( \cdot \text{m}^2 \) about the axis of rotation. A 60 kg student walks slowly from the rim of the platform toward the center. If the angular speed of the system is 1.5 rad/s when the student starts at the rim, what is the angular speed when she is 0.50 m from the center?

**Problem 59.** Figure 11-52 is an overhead view of a thin uniform rod of length 0.800 m and mass \( M \) rotating horizontally at angular speed 20.0 rad/s about an axis through its center. A particle of mass \( m/3.00 \) initially attached to one end is ejected from the rod and travels along a path that is perpendicular to the rod at the instant of ejection. If the particle’s speed \( v_p \) is 6.00 m/s greater than the speed of the rod end just after ejection, what is the value of \( v_p \)?
In Fig. 11-53, a 1.0 g bullet is fired into a 0.50 kg block attached to the end of a 0.60 m nonuniform rod of mass 0.50 kg. The block-rod-bullet system then rotates in the plane of the figure, about a fixed axis at A. The rotational inertia of the rod alone about that axis at A is 0.060 kg·m². Treat the block as a particle. (a) What then is the rotational inertia of the block-rod-bullet system about point A? (b) If the angular speed of the system about A just after impact is 4.5 rad/s, what is the bullet’s speed just before impact?

The uniform rod (length 0.60 m, mass 1.0 kg) in Fig. 11-54 rotates in the plane of the figure about an axis through one end, with a rotational inertia of 0.12 kg·m². As the rod swings through its lowest position, it collides with a 0.20 kg putty wad that sticks to the end of the rod. If the rod’s angular speed just before collision is 2.4 rad/s, what is the angular speed of the rod-putty system immediately after collision?

During a jump to his partner, an aerialist is to make a quadruple somersault lasting a time \( t = 1.87 \) s. For the first and last quarter-revolution, he is in the extended orientation shown in Fig. 11-55, with rotational inertia \( I_1 = 19.9 \) kg·m² around his center of mass (the dot). During the rest of the flight he is in a tight tuck, with rotational inertia \( I_2 = 3.93 \) kg·m². What must be his angular speed \( \omega_2 \) around his center of mass during the tuck?

In Fig. 11-56, a 30 kg child stands on the edge of a stationary merry-go-round of radius 2.0 m. The rotational inertia of the merry-go-round about its rotation axis is 150 kg·m². The child catches a ball of mass 1.0 kg thrown by a friend. Just before the ball is caught, it has a horizontal velocity \( \vec{v} \) of magnitude 12 m/s, at angle \( \phi = 37° \) with a line tangent to the outer edge of the merry-go-round, as shown. What is the angular speed of the merry-go-round just after the ball is caught?

A ballerina begins a tour jeté (Fig. 11-19a) with angular speed \( \omega_i \) and a rotational inertia consisting of two parts: \( I_{\text{leg}} = 1.44 \) kg·m² for her leg extended outward at angle \( \theta = 90.0° \) to her body and \( I_{\text{trunk}} = 0.660 \) kg·m² for the rest of her body (primarily her trunk). Near her maximum height she holds both legs at angle \( \theta = 30.0° \) to her body and has angular speed \( \omega_f \) (Fig. 11-19b). Assuming that \( I_{\text{trunk}} \) has not changed, what is the ratio \( \omega_f / \omega_i \)?

Two 2.00 kg balls are attached to the ends of a thin rod of length 50.0 cm and negligible mass. The rod is free to rotate in a vertical plane without friction about a horizontal axis through its center. With the rod initially horizontal (Fig. 11-57), a 50.0 g wad of wet putty drops onto one of the balls, hitting it with a speed of 3.00 m/s and then sticking to it. (a) What is the angular speed of the system just after the putty wad hits? (b) What is the ratio of the kinetic energy of the system after the collision to that of the putty wad just before? (c) Through what angle will the system rotate before it momentarily stops?

In Fig. 11-58, a small 50 g block slides down a frictionless surface through height \( h = 20 \) cm and then sticks to a uniform rod of mass 100 g and length 40 cm. The rod pivots about point O through angle \( \theta \) before momentarily stopping. Find \( \theta \).

Figure 11-59 is an overhead view of a thin uniform rod of length 0.600 m and mass \( M \) rotating horizontally at 80.0 rad/s counterclockwise about an axis through its center. A particle of mass \( M/3.00 \) and traveling horizontally at speed 40.0 m/s hits the rod and sticks. The particle’s path is perpendicular to the rod at the instant of the hit, at a distance \( d \) from the rod’s center. (a) At what value of \( d \) are rod and particle stationary after the hit? (b) In which direction do rod and particle rotate if \( d \) is greater than this value?

Module 11-9 Precession of a Gyroscope

A top spins at 30 rev/s about an axis that makes an angle of 30° with the vertical. The mass of the top is 0.50 kg, its rotational inertia about its central axis is \( 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \) kg·m², and its center of mass is 4.0 cm from the pivot point. If the spin is clockwise from an overhead view, what are the (a) precession rate and (b) direction of the precession as viewed from overhead?

A certain gyroscope consists of a uniform disk with a 50 cm radius mounted at the center of an axle that is 11 cm long and of negligible mass. The axle is horizontal and supported at one end. If the spin rate is 1000 rev/min, what is the precession rate?
Additional Problems

70 A uniform solid ball rolls smoothly along a floor, then up a ramp inclined at 15.0°. It momentarily stops when it has rolled 1.50 m along the ramp. What was its initial speed?

71 SSM In Fig. 11-60, a constant horizontal force $F_{app}$ of magnitude 12 N is applied to a uniform solid cylinder by fishing line wrapped around the cylinder. The mass of the cylinder is 10 kg, its radius is 0.10 m, and the cylinder rolls smoothly on the horizontal surface. (a) What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the center of mass of the cylinder? (b) What is the magnitude of the angular acceleration of the cylinder about the center of mass? (c) In unit-vector notation, what is the frictional force acting on the cylinder?

72 A thin-walled pipe rolls along the floor. What is the ratio of its translational kinetic energy to its rotational kinetic energy about the central axis parallel to its length?

73 SSM A 3.0 kg toy car moves along an $x$ axis with a velocity given by $\vec{v} = -2.0t\hat{i}$ m/s, with $t$ in seconds. For $t > 0$, what are (a) the angular momentum $\vec{L}$ of the car and (b) the torque $\vec{\tau}$ on the car, both calculated about the origin? What are (c) $\vec{L}$ and (d) $\vec{\tau}$ about the point (2.0 m, 5.0 m, 0)? What are (e) $\vec{L}$ and (f) $\vec{\tau}$ about the point (2.0 m, -5.0 m, 0)?

74 A wheel rotates clockwise about its central axis with an angular momentum of 600 kg·m²/s. At time $t = 0$, a torque of magnitude 50 N·m is applied to the wheel to reverse the rotation. At what time $t$ is the angular speed zero?

75 SSM In a playground, there is a small merry-go-round of radius 1.20 m and mass 180 kg. Its radius of gyration (see Problem 79 of Chapter 10) is 91.0 cm. A child of mass 44.0 kg runs at a speed of 3.00 m/s along a path that is tangent to the rim of the initially stationary merry-go-round and then jumps on. Neglect friction between the bearings and the shaft of the merry-go-round. Calculate (a) the rotational inertia of the merry-go-round about its axis of rotation, (b) the magnitude of the angular momentum of the running child about the axis of rotation of the merry-go-round, and (c) the angular speed of the merry-go-round and child after the child has jumped onto the merry-go-round.

76 A uniform block of granite in the shape of a book has face dimensions of 20 cm and 15 cm and a thickness of 1.2 cm. The density (mass per unit volume) of granite is 2.64 g/cm³. The block rotates around an axis that is perpendicular to its face and halfway between its center and a corner. Its angular momentum about that axis is 0.104 kg·m²/s. What is its rotational kinetic energy about that axis?

77 SSM Two particles, each of mass $2.90 \times 10^{-4}$ kg and speed 5.46 m/s, travel in opposite directions along parallel lines separated by 4.20 cm. (a) What is the magnitude $L$ of the angular momentum of the two-particle system around a point midway between the two lines? (b) Is the value different for a different location of the point? If the direction of either particle is reversed, what are the answers for (c) part (a) and (d) part (b)?

78 A wheel of radius 0.250 m, moving initially at 43.0 m/s, rolls to a stop in 225 m. Calculate the magnitudes of its (a) linear acceleration and (b) angular acceleration. (c) Its rotational inertia is 0.155 kg·m² about its central axis. Find the magnitude of the torque about the central axis due to friction on the wheel.

79 Wheels $A$ and $B$ in Fig. 11-61 are connected by a belt that does not slip. The radius of $B$ is 3.00 times the radius of $A$. What would be the ratio of the rotational inertias $I_A/I_B$ if the two wheels had (a) the same angular momentum about their central axes and (b) the same rotational kinetic energy?

80 A 2.50 kg particle that is moving horizontally over a floor with velocity ($-3.00$ m/s)$j$ undergoes a completely inelastic collision with a 4.00 kg particle that is moving horizontally over the floor with velocity (4.50 m/s)$j$. The collision occurs at $xy$ coordinates ($-0.500$ m, $-0.100$ m). After the collision and in unit-vector notation, what is the angular momentum of the stuck-together particles with respect to the origin?

81 SSM A uniform wheel of mass 10.0 kg and radius 0.400 m is mounted rigidly on a massless axle through its center (Fig. 11-62). The radius of the axle is 0.200 m, and the rotational inertia of the wheel–axle combination about its central axis is 0.600 kg·m². The wheel is initially at rest at the top of a surface that is inclined at angle $\theta = 30.0°$ with the horizontal; the axle rests on the surface while the wheel extends into a groove in the surface without touching the surface. Once released, the axle rolls down along the surface smoothly and without slipping. When the wheel–axle combination has moved down the surface by 2.00 m, what are (a) its rotational kinetic energy and (b) its translational kinetic energy?

82 A uniform rod rotates in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis through one end. The rod is 6.00 m long, weighs 10.0 N, and rotates at 240 rev/min. Calculate (a) its rotational inertia about the axis of rotation and (b) the magnitude of its angular momentum about that axis.

83 A solid sphere of weight 36.0 N rolls up an incline at an angle of 30.0°. At the bottom of the incline the center of mass of the sphere has a translational speed of 4.90 m/s. (a) What is the kinetic energy of the sphere at the bottom of the incline? (b) How far does the sphere travel up along the incline? (c) Does the answer to (b) depend on the sphere’s mass?

84 Suppose that the yo-yo in Problem 17, instead of rolling from rest, is thrown so that its initial speed down the string is 1.3 m/s. (a) How long does the yo-yo take to reach the end of the string? As it reaches the end of the string, what are its (b) total kinetic energy, (c) linear speed, (d) translational kinetic energy, (e) angular speed, and (f) rotational kinetic energy?

85 A girl of mass $M$ stands on the rim of a frictionless merry-go-round of radius $R$ and rotational inertia $I$ that is not moving. She throws a rock of mass $m$ horizontally in a direction that is tangent to the outer edge of the merry-go-round. The speed of the rock, relative to the ground, is $v$. Afterward, what are (a) the angular speed of the merry-go-round and (b) the linear speed of the girl?

86 A body of radius $R$ and mass $m$ is rolling smoothly with speed $v$ on a horizontal surface. It then rolls up a hill to a maximum height $h$. (a) If $h = 3v^2/4g$, what is the body’s rotational inertia about the rotational axis through its center of mass? (b) What might the body be?
CHAPTER 12

Equilibrium and Elasticity

12-1 EQUILIBRIUM

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

12.01 Distinguish between equilibrium and static equilibrium.
12.02 Specify the four conditions for static equilibrium.
12.03 Explain center of gravity and how it relates to center of mass.
12.04 For a given distribution of particles, calculate the coordinates of the center of gravity and the center of mass.

Key Ideas

● A rigid body at rest is said to be in static equilibrium. For such a body, the vector sum of the external forces acting on it is zero:

\[ \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = 0 \] (balance of forces).

If all the forces lie in the xy plane, this vector equation is equivalent to two component equations:

\[ F_{\text{net,x}} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F_{\text{net,y}} = 0 \] (balance of forces).

● Static equilibrium also implies that the vector sum of the external torques acting on the body about any point is zero, or

\[ \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = 0 \] (balance of torques).

If the forces lie in the xy plane, all torque vectors are parallel to the z axis, and the balance-of-torques equation is equivalent to the single component equation

\[ \tau_{\text{net,z}} = 0 \] (balance of torques).

● The gravitational force acts individually on each element of a body. The net effect of all individual actions may be found by imagining an equivalent total gravitational force \( \vec{F}_g \) acting at the center of gravity. If the gravitational acceleration \( g \) is the same for all the elements of the body, the center of gravity is at the center of mass.

What Is Physics?

Human constructions are supposed to be stable in spite of the forces that act on them. A building, for example, should be stable in spite of the gravitational force and wind forces on it, and a bridge should be stable in spite of the gravitational force pulling it downward and the repeated jolting it receives from cars and trucks.

One focus of physics is on what allows an object to be stable in spite of any forces acting on it. In this chapter we examine the two main aspects of stability: the equilibrium of the forces and torques acting on rigid objects and the elasticity of nonrigid objects, a property that governs how such objects can deform. When this physics is done correctly, it is the subject of countless articles in physics and engineering journals; when it is done incorrectly, it is the subject of countless articles in newspapers and legal journals.

Equilibrium

Consider these objects: (1) a book resting on a table, (2) a hockey puck sliding with constant velocity across a frictionless surface, (3) the rotating blades of a ceiling fan, and (4) the wheel of a bicycle that is traveling along a straight path at constant speed. For each of these four objects,
1. The linear momentum \( \vec{P} \) of its center of mass is constant.
2. Its angular momentum \( \vec{L} \) about its center of mass, or about any other point, is also constant.

We say that such objects are in **equilibrium**. The two requirements for equilibrium are then

\[ \vec{P} = \text{a constant} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{L} = \text{a constant}. \quad (12-1) \]

Our concern in this chapter is with situations in which the constants in Eq. 12-1 are zero; that is, we are concerned largely with objects that are not moving in any way—either in translation or in rotation—in the reference frame from which we observe them. Such objects are in **static equilibrium**. Of the four objects mentioned near the beginning of this module, only one—the book resting on the table—is in static equilibrium.

The balancing rock of Fig. 12-1 is another example of an object that, for the present at least, is in static equilibrium. It shares this property with countless other structures, such as cathedrals, houses, filing cabinets, and taco stands, that remain stationary over time.

As we discussed in Module 8-3, if a body returns to a state of static equilibrium after having been displaced from that state by a force, the body is said to be in **stable** static equilibrium. A marble placed at the bottom of a hemispherical bowl is an example. However, if a small force can displace the body and end the equilibrium, the body is in **unstable** static equilibrium.

**A Domino.** For example, suppose we balance a domino with the domino’s center of mass vertically above the supporting edge, as in Fig. 12-2a. The torque about the supporting edge due to the gravitational force \( \vec{F}_g \) on the domino is zero because the line of action of \( \vec{F}_g \) is through that edge. Thus, the domino is in equilibrium. Of course, even a slight force on it due to some chance disturbance ends the equilibrium. As the line of action of \( \vec{F}_g \) moves to one side of the supporting edge (as in Fig. 12-2b), the torque due to \( \vec{F}_g \) increases the rotation of the domino. Therefore, the domino in Fig. 12-2a is in unstable static equilibrium.

The domino in Fig. 12-2c is not quite as unstable. To topple this domino, a force would have to rotate it through and then beyond the balance position of Fig. 12-2a, in which the center of mass is above a supporting edge. A slight force will not topple this domino, but a vigorous flick of the finger against the domino certainly will. (If we arrange a chain of such upright dominos, a finger flick against the first can cause the whole chain to fall.)

**A Block.** The child’s square block in Fig. 12-2d is even more stable because its center of mass would have to be moved even farther to get it to pass above a supporting edge. A flick of the finger may not topple the block. (This is why you
never see a chain of toppling square blocks.) The worker in Fig. 12-3 is like both
the domino and the square block: Parallel to the beam, his stance is wide and he is
stable; perpendicular to the beam, his stance is narrow and he is unstable (and at
the mercy of a chance gust of wind).

The analysis of static equilibrium is very important in engineering practice. The
design engineer must isolate and identify all the external forces and torques that
may act on a structure and, by good design and wise choice of materials, ensure that
the structure will remain stable under these loads. Such analysis is necessary to en-
sure, for example, that bridges do not collapse under their traffic and wind loads and
that the landing gear of aircraft will function after the shock of rough landings.

The Requirements of Equilibrium

The translational motion of a body is governed by Newton’s second law in its
linear momentum form, given by Eq. 9-27 as

\[ \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \]  

(12-2)

If the body is in translational equilibrium—that is, if \( \vec{P} \) is a constant—then
\( d\vec{P}/dt = 0 \) and we must have

\[ \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces).} \]  

(12-3)

The rotational motion of a body is governed by Newton’s second law in its
angular momentum form, given by Eq. 11-29 as

\[ \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \]  

(12-4)

If the body is in rotational equilibrium—that is, if \( \vec{L} \) is a constant—then \( d\vec{L}/dt = 0 \)
and we must have

\[ \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of torques).} \]  

(12-5)

Thus, the two requirements for a body to be in equilibrium are as follows:

1. The vector sum of all the external forces that act on the body must be zero.
2. The vector sum of all external torques that act on the body, measured about any
   possible point, must also be zero.

These requirements obviously hold for static equilibrium. They also hold for
the more general equilibrium in which \( \vec{P} \) and \( \vec{L} \) are constant but not zero.

Equations 12-3 and 12-5, as vector equations, are each equivalent to three
independent component equations, one for each direction of the coordinate axes:

\[ \begin{align*}
F_{\text{net},x} &= 0 \\
F_{\text{net},y} &= 0 \\
F_{\text{net},z} &= 0 \\
\tau_{\text{net},x} &= 0 \\
\tau_{\text{net},y} &= 0 \\
\tau_{\text{net},z} &= 0
\end{align*} \]  

(12-6)

The Main Equations. We shall simplify matters by considering only situations in
which the forces that act on the body lie in the \( xy \) plane. This means that the only
torques that can act on the body must tend to cause rotation around an axis parallel to
the z axis. With this assumption, we eliminate one force equation and two torque equations from Eqs. 12-6, leaving

\[
\begin{align*}
F_{\text{net},x} &= 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces)}, \\
F_{\text{net},y} &= 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces)}, \\
\tau_{\text{net},z} &= 0 \quad \text{(balance of torques)}.
\end{align*}
\]

(12-7)  
(12-8)  
(12-9)

Here, \( \tau_{\text{net},z} \) is the net torque that the external forces produce either about the z axis or about any axis parallel to it.

A hockey puck sliding at constant velocity over ice satisfies Eqs. 12-7, 12-8, and 12-9 and is thus in equilibrium but not in static equilibrium. For static equilibrium, the linear momentum \( \vec{P} \) of the puck must be not only constant but also zero; the puck must be at rest on the ice. Thus, there is another requirement for static equilibrium:

3. The linear momentum \( \vec{P} \) of the body must be zero.

**Checkpoint 1**

The figure gives six overhead views of a uniform rod on which two or more forces act perpendicularly to the rod. If the magnitudes of the forces are adjusted properly (but kept nonzero), in which situations can the rod be in static equilibrium?

\[
\begin{align*}
(a) & \quad (b) & \quad (c) \\
(d) & \quad (e) & \quad (f)
\end{align*}
\]

**The Center of Gravity**

The gravitational force on an extended body is the vector sum of the gravitational forces acting on the individual elements (the atoms) of the body. Instead of considering all those individual elements, we can say that

\[
\text{The gravitational force } \vec{F}_g \text{ on a body effectively acts at a single point, called the center of gravity (cog) of the body.}
\]

Here the word “effectively” means that if the gravitational forces on the individual elements were somehow turned off and the gravitational force \( \vec{F}_g \) at the center of gravity were turned on, the net force and the net torque (about any point) acting on the body would not change.

Until now, we have assumed that the gravitational force \( \vec{F}_g \) acts at the center of mass (com) of the body. This is equivalent to assuming that the center of gravity is at the center of mass. Recall that, for a body of mass \( M \), the force \( \vec{F}_g \) is equal to \( Mg \), where \( g \) is the acceleration that the force would produce if the body were
to fall freely. In the proof that follows, we show that

If $\ddot{g}$ is the same for all elements of a body, then the body’s center of gravity (cog) is coincident with the body’s center of mass (com).

This is approximately true for everyday objects because $\ddot{g}$ varies only a little along Earth’s surface and decreases in magnitude only slightly with altitude. Thus, for objects like a mouse or a moose, we have been justified in assuming that the gravitational force acts at the center of mass. After the following proof, we shall resume that assumption.

**Proof**

First, we consider the individual elements of the body. Figure 12-4a shows an extended body, of mass $M$, and one of its elements, of mass $m_i$. A gravitational force $\vec{F}_{gi}$ acts on each such element and is equal to $m_i\ddot{g}$. The subscript on $\ddot{g}$ means $\ddot{g}$ is the gravitational acceleration at the location of the element $i$ (it can be different for other elements).

For the body in Fig. 12-4a, each force $\vec{F}_{gi}$ acting on an element produces a torque $\tau_i$ on the element about the origin $O$, with a moment arm $x_i$. Using Eq. 10-41 ($\tau = r \times F$) as a guide, we can write each torque $\tau_i$ as

$$\tau_i = x_i F_{gi}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-10)

The net torque on all the elements of the body is then

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \sum \tau_i = \sum x_i F_{gi}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-11)

Next, we consider the body as a whole. Figure 12-4b shows the gravitational force $\vec{F}_g$ acting at the body’s center of gravity. This force produces a torque $\tau$ on the body about $O$, with moment arm $x_{\text{cog}}$. Again using Eq. 10-41, we can write this torque as

$$\tau = x_{\text{cog}} F_g.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-12)

The gravitational force $\vec{F}_g$ on the body is equal to the sum of the gravitational forces $\vec{F}_{gi}$ on all its elements, so we can substitute $\sum F_{gi}$ for $F_g$ in Eq. 12-12 to write

$$\tau = x_{\text{cog}} \sum F_{gi}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-13)

Now recall that the torque due to force $\vec{F}_{gi}$ acting at the center of gravity is equal to the net torque due to all the forces $\vec{F}_{gi}$ acting on all the elements of the body. (That is how we defined the center of gravity.) Thus, $\tau$ in Eq. 12-13 is equal to $\tau_{\text{net}}$ in Eq. 12-11. Putting those two equations together, we can write

$$x_{\text{cog}} \sum F_{gi} = \sum x_i F_{gi}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-14)

Substituting $m_i g_i$ for $F_{gi}$ gives us

$$x_{\text{cog}} \sum m_i g_i = \sum x_i m_i g_i.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-14)

Now here is a key idea: If the accelerations $g_i$ at all the locations of the elements are the same, we can cancel $g_i$ from this equation to write

$$x_{\text{cog}} \sum m_i = \sum x_i m_i.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-15)

The sum $\sum m_i$ of the masses of all the elements is the mass $M$ of the body. Therefore, we can rewrite Eq. 12-15 as

$$x_{\text{cog}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum x_i m_i.$$  \hspace{1cm} (12-16)
The right side of this equation gives the coordinate $x_{\text{com}}$ of the body’s center of mass (Eq. 9-4). We now have what we sought to prove. If the acceleration of gravity is the same at all locations of the elements in a body, then the coordinates of the body’s com and cog are identical:

$$x_{\text{cog}} = x_{\text{com}}.$$  \hfill (12-17)

### 12-2 SOME EXAMPLES OF STATIC EQUILIBRIUM

#### Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

- **12.05** Apply the force and torque conditions for static equilibrium.
- **12.06** Identify that a wise choice about the placement of the origin (about which to calculate torques) can simplify the calculations by eliminating one or more unknown forces from the torque equation.

#### Key Ideas

- A rigid body at rest is said to be in static equilibrium. For such a body, the vector sum of the external forces acting on it is zero:

  $$\mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces)}.$$  

  If all the forces lie in the $xy$ plane, this vector equation is equivalent to two component equations:

  $$F_{\text{net},x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F_{\text{net},y} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces)}.$$  

- Static equilibrium also implies that the vector sum of the external torques acting on the body about any point is zero, or

  $$\mathbf{\tau}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of torques)}.$$  

  If the forces lie in the $xy$ plane, all torque vectors are parallel to the $z$ axis, and the balance-of-torques equation is equivalent to the single component equation

  $$\tau_{\text{net},z} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of torques)}.$$  

#### Some Examples of Static Equilibrium

Here we examine several sample problems involving static equilibrium. In each, we select a system of one or more objects to which we apply the equations of equilibrium (Eqs. 12-7, 12-8, and 12-9). The forces involved in the equilibrium are all in the $xy$ plane, which means that the torques involved are parallel to the $z$ axis. Thus, in applying Eq. 12-9, the balance of torques, we select an axis parallel to the $z$ axis about which to calculate the torques. Although Eq. 12-9 is satisfied for any such choice of axis, you will see that certain choices simplify the application of Eq. 12-9 by eliminating one or more unknown force terms.

#### Checkpoint 2

The figure gives an overhead view of a uniform rod in static equilibrium. (a) Can you find the magnitudes of unknown forces $\mathbf{F}_1$ and $\mathbf{F}_2$ by balancing the forces? (b) If you wish to find the magnitude of force $\mathbf{F}_2$ by using a balance of torques equation, where should you place a rotation axis to eliminate $\mathbf{F}_1$ from the equation? (c) The magnitude of $\mathbf{F}_2$ turns out to be 65 N. What then is the magnitude of $\mathbf{F}_1$?

![Diagram of a uniform rod in static equilibrium with forces F1 and F2.](image-url)
Sample Problem 12.01 Balancing a horizontal beam

In Fig. 12-5a, a uniform beam, of length $L$ and mass $m = 1.8 \text{ kg}$, is at rest on two scales. A uniform block, with mass $M = 2.7 \text{ kg}$, is at rest on the beam, with its center a distance $L/4$ from the beam’s left end. What do the scales read?

**KEY IDEAS**

The first steps in the solution of any problem about static equilibrium are these: Clearly define the system to be analyzed and then draw a free-body diagram of it, indicating all the forces on the system. Here, let us choose the system as the beam and block taken together. Then the forces on the system are shown in the free-body diagram of Fig. 12-5b. (Choosing the system takes experience, and often there can be more than one good choice.) Because the system is in static equilibrium, we can apply the balance of forces equations (Eqs. 12-7 and 12-8) and the balance of torques equation (Eq. 12-9) to it.

**Calculations:** The normal forces on the beam from the scales are $F_x$ on the left and $F_y$ on the right. The scale readings that we want are equal to the magnitudes of those forces. The gravitational force $F_{g, \text{beam}}$ on the beam acts at the beam’s center of mass and is equal to $mg$. Similarly, the gravitational force $F_{g, \text{block}}$ on the block acts at the block’s center of mass and is equal to $Mg$. However, to simplify Fig. 12-5b, the block is represented by a dot within the boundary of the beam and vector $F_{g, \text{block}}$ is drawn with its tail on that dot. (This shift of the vector $F_{g, \text{block}}$ along its line of action does not alter the torque due to $F_{g, \text{block}}$ about any axis perpendicular to the figure.) The forces have no $x$ components, so Eq. 12-7 ($F_{\text{net}, x} = 0$) provides no information. For the $y$ components, Eq. 12-8 ($F_{\text{net}, y} = 0$) gives us

$$F_x + F_y - Mg - mg = 0. \quad (12\text{-18})$$

This equation contains two unknowns, the forces $F_x$ and $F_y$, so we also need to use Eq. 12-9, the balance of torques equation. We can apply it to any rotation axis perpendicular to the plane of Fig. 12-5. Let us choose a rotation axis through the left end of the beam. We shall also use our general rule for assigning signs to torques: If a torque would cause an initially stationary body to rotate clockwise about the rotation axis, the torque is negative. If the rotation would be counterclockwise, the torque is positive. Finally, we shall write the torques in the form $r_i F_i$, where the moment arm $r_i$ is 0 for $F_x$, $L/4$ for $Mg$, $L/2$ for $mg$, and $L$ for $F_y$.

We now can write the balancing equation ($\tau_{\text{net}, z} = 0$) as

$$(0)(F_y) - (L/4)(Mg) - (L/2)(mg) + (L)(F_x) = 0,$$

which gives us

$$F_x = \frac{1}{4}Mg + \frac{1}{2}mg$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(2.7 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) + \frac{1}{2}(1.8 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$= 15.44 \text{ N} \approx 15 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Now, solving Eq. 12-18 for $F_y$ and substituting this result, we find

$$F_y = (M + m)g - F_x$$

$$= (2.7 \text{ kg} + 1.8 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) - 15.44 \text{ N}$$

$$= 28.66 \text{ N} \approx 29 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Notice the strategy in the solution: When we wrote an equation for the balance of force components, we got stuck with two unknowns. If we had written an equation for the balance of torques around some arbitrary axis, we would have again gotten stuck with those two unknowns. However, because we chose the axis to pass through the point of application of one of the unknown forces, here $F_x$, we did not get stuck. Our choice neatly eliminated that force from the torque equation, allowing us to solve for the other unknown force magnitude $F_y$. Then we returned to the equation for the balance of force components to find the remaining unknown force magnitude.
Sample Problem 12.02  Balancing a leaning boom

Figure 12-6a shows a safe (mass \( M = 430 \text{ kg} \)) hanging by a rope (negligible mass) from a boom \((a = 1.9 \text{ m} \text{ and } b = 2.5 \text{ m})\) that consists of a uniform hinged beam \((m = 85 \text{ kg})\) and horizontal cable (negligible mass).

(a) What is the tension \( T_c \) in the cable? In other words, what is the magnitude of the force \( \vec{T}_c \) on the beam from the cable?

**KEY IDEAS**

The system here is the beam alone, and the forces on it are shown in the free-body diagram of Fig. 12-6b. The force from the cable is \( \vec{T}_c \). The gravitational force on the beam acts at the beam’s center of mass (at the beam’s center) and is represented by its equivalent \( mg \). The vertical component of the force on the beam from the hinge is \( \vec{F}_v \), and the horizontal component of the force from the hinge is \( \vec{F}_h \). The force from the rope supporting the safe is \( \vec{T}_r \). Because beam, rope, and safe are stationary, the magnitude of \( \vec{T}_r \) is equal to the weight of the safe: \( T_r = Mg \). We place the origin \( O \) of an \( xy \) coordinate system at the hinge. Because the system is in static equilibrium, the balancing equations apply to it.

**Calculations:** Let us start with Eq. 12-9 \((\tau_{net,z} = 0)\). Note that we are asked for the magnitude of force \( \vec{T}_r \) and not of forces \( \vec{F}_h \) and \( \vec{F}_v \) acting at the hinge, at point \( O \). To eliminate \( \vec{F}_h \) and \( \vec{F}_v \) from the torque calculation, we should calculate torques about an axis that is perpendicular to the figure at point \( O \). Then \( \vec{F}_h \) and \( \vec{F}_v \) will have moment arms of zero. The lines of action for \( \vec{T}_r \), \( \vec{T}_c \), and \( mg \) are dashed in Fig. 12-6b. The corresponding moment arms are \( a \), \( b \), and \( b/2 \).

Writing torques in the form of \( r_i F \) and using our rule about signs for torques, the balancing equation \( \tau_{net,z} = 0 \) becomes

\[
(a)(T_c) - (b)(T_r) - \left(\frac{1}{2}b\right)(mg) = 0. \quad (12-19)
\]

Substituting \( Mg \) for \( T_r \) and solving for \( T_c \), we find that

\[
T_c = \frac{gb(M + \frac{1}{2}m)}{a} = \frac{(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(2.5 \text{ m})(430 \text{ kg} + 85/2 \text{ kg})}{1.9 \text{ m}} = 6093 \text{ N} \approx 6100 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

(b) Find the magnitude \( F \) of the net force on the beam from the hinge.

**KEY IDEA**

Now we want the horizontal component \( F_h \) and vertical component \( F_v \), so that we can combine them to get the magnitude \( F \) of the net force. Because we know \( T_c \), we apply the force balancing equations to the beam.

**Calculations:** For the horizontal balance, we can rewrite \( F_{net,x} = 0 \) as

\[
F_h - T_c = 0, \quad (12-20)
\]

and so

\[
F_h = T_c = 6093 \text{ N}.
\]

For the vertical balance, we write \( F_{net,y} = 0 \) as

\[
F_v - mg - T_r = 0.
\]

Substituting \( Mg \) for \( T_r \) and solving for \( F_v \), we find that

\[
F_v = (m + M)g = (85 \text{ kg} + 430 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 5047 \text{ N}.
\]

From the Pythagorean theorem, we now have

\[
F = \sqrt{F_h^2 + F_v^2} = \sqrt{(6093 \text{ N})^2 + (5047 \text{ N})^2} = 7900 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

Note that \( F \) is substantially greater than either the combined weights of the safe and the beam, 5000 N, or the tension in the horizontal wire, 6100 N.
Sample Problem 12.03  Balancing a leaning ladder

In Fig. 12-7a, a ladder of length $L = 12$ m and mass $m = 45$ kg leans against a slick wall (that is, there is no friction between the ladder and the wall). The ladder’s upper end is at height $h = 9.3$ m above the pavement on which the lower end is supported (the pavement is not frictionless). The ladder’s center of mass is $L/3$ from the lower end, along the length of the ladder. A firefighter of mass $M = 72$ kg climbs the ladder until her center of mass is $L/2$ from the lower end. What then are the magnitudes of the forces on the ladder from the wall and the pavement?

**KEY IDEAS**

First, we choose our system as being the firefighter and ladder, together, and then we draw the free-body diagram of Fig. 12-7b to show the forces acting on the system. Because the system is in static equilibrium, the balancing equations for both forces and torques (Eqs. 12-7 through 12-9) can be applied to it.

**Calculations:** In Fig. 12-7b, the firefighter is represented with a dot within the boundary of the ladder. The gravitational force on her is represented with its equivalent expression $Mg$, and that vector has been shifted along its line of action (the line extending through the force vector), so that its tail is on the dot. (The shift does not alter a torque due to any axis perpendicular to the figure. Thus, the shift does not affect the torque balancing equation that we shall be using.)

The only force on the ladder from the wall is the horizontal force $F_w$ (there cannot be a frictional force along a frictionless wall, so there is no vertical force on the ladder from the wall). The force $F_p$ on the ladder from the pavement has two components: a horizontal component $F_{px}$ that is a static frictional force and a vertical component $F_{py}$ that is a normal force.

To apply the balancing equations, let’s start with the torque balancing of Eq. 12-9 ($\tau_{net,z} = 0$). To choose an axis about which to calculate the torques, note that we have unknown forces ($F_w$ and $F_p$) at the two ends of the ladder. To eliminate, say, $F_w$ from the calculation, we place the axis at point $O$, perpendicular to the figure (Fig. 12-7b). We also place the origin of an $xy$ coordinate system at $O$. We can find torques about $O$ with any of Eqs. 10-39 through 10-41, but Eq. 10-41 ($\tau = rF$) is easiest to use here. *Making a wise choice about the placement of the origin can make our torque calculation much easier.*

To find the moment arm $r_{xy}$ of the horizontal force $F_w$ from the wall, we draw a line of action through that vector.
(it is the horizontal dashed line shown in Fig. 12-7c). Then \( r_1 \)
is the perpendicular distance between \( O \) and the line of action. In Fig. 12-7c, \( r_1 \) extends along the \( y \) axis and is equal to the height \( h \). We similarly draw lines of action for the gravitational force vectors \( Mg \) and \( mg \) and see that their moment arms extend along the \( x \) axis. For the distance \( a \) shown in Fig. 12-7a, the moment arms are \( a/2 \) (the firefighter is halfway up the ladder) and \( a/3 \) (the ladder’s center of mass is one-third of the way up the ladder), respectively. The moment arms for \( F_{px} \) and \( F_{py} \) are zero because the forces act at the origin.

Now, with torques written in the form \( r \times F \), the balancing equation \( \tau_{net,z} = 0 \) becomes

\[
-(h)(F_w) + (a/2)(Mg) + (a/3)(mg) + (0)(F_{px}) + (0)(F_{py}) = 0. \quad (12-21)
\]

(A positive torque corresponds to counterclockwise rotation and a negative torque corresponds to clockwise rotation.)

Using the Pythagorean theorem for the right triangle made by the ladder in Fig. 11-7a, we find that

\[
a = \sqrt{L^2 - h^2} = 7.58 \text{ m}.
\]

Then Eq. 12-21 gives us

\[
F_w = \frac{ga(M/2 + m/3)}{h} = \frac{(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(7.58 \text{ m})(72/2 \text{ kg} + 45/3 \text{ kg})}{9.3 \text{ m}} = 407 \text{ N} \approx 410 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

Now we need to use the force balancing equations and Fig. 12-7d. The equation \( F_{net,x} = 0 \) gives us

\[
F_w - F_{px} = 0,
\]

so

\[
F_{px} = F_w = 410 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

The equation \( F_{net,y} = 0 \) gives us

\[
F_{py} - Mg - mg = 0,
\]

so

\[
F_{py} = (M + m)g = (72 \text{ kg} + 45 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 1146.6 \text{ N} \approx 1100 \text{ N}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]
Sample Problem 12.04 Balancing the leaning Tower of Pisa

Let’s assume that the Tower of Pisa is a uniform hollow cylinder of radius $R = 9.8\text{ m}$ and height $h = 60\text{ m}$. The center of mass is located at height $h/2$, along the cylinder’s central axis. In Fig. 12-8a, the cylinder is upright. In Fig. 12-8b, it leans rightward (toward the tower’s southern wall) by $\theta = 5.5^\circ$, which shifts the com by a distance $d$. Let’s assume that the ground exerts only two forces on the tower. A normal force $F_{NL}$ acts on the left (northern) wall, and a normal force $F_{NR}$ acts on the right (southern) wall. By what percent does the magnitude $F_{NR}$ increase because of the leaning?

**KEY IDEA**

Because the tower is still standing, it is in equilibrium and thus the sum of torques calculated around any point must be zero.

**Calculations:** Because we want to calculate $F_{NR}$ on the right side and do not know or want $F_{NL}$ on the left side, we use a pivot point on the left side to calculate torques. The forces on the upright tower are represented in Fig. 12-8c. The gravitational force $mg$, taken to act at the com, has a vertical line of action and a moment arm of $R$ (the perpendicular distance from the pivot to the line of action). About the pivot, the torque associated with this force would tend to create clockwise rotation and thus is negative. The normal force $F_{NR}$ on the southern wall also has a vertical line of action, and its moment arm is $2R$. About the pivot, the torque associated with this force would tend to create counterclockwise rotation and thus is positive. We now can write the torque-balancing equation ($\tau_{net,z} = 0$) as

$$-(R)(mg) + (2R)(F_{NR}) = 0,$$

which yields

$$F_{NR} = \frac{1}{2} mg.$$  

We should have been able to guess this result: With the center of mass located on the central axis (the cylinder’s line of symmetry), the right side supports half the cylinder’s weight.

In Fig. 12-8b, the com is shifted rightward by distance

$$d = \frac{1}{2} h \tan \theta.$$  

The only change in the balance of torques equation is that the moment arm for the gravitational force is now $R + d$ and the normal force at the right has a new magnitude $F'_{NR}$ (Fig. 12-8d). Thus, we write

$$-(R + d)(mg) + (2R)(F'_{NR}) = 0,$$

which gives us

$$F'_{NR} = \frac{(R + d)}{2R} mg.$$  

Dividing this new result for the normal force at the right by the original result and then substituting for $d$, we obtain

$$\frac{F'_{NR}}{F_{NR}} = \frac{R + d}{R} = 1 + \frac{d}{R} = 1 + \frac{0.5 h \tan \theta}{R}.$$  

Substituting the values of $h = 60\text{ m}$, $R = 9.8\text{ m}$, and $\theta = 5.5^\circ$ leads to

$$\frac{F'_{NR}}{F_{NR}} = 1.29.$$  

Thus, our simple model predicts that, although the tilt is modest, the normal force on the tower’s southern wall has increased by about 30%. One danger to the tower is that the force may cause the southern wall to buckle and explode outward. The cause of the leaning is the compressible soil beneath the tower, which worsened with each rainfall. Recently engineers have stabilized the tower and partially reversed the leaning by installing a drainage system.
12-3 ELASTICITY

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

12.07 Explain what an indeterminate situation is.
12.08 For tension and compression, apply the equation that relates stress to strain and Young’s modulus.
12.09 Distinguish between yield strength and ultimate strength.
12.10 For shearing, apply the equation that relates stress to strain and the shear modulus.
12.11 For hydraulic stress, apply the equation that relates fluid pressure to strain and the bulk modulus.

Key Ideas

● Three elastic moduli are used to describe the elastic behavior (deformations) of objects as they respond to forces that act on them. The strain (fractional change in length) is linearly related to the applied stress (force per unit area) by the proper modulus, according to the general stress–strain relation

\[ \text{stress} = \text{modulus} \times \text{strain}. \]

● When an object is under tension or compression, the stress–strain relation is written as

\[ \frac{F}{A} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L}, \]

where \( \Delta L/L \) is the tensile or compressive strain of the object, \( F \) is the magnitude of the applied force \( F \) causing the strain, \( A \) is the cross-sectional area over which \( F \) is applied (perpendicular to \( A \)), and \( E \) is the Young’s modulus for the object. The stress is \( F/A \).

● When an object is under a shearing stress, the stress–strain relation is written as

\[ \frac{F}{A} = G \frac{\Delta x}{L}, \]

where \( \Delta x/L \) is the shearing strain of the object, \( \Delta x \) is the displacement of one end of the object in the direction of the applied force \( F \), and \( G \) is the shear modulus of the object. The stress is \( F/A \).

● When an object undergoes hydraulic compression due to a stress exerted by a surrounding fluid, the stress–strain relation is written as

\[ p = B \frac{\Delta V}{V}, \]

where \( p \) is the pressure (hydraulic stress) on the object due to the fluid, \( \Delta V/V \) (the strain) is the absolute value of the fractional change in the object’s volume due to that pressure, and \( B \) is the bulk modulus of the object.

Indeterminate Structures

For the problems of this chapter, we have only three independent equations at our disposal, usually two balance of forces equations and one balance-of-torques equation about a given rotation axis. Thus, if a problem has more than three unknowns, we cannot solve it.

Consider an unsymmetrically loaded car. What are the forces—all different—on the four tires? Again, we cannot find them because we have only three independent equations. Similarly, we can solve an equilibrium problem for a table with three legs but not for one with four legs. Problems like these, in which there are more unknowns than equations, are called indeterminate.

Yet solutions to indeterminate problems exist in the real world. If you rest the tires of the car on four platform scales, each scale will register a definite reading, the sum of the readings being the weight of the car. What is eluding us in our efforts to find the individual forces by solving equations?

The problem is that we have assumed—without making a great point of it—that the bodies to which we apply the equations of static equilibrium are perfectly rigid. By this we mean that they do not deform when forces are applied to them. Strictly, there are no such bodies. The tires of the car, for example, deform easily under load until the car settles into a position of static equilibrium.

We have all had experience with a wobbly restaurant table, which we usually level by putting folded paper under one of the legs. If a big enough elephant sat on such a table, however, you may be sure that if the table did not collapse, it...
would deform just like the tires of a car. Its legs would all touch the floor, the forces acting upward on the table legs would all assume definite (and different) values as in Fig. 12-9, and the table would no longer wobble. Of course, we (and the elephant) would be thrown out onto the street but, in principle, how do we find the individual values of those forces acting on the legs in this or similar situations where there is deformation?

To solve such indeterminate equilibrium problems, we must supplement equilibrium equations with some knowledge of elasticity, the branch of physics and engineering that describes how real bodies deform when forces are applied to them.

**Checkpoint 3**

A horizontal uniform bar of weight 10 N is to hang from a ceiling by two wires that exert upward forces $F_1$ and $F_2$ on the bar. The figure shows four arrangements for the wires. Which arrangements, if any, are indeterminate (so that we cannot solve for numerical values of $F_1$ and $F_2$)?

![Figure 12-9](image)

**Figure 12-9** The table is an indeterminate structure. The four forces on the table legs differ from one another in magnitude and cannot be found from the laws of static equilibrium alone.

Elasticity

When a large number of atoms come together to form a metallic solid, such as an iron nail, they settle into equilibrium positions in a three-dimensional lattice, a repetitive arrangement in which each atom is a well-defined equilibrium distance from its nearest neighbors. The atoms are held together by interatomic forces that are modeled as tiny springs in Fig. 12-10. The lattice is remarkably rigid, which is another way of saying that the “interatomic springs” are extremely stiff. It is for this reason that we perceive many ordinary objects, such as metal ladders, tables, and spoons, as perfectly rigid. Of course, some ordinary objects, such as garden hoses or rubber gloves, do not strike us as rigid at all. The atoms that make up these objects do not form a rigid lattice like that of Fig. 12-10 but are aligned in long, flexible molecular chains, each chain being only loosely bound to its neighbors.

All real “rigid” bodies are to some extent elastic, which means that we can change their dimensions slightly by pulling, pushing, twisting, or compressing them. To get a feeling for the orders of magnitude involved, consider a vertical steel rod 1 m long and 1 cm in diameter attached to a factory ceiling. If you hang a subcompact car from the free end of such a rod, the rod will stretch but only by about 0.5 mm, or 0.05%. Furthermore, the rod will return to its original length when the car is removed.

If you hang two cars from the rod, the rod will be permanently stretched and will not recover its original length when you remove the load. If you hang three cars from the rod, the rod will break. Just before rupture, the elongation of the
rod will be less than 0.2%. Although deformations of this size seem small, they are important in engineering practice. (Whether a wing under load will stay on an airplane is obviously important.)

Three Ways. Figure 12-11 shows three ways in which a solid might change its dimensions when forces act on it. In Fig. 12-11a, a cylinder is stretched. In Fig. 12-11b, a cylinder is deformed by a force perpendicular to its long axis, much as we might deform a pack of cards or a book. In Fig. 12-11c, a solid object placed in a fluid under high pressure is compressed uniformly on all sides. What the three deformation types have in common is that a stress, or deforming force per unit area, produces a strain, or unit deformation. In Fig. 12-11, tensile stress (associated with stretching) is illustrated in (a), shearing stress in (b), and hydraulic stress in (c).

The stresses and the strains take different forms in the three situations of Fig. 12-11, but—over the range of engineering usefulness—stress and strain are proportional to each other. The constant of proportionality is called a modulus of elasticity, so that

\[
\text{stress} = \text{modulus} \times \text{strain.} \tag{12-22}
\]

In a standard test of tensile properties, the tensile stress on a test cylinder (like that in Fig. 12-12) is slowly increased from zero to the point at which the cylinder fractures, and the strain is carefully measured and plotted. The result is a graph of stress versus strain like that in Fig. 12-13. For a substantial range of applied stresses, the stress–strain relation is linear, and the specimen recovers its original dimensions when the stress is removed; it is here that Eq. 12-22 applies. If the stress is increased beyond the yield strength \( S_y \) of the specimen, the specimen becomes permanently deformed. If the stress continues to increase, the specimen eventually ruptures, at a stress called the ultimate strength \( S_u \).

Tension and Compression

For simple tension or compression, the stress on the object is defined as \( F/A \), where \( F \) is the magnitude of the force applied perpendicularly to an area \( A \) on the object. The strain, or unit deformation, is then the dimensionless quantity \( \Delta L/L \), the fractional (or sometimes percentage) change in a length of the specimen. If the specimen is a long rod and the stress does not exceed the yield strength, then not only the entire rod but also every section of it experiences the same strain when a given stress is applied. Because the strain is dimensionless, the modulus in Eq. 12-22 has the same dimensions as the stress—namely, force per unit area.
The modulus for tensile and compressive stresses is called the **Young’s modulus** and is represented in engineering practice by the symbol $E$. Equation 12-22 becomes

$$\frac{F}{A} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L}. \quad (12-23)$$

The strain $\Delta L/L$ in a specimen can often be measured conveniently with a *strain gage* (Fig. 12-14), which can be attached directly to operating machinery with an adhesive. Its electrical properties are dependent on the strain it undergoes.

Although the Young’s modulus for an object may be almost the same for tension and compression, the object’s ultimate strength may well be different for the two types of stress. Concrete, for example, is very strong in compression but is so weak in tension that it is almost never used in that manner. Table 12-1 shows the Young’s modulus and other elastic properties for some materials of engineering interest.

### Shearing

In the case of shearing, the stress is also a force per unit area, but the force vector lies in the plane of the area rather than perpendicular to it. The strain is the dimensionless ratio $\Delta x/L$, with the quantities defined as shown in Fig. 12-11b. The corresponding modulus, which is given the symbol $G$ in engineering practice, is called the **shear modulus**. For shearing, Eq. 12-22 is written as

$$\frac{F}{A} = G \frac{\Delta x}{L}. \quad (12-24)$$

Shearing occurs in rotating shafts under load and in bone fractures due to bending.

### Hydraulic Stress

In Fig. 12-11c, the stress is the fluid pressure $p$ on the object, and, as you will see in Chapter 14, pressure is a force per unit area. The strain is $\Delta V/V$, where $V$ is the original volume of the specimen and $\Delta V$ is the absolute value of the change in volume. The corresponding modulus, with symbol $B$, is called the **bulk modulus** of the material. The object is said to be under *hydraulic compression*, and the pressure can be called the *hydraulic stress*. For this situation, we write Eq. 12-22 as

$$p = B \frac{\Delta V}{V}. \quad (12-25)$$

The bulk modulus is $2.2 \times 10^9$ N/m$^2$ for water and $1.6 \times 10^{11}$ N/m$^2$ for steel. The pressure at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, at its average depth of about 4000 m, is $4.0 \times 10^7$ N/m$^2$. The fractional compression $\Delta V/V$ of a volume of water due to this pressure is 1.3%; that for a steel object is only about 0.025%. In general, solids—with their rigid atomic lattices—are less compressible than liquids, in which the atoms or molecules are less tightly coupled to their neighbors.

### Table 12-1 Some Elastic Properties of Selected Materials of Engineering Interest

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<th>Material</th>
<th>Density $\rho$ (kg/m$^3$)</th>
<th>Young’s Modulus $E$ (10$^9$ N/m$^2$)</th>
<th>Ultimate Strength $S_u$ (10$^6$ N/m$^2$)</th>
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*Structural steel (ASTM-A36).  
*High strength  
*In compression.  
*Douglas fir.
Sample Problem 12.05  Stress and strain of elongated rod

One end of a steel rod of radius \( R = 9.5 \text{ mm} \) and length \( L = 81 \text{ cm} \) is held in a vise. A force of magnitude \( F = 62 \text{ kN} \) is then applied perpendicularly to the end face (uniformly across the area) at the other end, pulling directly away from the vise. What are the stress on the rod and the elongation \( \Delta L \) and strain of the rod?

**Calculations:** To find the stress, we write

\[
\text{stress} = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{F}{\pi R^2} = \frac{6.2 \times 10^4 \text{ N}}{(\pi)(9.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2} = 2.2 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2.
\]

The yield strength for structural steel is \( 2.5 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2 \), so this rod is dangerously close to its yield strength.

**KEY IDEAS**

1. Because the force is perpendicular to the end face and uniform, the stress is the ratio of the magnitude of the force to the area \( A \). The ratio is the left side of Eq. 12-23.

2. The elongation \( \Delta L \) is related to the stress and Young’s modulus \( E \) by Eq. 12-23 \((F/A = E \Delta L/L)\).

3. Strain is the ratio of the elongation to the initial length \( L \).

Sample Problem 12.06  Balancing a wobbly table

A table has three legs that are 1.00 m in length and a fourth leg that is longer by \( d = 0.50 \text{ mm} \), so that the table wobbles slightly. A steel cylinder with mass \( M = 290 \text{ kg} \) is placed on the table (which has a mass much less than \( M \)) so that all four legs are compressed but unbuckled and the table is level but no longer wobbles. The legs are wooden cylinders with cross-sectional area \( A = 1.0 \text{ cm}^2 \); Young’s modulus is \( E = 1.3 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2 \). What are the magnitudes of the forces on the legs from the floor?

**Calculations:** Making those replacements and that approximation gives us

\[
\frac{F_4 L}{AE} = \frac{F_3 L}{AE} + d.
\]

We cannot solve this equation because it has two unknowns, \( F_4 \) and \( F_3 \).

To get a second equation containing \( F_4 \) and \( F_3 \), we can use a vertical \( y \) axis and then write the balance of vertical forces \((F_{net,y} = 0)\) as

\[
3F_3 + F_4 - Mg = 0,
\]

where \( Mg \) is equal to the magnitude of the gravitational force on the system. (Three legs have force \( F_3 \) on them.) To solve the simultaneous equations 12-27 and 12-28 for, say, \( F_3 \), we first use Eq. 12-28 to find that \( F_4 = Mg - 3F_3 \). Substituting that into Eq. 12-27 then yields, after some algebra,

\[
F_3 = \frac{Mg}{4} - \frac{dAE}{4L}
= \frac{(290 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)}{4} - \frac{(5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m})(10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)(1.3 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2)}{(4)(1.00 \text{ m})}
= 548 \text{ N} = 5.5 \times 10^2 \text{ N}.
\]

From Eq. 12-28 we then find

\[
F_4 = Mg - 3F_3 = (290 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) - 3(548 \text{ N})
\approx 1.2 \text{ kN}.
\]

You can show that the three short legs are each compressed by 0.42 mm and the single long leg by 0.92 mm.
Review & Summary

Static Equilibrium A rigid body at rest is said to be in static equilibrium. For such a body, the vector sum of the external forces acting on it is zero:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces).}$$

If all the forces lie in the $xy$ plane, this vector equation is equivalent to two component equations:

$$F_{\text{net},x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F_{\text{net},y} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces).}$$

Static equilibrium also implies that the vector sum of the external torques acting on the body about any point is zero, or

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of torques).}$$

Center of Gravity The gravitational force acts individually on each element of a body. The net effect of all individual actions may be found by imagining an equivalent total gravitational force $\vec{F}_g$ acting at the center of gravity. If the gravitational acceleration $g$ is the same for all the elements of the body, the center of gravity is at the center of mass.

Elastic Moduli Three elastic moduli are used to describe the elastic behavior (deformations) of objects as they respond to forces that act on them. The strain (fractional change in length) is linearly related to the applied stress (force per unit area) by the proper modulus, according to the general relation

$$\text{stress} = \text{modulus} \times \text{strain.}$$

Tension and Compression When an object is under tension or compression, Eq. 12-22 is written as

$$\frac{F}{A} = \frac{\Delta L}{L},$$

where $\Delta L/L$ is the tensile or compressive strain of the object, $F$ is the magnitude of the applied force $\vec{F}$ causing the strain, $A$ is the cross-sectional area over which $\vec{F}$ is applied (perpendicular to $A$, as in Fig. 12-11a), and $E$ is the Young’s modulus for the object. The stress is $F/A$.

Shearing When an object is under a shearing stress, Eq. 12-22 is written as

$$\frac{F}{A} = \frac{\Delta x}{L},$$

where $\Delta x/L$ is the shearing strain of the object, $\Delta x$ is the displacement of one end of the object in the direction of the applied force $\vec{F}$ (as in Fig. 12-11b), and $G$ is the shear modulus of the object. The stress is $F/A$.

Hydraulic Stress When an object undergoes hydraulic compression due to a stress exerted by a surrounding fluid, Eq. 12-22 is written as

$$p = B \frac{\Delta V}{V},$$

where $p$ is the pressure (hydraulic stress) on the object due to the fluid, $\Delta V/V$ (the strain) is the absolute value of the fractional change in the object’s volume due to that pressure, and $B$ is the bulk modulus of the object.

Questions

1. Figure 12-15 shows three situations in which the same horizontal rod is supported by a hinge on a wall at one end and a cord at its other end. Without written calculation, rank the situations according to the magnitudes of (a) the force on the rod from the cord, (b) the vertical force on the rod from the hinge, and (c) the horizontal force on the rod from the hinge, greatest first.

2. In Fig. 12-16, a rigid beam is attached to two posts that are fastened to a floor. A small but heavy safe is placed at the six positions indicated, in turn. Assume that the mass of the beam is negligible compared to that of the safe. (a) Rank the positions according to the force on post $A$ due to the safe, greatest compression first, greatest tension last, and indicate where, if anywhere, the force is zero. (b) Rank them according to the force on post $B$.

3. Figure 12-17 shows four overhead views of rotating uniform disks that are sliding across a frictionless floor. Three forces, of magnitude $F$, $2F$, or $3F$, act on each disk, either at the rim, at the center, or halfway between rim and center. The force vectors rotate along with the disks, and, in the “snapshots” of Fig. 12-17, point left or right. Which disks are in equilibrium?

4. A ladder leans against a frictionless wall but is prevented from falling because of friction between it and the ground. Suppose you shift the base of the ladder toward the wall. Determine whether the following become larger, smaller, or stay the same (in...
magnitude): (a) the normal force on the ladder from the ground, (b) the force on the ladder from the wall, (c) the static frictional force on the ladder from the ground, and (d) the maximum value $f_{s,\text{max}}$ of the static frictional force.

5 Figure 12-18 shows a mobile of toy penguins hanging from a ceiling. Each crossbar is horizontal, has negligible mass, and extends three times as far to the right of the wire supporting it as to the left. Penguin 1 has mass $m_1 = 48$ kg. What are the masses of (a) penguin 2, (b) penguin 3, and (c) penguin 4?

6 Figure 12-19 shows an overhead view of a uniform stick on which four forces act. Suppose we choose a rotation axis through point $O$, calculate the torques about that axis due to the forces, and find that these torques balance. Will the torques balance if, instead, the rotation axis is chosen to be at (a) point $A$ (on the stick), (b) point $B$ (on line with the stick), or (c) point $C$ (off to one side of the stick)? (d) Suppose, instead, that we find that the torques about point $O$ do not balance. Is there another point about which the torques will balance?

7 In Fig. 12-20, a stationary 5 kg rod $AC$ is held against a wall by a rope and friction between rod and wall. The uniform rod is 1 m long, and angle $\theta = 30^\circ$. (a) If you are to find the magnitude of the force $T$ on the rod from the rope with a single equation, at what labeled point should a rotation axis be placed? With that choice of axis and counterclockwise torques positive, what is the sign of (b) the torque $\tau_n$ due to the rod’s weight and (c) the torque $\tau_r$ due to the pull on the rod by the rope? (d) Is the magnitude of $\tau_r$ greater than, less than, or equal to the magnitude of $\tau_n$?

8 Three piñatas hang from the (stationary) assembly of massless pulleys and cords seen in Fig. 12-21. One long cord wraps around all the pulleys, and several shorter cords suspend pulleys from the ceiling or piñatas from the pulleys. The weights (in newtons) of two piñatas are given. (a) What is the weight of the third piñata? (Hint: A cord that loops halfway around a pulley pulls on the pulley with a net force that is twice the tension in the cord.) (b)

What is the tension in the short cord labeled with $T$?

9 In Fig. 12-22, a vertical rod is hinged at its lower end and attached to a cable at its upper end. A horizontal force $F_a$ is to be applied to the rod as shown. If the point at which the force is applied is moved up the rod, does the tension in the cable increase, decrease, or remain the same?

10 Figure 12-23 shows a horizontal block that is suspended by two wires, $A$ and $B$, which are identical except for their original lengths. The center of mass of the block is closer to wire $B$ than to wire $A$. (a) Measuring torques about the block’s center of mass, state whether the magnitude of the torque due to wire $A$ is greater than, less than, or equal to the magnitude of the torque due to wire $B$. (b) Which wire exerts more force on the block? (c) If the wires are now equal in length, which one was originally shorter (before the block was suspended)?

11 The table gives the initial lengths of three rods and the changes in their lengths when forces are applied to their ends to put them under strain. Rank the rods according to their strain, greatest first.

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12 A physical therapist gone wild has constructed the (stationary) assembly of massless pulleys and cords seen in Fig. 12-24. One long cord wraps around all the pulleys, and shorter cords suspend pulleys from the ceiling or weights from the pulleys. Except for one, the weights (in newtons) are indicated. (a) What is that last weight? (Hint: When a cord loops halfway around a pulley as here, it pulls on the pulley with a net force that is twice the tension in the cord.) (b) What is the tension in the short cord labeled $T$?
Module 12-1 Equilibrium

1. Because g varies so little over the extent of most structures, any structure’s center of gravity effectively coincides with its center of mass. Here is a fictitious example where g varies more significantly. Figure 12-25 shows an array of six particles, each with mass m, fixed to the edge of a rigid structure of negligible mass. The distance between adjacent particles along the edge is 2.00 m. The following table gives the value of g (m/s²) at each particle’s location. Using the coordinate system shown, find (a) the x coordinate x_{com} and (b) the y coordinate y_{com} of the center of mass of the six-particle system. Then find (c) the x coordinate x_{cog} and (d) the y coordinate y_{cog} of the center of gravity of the six-particle system.

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Module 12-2 Some Examples of Static Equilibrium

2. An automobile with a mass of 1360 kg has 3.05 m between the front and rear axles. Its center of gravity is located 1.78 m behind the front axle. With the automobile on level ground, determine the magnitude of the force from the ground on (a) each front wheel (assuming equal forces on the front wheels) and (b) each rear wheel (assuming equal forces on the rear wheels).

3. In Fig. 12-26, a uniform sphere of mass m = 0.85 kg and radius r = 4.2 cm is held in place by a massless rope attached to a frictionless wall at distance L = 8.0 cm above the center of the sphere. Find (a) the tension in the rope and (b) the force on the sphere from the wall.

4. An archer’s bow is drawn at its midpoint until the tension in the string is equal to the force exerted by the archer. What is the angle between the two halves of the string?

5. A rope of negligible mass is stretched horizontally between two supports that are 3.44 m apart. When an object of weight 3160 N is hung at the center of the rope, the rope is observed to sag by 35.0 cm. What is the tension in the rope?

6. A scaffold of mass 60 kg and length 5.0 m is supported in a horizontal position by a vertical cable at each end. A window washer of mass 80 kg stands at a point 1.5 m from one end. What is the tension in (a) the nearer cable and (b) the farther cable?

7. A 75 kg window cleaner uses a 10 kg ladder that is 5.0 m long. He places one end on the ground 2.5 m from a wall, rests the upper end against a cracked window, and climbs the ladder. He is 3.0 m up along the ladder when the window breaks. Neglect friction between the ladder and window and assume that the base of the ladder does not slip. When the window is on the verge of breaking, what are (a) the magnitude of the force on the window from the ladder, (b) the magnitude of the force on the ladder from the ground, and (c) the angle (relative to the horizontal) of that force on the ladder?

8. A physics Brady Bunch, whose weights in newtons are indicated in Fig. 12-27, is balanced on a seesaw. What is the number of the person who causes the largest torque about the rotation axis at fulcrum f directed (a) out of the page and (b) into the page?

9. A meter stick balances horizontally on a knife-edge at the 50.0 cm mark. With two 5.00 g coins stacked over the 12.0 cm mark, the stick is found to balance at the 45.5 cm mark. What is the mass of the meter stick?

10. The system in Fig. 12-28 is in equilibrium, with the string in the center exactly horizontal. Block A weighs 40 N, block B weighs 50 N, and angle φ is 35°. Find (a) tension T_1, (b) tension T_2, (c) tension T_3, and (d) angle θ.

11. Figure 12-29 shows a diver of weight 580 N standing at the end of a diving board with a length of L = 4.5 m and negligible mass. The board is fixed to two pedestals (supports) that are separated by distance d = 1.5 m. Of the forces acting on the board, what are the (a) magnitude and (b) direction (up or down) of the force from the left pedestal and the (c) magnitude and (d) direction (up or down) of the force from the right pedestal? (e) Which pedestal (left or right) is being stretched, and (f) which pedestal is being compressed?
12 In Fig. 12-30, trying to get his car out of mud, a man ties one end of a rope around the front bumper and the other end tightly around a utility pole 18 m away. He then pushes sideways on the rope at its midpoint with a force of 550 N, displacing the center of the rope 0.30 m, but the car barely moves. What is the magnitude of the force on the car from the rope? (The rope stretches somewhat.)

![Figure 12-30 Problem 12.](image)

13 Figure 12-31 shows the anatomical structures in the lower leg and foot that are involved in standing on tip-toe, with the heel raised slightly off the floor so that the foot effectively contacts the floor only at point P. Assume distance \( a = 5.0 \) cm, distance \( b = 15 \) cm, and the person’s weight \( W = 900 \) N. Of the forces acting on the foot, what are the (a) magnitude and (b) direction (up or down) of the force at point A from the calf muscle and the (c) magnitude and (d) direction (up or down) of the force at point B from the lower leg bones?

![Figure 12-31 Problem 13.](image)

14 In Fig. 12-32, a horizontal scaffold, of length 2.00 m and uniform mass 50.0 kg, is suspended from a building by two cables. The scaffold has dozens of paint cans stacked on it at various points. The total mass of the paint cans is 75.0 kg. The tension in the cable at the right is 722 N. How far horizontally from that cable is the center of mass of the system of paint cans?

![Figure 12-32 Problem 14.](image)

15 ILW Forces \( \vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2, \) and \( \vec{F}_3 \) act on the structure of Fig. 12-33, shown in an overhead view. We wish to put the structure in equilibrium by applying a fourth force, at a point such as \( P \). The fourth force has vector components \( \vec{F}_h, \) and \( \vec{F}_v \). We are given that \( a = 2.0 \) m, \( b = 3.0 \) m, \( c = 1.0 \) m, \( F_1 = 20 \) N, \( F_2 = 10 \) N, and \( F_3 = 5.0 \) N. Find (a) \( F_h \), (b) \( F_v \), and (c) \( d \).

![Figure 12-33 Problem 15.](image)

16 A uniform cubical crate is 0.750 m on each side and weighs 500 N. It rests on a floor with one edge against a very small, fixed obstruction. At what least height above the floor must a horizontal force of magnitude 350 N be applied to the crate to tip it?

17 In Fig. 12-34, a uniform beam of weight 500 N and length 3.0 m is suspended horizontally. On the left it is hinged to a wall; on the right it is supported by a cable bolted to the wall at distance \( D \) above the beam. The least tension that will snap the cable is 1200 N. (a) What value of \( D \) corresponds to that tension? (b) To prevent the cable from snapping, should \( D \) be increased or decreased from that value?

![Figure 12-34 Problem 17.](image)

18 ILW In Fig. 12-35, horizontal scaffold 2, with uniform mass \( m_2 = 30.0 \) kg and length \( L_2 = 2.00 \) m, hangs from horizontal scaffold 1, with uniform mass \( m_1 = 50.0 \) kg. A 20.0 kg box of nails lies on scaffold 2, centered at distance \( d = 0.500 \) m from the left end. What is the tension \( T \) in the cable indicated?

![Figure 12-35 Problem 18.](image)

19 To crack a certain nut in a nutcracker, forces with magnitudes of at least 40 N must act on its shell from both sides. For the nutcracker of Fig. 12-36, with distances \( L = 12 \) cm and \( d = 2.6 \) cm, what are the force components \( F_1 \) (perpendicular to the handles) corresponding to that 40 N?

![Figure 12-36 Problem 19.](image)

20 A bowler holds a bowling ball \((M = 7.2 \) kg\) in the palm of his hand (Fig. 12-37). His upper arm is vertical; his lower arm (1.8 kg) is horizontal. What is the magnitude of (a) the force of the biceps muscle on the lower arm and (b) the force between the bony structures at the elbow contact point?

![Figure 12-37 Problem 20.](image)

21 ILW The system in Fig. 12-38 is in equilibrium. A concrete block of mass 225 kg hangs from the end of the uniform strut of mass 45.0 kg. A cable runs from the ground, over the top of the strut, and down to the block, holding the block in place. For angles \( \phi = 30.0^\circ \) and \( \theta = 45.0^\circ \), find (a) the tension \( T \) in the cable and the (b) horizontal and (c) vertical components of the force on the strut from the hinge.

![Figure 12-38 Problem 21.](image)
In Fig. 12-39, a 55 kg rock climber is in a lie-back climb along a fissure, with hands pulling on one side of the fissure and feet pressed against the opposite side. The fissure has width \( w = 0.20 \) \( \text{m} \), and the center of mass of the climber is a horizontal distance \( d = 0.40 \) \( \text{m} \) from the fissure. The coefficient of static friction between hands and rock is \( \mu_s = 0.40 \), and between boots and rock it is \( \mu_s = 1.2 \). (a) What is the least horizontal pull by the hands and push by the feet that will keep the climber stable? (b) For the horizontal pull of (a), what must be the vertical distance \( h \) between hands and feet? If the climber encounters wet rock, so that \( \mu_s \) and \( \mu_s \) are reduced, what happens to (c) the answer to (a) and (d) the answer to (b)?

In Fig. 12-40, one end of a uniform beam of weight 222 N is hinged to a wall; the other end is supported by a wire that makes angles \( \theta = 30.0^\circ \) with both wall and beam. Find (a) the tension in the wire and the (b) horizontal and (c) vertical components of the force of the hinge on the beam.

In Fig. 12-41, a climber with a weight of 533.8 N is held by a belay rope connected to her climbing harness and belay device; the force of the rope on her has a line of action through her center of mass. The indicated angles are \( \theta = 40.0^\circ \) and \( \phi = 30.0^\circ \). If her feet are on the verge of sliding on the vertical wall, what is the coefficient of static friction between her climbing shoes and the wall?

In Fig. 12-42, what magnitude of (constant) force \( \vec{F} \) applied horizontally at the axle of the wheel is necessary to raise the wheel over a step obstacle of height \( h = 3.00 \) \( \text{cm} \)? The wheel’s radius is \( r = 6.00 \) \( \text{cm} \), and its mass is \( m = 0.800 \) \( \text{kg} \).

In Fig. 12-43, a climber leans out against a vertical ice wall that has negligible friction. Distance \( a = 0.914 \) \( \text{m} \) and distance \( L = 2.10 \) \( \text{m} \). His center of mass is distance \( d = 0.940 \) \( \text{m} \) from the feet–ground contact point. If he is on the verge of sliding, what is the coefficient of static friction between feet and ground?

In Fig. 12-44, a 15 kg block is held in place via a pulley system. The person’s upper arm is vertical; the forearm is at angle \( \theta = 30.0^\circ \) with the horizontal. Forearm and hand together have a mass of 2.0 kg, with a center of mass at distance \( d_1 = 15 \) \( \text{cm} \) from the contact point of the forearm bone and the upper-arm bone (humerus). The triceps muscle pulls vertically upward on the forearm at distance \( d_2 = 2.5 \) \( \text{cm} \) behind that contact point. Distance \( d_3 \) is 35 cm. What are the (a) magnitude and (b) direction (up or down) of the force on the forearm from the triceps muscle and the (c) magnitude and (d) direction (up or down) of the force on the forearm from the humerus?

In Fig. 12-45, suppose the length \( L \) of the uniform bar is 3.00 m and its weight is 200 N. Also, let the block’s weight \( W = 300 \) N and the angle \( \theta = 30.0^\circ \). The wire can withstand a maximum tension of 500 N. (a) What is the maximum possible distance \( x \) before the wire breaks? With the block placed at this maximum \( x \), what are the (b) horizontal and (c) vertical components of the force on the bar from the hinge at \( A \)?

A door has a height of 2.1 m along a \( y \) axis that extends vertically upward and a width of 0.91 m along an \( x \) axis that extends outward from the hinged edge of the door. A hinge 0.30 m from the top and a hinge 0.30 m from the bottom each support half the door’s mass, which is 27 kg. In unit-vector notation, what are the forces on the door at (a) the top hinge and (b) the bottom hinge?

In Fig. 12-46, a 50.0 kg uniform square sign, of edge length \( L = 2.00 \) \( \text{m} \), is hung from a horizontal rod of length \( d_v = 3.00 \) \( \text{m} \) and negligible mass. A cable is attached to the end of the rod...
and to a point on the wall at distance \( d = 4.00 \text{ m} \) above the point where the rod is hinged to the wall. (a) What is the tension in the cable? What are the (b) magnitude and (c) direction (left or right) of the horizontal component of the force on the rod from the wall, and the (d) magnitude and (e) direction (up or down) of the vertical component of this force?

**••31** In Fig. 12-47, a nonuniform bar is suspended at rest in a horizontal position by two massless cords. One cord makes the angle \( \theta = 36.9^\circ \) with the vertical; the other makes the angle \( \phi = 53.1^\circ \) with the vertical. If the length \( L \) of the bar is 6.10 m, compute the distance \( x \) from the left end of the bar to its center of mass.

**••32** In Fig. 12-48, the driver of a car on a horizontal road makes an emergency stop by applying the brakes so that all four wheels lock and skid along the road. The coefficient of kinetic friction between tires and road is 0.40. The separation between the front and rear axles is \( L = 4.2 \text{ m} \), and the center of mass of the car is located at distance \( d = 1.8 \text{ m} \) behind the front axle and distance \( h = 0.75 \text{ m} \) above the road. The car weighs 11 kN. Find the magnitude of (a) the braking acceleration of the car, (b) the normal force on each rear wheel, (c) the normal force on each front wheel, (d) the braking force on each rear wheel, and (e) the braking force on each front wheel. (Hint: Although the car is not in translational equilibrium, it is in rotational equilibrium.)

**••33** Figure 12-49a shows a vertical uniform beam of length \( L \) that is hinged at its lower end. A horizontal force \( F_h \) is applied to the beam at distance \( y \) from the lower end. The beam remains vertical because of a cable attached at the upper end, at angle \( \theta \) with the horizontal. Figure 12-49b gives the tension \( T \) in the cable as a function of the position of the applied force given as a fraction \( y/L \) of the beam length. The scale of the \( T \) axis is set by \( T_s = 600 \text{ N} \). Figure 12-49c gives the magnitude \( F_h \) of the horizontal force on the beam from the hinge, also as a function of \( y/L \). Evaluate (a) angle \( \theta \) and (b) the magnitude of \( F_h \).

**••34** In Fig. 12-45, a thin horizontal bar \( AB \) of negligible weight and length \( L \) is hinged to a vertical wall at \( A \) and supported at \( B \) by a thin wire \( BC \) that makes an angle \( \theta \) with the horizontal. A block of weight \( W \) can be moved anywhere along the bar; its position is defined by the distance \( x \) from the wall to its center of mass. As a function of \( x \), find (a) the tension in the wire, and the (b) horizontal and (c) vertical components of the force on the bar from the hinge at \( A \).

**••35 SSM WWW** A cubical box is filled with sand and weighs 890 N. We wish to “roll” the box by pushing horizontally on one of the upper edges. (a) What minimum force is required? (b) What minimum coefficient of static friction between box and floor is required? (c) If there is a more efficient way to roll the box, find the smallest possible force that would have to be applied directly to the box to roll it. (Hint: At the onset of tipping, where is the normal force located?)

**••36** Figure 12-50 shows a 70 kg climber hanging by only the crimp hold of one hand on the edge of a shallow horizontal ledge in a rock wall. (The fingers are pressed down to gain purchase.) Her feet touch the rock wall at distance \( h = 2.0 \text{ m} \) directly below her crimped fingers but do not provide any support. Her center of mass is distance \( a = 0.20 \text{ m} \) from the wall. Assume that the force from the ledge supporting her fingers is equally shared by the four fingers. What are the values of the (a) horizontal component \( F_h \) and (b) vertical component \( F_v \) of the force on each fingertip?

**••37** In Fig. 12-51, a uniform plank, with a length \( L = 6.10 \text{ m} \) and a weight of 445 N, rests on the ground and against a frictionless roller at the top of a wall of height \( h = 3.05 \text{ m} \). The plank remains in equilibrium for any value of \( \theta \geq 70^\circ \) but slips if \( \theta < 70^\circ \). Find the coefficient of static friction between the plank and the ground.
In Fig. 12-52, uniform beams $A$ and $B$ are attached to a wall with hinges and loosely bolted together (there is no torque of one on the other). Beam $A$ has length $L_A = 2.40$ m and mass 54.0 kg; beam $B$ has mass 68.0 kg. The two hinge points are separated by distance $d = 1.80$ m. In unit-vector notation, what is the force on (a) beam $A$ due to its hinge, (b) beam $A$ due to the bolt, (c) beam $B$ due to its hinge, and (d) beam $B$ due to the bolt?

For the stepladder shown in Fig. 12-53, sides $AC$ and $CE$ are each 2.44 m long and hinged at $C$. Bar $BD$ is a tie-rod 0.762 m long, halfway up. A man weighing 854 N climbs 1.80 m along the ladder. Assuming that the floor is frictionless and neglecting the mass of the ladder, find (a) the tension in the tie-rod and the magnitudes of the forces on the ladder from the floor at (b) $A$ and (c) $E$. (Hint: Isolate parts of the ladder in applying the equilibrium conditions.)

Figure 12-54a shows a horizontal uniform beam of mass $m_b$ and length $L$ that is supported on the left by a hinge attached to a wall and on the right by a cable at angle $\theta$ with the horizontal. A package of mass $m_p$ is positioned on the beam at a distance $x$ from the left end. The total mass is $m_b + m_p = 61.22$ kg. Figure 12-54b gives the tension $T$ in the cable as a function of the package’s position given as a fraction $x/L$ of the beam length. The scale of the $T$ axis is set by $T_a = 500$ N and $T_b = 700$ N. Evaluate (a) angle $\theta$, (b) mass $m_b$, and (c) mass $m_p$.

A crate, in the form of a cube with edge lengths of 1.2 m, contains a piece of machinery; the center of mass of the crate and its contents is located 0.30 m above the crate’s geometrical center. The crate rests on a ramp that makes an angle $\theta$ with the horizontal. As $\theta$ is increased from zero, an angle will be reached at which the crate will either tip over or start to slide down the ramp. If the coefficient of static friction $\mu_s$ between ramp and crate is 0.60, (a) does the crate tip or slide and (b) at what angle $\theta$ does this occur? If $\mu_s = 0.70$, (c) does the crate tip or slide and (d) at what angle $\theta$ does this occur? (Hint: At the onset of tipping, where is the normal force located?)

In Fig. 12-7 and the associated sample problem, let the coefficient of static friction $\mu_s$ between the ladder and the pavement be 0.53. How far (in percent) up the ladder must the firefighter go to put the ladder on the verge of sliding?

Module 12-3 Elasticity

A horizontal aluminum rod 4.8 cm in diameter projects 5.3 cm from a wall. A 1200 kg object is suspended from the end of the rod. The shear modulus of aluminum is $3.0 \times 10^{10}$ N/m$^2$. Neglecting the rod’s mass, find (a) the tension in the cable as a function of the length to that initial length, and the stress on the thread is the ratio of the change in the thread’s length to that initial length, and the stress on the thread is the ratio of the collision force to that initial cross-sectional area. Assume also that the work done on the thread by the collision force is given by the area under the curve on the graph. Assume also that when the single thread snares a flying insect, the insect’s kinetic energy is transferred to the stretching of the thread. (a) How much kinetic energy would put the thread on the verge of breaking? What is the kinetic energy of (b) a fruit fly of mass 6.00 mg and speed 1.70 m/s and (c) a bumble bee of mass 0.388 g and speed 0.420 m/s? Would (d) the fruit fly and (e) the bumble bee break the thread?
47 A tunnel of length \( L = 150 \text{ m} \), height \( H = 7.2 \text{ m} \), and width \( 5.8 \text{ m} \) (with a flat roof) is to be constructed at distance \( d = 60 \text{ m} \) beneath the ground. (See Fig. 12-58.) The tunnel roof is to be supported entirely by square steel columns, each with a cross-sectional area of \( 960 \text{ cm}^2 \). The mass of 1.0 \text{ cm}^3 of the ground material is 2.8 g. (a) What is the total weight of the ground material the columns must support? (b) How many columns are needed to keep the compressive stress on each column at one-half its ultimate strength?

![Figure 12-58](image)

48 Figure 12-59 shows the stress versus strain plot for an aluminum wire that is stretched by a machine pulling in opposite directions at the two ends of the wire. The scale of the stress axis is set by \( s = 7.0 \), in units of \( 10^7 \text{ N/m}^2 \). The wire has an initial length of 0.800 m and an initial cross-sectional area of \( 2.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \). How much work does the force from the machine do on the wire to produce a strain of \( 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \)?

![Figure 12-59](image)

49 In Fig. 12-60, a 103 kg uniform log hangs by two steel wires, \( A \) and \( B \), both of radius 1.20 mm. Initially, wire \( A \) was 2.50 m long and 2.00 mm shorter than wire \( B \). The log is now horizontal. What are the magnitudes of the forces on it from (a) wire \( A \) and (b) wire \( B \)? (c) What is the ratio \( d_A/d_B \)?

![Figure 12-60](image)

50 Figure 12-61 represents an insect caught at the midpoint of a spider-web thread. The thread breaks under a stress of \( 8.20 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2 \) and a strain of 2.00. Initially, it was horizontal and had a length of 2.00 cm and a cross-sectional area of \( 8.00 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2 \). As the thread was stretched under the weight of the insect, its volume remained constant. If the weight of the insect puts the thread on the verge of breaking, what is the insect’s mass? (A spider’s web is built to break if a potentially harmful insect, such as a bumble bee, becomes snared in the web.)

![Figure 12-61](image)

51 Figure 12-62 is an overhead view of a rigid rod that turns about a vertical axle until the identical rubber stoppers \( A \) and \( B \) are forced against rigid walls at distances \( r_A = 7.0 \text{ cm} \) and \( r_B = 4.0 \text{ cm} \) from the axle. Initially the stoppers touch the walls without being compressed. Then force \( F \) of magnitude 220 N is applied perpendicular to the rod at a distance \( R = 5.0 \text{ cm} \) from the axle. Find the magnitude of the force compressing (a) stopper \( A \) and (b) stopper \( B \).

![Figure 12-62](image)

**Additional Problems**

52 After a fall, a 95 kg rock climber finds himself dangling from the end of a rope that had been 15 m long and 9.6 mm in diameter but has stretched by 2.8 cm. For the rope, calculate (a) the strain, (b) the stress, and (c) the Young’s modulus.

53 SSM In Fig. 12-63, a rectangular slab of slate rests on a bedrock surface inclined at angle \( \theta = 26^\circ \). The slab has length \( L = 43 \text{ m} \), thickness \( T = 2.5 \text{ m} \), and width \( W = 12 \text{ m} \), and 1.0 cm\(^3\) of it has a mass of 3.2 g. The coefficient of static friction between slab and bedrock is 0.39. (a) Calculate the component of the gravitational force on the slab parallel to the bedrock surface. (b) Calculate the magnitude of the static frictional force on the slab. By comparing (a) and (b), you can see that the slab is in danger of sliding. This is prevented only by chance protrusions of bedrock. (c) To stabilize the slab, bolts are to be driven perpendicular to the bedrock surface (two bolts are shown). If each bolt has a cross-sectional area of 6.4 cm\(^2\) and will snap under a shearing stress of \( 3.6 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2 \), what is the minimum number of bolts needed? Assume that the bolts do not affect the normal force.

54 A uniform ladder whose length is 5.0 m and whose weight is 400 N leans against a frictionless vertical wall. The coefficient of static friction between the level ground and the foot of the ladder is 0.46. What is the greatest distance the foot of the ladder can be placed from the base of the wall without the ladder immediately slipping?

55 SSM In Fig. 12-64, block \( A \) (mass 10 kg) is in equilibrium, but it would slip if block \( B \) (mass 5.0 kg) were any heavier. For angle \( \theta = 30^\circ \), what is the coefficient of static friction between block \( A \) and the surface below it?

56 Figure 12-65 shows a uniform ramp between two buildings that allows for motion between the buildings due to strong winds.
At its left end, it is hinged to the building wall; at its right end, it has a roller that can roll along the building wall. There is no vertical force on the roller from the building, only a horizontal force with magnitude $F_x$. The horizontal distance between the buildings is $D = 4.00\text{ m}$. The rise of the ramp is $h = 0.490\text{ m}$. A man walks across the ramp from the left. Figure 12-65b gives $F_x$ as a function of the horizontal distance $x$ of the man from the building at the left. The scale of the $F_x$ axis is set by $a = 20\text{ kN}$ and $b = 25\text{ kN}$. What are the masses of (a) the ramp and (b) the man?

![Figure 12-65](image)

**Figure 12-65** Problem 56.

In Fig. 12-66, a 10 kg sphere is supported on a frictionless plane inclined at angle $\theta = 45^\circ$ from the horizontal. Angle $\phi$ is $25^\circ$. Calculate the tension in the cable.

**Figure 12-66** Problem 57.

In Fig. 12-67a, a uniform 40.0 kg beam is centered over two rollers. Vertical lines across the beam mark off equal lengths. Two of the lines are centered over the rollers; a 10.0 kg package of tamales is centered over roller $B$. What are the magnitudes of the forces on the beam from (a) roller $A$ and (b) roller $B$? The beam is then rolled to the left until the right-hand end is centered over roller $B$ (Fig. 12-67b). What now are the magnitudes of the forces on the beam from (c) roller $A$ and (d) roller $B$? Next, the beam is rolled to the right. Assume that it has a length of $0.800\text{ m}$. (e) What horizontal distance between the package and roller $B$ puts the beam on the verge of losing contact with roller $A$?

**Figure 12-67** Problem 58.

In Fig. 12-68, an 817 kg construction bucket is suspended by a cable $A$ that is attached at $O$ to two other cables $B$ and $C$, making angles $\theta_1 = 51.0^\circ$ and $\theta_2 = 66.0^\circ$ with the horizontal. Find the tensions in (a) cable $A$, (b) cable $B$, and (c) cable $C$. (Hint: To avoid solving two equations in two unknowns, position the axes as shown in the figure.)

**Figure 12-68** Problem 59.

In Fig. 12-69, a package of mass $m$ hangs from a short cord that is tied to the wall via cord 1 and to the ceiling via cord 2. Cord 1 is at angle $\phi = 40^\circ$ with the horizontal; cord 2 is at angle $\theta$. (a) For what value of $\theta$ is the tension in cord 2 minimized? (b) In terms of $mg$, what is the minimum tension in cord 2?

**Figure 12-69** Problem 60.

The force $\vec{F}$ in Fig. 12-70 keeps the 6.40 kg block and the pulleys in equilibrium. The pulleys have negligible mass and friction. Calculate the tension $T$ in the upper cable. (Hint: When a cable wraps halfway around a pulley as here, the magnitude of its net force on the pulley is twice the tension in the cable.)

**Figure 12-70** Problem 61.

A mine elevator is supported by a single steel cable 2.5 cm in diameter. The total mass of the elevator cage and occupants is 670 kg. By how much does the cable stretch when the elevator hangs by (a) 12 m of cable and (b) 362 m of cable? (Neglect the mass of the cable.)

**Figure 12-71** Problem 62.

Four bricks of length $L$, identical and uniform, are stacked on top of one another (Fig. 12-71) in such a way that part of each extends beyond the one beneath. Find, in terms of $L$, the maximum values of (a) $a_1$, (b) $a_2$, (c) $a_3$, (d) $a_4$, and (e) $h$, such that the stack is in equilibrium, on the verge of falling.

**Figure 12-72** Problem 63.

In Fig. 12-72, two identical, uniform, and frictionless spheres, each of mass $m$, rest in a rigid rectangular container. A line connecting their centers is at $45^\circ$ to the horizontal. Find the magnitudes of the forces on the spheres from (a) the bottom of the container, (b) the left side of the container, (c) the right side of the container, and (d) each other. (Hint: The force of one sphere on the other is directed along the center–center line.)

**Figure 12-73** Problem 64.

In Fig. 12-73, a uniform beam with a weight of 60 N and a length of 3.2 m is hinged at its lower end, and a horizontal force $\vec{F}$ of magnitude 50 N acts at its upper end. The beam is held vertical by a cable that makes angle $\theta = 25^\circ$ with the ground and is attached to the beam at height $h = 2.0\text{ m}$. What are (a) the tension in the cable and (b) the force on the beam from the hinge in unit-vector notation?
A uniform beam is 5.0 m long and has a mass of 53 kg. In Fig. 12-74, the beam is supported in a horizontal position by a hinge and a cable, with angle \( \theta = 60^\circ \). In unit-vector notation, what is the force on the beam from the hinge?

A solid copper cube has an edge length of 85.5 cm. How much stress must be applied to the cube to reduce the edge length to 85.0 cm? The bulk modulus of copper is \( 1.4 \times 10^{11} \) N/m\(^2\).

A construction worker attempts to lift a uniform beam off the floor and raise it to a vertical position. The beam is 2.50 m long and weighs 500 N. At a certain instant the worker holds the beam momentarily at rest with one end at distance \( d = 1.50 \) m above the floor, as shown in Fig. 12-75, by exerting a force \( \vec{P} \) on the beam, perpendicular to the beam. (a) What is the magnitude \( P \)? (b) What is the magnitude of the (net) force of the floor on the beam? (c) What is the minimum value of the coefficient of static friction between beam and floor in order for the beam not to slip at this instant?

In Fig. 12-76, a uniform rod of mass \( m \) is hinged to a building at its lower end, while its upper end is held in place by a rope attached to the wall. If angle \( \theta_1 = 60^\circ \), what value must angle \( \theta_2 \) have so that the tension in the rope is equal to \( mg/2 \)?

A 73 kg man stands on a level bridge of length \( L \). He is at distance \( L/4 \) from one end. The bridge is uniform and weighs 2.7 kN. What are the magnitudes of the vertical forces on the bridge from its supports at (a) the end farther from him and (b) the nearer end?

A uniform cube of side length 8.0 cm rests on a horizontal floor. The coefficient of static friction between cube and floor is \( \mu \). A horizontal pull \( \vec{P} \) is applied perpendicular to one of the vertical faces of the cube, at a distance 7.0 cm above the floor on the vertical midline of the cube face. The magnitude of \( \vec{P} \) is gradually increased. During that increase, for what values of \( \mu \) will the cube eventually (a) begin to slide and (b) begin to tip? (Hint: At the onset of tipping, where is the normal force located?)

The system in Fig. 12-77 is in equilibrium. The angles are \( \theta_1 = 60^\circ \) and \( \theta_2 = 20^\circ \), and the ball has mass \( M = 2.0 \) kg. What is the tension in (a) string \( ab \) and (b) string \( bc \)?

A uniform ladder is 10 m long and weighs 200 N. In Fig. 12-78, the ladder leans against a vertical, frictionless wall at height \( h = 8.0 \) m above the ground. A horizontal force \( \vec{F} \) is applied to the ladder at distance \( d = 2.0 \) m from its base (measured along the ladder). (a) If force magnitude \( F = 50 \) N, what is the force of the ground on the ladder, in unit-vector notation? (b) If \( F = 150 \) N, what is the force of the ground on the ladder, also in unit-vector notation? (c) Suppose the coefficient of static friction between the ladder and the ground is 0.38; for what minimum value of the force magnitude \( F \) will the base of the ladder just barely start to move toward the wall?

A pan balance is made up of a rigid, massless rod with a hanging pan attached at each end. The rod is supported at and free to rotate about a point not at its center. It is balanced by unequal masses placed in the two pans. When an unknown mass \( m \) is placed in the left pan, it is balanced by a mass \( m_1 \) placed in the right pan; when the mass \( m \) is placed in the right pan, it is balanced by a mass \( m_2 \) in the left pan. Show that \( m = \sqrt{m_1 m_2} \).

The rigid square frame in Fig. 12-79 consists of the four side bars \( AB \), \( BC \), \( CD \), and \( DA \) plus two diagonal bars \( AC \) and \( BD \), which pass each other freely at \( E \). By means of the turnbuckle \( G \), bar \( AB \) is put under tension, as if its ends were subject to horizontal, outward forces \( \vec{T} \) of magnitude 535 N. (a) Which of the other bars are in tension? What are the magnitudes of (b) the forces causing the tension in those bars and (c) the forces causing compression in the other bars? (Hint: Symmetry considerations can lead to considerable simplification in this problem.)

A gymnast with mass 46.0 kg stands on the end of a uniform balance beam as shown in Fig. 12-80. The beam is 5.00 m long and has a mass of 250 kg (excluding the mass of the two supports). Each support is 0.540 m from its end of the beam. In unit-vector notation, what are the forces on the beam due to (a) support 1 and (b) support 2?

Figure 12-81 shows a 300 kg cylinder that is horizontal. Three steel wires support the cylinder from a ceiling. Wires 1 and 3 are attached at the ends of the cylinder, and wire 2 is attached at the center. The wires each have a cross-sectional area of \( 2.00 \times 10^{-6} \) m\(^2\).

Initially (before the cylinder was put in place) wires 1 and 3 were 2.0000 m long and wire 2 was 6.600 mm longer than that. Now (with the cylinder in place) all three wires have been stretched. What is the tension in (a) wire 1 and (b) wire 2?
78 In Fig. 12-82, a uniform beam of length 12.0 m is supported by a horizontal cable and a hinge at angle $\theta = 50.0^\circ$. The tension in the cable is 400 N. In unit-vector notation, what are (a) the gravitational force on the beam and (b) the force on the beam from the hinge?

79 Four bricks of length $L$, identical and uniform, are stacked on a table in two ways, as shown in Fig. 12-83 (compare with Problem 63). We seek to maximize the overhang distance $h$ in both arrangements. Find the optimum distances $a_1, a_2, b_1,$ and $b_2$, and calculate $h$ for the two arrangements.

![Figure 12-83 Problem 79.](image)

80 A cylindrical aluminum rod, with an initial length of 0.8000 m and radius 1000.0 $\mu$m, is clamped in place at one end and then stretched by a machine pulling parallel to its length at its other end. Assuming that the rod’s density (mass per unit volume) does not change, find the force magnitude that is required of the machine to decrease the radius to 999.9 $\mu$m. (The yield strength is not exceeded.)

81 A beam of length $L$ is carried by three men, one man at one end and the other two supporting the beam between them on a crosspiece placed so that the load of the beam is equally divided among the three men. How far from the beam’s free end is the crosspiece placed? (Neglect the mass of the crosspiece.)

82 If the (square) beam in Fig. 12-6a and the associated sample problem is of Douglas fir, what must be its thickness to keep the compressive stress on it to $\frac{1}{2}$ of its ultimate strength?

83 Figure 12-84 shows a stationary arrangement of two crayon boxes and three cords. Box $A$ has a mass of 11.0 kg and is on a ramp at angle $\theta = 30.0^\circ$; box $B$ has a mass of 7.00 kg and hangs on a cord. The cord connected to box $A$ is parallel to the ramp, which is frictionless. (a) What is the tension in the upper cord, and (b) what angle does that cord make with the horizontal?

![Figure 12-84 Problem 83.](image)

84 A makeshift swing is constructed by making a loop in one end of a rope and tying the other end to a tree limb. A child is sitting in the loop with the rope hanging vertically when the child’s father pulls on the child with a horizontal force and displaces the child to one side. Just before the child is released from rest, the rope makes an angle of $15^\circ$ with the vertical and the tension in the rope is 280 N. (a) How much does the child weigh? (b) What is the magnitude of the (horizontal) force of the father on the child just before the child is released? (c) If the maximum horizontal force the father can exert on the child is 93 N, what is the maximum angle with the vertical the rope can make while the father is pulling horizontally?

85 Figure 12-85a shows details of a finger in the crimp hold of the climber in Fig. 12-50. A tendon that runs from muscles in the forearm is attached to the far bone in the finger. Along the way, the tendon runs through several guiding sheaths called pulleys. The A2 pulley is attached to the first finger bone; the A4 pulley is attached to the second finger bone. To pull the finger toward the palm, the forearm muscles pull the tendon through the pulleys, much like strings on a marionette can be pulled to move parts of the marionette. Figure 12-85b is a simplified diagram of the second finger bone, which has length $d$. The tendon’s pull $F_t$ on the bone acts at the point where the tendon enters the A4 pulley, at distance $d/3$ along the bone. If the force components on each of the four crimped fingers in Fig. 12-50 are $F_{b1} = 13.4$ N and $F_{b3} = 162.4$ N, what is the magnitude of $F_t$? The result is probably tolerable, but if the climber hangs by only one or two fingers, the A2 and A4 pulleys can be ruptured, a common ailment among rock climbers.

![Figure 12-85 Problem 85.](image)

86 A trap door in a ceiling is 0.91 m square, has a mass of 11 kg, and is hinged along one side, with a catch at the opposite side. If the center of gravity of the door is 10 cm toward the hinged side from the door’s center, what are the magnitudes of the forces exerted by the door on (a) the catch and (b) the hinge?

87 A particle is acted on by forces given, in newtons, by $\mathbf{F}_1 = 8.40\mathbf{i} - 5.70\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{F}_2 = 16.0\mathbf{i} + 4.10\mathbf{j}$. (a) What are the $x$ component and (b) $y$ component of the force $\mathbf{F}_2$ that balances the sum of these forces? (c) What angle does $\mathbf{F}_2$ have relative to the $+x$ axis?

88 The leaning Tower of Pisa is 59.1 m high and 7.44 m in diameter. The top of the tower is displaced 4.01 m from the vertical. Treat the tower as a uniform, circular cylinder. (a) What additional displacement, measured at the top, would bring the tower to the verge of toppling? (b) What angle would the tower then make with the vertical?
What Is Physics?

One of the long-standing goals of physics is to understand the gravitational force—the force that holds you to Earth, holds the Moon in orbit around Earth, and holds Earth in orbit around the Sun. It also reaches out through the whole of our Milky Way galaxy, holding together the billions and billions of stars in the Galaxy and the countless molecules and dust particles between stars. We are located somewhat near the edge of this disk-shaped collection of stars and other matter, $2.6 \times 10^4$ light-years ($2.5 \times 10^{20}$ m) from the galactic center, around which we slowly revolve.

The gravitational force also reaches across intergalactic space, holding together the Local Group of galaxies, which includes, in addition to the Milky Way, the Andromeda Galaxy (Fig. 13-1) at a distance of $2.3 \times 10^6$ light-years away from Earth, plus several closer dwarf galaxies, such as the Large Magellanic Cloud. The Local Group is part of the Local Supercluster of galaxies that is being drawn by the gravitational force toward an exceptionally massive region of space called the Great Attractor. This region appears to be about $3.0 \times 10^8$ light-years from Earth, on the opposite side of the Milky Way. And the gravitational force is even more far-reaching because it attempts to hold together the entire universe, which is expanding.
This force is also responsible for some of the most mysterious structures in the universe: black holes. When a star considerably larger than our Sun burns out, the gravitational force between all its particles can cause the star to collapse in on itself and thereby to form a black hole. The gravitational force at the surface of such a collapsed star is so strong that neither particles nor light can escape from the surface (thus the term “black hole”). Any star coming too near a black hole can be ripped apart by the strong gravitational force and pulled into the hole. Enough captures like this yields a supermassive black hole. Such mysterious monsters appear to be common in the universe. Indeed, such a monster lurks at the center of our Milky Way galaxy—the black hole there, called Sagittarius A*, has a mass of about $3.7 \times 10^6$ solar masses. The gravitational force near this black hole is so strong that it causes orbiting stars to whip around the black hole, completing an orbit in as little as 15.2 y.

Although the gravitational force is still not fully understood, the starting point in our understanding of it lies in the law of gravitation of Isaac Newton.

**Newton’s Law of Gravitation**

Before we get to the equations, let’s just think for a moment about something that we take for granted. We are held to the ground just about right, not so strongly that we have to crawl to get to school (though an occasional exam may leave you crawling home) and not so lightly that we bump our heads on the ceiling when we take a step. It is also just about right so that we are held to the ground but not to each other (that would be awkward in any classroom) or to the objects around us (the phrase “catching a bus” would then take on a new meaning). The attraction obviously depends on how much “stuff” there is in ourselves and other objects: Earth has lots of “stuff” and produces a big attraction but another person has less “stuff” and produces a smaller (even negligible) attraction. Moreover, this “stuff” always attracts other “stuff,” never repelling it (or a hard sneeze could put us into orbit).

In the past people obviously knew that they were being pulled downward (especially if they tripped and fell over), but they figured that the downward force was unique to Earth and unrelated to the apparent movement of astronomical bodies across the sky. But in 1665, the 23-year-old Isaac Newton recognized that this force is responsible for holding the Moon in its orbit. Indeed he showed that every body in the universe attracts every other body. This tendency of bodies to move toward one another is called gravitation, and the “stuff” that is involved is the mass of each body. If the myth were true that a falling apple inspired Newton to his law of gravitation, then the attraction is between the mass of the apple and the mass of Earth. It is appreciable because the mass of Earth is so large, but even then it is only about 0.8 N. The attraction between two people standing near each other on a bus is (thankfully) much less (less than 1 $\mu$N) and imperceptible.

The gravitational attraction between extended objects such as two people can be difficult to calculate. Here we shall focus on Newton’s force law between two particles (which have no size). Let the masses be $m_1$ and $m_2$ and $r$ be their separation. Then the magnitude of the gravitational force acting on each due to the presence of the other is given by

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \quad \text{(Newton’s law of gravitation). \quad (13-1)}$$

$G$ is the gravitational constant:

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$= 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2. \quad (13-2)$$
CHAPTER 13 GRAVITATION

Figure 13-3 The apple pulls up on Earth just as hard as Earth pulls down on the apple.

In Fig. 13-2a, $\vec{F}$ is the gravitational force acting on particle 1 (mass $m_1$) due to particle 2 (mass $m_2$). The force is directed toward particle 2 and is said to be an attractive force because particle 1 is attracted toward particle 2. The magnitude of the force is given by Eq. 13-1. We can describe $\vec{F}$ as being in the positive direction of an $r$ axis extending radially from particle 1 through particle 2 (Fig. 13-2b). We can also describe $\vec{F}$ by using a radial unit vector $\hat{r}$ (a dimensionless vector of magnitude 1) that is directed away from particle 1 along the $r$ axis (Fig. 13-2c). From Eq. 13-1, the force on particle 1 is then

$$\vec{F} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (13-3)

The gravitational force on particle 2 due to particle 1 has the same magnitude as the force on particle 1 but the opposite direction. These two forces form a third-law force pair, and we can speak of the gravitational force between the two particles as having a magnitude given by Eq. 13-1. This force between two particles is not altered by other objects, even if they are located between the particles. Put another way, no object can shield either particle from the gravitational force due to the other particle.

The strength of the gravitational force—that is, how strongly two particles with given masses at a given separation attract each other—depends on the value of the gravitational constant $G$. If $G$—by some miracle—were suddenly multiplied by a factor of 10, you would be crushed to the floor by Earth’s attraction. If $G$ were divided by this factor, Earth’s attraction would be so weak that you could jump over a building.

Nonparticles. Although Newton’s law of gravitation applies strictly to particles, we can also apply it to real objects as long as the sizes of the objects are small relative to the distance between them. The Moon and Earth are far enough apart so that, to a good approximation, we can treat them both as particles—but what about an apple and Earth? From the point of view of the apple, the broad and level Earth, stretching out to the horizon beneath the apple, certainly does not look like a particle.

Newton solved the apple–Earth problem with the shell theorem:

A uniform spherical shell of matter attracts a particle that is outside the shell as if all the shell’s mass were concentrated at its center.

Earth can be thought of as a nest of such shells, one within another and each shell attracting a particle outside Earth’s surface as if the mass of that shell were at the center of the shell. Thus, from the apple’s point of view, Earth does behave like a particle, one that is located at the center of Earth and has a mass equal to that of Earth.

Third-Law Force Pair. Suppose that, as in Fig. 13-3, Earth pulls down on an apple with a force of magnitude 0.80 N. The apple must then pull up on Earth with a force of magnitude 0.80 N, which we take to act at the center of Earth. In the language of Chapter 5, these forces form a force pair in Newton’s third law. Although they are matched in magnitude, they produce different accelerations when the apple is released. The acceleration of the apple is about 9.8 m/s², the familiar acceleration of a falling body near Earth’s surface. The acceleration of Earth, however, measured in a reference frame attached to the center of mass of the apple–Earth system, is only about $1 \times 10^{-25}$ m/s².

Checkpoint 1

A particle is to be placed, in turn, outside four objects, each of mass $m$: (1) a large uniform solid sphere, (2) a large uniform spherical shell, (3) a small uniform solid sphere, and (4) a small uniform shell. In each situation, the distance between the particle and the center of the object is $d$. Rank the objects according to the magnitude of the gravitational force they exert on the particle, greatest first.
Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

13.04 If more than one gravitational force acts on a particle, draw a free-body diagram showing those forces, with the tails of the force vectors anchored on the particle.

13.05 If more than one gravitational force acts on a particle, find the net force by adding the individual forces as vectors.

Key Ideas

- Gravitational forces obey the principle of superposition; that is, if \( n \) particles interact, the net force \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) on a particle labeled particle 1 is the sum of the forces on it from all the other particles taken one at a time:

\[
\vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \sum_{i=2}^{n} \vec{F}_{1i},
\]

in which the sum is a vector sum of the forces \( \vec{F}_{1i} \) on particle 1 from particles 2, 3, \ldots, \( n \).

- The gravitational force \( \vec{F}_i \) on a particle from an extended body is found by first dividing the body into units of differential mass \( dm \), each of which produces a differential force \( d\vec{F} \) on the particle, and then integrating over all those units to find the sum of those forces:

\[
\vec{F}_i = \int d\vec{F}.
\]

Gravitation and the Principle of Superposition

Given a group of particles, we find the net (or resultant) gravitational force on any one of them from the others by using the principle of superposition. This is a general principle that says a net effect is the sum of the individual effects. Here, the principle means that we first compute the individual gravitational forces that act on our selected particle due to each of the other particles. We then find the net force by adding these forces vectorially, just as we have done when adding forces in earlier chapters.

Let’s look at two important points in that last (probably quickly read) sentence. (1) Forces are vectors and can be in different directions, and thus we must add them as vectors, taking into account their directions. (If two people pull on you in the opposite direction, their net force on you is clearly different than if they pull in the same direction.) (2) We add the individual forces. Think how impossible the world would be if the net force depended on some multiplying factor that varied from force to force depending on the situation, or if the presence of one force somehow amplified the magnitude of another force. No, thankfully, the world requires only simple vector addition of the forces.

For \( n \) interacting particles, we can write the principle of superposition for the gravitational forces on particle 1 as

\[
\vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13} + \vec{F}_{14} + \vec{F}_{15} + \cdots + \vec{F}_{1n}.
\]

(13-4)

Here \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) is the net force on particle 1 due to the other particles and, for example, \( \vec{F}_{13} \) is the force on particle 1 from particle 3. We can express this equation more compactly as a vector sum:

\[
\vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \sum_{i=2}^{n} \vec{F}_{1i}.
\]

(13-5)

**Real Objects.** What about the gravitational force on a particle from a real (extended) object? This force is found by dividing the object into parts small enough to treat as particles and then using Eq. 13-5 to find the vector sum of the forces on the particle from all the parts. In the limiting case, we can divide the extended object into differential parts each of mass \( dm \) and each producing a differential force \( d\vec{F} \).
Sample Problem 13.01  Net gravitational force, 2D, three particles

Figure 13-4d shows an arrangement of three particles, particle 1 of mass \( m_1 = 6.0 \text{ kg} \) and particles 2 and 3 of mass \( m_2 = m_3 = 4.0 \text{ kg} \), and distance \( a = 2.0 \text{ cm} \). What is the net gravitational force \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) on particle 1 due to the other particles?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) Because we have particles, the magnitude of the gravitational force on particle 1 due to either of the other particles is given by Eq. 13-1 \( (F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}) \). (2) The direction of either gravitational force on particle 1 is toward the particle responsible for it. (3) Because the forces are not along a single axis, we cannot simply add or subtract their magnitudes or their components to get the net force. Instead, we must add them as vectors.

**Calculations:** From Eq. 13-1, the magnitude of the force \( \vec{F}_{12} \) on particle 1 from particle 2 is

\[
F_{12} = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{a^2}
\]

\[
= \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2)(6.0 \text{ kg})(4.0 \text{ kg})}{(0.020 \text{ m})^2}
= 4.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}.
\]

Similarly, the magnitude of force \( \vec{F}_{13} \) on particle 1 from particle 3 is

\[
F_{13} = \frac{Gm_1m_3}{(2a)^2}
\]

\[
= \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2)(6.0 \text{ kg})(4.0 \text{ kg})}{(0.040 \text{ m})^2}
= 1.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}.
\]

Force \( \vec{F}_{12} \) is directed in the positive direction of the y axis (Fig. 13-4b) and has only the y component \( F_{12} \). Similarly, \( \vec{F}_{13} \) is directed in the negative direction of the x axis and has only the x component \( -F_{13} \) (Fig. 13-4c). (Note something important: We draw the force diagrams with the tail of a force vector anchored on the particle experiencing the force. Drawing them in other ways invites errors, especially on exams.)

To find the net force \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) on particle 1, we must add the two forces as vectors (Figs. 13-4d and e). We can do so on a vector-capable calculator. However, here we note that \( -F_{13} \) and \( F_{12} \) are actually the x and y components of \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \).

Therefore, we can use Eq. 3-6 to find first the magnitude and then the direction of \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \). The magnitude is

\[
F_{1,\text{net}} = \sqrt{(F_{12})^2 + (-F_{13})^2}
\]

\[
= \sqrt{(4.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N})^2 + (-1.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N})^2}
= 4.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}. \quad (\text{Answer})
\]

Relative to the positive direction of the x axis, Eq. 3-6 gives the direction of \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) as

\[
\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{F_{12}}{-F_{13}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{4.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}}{-1.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}} = -76^\circ.
\]

Is this a reasonable direction (Fig. 13-4f)? No, because the direction of \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) must be between the directions of \( \vec{F}_{12} \) and \( \vec{F}_{13} \). Recall from Chapter 3 that a calculator displays only one of the two possible answers to a \( \tan^{-1} \) function. We find the other answer by adding 180°:

\[-76^\circ + 180^\circ = 104^\circ, \quad (\text{Answer})\]

which is a reasonable direction for \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) (Fig. 13-4g).

on the particle. In this limit, the sum of Eq. 13-5 becomes an integral and we have

\[
\vec{F}_1 = \int d\vec{F}, \quad (13-6)
\]

in which the integral is taken over the entire extended object and we drop the subscript “net.” If the extended object is a uniform sphere or a spherical shell, we can avoid the integration of Eq. 13-6 by assuming that the object’s mass is concentrated at the object’s center and using Eq. 13-1.

**Checkpoint 2**

The figure shows four arrangements of three particles of equal masses. (a) Rank the arrangements according to the magnitude of the net gravitational force on the particle labeled \( m \), greatest first. (b) In arrangement 2, is the direction of the net force closer to the line of length \( d \) or to the line of length \( D \)?

(1) (2) (3) (4)
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Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

13.06 Distinguish between the free-fall acceleration and the gravitational acceleration.

13.07 Calculate the gravitational acceleration near but outside a uniform, spherical astronomical body.

13.08 Distinguish between measured weight and the magnitude of the gravitational force.

Key Ideas

- The gravitational acceleration \( a_g \) of a particle (of mass \( m \)) is due solely to the gravitational force acting on it. When the particle is at distance \( r \) from the center of a uniform, spherical body of mass \( M \), the magnitude \( F \) of the gravitational force on the particle is given by Eq. 13-1. Thus, by Newton’s second law,

\[
F = ma_g,
\]

which gives

\[
a_g = \frac{GM}{r^2}.
\]

- Because Earth’s mass is not distributed uniformly, because the planet is not perfectly spherical, and because it rotates, the actual free-fall acceleration \( g \) of a particle near Earth differs slightly from the gravitational acceleration \( a_g \), and the particle’s weight (equal to \( mg \)) differs from the magnitude of the gravitational force on it.
Figure 13-5 The density of Earth as a function of distance from the center. The limits of the solid inner core, the largely liquid outer core, and the solid mantle are shown, but the crust of Earth is too thin to show clearly on this plot.

Table 13-1 Variation of \( a_g \) with Altitude

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<tr>
<th>Altitude (km)</th>
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Gravitation Near Earth’s Surface

Let us assume that Earth is a uniform sphere of mass \( M \). The magnitude of the gravitational force from Earth on a particle of mass \( m \), located outside Earth a distance \( r \) from Earth’s center, is then given by Eq. 13-1 as

\[
F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}.
\]  

(13-9)

If the particle is released, it will fall toward the center of Earth, as a result of the gravitational force \( \vec{F} \), with an acceleration we shall call the gravitational acceleration \( \vec{a}_g \). Newton’s second law tells us that magnitudes \( F \) and \( \vec{a}_g \) are related by

\[
F = ma_g.
\]  

(13-10)

Now, substituting \( F \) from Eq. 13-9 into Eq. 13-10 and solving for \( a_g \), we find

\[
a_g = \frac{GM}{r^2}.
\]  

(13-11)

Table 13-1 shows values of \( a_g \) computed for various altitudes above Earth’s surface. Notice that \( a_g \) is significant even at 400 km.

Since Module 5-1, we have assumed that Earth is an inertial frame by neglecting its rotation. This simplification has allowed us to assume that the free-fall acceleration \( g \) of a particle is the same as the particle’s gravitational acceleration (which we now call \( a_g \)). Furthermore, we assumed that \( g \) has the constant value 9.8 m/s\(^2\) any place on Earth’s surface. However, any \( g \) value measured at a given location will differ from the \( a_g \) value calculated with Eq. 13-11 for that location for three reasons: (1) Earth’s mass is not distributed uniformly, (2) Earth is not a perfect sphere, and (3) Earth rotates. Moreover, because \( g \) differs from \( a_g \), the same three reasons mean that the measured weight \( mg \) of a particle differs from the magnitude of the gravitational force on the particle as given by Eq. 13-9. Let us now examine those reasons.

1. **Earth’s mass is not uniformly distributed.** The density (mass per unit volume) of Earth varies radially as shown in Fig. 13-5, and the density of the crust (outer section) varies from region to region over Earth’s surface. Thus, \( g \) varies from region to region over the surface.

2. **Earth is not a sphere.** Earth is approximately an ellipsoid, flattened at the poles and bulging at the equator. Its equatorial radius (from its center point out to the equator) is greater than its polar radius (from its center point out to either north or south pole) by 21 km. Thus, a point at the poles is closer to the dense core of Earth than is a point on the equator. This is one reason the free-fall acceleration \( g \) increases if you were to measure it while moving at sea level from the equator toward the north or south pole. As you move, you are actually getting closer to the center of Earth and thus, by Newton’s law of gravitation, \( g \) increases.

3. **Earth is rotating.** The rotation axis runs through the north and south poles of Earth. An object located on Earth’s surface anywhere except at those poles must rotate in a circle about the rotation axis and thus must have a centripetal acceleration directed toward the center of the circle. This centripetal acceleration requires a centripetal net force that is also directed toward that center.

To see how Earth’s rotation causes \( g \) to differ from \( a_g \), let us analyze a simple situation in which a crate of mass \( m \) is on a scale at the equator. Figure 13-6a shows this situation as viewed from a point in space above the north pole.

Figure 13-6b, a free-body diagram for the crate, shows the two forces on the crate, both acting along a radial \( r \) axis that extends from Earth’s center. The normal force \( \vec{N} \) on the crate from the scale is directed outward, in the positive direction of the \( r \) axis. The gravitational force, represented with its equivalent \( m\vec{a}_g \), is directed inward. Because it travels in a circle about the center of Earth...
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as Earth turns, the crate has a centripetal acceleration directed toward Earth’s center. From Eq. 10-23 (\(a_c = \omega^2 r\)), we know this acceleration is equal to \(v^2 r\), where \(v\) is Earth’s angular speed and \(R\) is the circle’s radius (approximately Earth’s radius). Thus, we can write Newton’s second law for forces along the \(r\) axis (\(F_{\text{net},r} = ma_c\)) as

\[
F_N - ma_g = m(-\omega^2 R),
\]

(13-12)

The magnitude \(F_N\) of the normal force is equal to the weight \(mg\) read on the scale. With \(mg\) substituted for \(F_N\), Eq. 13-12 gives us

\[
mg = ma_g - m(\omega^2 R),
\]

(13-13)

which says

\[
\left(\text{measured weight}\right) = \left(\text{magnitude of gravitational force}\right) - \left(\text{mass times centripetal acceleration}\right).
\]

Thus, the measured weight is less than the magnitude of the gravitational force on the crate, because of Earth’s rotation.

\textbf{Acceleration Difference.} To find a corresponding expression for \(g\) and \(a_g\), we cancel \(m\) from Eq. 13-13 to write

\[
g = a_g - \omega^2 R,
\]

(13-14)

which says

\[
\left(\text{free-fall acceleration}\right) = \left(\text{gravitational acceleration}\right) - \left(\text{centripetal acceleration}\right).
\]

Thus, the measured free-fall acceleration is less than the gravitational acceleration because of Earth’s rotation.

\textbf{Equator.} The difference between accelerations \(g\) and \(a_g\) is equal to \(\omega^2 R\) and is greatest on the equator (for one reason, the radius of the circle traveled by the crate is greatest there). To find the difference, we can use Eq. 10-5 (\(\omega = \Delta \theta/\Delta t\)) and Earth’s radius \(R = 6.37 \times 10^6\) m. For one rotation of Earth, \(\theta\) is \(2\pi\) rad and the time period \(\Delta t\) is about 24 h. Using these values (and converting hours to seconds), we find that \(g\) is less than \(a_g\) by only about 0.034 m/s\(^2\) (small compared to 9.8 m/s\(^2\)). Therefore, neglecting the difference in accelerations \(g\) and \(a_g\) is often justified. Similarly, neglecting the difference between weight and the magnitude of the gravitational force is also often justified.
Sample Problem 13.02 Difference in acceleration at head and feet

(a) An astronaut whose height $h$ is 1.70 m floats “feet down” in an orbiting space shuttle at distance $r = 6.77 \times 10^6$ m away from the center of Earth. What is the difference between the gravitational acceleration at her feet and at her head?

**KEY IDEAS**

We can approximate Earth as a uniform sphere of mass $M_E$. Then, from Eq. 13-11, the gravitational acceleration at any distance $r$ from the center of Earth is

$$a_g = \frac{GM_E}{r^2}. \quad (13-15)$$

We might simply apply this equation twice, first with $r = 6.77 \times 10^6$ m for the location of the feet and then with $r = 6.77 \times 10^6$ m + 1.70 m for the location of the head. However, a calculator may give us the same value for $a_g$ twice, and thus a difference of zero, because $h$ is so much smaller than $r$. Here’s a more promising approach: Because we have a differential change $dr$ in $r$ between the astronaut’s feet and head, we should differentiate Eq. 13-15 with respect to $r$.

**Calculations:** The differentiation gives us

$$da_g = -2 \frac{GM_E}{r^2} dr, \quad (13-16)$$

where $da_g$ is the differential change in the gravitational acceleration due to the differential change $dr$ in $r$. For the astronaut, $dr = h$ and $r = 6.77 \times 10^6$ m. Substituting data into Eq. 13-16, we find

$$da_g = -2 \frac{GM_E}{r^2} (1.70 \text{ m})$$

$$= 2 \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2)(1.99 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg})}{(6.77 \times 10^6 \text{ m})^3} (1.70 \text{ m})$$

$$= -4.37 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}^2.$$ 

(b) If the astronaut is now “feet down” at the same orbital radius $r = 6.77 \times 10^6$ m about a black hole of mass $M_h = 1.99 \times 10^{31}$ kg (10 times our Sun’s mass), what is the difference between the gravitational acceleration at her feet and at her head? The black hole has a mathematical surface (event horizon) of radius $R_h = 2.95 \times 10^4$ m. Nothing, not even light, can escape from that surface or anywhere inside it. Note that the astronaut is well outside the surface (at $r = 229 R_h$).

**Calculations:** We again have a differential change $dr$ in $r$ between the astronaut’s feet and head, so we can again use Eq. 13-16. However, now we substitute $M_h = 1.99 \times 10^{31}$ kg for $M_E$. We find

$$da_g = -2 \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2)(1.99 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg})}{(6.77 \times 10^6 \text{ m})^3} (1.70 \text{ m})$$

$$= -14.5 \text{ m/s}^2.$$ 

This means that the gravitational acceleration of the astronaut’s feet toward the black hole is noticeably larger than that of her head. The resulting tendency to stretch her body would be bearable but quite painful. If she drifted closer to the black hole, the stretching tendency would increase drastically.

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Gravitation Inside Earth

Newton’s shell theorem can also be applied to a situation in which a particle is located inside a uniform shell, to show the following:

**Caution:** This statement does *not* mean that the gravitational forces on the particle from the various elements of the shell magically disappear. Rather, it means that the sum of the force vectors on the particle from all the elements is zero.

If Earth’s mass were uniformly distributed, the gravitational force acting on a particle would be a maximum at Earth’s surface and would decrease as the particle moved outward, away from the planet. If the particle were to move inward, perhaps down a deep mine shaft, the gravitational force would change for two reasons. (1) It would tend to increase because the particle would be moving closer to the center of Earth. (2) It would tend to decrease because the thickening shell of material lying outside the particle’s radial position would not exert any net force on the particle.

To find an expression for the gravitational force inside a uniform Earth, let’s use the plot in *Pole to Pole*, an early science fiction story by George Griffith. Three explorers attempt to travel by capsule through a naturally formed (and, of course, fictional) tunnel directly from the south pole to the north pole. Figure 13-7 shows the capsule (mass $m$) when it has fallen to a distance $r$ from Earth’s center. At that moment, the net gravitational force on the capsule is due to the mass $M_{\text{ins}}$ inside the sphere with radius $r$ (the mass enclosed by the dashed outline), not the mass in the outer spherical shell (outside the dashed outline). Moreover, we can assume that the inside mass $M_{\text{ins}}$ is concentrated as a particle at Earth’s center. Thus, we can write Eq. 13-1, for the magnitude of the gravitational force on the capsule, as

$$F = \frac{GmM_{\text{ins}}}{r^2}. \quad (13-17)$$

Because we assume a uniform density $\rho$, we can write this inside mass in terms of Earth’s total mass $M$ and its radius $R$:

$$\rho = \frac{\text{inside mass}}{\text{inside volume}} = \frac{\text{total mass}}{\text{total volume}}.$$  

Solving for $M_{\text{ins}}$ we find

$$M_{\text{ins}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho = \frac{M}{R^3} r^3. \quad (13-18)$$

Substituting the second expression for $M_{\text{ins}}$ into Eq. 13-17 gives us the magnitude of the gravitational force on the capsule as a function of the capsule’s distance $r$ from Earth’s center:

$$F = \frac{GmM}{R^3} r. \quad (13-19)$$

According to Griffith’s story, as the capsule approaches Earth’s center, the gravitational force on the explorers becomes alarmingly large and, exactly at the center, it suddenly but only momentarily disappears. From Eq. 13-19 we see that, in fact, the force magnitude decreases linearly as the capsule approaches the center, until it is zero at the center. At least Griffith got the zero-at-the-center detail correct.
Equation 13-19 can also be written in terms of the force vector \( \vec{F} \) and the capsule’s position vector \( \vec{r} \) along a radial axis extending from Earth’s center. Letting \( K \) represent the collection of constants in Eq. 13-19, we can rewrite the force in vector form as

\[
\vec{F} = -K \vec{r},
\]

in which we have inserted a minus sign to indicate that \( \vec{F} \) and \( \vec{r} \) have opposite directions. Equation 13-20 has the form of Hooke’s law (Eq. 7-20, \( \vec{F} = -k \vec{d} \)). Thus, under the idealized conditions of the story, the capsule would oscillate like a block on a spring, with the center of the oscillation at Earth’s center. After the capsule had fallen from the south pole to Earth’s center, it would travel from the center to the north pole (as Griffith said) and then back again, repeating the cycle forever.

For the real Earth, which certainly has a nonuniform distribution of mass (Fig. 13-5), the force on the capsule would initially increase as the capsule descends. The force would then reach a maximum at a certain depth, and only then would it begin to decrease as the capsule further descends.
on Earth’s surface, the gravitational potential energy decreased when the separation between the particle and Earth decreased.

Here, we broaden our view and consider the gravitational potential energy \( U \) of two particles, of masses \( m \) and \( M \), separated by a distance \( r \). We again choose a reference configuration with \( U \) equal to zero. However, to simplify the equations, the separation distance \( r \) in the reference configuration is now large enough to be approximated as infinite. As before, the gravitational potential energy decreases when the separation decreases. Since \( U = 0 \) for \( r = \infty \), the potential energy is negative for any finite separation and becomes progressively more negative as the particles move closer together.

With these facts in mind and as we shall justify next, we take the gravitational potential energy of the two-particle system to be

\[
U = -\frac{GMm}{r} \quad \text{(gravitational potential energy).} \quad (13-21)
\]

Note that \( U(r) \) approaches zero as \( r \) approaches infinity and that for any finite value of \( r \), the value of \( U(r) \) is negative.

**Language.** The potential energy given by Eq. 13-21 is a property of the system of two particles rather than of either particle alone. There is no way to divide this energy and say that so much belongs to one particle and so much to the other. However, if \( M \gg m \), as is true for Earth (mass \( M \)) and a baseball (mass \( m \)), we often speak of “the potential energy of the baseball.” We can get away with this because, when a baseball moves in the vicinity of Earth, changes in the potential energy of the baseball–Earth system appear almost entirely as changes in the kinetic energy of the baseball, since changes in the kinetic energy of Earth are too small to be measured. Similarly, in Module 13-7 we shall speak of “the potential energy of an artificial satellite” orbiting Earth, because the satellite’s mass is so much smaller than Earth’s mass. When we speak of the potential energy of bodies of comparable mass, however, we have to be careful to treat them as a system.

**Multiple Particles.** If our system contains more than two particles, we consider each pair of particles in turn, calculate the gravitational potential energy of that pair with Eq. 13-21 as if the other particles were not there, and then algebraically sum the results. Applying Eq. 13-21 to each of the three pairs of Fig. 13-8, for example, gives the potential energy of the system as

\[
U = -\left(\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{Gm_1m_3}{r_{13}} + \frac{Gm_2m_3}{r_{23}}\right). \quad (13-22)
\]

**Proof of Equation 13-21**

Let us shoot a baseball directly away from Earth along the path in Fig. 13-9. We want to find an expression for the gravitational potential energy \( U \) of the ball at point \( P \) along its path, at radial distance \( R \) from Earth’s center. To do so, we first find the work \( W \) done on the ball by the gravitational force as the ball travels from point \( P \) to a great (infinite) distance from Earth. Because the gravitational force \( \vec{F}(r) \) is a variable force (its magnitude depends on \( r \)), we must use the techniques of Module 7-5 to find the work. In vector notation, we can write

\[
W = \int_R^\infty \vec{F}(r) \cdot d\vec{r}. \quad (13-23)
\]

The integral contains the scalar (or dot) product of the force \( \vec{F}(r) \) and the differential displacement vector \( d\vec{r} \) along the ball’s path. We can expand that product as

\[
\vec{F}(r) \cdot d\vec{r} = F(r) \, dr \cos \phi, \quad (13-24)
\]

where \( \phi \) is the angle between the directions of \( \vec{F}(r) \) and \( d\vec{r} \). When we substitute
180° for \( \phi \) and Eq. 13-1 for \( F(r) \), Eq. 13-24 becomes

\[
\vec{F}(r) \cdot d\vec{r} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} dr,
\]

where \( M \) is Earth’s mass and \( m \) is the mass of the ball.

Substituting this into Eq. 13-23 and integrating give us

\[
W = -GMm \int_R^\infty \frac{1}{r^2} dr = \left[ \frac{GMm}{r} \right]_R^\infty
\]

\[
= 0 - \frac{GMm}{R} = -\frac{GMm}{R},
\]

where \( W \) is the work required to move the ball from point \( P \) (at distance \( R \)) to infinity. Equation 8-1 (\( \Delta U = -W \)) tells us that we can also write that work in terms of potential energies as

\[
U_{\infty} - U = -W.
\]

Because the potential energy \( U_{\infty} \) at infinity is zero, \( U \) is the potential energy at \( P \), and \( W \) is given by Eq. 13-25, this equation becomes

\[
U = W = -\frac{GMm}{R}.
\]

Switching \( R \) to \( r \) gives us Eq. 13-21, which we set out to prove.

**Path Independence**

In Fig. 13-10, we move a baseball from point \( A \) to point \( G \) along a path consisting of three radial lengths and three circular arcs (centered on Earth). We are interested in the total work \( W \) done by Earth’s gravitational force \( \vec{F} \) on the ball as it moves from \( A \) to \( G \). The work done along each circular arc is zero, because the direction of \( \vec{F} \) is perpendicular to the arc at every point. Thus, \( W \) is the sum of only the works done by \( \vec{F} \) along the three radial lengths.

Now, suppose we mentally shrink the arcs to zero. We would then be moving the ball directly from \( A \) to \( G \) along a single radial length. Does that change \( W \)? No. Because no work was done along the arcs, eliminating them does not change the work. The path taken from \( A \) to \( G \) now is clearly different, but the work done by \( \vec{F} \) is the same.

We discussed such a result in a general way in Module 8-1. Here is the point: The gravitational force is a conservative force. Thus, the work done by the gravitational force on a particle moving from an initial point \( i \) to a final point \( f \) is independent of the path taken between the points. From Eq. 8-1, the change \( \Delta U \) in the gravitational potential energy from point \( i \) to point \( f \) is given by

\[
\Delta U = U_f - U_i = -W.
\]

Since the work \( W \) done by a conservative force is independent of the actual path taken, the change \( \Delta U \) in gravitational potential energy is also independent of the path taken.

**Potential Energy and Force**

In the proof of Eq. 13-21, we derived the potential energy function \( U(r) \) from the force function \( \vec{F}(r) \). We should be able to go the other way — that is, to start from the potential energy function and derive the force function. Guided by Eq. 8-22 (\( F(x) = -dU(x)/dx \)), we can write

\[
F = -\frac{dU}{dr} = -\frac{d}{dr} \left( -\frac{GMm}{r} \right)
\]

\[
= GMm \frac{1}{r^2}.
\]

(13-27)
This is Newton’s law of gravitation (Eq. 13-1). The minus sign indicates that the force on mass \(m\) points radially inward, toward mass \(M\).

**Escape Speed**

If you fire a projectile upward, usually it will slow, stop momentarily, and return to Earth. There is, however, a certain minimum initial speed that will cause it to move upward forever, theoretically coming to rest only at infinity. This minimum initial speed is called the (Earth) **escape speed**.

Consider a projectile of mass \(m\), leaving the surface of a planet (or some other astronomical body or system) with escape speed \(v\). The projectile has a kinetic energy \(K\) given by \(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\) and a potential energy \(U\) given by Eq. 13-21:

\[
U = -\frac{GMm}{R},
\]

in which \(M\) is the mass of the planet and \(R\) is its radius.

When the projectile reaches infinity, it stops and thus has no kinetic energy. It also has no potential energy because an infinite separation between two bodies is our zero-potential-energy configuration. Its total energy at infinity is therefore zero. From the principle of conservation of energy, its total energy at the planet’s surface must also have been zero, and so

\[
K + U = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \left(-\frac{GMm}{R}\right) = 0.
\]

This yields

\[
v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}.
\]

(13-28)

Note that \(v\) does not depend on the direction in which a projectile is fired from a planet. However, attaining that speed is easier if the projectile is fired in the direction the launch site is moving as the planet rotates about its axis. For example, rockets are launched eastward at Cape Canaveral to take advantage of the Cape’s eastward speed of 1500 km/h due to Earth’s rotation.

Equation 13-28 can be applied to find the escape speed of a projectile from any astronomical body, provided we substitute the mass of the body for \(M\) and the radius of the body for \(R\). Table 13-2 shows some escape speeds.

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*The most massive of the asteroids.

**A white dwarf** (a star in a final stage of evolution) that is a companion of the bright star Sirius.

**The collapsed core of a star that remains after that star has exploded in a supernova event.**

**Checkpoint 3**

You move a ball of mass \(m\) away from a sphere of mass \(M\). (a) Does the gravitational potential energy of the system of ball and sphere increase or decrease? (b) Is positive work or negative work done by the gravitational force between the ball and the sphere?
Sample Problem 13.03  Asteroid falling from space, mechanical energy

An asteroid, headed directly toward Earth, has a speed of 12 km/s relative to the planet when the asteroid is 10 Earth radii from Earth’s center. Neglecting the effects of Earth’s atmosphere on the asteroid, find the asteroid’s speed \( v_f \) when it reaches Earth’s surface.

**KEY IDEAS**

Because we are to neglect the effects of the atmosphere on the asteroid, the mechanical energy of the asteroid–Earth system is conserved during the fall. Thus, the final mechanical energy (when the asteroid reaches Earth’s surface) is equal to the initial mechanical energy. With kinetic energy \( K \) and gravitational potential energy \( U \), we can write this as

\[
K_f + U_f = K_i + U_i. \tag{13-29}
\]

Also, if we assume the system is isolated, the system’s linear momentum must be conserved during the fall. Therefore, the momentum change of the asteroid and that of Earth must be equal in magnitude and opposite in sign. However, because Earth’s mass is so much greater than the asteroid’s mass, the change in Earth’s speed is negligible relative to the change in the asteroid’s speed. So, the change in Earth’s kinetic energy is also negligible. Thus, we can assume that the kinetic energies in Eq. 13-29 are those of the asteroid alone.

**Calculations:** Let \( m \) represent the asteroid’s mass and \( M \) represent Earth’s mass \((5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg})\). The asteroid is initially at distance \( 10R_E \) and finally at distance \( R_E \), where \( R_E \) is Earth’s radius \((6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m})\). Substituting Eq. 13-21 for \( U \) and \( \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \) for \( K \), we rewrite Eq. 13-29 as

\[
\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{GMm}{R_E} = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 - \frac{GMm}{10R_E}.
\]

Rearranging and substituting known values, we find

\[
v_f^2 = v_i^2 + \frac{2GM}{R_E} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{10} \right) + \frac{2(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2)(5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg})}{6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}} \cdot 0.9
\]

\[
= 2.567 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2,
\]

and

\[
v_f = 1.60 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s} = 16 \text{ km/s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

At this speed, the asteroid would not have to be particularly large to do considerable damage at impact. If it were only 5 m across, the impact could release about as much energy as the nuclear explosion at Hiroshima. Alarmingly, about 500 million asteroids of this size are near Earth’s orbit, and in 1994 one of them apparently penetrated Earth’s atmosphere and exploded 20 km above the South Pacific (setting off nuclear-explosion warnings on six military satellites).

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13-6 PLANETS AND SATELLITES: KEPLER’S LAWS

**Learning Objectives**

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

13.17 Identify Kepler’s three laws.
13.18 Identify which of Kepler’s laws is equivalent to the law of conservation of angular momentum.
13.19 On a sketch of an elliptical orbit, identify the semimajor axis, the eccentricity, the perihelion, the aphelion, and the focal points.

13.20 For an elliptical orbit, apply the relationships between the semimajor axis, the eccentricity, the perihelion, and the aphelion.
13.21 For an orbiting natural or artificial satellite, apply Kepler’s relationship between the orbital period and radius and the mass of the astronomical body being orbited.

**Key Ideas**

- The motion of satellites, both natural and artificial, is governed by Kepler’s laws:
  1. **The law of orbits.** All planets move in elliptical orbits with the Sun at one focus.
  2. **The law of areas.** A line joining any planet to the Sun sweeps out equal areas in equal time intervals. (This statement is equivalent to conservation of angular momentum.)
  3. **The law of periods.** The square of the period \( T \) of any planet is proportional to the cube of the semimajor axis \( a \) of its orbit. For circular orbits with radius \( r \),

\[
T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} r^3 \quad \text{(law of periods),}
\]

where \( M \) is the mass of the attracting body—the Sun in the case of the solar system. For elliptical planetary orbits, the semimajor axis \( a \) is substituted for \( r \).
Planets and Satellites: Kepler’s Laws

The motions of the planets, as they seemingly wander against the background of the stars, have been a puzzle since the dawn of history. The “loop-the-loop” motion of Mars, shown in Fig. 13-11, was particularly baffling. Johannes Kepler (1571–1630), after a lifetime of study, worked out the empirical laws that govern these motions. Tycho Brahe (1546–1601), the last of the great astronomers to make observations without the help of a telescope, compiled the extensive data from which Kepler was able to derive the three laws of planetary motion that now bear Kepler’s name. Later, Newton (1642–1727) showed that his law of gravitation leads to Kepler’s laws.

In this section we discuss each of Kepler’s three laws. Although here we apply the laws to planets orbiting the Sun, they hold equally well for satellites, either natural or artificial, orbiting Earth or any other massive central body.

1. THE LAW OF ORBITS: All planets move in elliptical orbits, with the Sun at one focus.

Figure 13-12 shows a planet of mass $m$ moving in such an orbit around the Sun, whose mass is $M$. We assume that $M \gg m$, so that the center of mass of the planet–Sun system is approximately at the center of the Sun.

The orbit in Fig. 13-12 is described by giving its semimajor axis $a$ and its eccentricity $e$, the latter defined so that $ea$ is the distance from the center of the ellipse to either focus $F$ or $F'$. An eccentricity of zero corresponds to a circle, in which the two foci merge to a single central point. The eccentricities of the planetary orbits are not large; so if the orbits are drawn to scale, they look circular. The eccentricity of the ellipse of Fig. 13-12, which has been exaggerated for clarity, is 0.74. The eccentricity of Earth’s orbit is only 0.0167.

2. THE LAW OF AREAS: A line that connects a planet to the Sun sweeps out equal areas in the plane of the planet’s orbit in equal time intervals; that is, the rate $dA/dt$ at which it sweeps out area $A$ is constant.

Qualitatively, this second law tells us that the planet will move most slowly when it is farthest from the Sun and most rapidly when it is nearest to the Sun. As it turns out, Kepler’s second law is totally equivalent to the law of conservation of angular momentum. Let us prove it.

The area of the shaded wedge in Fig. 13-13a closely approximates the area swept out in time $\Delta t$ by a line connecting the Sun and the planet, which are separated by distance $r$. The area $\Delta A$ of the wedge is approximately the area of the planet sweeps out this area.

These are the two momentum components.
a triangle with base $r \Delta \theta$ and height $r$. Since the area of a triangle is one-half of the base times the height, $\Delta A \approx \frac{1}{2} r^2 \Delta \theta$. This expression for $\Delta A$ becomes more exact as $\Delta t$ (hence $\Delta \theta$) approaches zero. The instantaneous rate at which area is being swept out is then

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \omega,$$  \hspace{1cm} (13-30)$$
in which $\omega$ is the angular speed of the line connecting Sun and planet, as the line rotates around the Sun.

Figure 13-13b shows the linear momentum $\vec{p}$ of the planet, along with the radial and perpendicular components of $\vec{p}$. From Eq. 11-20 ($L = rp_\perp$), the magnitude of the angular momentum $\vec{L}$ of the planet about the Sun is given by the product of $r$ and $p_\perp$, the component of $\vec{p}$ perpendicular to $r$. Here, for a planet of mass $m$,

$$L = rp_\perp = (r)(mv_\perp) = (r)(m\omega r) = mr^2 \omega,$$  \hspace{1cm} (13-31)$$
where we have replaced $v_\perp$ with its equivalent $\omega r$ (Eq. 10-18). Eliminating $r^2 \omega$ between Eqs. 13-30 and 13-31 leads to

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{L}{2m}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (13-32)$$
If $dA/dt$ is constant, as Kepler said it is, then Eq. 13-32 means that $L$ must also be constant—angular momentum is conserved. Kepler’s second law is indeed equivalent to the law of conservation of angular momentum.

**3. THE LAW OF PERIODS:** The square of the period of any planet is proportional to the cube of the semimajor axis of its orbit.

To see this, consider the circular orbit of Fig. 13-14, with radius $r$ (the radius of a circle is equivalent to the semimajor axis of an ellipse). Applying Newton’s second law ($F = ma$) to the orbiting planet in Fig. 13-14 yields

$$\frac{GMm}{r^2} = (m)(\omega^2 r).$$  \hspace{1cm} (13-33)$$
Here we have substituted from Eq. 13-1 for the force magnitude $F$ and used Eq. 10-23 to substitute $\omega^2 r$ for the centripetal acceleration. If we now use Eq. 10-20 to replace $\omega$ with $2\pi/T$, where $T$ is the period of the motion, we obtain Kepler’s third law:

$$T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right)r^3 \text{ (law of periods)}. $$  \hspace{1cm} (13-34)$$
The quantity in parentheses is a constant that depends only on the mass $M$ of the central body about which the planet orbits.

Equation 13-34 holds also for elliptical orbits, provided we replace $r$ with $a$, the semimajor axis of the ellipse. This law predicts that the ratio $T^2/a^3$ has essentially the same value for every planetary orbit around a given massive body. Table 13-3 shows how well it holds for the orbits of the planets of the solar system.

**Checkpoint 4**

Satellite 1 is in a certain circular orbit around a planet, while satellite 2 is in a larger circular orbit. Which satellite has (a) the longer period and (b) the greater speed?
Sample Problem 13.04  Kepler’s law of periods, Comet Halley

Comet Halley orbits the Sun with a period of 76 years and, in 1986, had a distance of closest approach to the Sun, its perihelion distance \( R_p \), of \( 8.9 \times 10^{10} \) m. Table 13-3 shows that this is between the orbits of Mercury and Venus.

(a) What is the comet’s farthest distance from the Sun, which is called its aphelion distance \( R_a \)?

**KEY IDEAS**

From Fig. 13-12, we see that \( R_a + R_p = 2a \), where \( a \) is the semimajor axis of the orbit. Thus, we can find \( R_a \) if we first find \( a \).

We can relate \( a \) to the given period via the law of periods (Eq. 13-34) if we simply substitute the semimajor axis \( a \) for \( r \).

**Calculations:** Making that substitution and then solving for \( a \), we have

\[
a = \left( \frac{GM T^2}{4 \pi^2} \right)^{1/3}.
\]  

(13-35)

If we substitute the mass \( M \) of the Sun, \( 1.99 \times 10^{30} \) kg, and the period \( T \) of the comet, 76 years or \( 2.4 \times 10^9 \) s, into Eq. 13-35, we find that \( a = 2.7 \times 10^{12} \) m. Now we have \( R_a = 2a - R_p \)

\[
= (2)(2.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}) - 8.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ m} \\
= 5.3 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}.
\]

(Answer)

Table 13-3 shows that this is a little less than the semimajor axis of the orbit of Pluto. Thus, the comet does not get farther from the Sun than Pluto.

(b) What is the eccentricity \( e \) of the orbit of comet Halley?

**KEY IDEA**

We can relate \( e, a, \) and \( R_p \) via Fig. 13-12, in which we see that \( ea = a - R_p \).

**Calculation:** We have

\[
e = \frac{a - R_p}{a} = 1 - \frac{R_p}{a}
\]

(13-36)

\[
= 1 - \frac{8.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}}{2.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}} = 0.97.
\]

(Answer)

This tells us that, with an eccentricity approaching unity, this orbit must be a long thin ellipse.

13-7 SATELLITES: ORBITS AND ENERGY

**Learning Objectives**

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

13.22 For a satellite in a circular orbit around an astronomical body, calculate the gravitational potential energy, the kinetic energy, and the total energy.

13.23 For a satellite in an elliptical orbit, calculate the total energy.

**Key Ideas**

- When a planet or satellite with mass \( m \) moves in a circular orbit with radius \( r \), its potential energy \( U \) and kinetic energy \( K \) are given by

\[
U = -\frac{GMm}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad K = \frac{GMm}{2r}.
\]

The mechanical energy \( E = K + U \) is then

\[
E = -\frac{GMm}{2r}.
\]

For an elliptical orbit of semimajor axis \( a \),

\[
E = -\frac{GMm}{2a}.
\]

**Satellites: Orbits and Energy**

As a satellite orbits Earth in an elliptical path, both its speed, which fixes its kinetic energy \( K \), and its distance from the center of Earth, which fixes its gravitational potential energy \( U \), fluctuate with fixed periods. However, the mechanical energy \( E \) of the satellite remains constant. (Since the satellite’s mass is so much smaller than Earth’s mass, we assign \( U \) and \( E \) for the Earth–satellite system to the satellite alone.)
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Figure 13-16 The variation of kinetic energy $K$, potential energy $U$, and total energy $E$ with radius $r$ for a satellite in a circular orbit. For any value of $r$, the values of $U$ and $E$ are negative, the value of $K$ is positive, and $E = -K$. As $r \to \infty$, all three energy curves approach a value of zero.

The potential energy of the system is given by Eq. 13-21:

$$U = -\frac{GMm}{r}$$

(with $U = 0$ for infinite separation). Here $r$ is the radius of the satellite’s orbit, assumed for the time being to be circular, and $M$ and $m$ are the masses of Earth and the satellite, respectively.

To find the kinetic energy of a satellite in a circular orbit, we write Newton’s second law ($F = ma$) as

$$\frac{GMm}{r^2} = m\frac{v^2}{r},$$

(13-37)

where $v^2/r$ is the centripetal acceleration of the satellite. Then, from Eq. 13-37, the kinetic energy is

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{GMm}{2r},$$

(13-38)

which shows us that for a satellite in a circular orbit,

$$K = -\frac{U}{2}$$

(circular orbit).

(13-39)

The total mechanical energy of the orbiting satellite is

$$E = K + U = \frac{GMm}{2r} - \frac{GMm}{r}$$

or

$$E = -\frac{GMm}{2r}$$

(circular orbit).

(13-40)

This tells us that for a satellite in a circular orbit, the total energy $E$ is the negative of the kinetic energy $K$:

$$E = -K$$

(circular orbit).

(13-41)

For a satellite in an elliptical orbit of semimajor axis $a$, we can substitute $a$ for $r$ in Eq. 13-40 to find the mechanical energy:

$$E = -\frac{GMm}{2a}$$

(elliptical orbit).

(13-42)

Equation 13-42 tells us that the total energy of an orbiting satellite depends only on the semimajor axis of its orbit and not on its eccentricity $e$. For example, four orbits with the same semimajor axis are shown in Fig. 13-15; the same satellite would have the same total mechanical energy $E$ in all four orbits. Figure 13-16 shows the variation of $K$, $U$, and $E$ with $r$ for a satellite moving in a circular orbit about a massive central body. Note that as $r$ is increased, the kinetic energy (and thus also the orbital speed) decreases.

Checkpoint 5

In the figure here, a space shuttle is initially in a circular orbit of radius $r$ about Earth. At point $P$, the pilot briefly fires a forward-pointing thruster to decrease the shuttle’s kinetic energy $K$ and mechanical energy $E$. (a) Which of the dashed elliptical orbits shown in the figure will the shuttle then take? (b) Is the orbital period $T$ of the shuttle (the time to return to $P$) then greater than, less than, or the same as in the circular orbit?
**Sample Problem 13.05  Mechanical energy of orbiting bowling ball**

A playful astronaut releases a bowling ball, of mass \( m = 7.20 \text{ kg} \), into circular orbit about Earth at an altitude \( h = 350 \text{ km} \).

(a) What is the mechanical energy \( E \) of the ball in its orbit?

**KEY IDEA**

We can get \( E \) from the orbital energy, given by Eq. 13-40 \((E = -\frac{GMm}{2r})\), if we first find the orbital radius \( r \). (It is not simply the given altitude.)

**Calculations:** The orbital radius must be

\[
r = R + h = 6370 \text{ km} + 350 \text{ km} = 6.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m},
\]

in which \( R \) is the radius of Earth. Then, from Eq. 13-40 with Earth mass \( M = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \), the mechanical energy is

\[
E = -\frac{GMm}{2r} = -\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2)(5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg})(7.20 \text{ kg})}{(2)(6.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m})} = -2.14 \times 10^8 \text{ J} = -214 \text{ MJ}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

(b) What is the mechanical energy \( E_0 \) of the ball on the launchpad at the Kennedy Space Center (before launch)? From there to the orbit, what is the change \( \Delta E \) in the ball’s mechanical energy?

**Sample Problem 13.06  Transforming a circular orbit into an elliptical orbit**

A spaceship of mass \( m = 4.50 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \) is in a circular Earth orbit of radius \( r = 8.00 \times 10^6 \text{ m} \) and period \( T_0 = 118.6 \text{ min} = 7.119 \times 10^3 \text{ s} \) when a thruster is fired in the forward direction to decrease the speed to 96.0% of the original speed. What is the period \( T \) of the resulting elliptical orbit (Fig. 13-17)?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) The orbit of an elliptical orbit is related to the semimajor axis \( a \) by Kepler’s third law, written as Eq. 13-34 \((T^2 = 4\pi^2r^3/GM)\) but with \( a \) replacing \( r \).
(2) The semimajor axis \( a \) is related to the total mechanical energy \( E \) of the ship by Eq. 13-42 \((E = -GMm/2a)\), in which Earth’s mass is \( M = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \).
(3) The potential energy of the ship at radius \( r \) from Earth’s center is given by Eq. 13-21 \((U = -GMm/r)\).

**Calculations:** Looking over the Key Ideas, we see that we need to calculate the total energy \( E \) to find the semimajor axis \( a \), so that we can then determine the period of the elliptical orbit. Let’s start with the kinetic energy, calculating it just after the thruster is fired. The speed \( v \) just then is 96% of the initial speed \( v_0 \), which was equal to the ratio of the circumference of the initial circular orbit to the initial period of the orbit. Thus, just after the thruster is fired, the kinetic energy is

\[
K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(0.96v_0)^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(0.96)^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}\right)^2 \]
\[
= \frac{1}{2}(4.50 \times 10^3 \text{ kg})(0.96)^2 \left(\frac{2\pi(8.00 \times 10^6 \text{ m})}{7.119 \times 10^3 \text{ s}}\right)^2 \]
\[
= 1.0338 \times 10^{11} \text{ J}.
\]
Einstein and Gravitation

Principle of Equivalence

Albert Einstein once said: “I was . . . in the patent office at Bern when all of a sudden a thought occurred to me: ‘If a person falls freely, he will not feel his own weight.’ I was startled. This simple thought made a deep impression on me. It impelled me toward a theory of gravitation.”

Thus Einstein tells us how he began to form his general theory of relativity. The fundamental postulate of this theory about gravitation (the gravitating of objects toward each other) is called the **principle of equivalence**, which says that gravitation and acceleration are equivalent. If a physicist were locked up in a small box as in Fig. 13-18, he would not be able to tell whether the box was at

*Figure 13-18*  (a) A physicist in a box resting on Earth sees a cantaloupe falling with acceleration \( a = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \). (b) If he and the box accelerate in deep space at 9.8 m/s\(^2\), the cantaloupe has the same acceleration relative to him. It is not possible, by doing experiments within the box, for the physicist to tell which situation he is in. For example, the platform scale on which he stands reads the same weight in both situations.
rest on Earth (and subject only to Earth's gravitational force), as in Fig. 13-18a, or accelerating through interstellar space at 9.8 m/s² (and subject only to the force producing that acceleration), as in Fig. 13-18b. In both situations he would feel the same and would read the same value for his weight on a scale. Moreover, if he watched an object fall past him, the object would have the same acceleration relative to him in both situations.

**Curvature of Space**

We have thus far explained gravitation as due to a force between masses. Einstein showed that, instead, gravitation is due to a curvature of space that is caused by the masses. (As is discussed later in this book, space and time are entangled, so the curvature of which Einstein spoke is really a curvature of *spacetime*, the combined four dimensions of our universe.)

Picturing how space (such as vacuum) can have curvature is difficult. An analogy might help: Suppose that from orbit we watch a race in which two boats begin on Earth's equator with a separation of 20 km and head due south (Fig. 13-19a). To the sailors, the boats travel along flat, parallel paths. However, with time the boats draw together until, nearer the south pole, they touch. The sailors in the boats can interpret this drawing together in terms of a force acting on the boats. Looking on from space, however, we can see that the boats draw together simply because of the curvature of Earth's surface. We can see this because we are viewing the race from “outside” that surface.

Figure 13-19b shows a similar race: Two horizontally separated apples are dropped from the same height above Earth. Although the apples may appear to travel along parallel paths, they actually move toward each other because they both fall toward Earth's center. We can interpret the motion of the apples in terms of the gravitational force on the apples from Earth. We can also interpret the motion in terms of a curvature of the space near Earth, a curvature due to the presence of Earth's mass. This time we cannot see the curvature because we cannot get “outside” the curved space, as we got “outside” the curved Earth in the boat example. However, we can depict the curvature with a drawing like Fig. 13-19c; there the apples would move along a surface that curves toward Earth because of Earth's mass.

When light passes near Earth, the path of the light bends slightly because of the curvature of space there, an effect called *gravitational lensing*. When light passes a more massive structure, like a galaxy or a black hole having large mass, its path can be bent more. If such a massive structure is between us and a quasar (an extremely bright, extremely distant source of light), the light from the quasar...
The Law of Gravitation

Any particle in the universe attracts any other particle with a gravitational force whose magnitude is

\[ F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \]  

(13-1)

where \( m_1 \) and \( m_2 \) are the masses of the particles, \( r \) is their separation, and \( G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2 \) is the gravitational constant.

Gravitational Behavior of Uniform Spherical Shells

The gravitational force between extended bodies is found by adding (integrating) the individual forces on individual particles within the bodies. However, if either of the bodies is a uniform spherical shell or a spherically symmetric solid, the net gravitational force it exerts on an external object may be computed as if all the mass of the shell or body were located at its center.

Superposition

Gravitational forces obey the principle of superposition; that is, if \( n \) particles interact, the net force \( \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} \) on a particle labeled particle 1 is the sum of the forces on it from all the other particles taken one at a time:

\[ \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \sum_{i=2}^{n} \vec{F}_{1i} \]  

(13-5)

in which the sum is a vector sum of the forces \( \vec{F}_{1i} \) on particle 1 from particles 2, 3, \ldots, \( n \). The gravitational force \( \vec{F}_i \) on a particle from an extended body is found by dividing the body into units of differential mass \( dm \), each of which produces a differential force \( d\vec{F} \) on the particle, and then integrating to find the sum of those forces:

\[ \vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \int d\vec{F}. \]  

(13-6)

Gravitational Acceleration

The gravitational acceleration \( a_g \) of a particle (of mass \( m \)) is due solely to the gravitational force acting on it. When the particle is at distance \( r \) from the center of a uniform, spherical body of mass \( M \), the magnitude \( F \) of the gravitational force on the particle is given by Eq. 13-1. Thus, by Newton’s second law,

\[ F = ma_g, \]  

(13-10)

which gives

\[ a_g = \frac{GM}{r^2}. \]  

(13-11)

Free-Fall Acceleration and Weight

Because Earth’s mass is not distributed uniformly, because the planet is not perfectly spherical, and because it rotates, the actual free-fall acceleration \( \ddot{g} \) of a particle near Earth differs slightly from the gravitational acceleration \( a_g \), and the particle’s weight (equal to \( mg \)) differs from the magnitude of the gravitational force on it as calculated by Newton’s law of gravitation (Eq. 13-1).
Gravitation Within a Spherical Shell  A uniform shell of matter exerts no net gravitational force on a particle located inside it. This means that if a particle is located inside a uniform solid sphere at distance \( r \) from its center, the gravitational force exerted on the particle is due only to the mass that lies inside a sphere of radius \( r \) (the inside sphere). The force magnitude is given by

\[
F = \frac{G M}{r^3},
\]

(13-19)

where \( M \) is the sphere’s mass and \( R \) is its radius.

Gravitational Potential Energy  The gravitational potential energy \( U(r) \) of a system of two particles, with masses \( M \) and \( m \) and separated by a distance \( r \), is the negative of the work that would be done by the gravitational force of either particle acting on the other if the separation between the particles were changed from infinite (very large) to \( r \). This energy is

\[
U = -\frac{G M m}{r} \quad \text{(gravitational potential energy).}
\]

(13-21)

Potential Energy of a System  If a system contains more than two particles, its total gravitational potential energy \( U \) is the sum of the terms representing the potential energies of all the pairs. As an example, for three particles, of masses \( m_1, m_2, \) and \( m_3 \),

\[
U = -\left( \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{G m_1 m_3}{r_{13}} + \frac{G m_2 m_3}{r_{23}} \right).
\]

(13-22)

Escape Speed  An object will escape the gravitational pull of an astronomical body of mass \( M \) and radius \( R \) (that is, it will reach an infinite distance) if the object’s speed near the body’s surface is at least equal to the escape speed, given by

\[
v = \sqrt{\frac{2 G M}{R}}.
\]

(13-28)

Questions

1. In Fig. 13-21, a central particle of mass \( M \) is surrounded by a square array of other particles, separated by either distance \( d \) or distance \( d/2 \) along the perimeter of the square. What are the magnitude and direction of the net gravitational force on the central particle due to the other particles?

2. Figure 13-22 shows three arrangements of the same identical particles, with three of them placed on a circle of radius 0.20 m and the fourth one placed at the center of the circle. (a) Rank the arrangements according to the magnitude of the net gravitational force on the central particle due to the other three particles, greatest first. (b) Rank them according to the gravitational potential energy of the four-particle system, least negative first.

3. In Fig. 13-23, a central particle is surrounded by two circular rings of particles, at radii \( r \) and \( R \), with \( R > r \). All the particles have mass \( m \). What are the magnitude and direction of the net gravitational force on the central particle due to the particles in the rings?

4. In Fig. 13-24, two particles, of masses \( m \) and \( 2m \), are fixed in place on an axis. (a) Where on the axis can a third particle of mass \( 3m \) be placed (other than at infinity) so that the net gravitational force on it from the first two particles is zero? (b) Does the answer change if the third particle has, instead, a mass of \( 16m \) (c) Is there a point off the axis (other than infinity) at which the net force on the third particle would be zero?
5 Figure 13-25 shows three situations involving a point particle \( P \) with mass \( m \) and a spherical shell with a uniformly distributed mass \( M \). The radii of the shells are given. Rank the situations according to the magnitude of the gravitational force on particle \( P \) due to the shell, greatest first.

![Figure 13-25](image)

**Figure 13-25** Question 5.

6 In Fig. 13-26, three particles are fixed in place. The mass of \( B \) is greater than the mass of \( C \). Can a fourth particle (particle \( D \)) be placed somewhere so that the net gravitational force on particle \( A \) from particles \( B \), \( C \), and \( D \) is zero? If so, in which quadrant should it be placed and which axis should it be near?

![Figure 13-26](image)

**Figure 13-26** Question 6.

7 Rank the four systems of equal-mass particles shown in Checkpoint 2 according to the absolute value of the gravitational potential energy of the system, greatest first.

8 Figure 13-27 gives the gravitational acceleration \( a_r \) for four planets as a function of the radial distance \( r \) from the center of the planet, starting at the surface of the planet (at radius \( R_1, R_2, R_3 \), or \( R_4 \)). Plots 1 and 2 coincide for \( r \geq R_2 \); plots 3 and 4 coincide for \( r \geq R_3 \). Rank the four planets according to (a) mass and (b) mass per unit volume, greatest first.

![Figure 13-27](image)

**Figure 13-27** Question 8.

9 Figure 13-28 shows three particles initially fixed in place, with \( B \) and \( C \) identical and positioned symmetrically about the \( y \) axis, at distance \( d \) from \( A \). (a) In which direction is the net gravitational force \( \mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} \) on \( A \)? (b) If we move \( C \) directly away from the origin, does \( \mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} \) change in direction? If so, how and what is the limit of the change?

![Figure 13-28](image)

**Figure 13-28** Question 9.

10 Figure 13-29 shows six paths by which a rocket orbiting a moon might move from point \( a \) to point \( b \). Rank the paths according to (a) the corresponding change in the gravitational potential energy of the rocket–moon system and (b) the net work done on the rocket by the gravitational force from the moon, greatest first.

![Figure 13-29](image)

**Figure 13-29** Question 10.

11 Figure 13-30 shows three uniform spherical planets that are identical in size and mass. The periods of rotation \( T \) for the planets are given, and six lettered points are indicated—three points are on the equators of the planets and three points are on the north poles. Rank the points according to the value of the free-fall acceleration \( g \) at them, greatest first.

![Figure 13-30](image)

**Figure 13-30** Question 11.

12 In Fig. 13-31, a particle of mass \( m \) (which is not shown) is to be moved from an infinite distance to one of the three possible locations \( a, b, \) and \( c \). Two other particles, of masses \( m \) and \( 2m \), are already fixed in place on the axis, as shown. Rank the three possible locations according to the work done by the net gravitational force on the moving particle due to the fixed particles, greatest first.

![Figure 13-31](image)

**Figure 13-31** Question 12.
increase and (b) your weight (as measured on a scale) decrease? Assume that the Earth–Moon (center-to-center) distance is \(3.82 \times 10^8\) m and Earth’s radius is \(6.37 \times 10^6\) m.

**3 SSM** What must the separation be between a 5.2 kg particle and a 2.4 kg particle for their gravitational attraction to have a magnitude of \(2.3 \times 10^{-12}\) N?

**4** The Sun and Earth each exert a gravitational force on the Moon. What is the ratio \(F_{\text{Sun}}/F_{\text{Earth}}\) of these two forces? (The average Sun–Moon distance is equal to the Sun–Earth distance.)

**5 Miniature black holes.** Left over from the big-bang beginning of the universe, tiny black holes might still wander through the universe. If one with a mass of \(1 \times 10^{15}\) kg (and a radius of only \(1 \times 10^{-16}\) m) reached Earth, at what distance from your head would its gravitational pull on you match that of Earth’s?

**Module 13-2 Gravitation and the Principle of Superposition**

**6** In Fig. 13-32, a square of edge length 20.0 cm is formed by four spheres of masses \(m_1 = 5.00\) g, \(m_2 = 3.00\) g, \(m_3 = 1.00\) g, and \(m_4 = 5.00\) g. In unit-vector notation, what is the net gravitational force from them on a central sphere with mass \(m_5 = 2.50\) g?

**7 One dimension.** In Fig. 13-33, two point particles are fixed on an \(x\) axis separated by distance \(d\). Particle \(A\) has mass \(m_A\) and particle \(B\) has mass \(m_B = 3.00m_A\). A third particle \(C\), of mass \(75.0m_A\), is to be placed on the \(x\) axis and near particles \(A\) and \(B\). In terms of distance \(d\), at what \(x\) coordinate should \(C\) be placed so that the net gravitational force on particle \(A\) from particles \(B\) and \(C\) is zero?

**8** In Fig. 13-34, three 5.00 kg spheres are located at distances \(d_1 = 0.300\) m and \(d_2 = 0.400\) m. What are the (a) magnitude and (b) direction (relative to the positive direction of the \(x\) axis) of the net gravitational force on sphere \(B\) due to spheres \(A\) and \(C\)?

**9 SSM WWW** We want to position a space probe along a line that extends directly toward the Sun in order to monitor solar flares. How far from Earth’s center is the point on the line where the Sun’s gravitational pull on the probe balances Earth’s pull?

**10 Two dimensions.** In Fig. 13-35, three point particles are fixed in place in an \(xy\) plane. Particle \(A\) has mass \(m_A\), particle \(B\) has mass \(2.00m_A\), and particle \(C\) has mass \(3.00m_A\). A fourth particle \(D\), with mass \(4.00m_A\), is to be placed near the other three particles. In terms of distance \(d\), at what (a) \(x\) coordinate and (b) \(y\) coordinate should particle \(D\) be placed so that the net gravitational force on particle \(A\) from particles \(B\), \(C\), and \(D\) is zero?

**11** As seen in Fig. 13-36, two spheres of mass \(m\) and a third sphere of mass \(2m\) form an equilateral triangle, and a fourth sphere of mass \(m_4\) is at the center of the triangle. The net gravitational force on that central sphere from the three other spheres is zero. (a) What is \(M\) in terms of \(m\)? (b) If we double the value of \(m_4\), what then is the magnitude of the net gravitational force on the central sphere?

**12** In Fig. 13-37a, particle \(A\) is fixed in place at \(x = -0.20\) m on the \(x\) axis and particle \(B\), with a mass of 1.0 kg, is fixed in place at the origin. Particle \(C\) (not shown) can be moved along the \(x\) axis, between particle \(B\) and \(x = \infty\). Figure 13-37b shows the \(x\) component \(F_{\text{net},x}\) of the net gravitational force on particle \(B\) due to particles \(A\) and \(C\), as a function of position \(x\) of particle \(C\). The plot actually extends to the right, approaching an asymptote of \(-4.17 \times 10^{-10}\) N as \(x \to \infty\). What are the masses of (a) particle \(A\) and (b) particle \(C\)?

**13** Figure 13-38 shows a spherical hollow inside a lead sphere of radius \(R = 4.00\) cm; the surface of the hollow passes through the center of the sphere and “touches” the right side of the sphere. The mass of the sphere before hollowing was \(M = 2.95\) kg. With what gravitational force does the hollowed-out lead sphere attract a small sphere of mass \(m = 0.431\) kg that lies at a distance \(d = 9.00\) cm from the center of the lead sphere, on the straight line connecting the centers of the spheres and of the hollow?

**14** Three point particles are fixed in position in an \(xy\) plane. Two of them, particle \(A\) of mass 6.00 g and particle \(B\) of mass 12.0 g, are shown in Fig. 13-39, with a separation of \(d_{AB} = 0.500\) m at angle \(\theta = 30^\circ\). Particle \(C\), with mass 8.00 g, is not shown. The net gravitational force acting on particle \(A\) due to particles \(B\) and \(C\) is \(2.77 \times 10^{-14}\) N at an angle of \(-163.8^\circ\) from the positive direction of the \(x\) axis. What are (a) the \(x\) coordinate and (b) the \(y\) coordinate of particle \(C\)?

**15 Three dimensions.** Three point particles are fixed in place in an \(xyz\) coordinate system. Particle \(A\), at the origin, has mass \(m_A\).
Particle $B$, at $xyz$ coordinates $(2.00d, 1.00d, 2.00d)$, has mass $2.00m_A$, and particle $C$, at coordinates $(-1.00d, 2.00d, -3.00d)$, has mass $3.00m_A$. A fourth particle $D$, with mass $4.00m_A$, is to be placed near the other particles. In terms of distance $d$, at what (a) $x$, (b) $y$, and (c) $z$ coordinate should $D$ be placed so that the net gravitational force on $A$ from $B$, $C$, and $D$ is zero?

16 In Fig. 13-40, a particle of mass $m_1 = 0.67$ kg is a distance $d = 23$ cm from one end of a uniform rod with length $L = 3.0$ m and mass $M = 5.0$ kg. What is the magnitude of the gravitational force on the particle from the rod?

Module 13-3 Gravitation Near Earth’s Surface

17 (a) What will an object weigh on the Moon’s surface if it weighs 100 N on Earth’s surface? (b) How many Earth radii must this same object be from the center of Earth if it is to weigh the same as it does on the Moon?

18 Mountain pull. A large mountain can slightly affect the direction of “down” as determined by a plumb line. Assume that we can model a mountain as a sphere of radius $R = 2.00$ km and density (mass per unit volume) $2.6 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$. Assume also that we hang a 0.50 m plumb line at a distance of 3R from the sphere’s center and such that the sphere pulls horizontally on the lower end. How far would the lower end move toward the sphere?

19 SSM At what altitude above Earth’s surface would the gravitational acceleration be 4.9 m/s$^2$?

20 Mile-high building. In 1956, Frank Lloyd Wright proposed the construction of a mile-high building in Chicago. Suppose the building had been constructed. Ignoring Earth’s rotation, find the change in your weight if you were to ride an elevator from the street level, where you weigh 600 N, to the top of the building.

21 ILW Certain neutron stars (extremely dense stars) are believed to be rotating at about 1 rev/s. If such a star has a radius of 20 km, what must be its minimum mass so that material on its surface remains in place during the rapid rotation?

22 The radius $R_h$ and mass $M_h$ of a black hole are related by $R_h = 2GM/c^2$, where $c$ is the speed of light. Assume that the gravitational acceleration $a_g$ of an object at a distance $r_o = 1.00R_h$ from the center of a black hole is given by Eq. 13-11 (it is, for large black holes). (a) In terms of $M_h$, find $a_g$ at $r_o$. (b) Does $a_g$ at $r_o$ increase or decrease as $M_h$ increases? (c) What is $a_g$ at $r_o$ for a very large black hole whose mass is $1.55 \times 10^{12}$ times the solar mass of $1.99 \times 10^{30}$ kg? (d) If an astronaut of height 1.70 m is at $r_o$ with her feet down, what is the difference in gravitational acceleration between her head and feet? (e) Is the tendency to stretch the astronaut severe?

23 One model for a certain planet has a core of radius $R$ and mass $M$ surrounded by an outer shell of inner radius $R$, outer radius $2R$, and mass $4M$. If $M = 4.1 \times 10^{24}$ kg and $R = 6.0 \times 10^6$ m, what is the gravitational acceleration of a particle at points (a) $R$ and (b) 3R from the center of the planet?

Module 13-4 Gravitation Inside Earth

24 Two concentric spherical shells with uniformly distributed masses $M_1$ and $M_2$ are situated as shown in Fig. 13-41. Find the magnitude of the net gravitational force on a particle of mass $m$, due to the shells, when the particle is located at radial distance (a) $a$, (b) $b$, and (c) $c$. 

25 A solid sphere has a uniformly distributed mass of $1.0 \times 10^4$ kg and a radius of 1.0 m. What is the magnitude of the gravitational force due to the sphere on a particle of mass $m$ when the particle is located at a distance of (a) 1.5 m and (b) 0.50 m from the center of the sphere? (c) Write a general expression for the magnitude of the gravitational force on the particle at a distance $r \leq 1.0$ m from the center of the sphere.

26 A uniform solid sphere of radius $R$ produces a gravitational acceleration of $a_g$ on its surface. At what distance from the sphere’s center are there points (a) inside and (b) outside the sphere where the gravitational acceleration is $a_g/3$?

27 Figure 13-42 shows, not to scale, a cross section through the interior of Earth. Rather than being uniform throughout, Earth is divided into three zones: an outer crust, a mantle, and an inner core. The dimensions of these zones and the masses contained within them are shown on the figure. Earth has a total mass of $5.98 \times 10^{24}$ kg and a radius of 6370 km. Ignore rotation and assume that Earth is spherical. (a) Calculate $a_g$ at the surface. (b) Suppose that a bore hole (the Mohole) is driven to the crust–mantle interface at a depth of 25.0 km; what would be the value of $a_g$ at the bottom of the hole? (c) Suppose that Earth were a uniform sphere with the same total mass and size. What would be the value of $a_g$ at a depth of 25.0 km? (Precise measurements of $a_g$ are sensitive probes of the interior structure of Earth, although results can be clouded by local variations in mass distribution.)

28 Assume a planet is a uniform sphere of radius $R$ that (somehow) has a narrow radial tunnel through its center (Fig. 13-7). Also assume we can position an apple anywhere along the tunnel or outside the sphere. Let $F_R$ be the magnitude of the gravitational force on the apple when it is located at the planet’s surface. How far from the surface is there a point where the magnitude is $\frac{1}{2}F_R$ if we move the apple (a) away from the planet and (b) into the tunnel?

Module 13-5 Gravitational Potential Energy

29 Figure 13-43 gives the potential energy function $U(r)$ of a projectile, plotted outward from
the surface of a planet of radius $R_s$. What least kinetic energy is required of a projectile launched at the surface if the projectile is to “escape” the planet?

30. In Problem 1, what ratio $m/M$ gives the least gravitational potential energy for the system?

31. The mean diameters of Mars and Earth are $6.9 \times 10^3$ km and $1.3 \times 10^4$ km, respectively. The mass of Mars is 0.11 times Earth’s mass. (a) What is the ratio of the mean density (mass per unit volume) of Mars to that of Earth? (b) What is the value of the gravitational acceleration on Mars? (c) What is the escape speed on Mars?

32. (a) What is the gravitational potential energy of the two-particle system in Problem 3? If you triple the separation between the particles, how much work is done (b) by the gravitational force between the particles and (c) by you?

33. What multiple of the energy needed to escape from Earth gives the energy needed to escape from (a) the Moon and (b) Jupiter?

34. Figure 13-43 gives the potential energy function $U(r)$ of a projectile, plotted outward from the surface of a planet of radius $R_s$. If the projectile is launched radially outward from the surface with a mechanical energy of $-2.0 \times 10^8$ J, what are (a) its kinetic energy at radius $r = 1.25R_s$ and (b) its turning point (see Module 8-3) in terms of $R_s$?

35. Figure 13-44 shows four particles, each of mass 20.0 g, that form a square with an edge length of $d = 0.600$ m. If $d$ is reduced to 0.200 m, what is the change in the gravitational potential energy of the four-particle system?

36. Zero, a hypothetical planet, has a mass of $5.0 \times 10^{23}$ kg, a radius of $3.0 \times 10^6$ m, and no atmosphere. A 10 kg space probe is to be launched vertically from its surface. (a) If the probe is launched with an initial energy of $5.0 \times 10^7$ J, what will be its kinetic energy when it is $4.0 \times 10^6$ m from the center of Zero? (b) If the probe is to achieve a maximum distance of $8.0 \times 10^6$ m from the center of Zero, with what initial kinetic energy must it be launched from the surface of Zero?

37. The three spheres in Fig. 13-45, with masses $m_A = 80$ g, $m_B = 10$ g, and $m_C = 20$ g, have their centers on a common line, with $L = 12$ cm and $d = 4.0$ cm. You move sphere $B$ along the line until its center-to-center separation from $C$ is $d = 4.0$ cm. How much work is done on sphere $B$ (a) by you and (b) by the net gravitational force on $B$ due to spheres $A$ and $C$?

38. In deep space, sphere $A$ of mass 20 kg is located at the origin of an $x$ axis and sphere $B$ of mass 10 kg is located on the axis at $x = 0.80$ m. Sphere $B$ is released from rest while sphere $A$ is held at the origin. (a) What is the gravitational potential energy of the two-sphere system just as $B$ is released? (b) What is the kinetic energy of $B$ when it has moved 0.20 m toward $A$?

39. (a) What is the escape speed on a spherical asteroid whose radius is 500 km and whose gravitational acceleration at the surface is 3.0 m/s$^2$? (b) How far from the surface will a particle go if it leaves the asteroid’s surface with a radial speed of 1000 m/s? (c) With what speed will an object hit the asteroid if it is dropped from 1000 km above the surface?

40. A projectile is shot directly away from Earth’s surface. Neglect the rotation of Earth. What multiple of Earth’s radius $R_E$ gives the radial distance a projectile reaches if (a) its initial speed is 0.500 of the escape speed from Earth and (b) its initial kinetic energy is 0.500 of the kinetic energy required to escape Earth? (c) What is the least initial mechanical energy required at launch if the projectile is to escape Earth?

41. Two neutron stars are separated by a distance of $1.0 \times 10^{10}$ m. They each have a mass of $1.0 \times 10^{30}$ kg and a radius of $1.0 \times 10^3$ m. They are initially at rest with respect to each other. As measured from that rest frame, how fast are they moving when (a) their separation has decreased to one-half its initial value and (b) they are about to collide?

42. Figure 13-46 shows a particle $A$ that can be moved along a $y$ axis from an infinite distance to the origin. That origin lies at the midpoint between particles $B$ and $C$, which have identical masses, and the $y$ axis is a perpendicular bisector between them. Distance $D$ is 0.3057 m. Figure 13-46b shows the potential energy $U$ of the three-particle system as a function of the position of particle $A$ along the $y$ axis. The curve actually extends rightward and approaches an asymptote of $-2.7 \times 10^{-11}$ J as $y \to \infty$. What are the masses of (a) particles $B$ and $C$ and (b) particle $A$?

Module 13-6 Planets and Satellites: Kepler’s Laws

43. (a) What linear speed must an Earth satellite have to be in a circular orbit at an altitude of 160 km above Earth’s surface? (b) What is the period of revolution?

44. A satellite is put in a circular orbit about Earth with a radius equal to one-half the radius of the Moon’s orbit. What is its period of revolution in lunar months? (A lunar month is the period of revolution of the Moon.)

45. The Martian satellite Phobos travels in an approximately circular orbit of radius $9.4 \times 10^3$ m with a period of 7 h 39 min. Calculate the mass of Mars from this information.

46. The first known collision between space debris and a functioning satellite occurred in 1996: At an altitude of 700 km, a year-old French spy satellite was hit by a piece of an Ariane rocket. A stabilizing boom on the satellite was demolished, and the satellite
was sent spinning out of control. Just before the collision and in kilometers per hour, what was the speed of the rocket piece relative to the satellite if both were in circular orbits and the collision was (a) head-on and (b) along perpendicular paths?

**47 SSM WWW** The Sun, which is $2.2 \times 10^{10}$ m from the center of the Milky Way galaxy, revolves around that center once every $2.5 \times 10^7$ years. Assuming each star in the Galaxy has a mass equal to the Sun’s mass of $2.0 \times 10^{30}$ kg, the stars are distributed uniformly in a sphere about the galactic center, and the Sun is at the edge of that sphere, estimate the number of stars in the Galaxy.

**48** The mean distance of Mars from the Sun is 1.52 times that of Earth from the Sun. From Kepler’s law of periods, calculate the number of years required for Mars to make one revolution around the Sun; compare your answer with the value given in Appendix C.

**49** A comet that was seen in April 574 by Chinese astronomers on a day known by them as the Woo Woo day was spotted again in May 1994. Assume the time between observations is the period of the Woo Woo day comet and its eccentricity is 0.9932. What are (a) the semimajor axis of the comet’s orbit and (b) its greatest distance from the Sun in terms of the mean orbital radius $R_p$ of Pluto?

**50** An orbiting satellite stays over a certain spot on the equator of (rotating) Earth. What is the altitude of the orbit (called a geosynchronous orbit)?

**51 SSM** A satellite, moving in an elliptical orbit, is 360 km above Earth’s surface at its farthest point and 180 km above at its closest point. Calculate (a) the semimajor axis and (b) the eccentricity of the orbit.

**52** The Sun’s center is at one focus of Earth’s orbit. How far from this focus is the other focus, (a) in meters and (b) in terms of the solar radius, $6.96 \times 10^8$ m? The eccentricity is 0.0167, and the semimajor axis is $1.50 \times 10^{11}$ m.

**53** A 20 kg satellite has a circular orbit with a period of 2.4 h and a radius of $8.0 \times 10^6$ m around a planet of unknown mass. If the magnitude of the gravitational acceleration on the surface of the planet is 8.0 m/s², what is the radius of the planet?

**54 **Hunting a black hole. Observations of the light from a certain star indicate that it is part of a binary (two-star) system. This variable star has orbital speed $v = 270$ km/s, orbital period $T = 1.70$ days, and approximate mass $m_1 = 6 M_\odot$, where $M_\odot$ is the Sun’s mass, $1.99 \times 10^{30}$ kg. Assume that the visible star and its companion star, which is dark and unseen, are both in circular orbits (Fig. 13-47). What integer multiple of $M_\odot$ gives the approximate mass $m_2$ of the dark star?

**55** In 1610, Galileo used his telescope to discover four moons around Jupiter, with these mean orbital radii $a$ and periods $T$:

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<th>$a$ ($10^8$ m)</th>
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(a)Plot log $a$ (y axis) against log $T$ (x axis) and show that you get a straight line. (b) Measure the slope of the line and compare it with the value that you expect from Kepler’s third law. (c) Find the mass of Jupiter from the intercept of this line with the $y$ axis.

**56** In 1993 the spacecraft Galileo sent an image (Fig. 13-48) of asteroid 243 Ida and a tiny orbiting moon (now known as Dactyl), the first confirmed example of an asteroid–moon system. In the image, the moon, which is 1.5 km wide, is 100 km from the center of the asteroid, which is 55 km long. Assume the moon’s orbit is circular with a period of 27 h. (a) What is the mass of the asteroid? (b) The volume of the asteroid, measured from the Galileo images, is 14 100 km$^3$. What is the density (mass per unit volume) of the asteroid?

**57 ILW** In a certain binary-star system, each star has the same mass as our Sun, and they revolve about their center of mass. The distance between them is the same as the distance between Earth and the Sun. What is their period of revolution in years?

**58** The presence of an unseen planet orbiting a distant star can sometimes be inferred from the motion of the star as we see it. As the star and planet orbit the center of mass of the star–planet system, the star moves toward and away from us with what is called the line of sight velocity, a motion that can be detected. Figure 13-49 shows a graph of the line of sight velocity versus time for the star 14 Herculis. The star’s mass is believed to be 0.90 of the mass of our Sun. Assume that only one planet orbits the star and that our view is along the plane of the orbit. Then approximate (a) the planet’s mass in terms of Jupiter’s mass $m_j$ and (b) the planet’s orbital radius in terms of Earth’s orbital radius $r_E$.

**59** Three identical stars of mass $M$ form an equilateral triangle that rotates around the triangle’s center as the stars move in a common circle about that center. The triangle has edge length $L$. What is the speed of the stars?
Module 13-7 Satellites: Orbits and Energy

60 In Fig. 13-50, two satellites, A and B, both of mass \( m = 125 \text{ kg} \), move in the same circular orbit of radius \( r = 7.87 \times 10^6 \text{ m} \) around Earth but in opposite senses of rotation and therefore on a collision course. (a) Find the total mechanical energy \( E_A + E_B \) of the two satellites + Earth system before the collision. (b) If the collision is completely inelastic so that the wreckage remains as one piece of tangled material (mass = 2\( m \)), find the total mechanical energy immediately after the collision. (c) Just after the collision, is the wreckage falling directly toward Earth’s center or orbiting around Earth?

61 (a) At what height above Earth’s surface is the energy required to lift a satellite to that height equal to the kinetic energy required for the satellite to be in orbit at that height? (b) For greater heights, which is greater, the energy for lifting or the kinetic energy for orbiting?

62 Two Earth satellites, A and B, each of mass \( m \), are to be launched into circular orbits about Earth’s center. Satellite A is to orbit at an altitude of 6370 km. Satellite B is to orbit at an altitude of 19 110 km. The radius of Earth \( R \) is 6370 km. (a) What is the ratio of the potential energy of satellite B to that of satellite A, in orbit? (b) What is the ratio of the kinetic energy of satellite B to that of satellite A, in orbit? (c) Which satellite has the greater total energy if each has a mass of 14.6 kg? (d) By how much?

63 An asteroid, whose mass is \( 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ times} \) the mass of Earth, revolves in a circular orbit around the Sun at a distance that is twice Earth’s distance from the Sun. (a) Calculate the period of revolution of the asteroid in years. (b) What is the ratio of the kinetic energy of the asteroid to the kinetic energy of Earth?

64 A satellite orbits a planet of unknown mass in a circle of radius \( 2.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \). The magnitude of the gravitational force on the satellite from the planet is \( F = 80 \text{ N} \). (a) What is the kinetic energy of the satellite in this orbit? (b) What would \( F \) be if the orbit radius were increased to \( 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \)?

65 A satellite is in a circular Earth orbit of radius \( r \). The area \( A \) enclosed by the orbit depends on \( r^2 \) because \( A = \pi r^2 \). Determine how the following properties of the satellite depend on \( r \): (a) period, (b) kinetic energy, (c) angular momentum, and (d) speed.

66 One way to attack a satellite in Earth orbit is to launch a swarm of pellets in the same orbit as the satellite but in the opposite direction. Suppose a satellite in a circular orbit 500 km above Earth’s surface collides with a pellet having mass 4.0 g. (a) What is the kinetic energy of the pellet in the reference frame of the satellite just before the collision? (b) What is the ratio of this kinetic energy to the kinetic energy of a 4.0 g bullet from a modern army rifle with a muzzle speed of 950 m/s?

67 What are (a) the speed and (b) the period of a 220 kg satellite in an approximately circular orbit 640 km above the surface of Earth? Suppose the satellite loses mechanical energy at the average rate of \( 1.4 \times 10^{10} \text{ J} \) per orbital revolution. Adopting the reasonable approximation that the satellite’s orbit becomes a “circle of slowly diminishing radius,” determine the satellite’s (c) altitude, (d) speed, and (e) period at the end of its 1500th revolution. (f) What is the magnitude of the average retarding force on the satellite? Is angular momentum around Earth’s center conserved for (g) the satellite and (h) the satellite–Earth system (assuming that system is isolated)?

68 Two small spaceships, each with mass \( m = 2000 \text{ kg} \), are in the circular Earth orbit of Fig. 13-51, at an altitude \( h = 400 \text{ km} \). Igor, the commander of one of the ships, arrives at any fixed point in the orbit 90 s ahead of Picard, the commander of the other ship. What are the (a) period \( T \) and (b) speed \( v_0 \) of the ships? At point \( P \) in Fig. 13-51, Picard fires an instantaneous burst in the forward direction, reducing his ship’s speed by 1.00%. After this burst, he follows the elliptical orbit shown dashed in the figure. What are the (c) kinetic energy and (d) potential energy of his ship immediately after the burst? In Picard’s new elliptical orbit, what are (e) the total energy \( E \), (f) the semimajor axis \( a \), and (g) the orbital period \( T \)? (h) How much earlier than Igor will Picard return to \( P \)?

Module 13-8 Einstein and Gravitation

69 In Fig. 13-18b, the scale on which the 60 kg physicist stands reads 220 N. How long will the cantaloupe take to reach the floor if the physicist drops it (from rest relative to himself) at a height of 2.1 m above the floor?

Additional Problems

70 The radius \( R_h \) of a black hole is the radius of a mathematical sphere, called the event horizon, that is centered on the black hole. Information from events inside the event horizon cannot reach the outside world. According to Einstein’s general theory of relativity, \( R_h = 2GM/c^2 \), where \( M \) is the mass of the black hole and \( c \) is the speed of light.

Suppose that you wish to study a black hole near it, at a radial distance of \( 50R_h \). However, you do not want the difference in gravitational acceleration between your feet and your head to exceed \( 10 \text{ m/s}^2 \) when you are feet down (or head down) toward the black hole. (a) As a multiple of our Sun’s mass \( M_S \), approximately what is the limit to the mass of the black hole you can tolerate at the given radial distance? (You need to estimate your height.) (b) Is the limit an upper limit (you can tolerate smaller masses) or a lower limit (you can tolerate larger masses)?

71 Several planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus) are encircled by rings, perhaps composed of material that failed to form a satellite. In addition, many galaxies contain ring-like structures. Consider a homogeneous thin ring of mass \( M \) and outer radius \( R \) (Fig. 13-52). (a) What gravitational attraction does it exert on a particle of mass \( m \) located on the ring’s central axis a distance \( x \) from the ring center? (b) Suppose the particle falls from rest as a result of the attraction of the ring of matter. What is the speed with which it passes through the center of the ring?

72 A typical neutron star may have a mass equal to that of the Sun but a radius of only 10 km. (a) What is the gravitational acceleration at the surface of such a star? (b) How fast would an object be
moving if it fell from rest through a distance of 1.0 m on such a star? (Assume the star does not rotate.)

73 Figure 13-53 is a graph of the kinetic energy \( K \) of an asteroid versus its distance \( r \) from Earth’s center, as the asteroid falls directly in toward that center. (a) What is the (approximate) mass of the asteroid? (b) What is its speed at \( r = 1.945 \times 10^7 \) m?

![Figure 13-53](image)

Figure 13-53 Problem 73.

74 The mysterious visitor that appears in the enchanting story *The Little Prince* was said to come from a planet that “was scarcely any larger than a house!” Assume that the mass per unit volume of the planet is about that of Earth and that the planet does not appreciably spin. Approximate (a) the free-fall acceleration on the planet’s surface and (b) the escape speed from the planet.

75 ILW The masses and coordinates of three spheres are as follows: 20 kg, \( x = 0.50 \) m, \( y = 1.0 \) m; 40 kg, \( x = -1.0 \) m, \( y = -1.0 \) m; 60 kg, \( x = 0 \) m, \( y = -0.50 \) m. What is the magnitude of the gravitational force on a 20 kg sphere located at the origin due to these three spheres?

76 SSM A very early, simple satellite consisted of an inflated spherical aluminum balloon 30 m in diameter and of mass 20 kg. Suppose a meteor having a mass of 7.0 kg passes within 3.0 m of the surface of the satellite. What is the magnitude of the gravitational force on the meteor from the satellite at the closest approach?

77 SSM Four uniform spheres, with masses \( m_A = 40 \) kg, \( m_B = 35 \) kg, \( m_C = 200 \) kg, and \( m_D = 50 \) kg, have \( (x, y) \) coordinates of (0, 50 cm), (0, 0), (−80 cm, 0), and (40 cm, 0), respectively. In unit-vector notation, what is the net gravitational force on sphere \( B \) due to the other spheres?

78 (a) In Problem 77, remove sphere \( A \) and calculate the gravitational potential energy of the remaining three-particle system. (b) If \( A \) is then put back in place, is the potential energy of the four-particle system more or less than that of the system in (a)? (c) In (a), is the work done by you to remove \( A \) positive or negative? (d) In (b), is the work done by you to replace \( A \) positive or negative?

79 SSM A certain triple-star system consists of two stars, each of mass \( m \), revolving in the same circular orbit of radius \( r \) around a central star of mass \( M \) (Fig. 13-54). The two orbiting stars are always at opposite ends of a diameter of the orbit. Derive an expression for the period of revolution of the stars.

![Figure 13-54](image)

Figure 13-54 Problem 79.

80 The fastest possible rate of rotation of a planet is that for which the gravitational force on material at the equator just barely provides the centripetal force needed for the rotation. (Why?) (a) Show that the corresponding shortest period of rotation is

\[
T = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{G\rho}}
\]

where \( \rho \) is the uniform density (mass per unit volume) of the spherical planet. (b) Calculate the rotation period assuming a density of 3.0 g/cm³, typical of many planets, satellites, and asteroids. No astronomical object has ever been found to be spinning with a period shorter than that determined by this analysis.

81 SSM In a double-star system, two stars of mass \( 3.0 \times 10^{30} \) kg each rotate about the system’s center of mass at radius \( 1.0 \times 10^{13} \) m. (a) What is their common angular speed? (b) If a meteoroid passes through the system’s center of mass perpendicular to their orbital plane, what minimum speed must it have at the center of mass if it is to escape to “infinity” from the two-star system?

82 A satellite is in elliptical orbit with a period of \( 8.00 \times 10^4 \) s about a planet of mass \( 7.00 \times 10^{24} \) kg. At aphelion, at radius \( 4.5 \times 10^7 \) m, the satellite’s angular speed is \( 7.158 \times 10^{-5} \) rad/s. What is its angular speed at perihelion?

83 SSM In a shuttle craft of mass \( m = 3000 \) kg, Captain Janeway orbits a planet of mass \( M = 9.50 \times 10^{25} \) kg, in a circular orbit of radius \( r = 4.20 \times 10^7 \) m. What are (a) the period of the orbit and (b) the speed of the shuttle craft? Janeway briefly fires a forward-pointing thruster, reducing her speed by 2.00%. Just then, what are (c) the speed, (d) the shuttle craft? (g) What is the semimajor axis of the elliptical orbit now taken by the craft? (h) What is the difference between the period of the original circular orbit and that of the new elliptical orbit? (i) Which orbit has the smaller period?

84 Consider a pulsar, a collapsed star of extremely high density, with a mass \( M \) equal to that of the Sun (1.98 \times 10^{30} \) kg), a radius \( R \) of only 12 km, and a rotational period \( T \) of 0.041 s. By what percentage does the free-fall acceleration \( g \) differ from the gravitational acceleration \( a_p \) at the equator of this spherical star?

85 ILW A projectile is fired vertically from Earth’s surface with an initial speed of 10 km/s. Neglecting air drag, how far above the surface of Earth will it go?

86 An object lying on Earth’s equator is accelerated (a) toward the center of Earth because Earth rotates, (b) toward the Sun because Earth revolves around the Sun in an almost circular orbit, and (c) toward the center of our galaxy because the Sun moves around the galactic center. For the latter, the period is \( 2.5 \times 10^8 \) y and the radius is \( 2.2 \times 10^{20} \) m. Calculate these three accelerations as multiples of \( g = 9.8 \) m/s².

87 (a) If the legendary apple of Newton could be released from rest at a height of 2 m from the surface of a neutron star with a mass 1.5 times that of our Sun and a radius of 20 km, what would be the apple’s speed when it reached the surface of the star? (b) If the apple could rest on the surface of the star, what would be the approximate difference between the gravitational acceleration at the top and at the bottom of the apple? (Choose a reasonable size for an apple; the answer indicates that an apple would never survive near a neutron star.)
88 With what speed would mail pass through the center of Earth if falling in a tunnel through the center?

89 SSM The orbit of Earth around the Sun is almost circular. The closest and farthest distances are $1.47 \times 10^8$ km and $1.52 \times 10^8$ km respectively. Determine the corresponding variations in (a) total energy, (b) gravitational potential energy, (c) kinetic energy, and (d) orbital speed. (Hint: Use conservation of energy and conservation of angular momentum.)

90 A 50 kg satellite circles planet Cruton every 6.0 h. The magnitude of the gravitational force exerted on the satellite by Cruton is 80 N. (a) What is the radius of the orbit? (b) What is the kinetic energy of the satellite? (c) What is the mass of planet Cruton?

91 We watch two identical astronomical bodies $A$ and $B$, each of mass $m$, fall toward each other from rest because of the gravitational force on each from the other. Their initial center-to-center separation is $R_i$. Assume that we are in an inertial reference frame that is stationary with respect to the center of mass of this two-body system. Use the principle of conservation of mechanical energy $(K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f)$ to find the following when the center-to-center separation is $0.5R_i$: (a) the total kinetic energy of the system, (b) the kinetic energy of each body, (c) the speed of each body relative to us, and (d) the speed of body $B$ relative to body $A$.

Next assume that we are in a reference frame attached to body $A$ (we ride on the body). Now we see body $B$ fall from rest toward us. From this reference frame, again use $K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$ to find the following when the center-to-center separation is $0.5R_i$: (e) the kinetic energy of body $B$ and (f) the speed of body $B$ relative to body $A$. (g) Why are the answers to (d) and (f) different? Which answer is correct?

92 A 150.0 kg rocket moving radially outward from Earth has a speed of $3.70 \text{ km/s}$ when its engine shuts off $200 \text{ km}$ above Earth’s surface. (a) Assuming negligible air drag acts on the rocket, find the rocket’s kinetic energy when the rocket is $1000 \text{ km}$ above Earth’s surface. (b) What maximum height above the surface is reached by the rocket?

93 Planet Roton, with a mass of $7.0 \times 10^{24}$ kg and a radius of $1600 \text{ km}$, gravitationally attracts a meteorite that is initially at rest relative to the planet, at a distance great enough to take as infinite. The meteorite falls toward the planet. Assuming the planet is airless, find the speed of the meteorite when it reaches the planet’s surface.

94 Two $20 \text{ kg}$ spheres are fixed in place on a $y$ axis, one at $y = 0.40 \text{ m}$ and the other at $y = -0.40 \text{ m}$. A $10 \text{ kg}$ ball is then released from rest at a point on the $x$ axis that is at a great distance (effectively infinite) from the spheres. If the only forces acting on the ball are the gravitational forces from the spheres, then when the ball reaches the $(x, y)$ point $(0.30 \text{ m}, 0)$, what are (a) its kinetic energy and (b) the net force on it from the spheres, in unit-vector notation?

95 Sphere $A$ with mass $80 \text{ kg}$ is located at the origin of an $xy$ coordinate system; sphere $B$ with mass $60 \text{ kg}$ is located at coordinates $(0.25 \text{ m}, 0)$; sphere $C$ with mass $20 \text{ kg}$ is located in the first quadrant $0.20 \text{ m}$ from $A$ and $0.15 \text{ m}$ from $B$. In unit-vector notation, what is the gravitational force on $C$ due to $A$ and $B$?

96 In his 1865 science fiction novel From the Earth to the Moon, Jules Verne described how three astronauts are shot to the Moon by means of a huge gun. According to Verne, the aluminum capsule containing the astronauts is accelerated by ignition of nitrocellulose to a speed of $11 \text{ km/s}$ along the gun barrel’s length of $220 \text{ m}$. (a) In $g$ units, what is the average acceleration of the capsule and astronauts in the gun barrel? (b) Is that acceleration tolerable or deadly to the astronauts?

A modern version of such gun-launched spacecraft (although without passengers) has been proposed. In this modern version, called the SHARP (Super High Altitude Research Project) gun, ignition of methane and air shoves a piston along the gun’s tube, compressing hydrogen gas that then launches a rocket. During this launch, the rocket moves $3.5 \text{ km}$ and reaches a speed of $7.0 \text{ km/s}$. Once launched, the rocket can be fired to gain additional speed. (c) In $g$ units, what would be the average acceleration of the rocket within the launcher? (d) How much additional speed is needed (via the rocket engine) if the rocket is to orbit Earth at an altitude of $700 \text{ km}$?

97 An object of mass $m$ is initially held in place at radial distance $r = 3R_E$ from the center of Earth, where $R_E$ is the radius of Earth. Let $M_E$ be the mass of Earth. A force is applied to the object to move it to a radial distance $r = 4R_E$, where it again is held in place. Calculate the work done by the applied force during the move by integrating the force magnitude.

98 To alleviate the traffic congestion between two cities such as Boston and Washington, D.C., engineers have proposed building a rail tunnel along a chord line connecting the cities (Fig. 13-55). A train, unpropelled by any engine and starting from rest, would fall through the first half of the tunnel and then move up the second half. Assuming Earth is a uniform sphere and ignoring air drag and friction, find the city-to-city travel time.

99 A thin rod with mass $M = 5.00 \text{ kg}$ is bent in a semicircle of radius $R = 0.650 \text{ m}$ (Fig. 13-56). (a) What is its gravitational force (both magnitude and direction) on a particle with mass $m = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$ at $P$, the center of curvature? (b) What would be the force on the particle if the rod were a complete circle?

100 In Fig. 13-57, identical blocks with identical masses $m = 2.00 \text{ kg}$ hang from strings of different lengths on a balance at Earth’s surface. The strings have negligible mass and differ in length by $h = 5.00 \text{ cm}$. Assume Earth is spherical with a uniform density $\rho = 5.50 \text{ g/cm}^3$. What is the difference in the weight of the blocks due to one being closer to Earth than the other?

101 A spaceship is on a straight-line path between Earth and the Moon. At what distance from Earth is the net gravitational force on the spaceship zero?
14-1 FLUIDS, DENSITY, AND PRESSURE

Learning Objectives

14.01 Distinguish fluids from solids.
14.02 When mass is uniformly distributed, relate density to mass and volume.
14.03 Apply the relationship between hydrostatic pressure, force, and the surface area over which that force acts.

Key Ideas

- The density \( \rho \) of any material is defined as the material’s mass per unit volume:
  \[
  \rho = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V}
  \]

- Usually, where a material sample is much larger than atomic dimensions, we can write this as:
  \[
  \rho = \frac{m}{V}
  \]

- A fluid is a substance that can flow; it conforms to the boundaries of its container because it cannot withstand shearing stress. It can, however, exert a force perpendicular to its surface. That force is described in terms of pressure \( p \):
  \[
  p = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A}
  \]

- The force resulting from fluid pressure at a particular point in a fluid has the same magnitude in all directions.

What Is Physics?

The physics of fluids is the basis of hydraulic engineering, a branch of engineering that is applied in a great many fields. A nuclear engineer might study the fluid flow in the hydraulic system of an aging nuclear reactor, while a medical engineer might study the blood flow in the arteries of an aging patient. An environmental engineer might be concerned about the drainage from waste sites or the efficient irrigation of farmlands. A naval engineer might be concerned with the dangers faced by a deep-sea diver or with the possibility of a crew escaping from a downed submarine. An aeronautical engineer might design the hydraulic systems controlling the wing flaps that allow a jet airplane to land. Hydraulic engineering is also applied in many Broadway and Las Vegas shows, where huge sets are quickly put up and brought down by hydraulic systems.

Before we can study any such application of the physics of fluids, we must first answer the question “What is a fluid?”

What Is a Fluid?

A fluid, in contrast to a solid, is a substance that can flow. Fluids conform to the boundaries of any container in which we put them. They do so because a fluid cannot sustain a force that is tangential to its surface. (In the more formal language of Module 12-3, a fluid is a substance that flows because it cannot
withstand a shearing stress. It can, however, exert a force in the direction perpendicular to its surface.) Some materials, such as pitch, take a long time to conform to the boundaries of a container, but they do so eventually; thus, we classify even those materials as fluids.

You may wonder why we lump liquids and gases together and call them fluids. After all (you may say), liquid water is as different from steam as it is from ice. Actually, it is not. Ice, like other crystalline solids, has its constituent atoms organized in a fairly rigid three-dimensional array called a crystalline lattice. In neither steam nor liquid water, however, is there any such orderly long-range arrangement.

### Density and Pressure

When we discuss rigid bodies, we are concerned with particular lumps of matter, such as wooden blocks, baseballs, or metal rods. Physical quantities that we find useful, and in whose terms we express Newton’s laws, are mass and force. We might speak, for example, of a 3.6 kg block acted on by a 25 N force.

With fluids, we are more interested in the extended substance and in properties that can vary from point to point in that substance. It is more useful to speak of density and pressure than of mass and force.

#### Density

To find the density \( \rho \) of a fluid at any point, we isolate a small volume element \( \Delta V \) around that point and measure the mass \( \Delta m \) of the fluid contained within that element. The density is then

\[
\rho = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V}.
\]

In theory, the density at any point in a fluid is the limit of this ratio as the volume element \( \Delta V \) at that point is made smaller and smaller. In practice, we assume that a fluid sample is large relative to atomic dimensions and thus is “smooth” (with uniform density), rather than “lumpy” with atoms. This assumption allows us to write the density in terms of the mass \( m \) and volume \( V \) of the sample:

\[
\rho = \frac{m}{V} \quad \text{(uniform density).}
\]

Density is a scalar property; its SI unit is the kilogram per cubic meter. Table 14-1 shows the densities of some substances and the average densities of some objects. Note that the density of a gas (see Air in the table) varies considerably with pressure, but the density of a liquid (see Water) does not; that is, gases are readily compressible but liquids are not.

#### Pressure

Let a small pressure-sensing device be suspended inside a fluid-filled vessel, as in Fig. 14-1a. The sensor (Fig. 14-1b) consists of a piston of surface area \( \Delta A \) riding in a close-fitting cylinder and resting against a spring. A readout arrangement allows us to record the amount by which the (calibrated) spring is compressed by the surrounding fluid, thus indicating the magnitude \( \Delta F \) of the force that acts normal to the piston. We define the pressure on the piston as

\[
p = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A}.
\]

In theory, the pressure at any point in the fluid is the limit of this ratio as the surface area \( \Delta A \) of the piston, centered on that point, is made smaller and smaller. However, if the force is uniform over a flat area \( A \) (it is evenly distributed over every point of

### Table 14-1 Some Densities

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<th>Material or Object</th>
<th>Density (kg/m(^3))</th>
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<td>Interstellar space</td>
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<tr>
<td>Best laboratory vacuum</td>
<td>(10^{-17})</td>
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<tr>
<td>Air: 20°C and 1 atm pressure</td>
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<td>20°C and 50 atm</td>
<td>(60.5)</td>
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<td>Styrofoam</td>
<td>(1 \times 10^2)</td>
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<td>Ice</td>
<td>(0.917 \times 10^3)</td>
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<td>Water: 20°C and 1 atm</td>
<td>(0.998 \times 10^3)</td>
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<td>20°C and 50 atm</td>
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<td>Seawater: 20°C and 1 atm</td>
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<td>Whole blood</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iron</td>
<td>(7.9 \times 10^3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mercury (the metal, not the planet)</td>
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<td>crust</td>
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<td>(1.4 \times 10^3)</td>
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<td>Neutron star (core)</td>
<td>(10^{18})</td>
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we can write Eq. 14-3 as

\[ p = \frac{F}{A} \]  

(14-4)

where \( F \) is the magnitude of the normal force on area \( A \).

We find by experiment that at a given point in a fluid at rest, the pressure \( p \) defined by Eq. 14-4 has the same value no matter how the pressure sensor is oriented. Pressure is a scalar, having no directional properties. It is true that the force acting on the piston of our pressure sensor is a vector quantity, but Eq. 14-4 involves only the magnitude of that force, a scalar quantity.

The SI unit of pressure is the newton per square meter, which is given a special name, the pascal (Pa). In metric countries, tire pressure gauges are calibrated in kilopascals. The pascal is related to some other common (non-SI) pressure units as follows:

\[
1 \text{ atm} = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 760 \text{ torr} = 14.7 \text{ lb/in.}^2.
\]

The atmosphere (atm) is, as the name suggests, the approximate average pressure of the atmosphere at sea level. The torr (named for Evangelista Torricelli, who invented the mercury barometer in 1674) was formerly called the millimeter of mercury (mm Hg). The pound per square inch is often abbreviated psi. Table 14-2 shows some pressures.

### Table 14-2 Some Pressures

<table>
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<th>Pressure (Pa)</th>
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<td>Center of the Sun</td>
<td>( 2 \times 10^{16} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Center of Earth</td>
<td>( 4 \times 10^{11} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Highest sustained</td>
<td>( 1.5 \times 10^{10} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>laboratory pressure</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Deepest ocean trench</td>
<td>( 1.1 \times 10^8 )</td>
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<td>(bottom)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spike heels on a dance</td>
<td>( 10^6 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>floor</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Automobile tire</td>
<td>( 2 \times 10^5 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Atmosphere at sea level</td>
<td>( 10^5 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Normal blood systolic</td>
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<tr>
<td>pressure(^a)</td>
<td>( 1.6 \times 10^4 )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Best laboratory vacuum</td>
<td>( 10^{-12} )</td>
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\(^a\)Pressure in excess of atmospheric pressure.  
\(^b\)Equivalent to 120 torr on the physician’s pressure gauge.

**Sample Problem 14.01 Atmospheric pressure and force**

A living room has floor dimensions of 3.5 m and 4.2 m and a height of 2.4 m.

(a) What does the air in the room weigh when the air pressure is 1.0 atm?

**KEY IDEAS**

1. The air’s weight is equal to \( mg \), where \( m \) is its mass.
2. Mass \( m \) is related to the air density \( \rho \) and the air volume \( V \) by Eq. 14-2 (\( \rho = m/V \)).

**Calculation:** Putting the two ideas together and taking the density of air at 1.0 atm from Table 14-1, we find

\[
m g = (\rho V) g = (1.21 \text{ kg/m}^3)(3.5 \text{ m} \times 4.2 \text{ m} \times 2.4 \text{ m})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 418 \text{ N} \approx 420 \text{ N. (Answer)}
\]

This is the weight of about 110 cans of Pepsi.

(b) What is the magnitude of the atmosphere’s downward force on the top of your head, which we take to have an area of 0.040 m\(^2\)?

**KEY IDEA**

When the fluid pressure \( p \) on a surface of area \( A \) is uniform, the fluid force on the surface can be obtained from Eq. 14-4 (\( p = F/A \)).

**Calculation:** Although air pressure varies daily, we can approximate that \( p = 1.0 \text{ atm} \). Then Eq. 14-4 gives

\[
F = pA = (1.0 \text{ atm})\left(\frac{1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2}{1.0 \text{ atm}}\right)(0.040 \text{ m}^2) = 4.0 \times 10^3 \text{ N. (Answer)}
\]

This large force is equal to the weight of the air column from the top of your head to the top of the atmosphere.
Key Ideas

- Pressure in a fluid at rest varies with vertical position $y$. For $y$ measured positive upward,
  \[ p_2 = p_1 + \rho g (y_1 - y_2). \]

If $h$ is the depth of a fluid sample below some reference level at which the pressure is $p_0$, this equation becomes

\[ p = p_0 + \rho gh, \]

where $p$ is the pressure in the sample.

- The pressure in a fluid is the same for all points at the same level.

- Gauge pressure is the difference between the actual pressure (or absolute pressure) at a point and the atmospheric pressure.

**Fluids at Rest**

Figure 14-2a shows a tank of water—or other liquid—open to the atmosphere. As every diver knows, the pressure increases with depth below the air–water interface. The diver’s depth gauge, in fact, is a pressure sensor much like that of Fig. 14-1b. As every mountaineer knows, the pressure decreases with altitude as one ascends into the atmosphere. The pressures encountered by the diver and the mountaineer are usually called hydrostatic pressures, because they are due to fluids that are static (at rest). Here we want to find an expression for hydrostatic pressure as a function of depth or altitude.

Let us look first at the increase in pressure with depth below the water’s surface. We set up a vertical $y$ axis in the tank, with its origin at the air–water interface and the positive direction upward. We next consider a water sample con-

![Diagram](image-url)

**Figure 14-2** (a) A tank of water in which a sample of water is contained in an imaginary cylinder of horizontal base area $A$. (b)–(d) Force $F_1$ acts at the top surface of the cylinder; force $F_2$ acts at the bottom surface of the cylinder; the gravitational force on the water in the cylinder is represented by $mg$. (e) A free-body diagram of the water sample. In WileyPLUS, this figure is available as an animation with voiceover.
The pressure \( p \) increases with depth \( h \) below the liquid surface according to Eq. 14-8. The pressure at a point in a fluid in static equilibrium depends on the depth of that point but not on any horizontal dimension.

This equation can be used to find pressure both in a liquid (as a function of depth) and in the atmosphere (as a function of altitude or height). For the former, suppose we seek the pressure \( p \) at a depth \( h \) below the liquid surface. Then we choose level 1 to be the surface, level 2 to be a distance \( h \) below it (as in Fig. 14-3), and \( p_0 \) to represent the atmospheric pressure on the surface. We then substitute \( y_1 = 0 \), \( p_1 = p_0 \) and \( y_2 = -h \), \( p_2 = p \) into Eq. 14-7, which becomes

\[
p = p_0 + \rho gh
\]

(14-8)

Note that the pressure at a given depth in the liquid depends on that depth but not on any horizontal dimension.

Thus, Eq. 14-8 holds no matter what the shape of the container. If the bottom surface of the container is at depth \( h \), then Eq. 14-8 gives the pressure \( p \) there.

In Eq. 14-8, \( p \) is said to be the total pressure, or \textbf{absolute pressure}, at level 2. To see why, note in Fig. 14-3 that the pressure \( p \) at level 2 consists of two contributions: (1) \( p_0 \), the pressure due to the atmosphere, which bears down on the liquid, and (2) \( \rho gh \), the pressure due to the liquid above level 2, which bears down on level 2. In general, the difference between an absolute pressure and an atmospheric pressure is called the \textbf{gauge pressure} (because we use a gauge to measure this pressure difference). For Fig. 14-3, the gauge pressure is \( \rho gh \).

Equation 14-7 also holds above the liquid surface: It gives the atmospheric pressure at a given distance above level 1 in terms of the atmospheric pressure \( p_1 \) at level 1 (assuming that the atmospheric density is uniform over that distance). For example, to find the atmospheric pressure at a distance \( d \) above level 1 in Fig. 14-3, we substitute \( y_1 = 0 \), \( p_1 = p_0 \) and \( y_2 = d \), \( p_2 = p \).

Then with \( \rho = \rho_{\text{air}} \), we obtain

\[
p = p_0 - \rho_{\text{air}} gd.
\]
Sample Problem 14.02  Gauge pressure on a scuba diver

A novice scuba diver practicing in a swimming pool takes enough air from his tank to fully expand his lungs before abandoning the tank at depth $L$ and swimming to the surface, failing to exhale during his ascent. At the surface, the difference $\Delta p$ between the external pressure on him and the air pressure in his lungs is 9.3 kPa. From what depth does he start? What potentially lethal danger does he face?

**KEY IDEA**

The pressure at depth $h$ in a liquid of density $\rho$ is given by Eq. 14-8 ($p = p_0 + \rho gh$), where the gauge pressure $\rho gh$ is added to the atmospheric pressure $p_0$.

**Calculations:** Here, when the diver fills his lungs at depth $L$, the external pressure on him (and thus the air pressure within his lungs) is greater than normal and given by Eq. 14-8 as $p = p_0 + \rho gL$,

where $\rho$ is the water’s density (998 kg/m$^3$, Table 14-1). As he ascends, the external pressure on him decreases, until it is atmospheric pressure $p_0$ at the surface. His blood pressure also decreases, until it is normal. However, because he does not exhale, the air pressure in his lungs remains at the value it had at depth $L$. At the surface, the pressure difference $\Delta p$ is

$$\Delta p = p - p_0 = \rho gL,$$

so

$$L = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g} = \frac{9300 \text{ Pa}}{(998 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 0.95 \text{ m}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

This is not deep! Yet, the pressure difference of 9.3 kPa (about 9% of atmospheric pressure) is sufficient to rupture the diver’s lungs and force air from them into the depressurized blood, which then carries the air to the heart, killing the diver. If the diver follows instructions and gradually exhales as he ascends, he allows the pressure in his lungs to equalize with the external pressure, and then there is no danger.

Sample Problem 14.03  Balancing of pressure in a U-tube

The U-tube in Fig. 14-4 contains two liquids in static equilibrium: Water of density $\rho_w$ (= 998 kg/m$^3$) is in the right arm, and oil of unknown density $\rho_x$ is in the left. Measurement gives $l = 135$ mm and $d = 12.3$ mm. What is the density of the oil?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) The pressure $p_{\text{int}}$ at the level of the oil–water interface in the left arm depends on the density $\rho_x$ and height of the oil above the interface. (2) The water in the right arm *at the same level* must be at the same pressure $p_{\text{int}}$. The reason is that, because the water is in static equilibrium, pressures at points in the water at the same level must be the same.

**Calculations:** In the right arm, the interface is a distance $l$ below the free surface of the water, and we have, from Eq. 14-8,

$$p_{\text{int}} = p_0 + \rho_w gl \quad \text{(right arm)}.$$

In the left arm, the interface is a distance $l + d$ below the free surface of the oil, and we have, again from Eq. 14-8,

$$p_{\text{int}} = p_0 + \rho_x g(l + d) \quad \text{(left arm)}.$$

Equating these two expressions and solving for the unknown density yield

$$\rho_x = \rho_w \frac{l}{l + d} = \frac{(998 \text{ kg/m}^3) \cdot 135 \text{ mm}}{135 \text{ mm} + 12.3 \text{ mm}} = 915 \text{ kg/m}^3. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Note that the answer does not depend on the atmospheric pressure $p_0$ or the free-fall acceleration $g$. 

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### Measuring Pressure

#### The Mercury Barometer

Figure 14-5a shows a very basic mercury barometer, a device used to measure the pressure of the atmosphere. The long glass tube is filled with mercury and inverted with its open end in a dish of mercury, as the figure shows. The space above the mercury column contains only mercury vapor, whose pressure is so small at ordinary temperatures that it can be neglected.

We can use Eq. 14-7 to find the atmospheric pressure \( p_0 \) in terms of the height \( h \) of the mercury column. We choose level 1 of Fig. 14-2 to be that of the air–mercury interface and level 2 to be that of the top of the mercury column, as labeled in Fig. 14-5a. We then substitute

\[
y_1 = 0, \quad p_1 = p_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = h, \quad p_2 = 0
\]

into Eq. 14-7, finding that

\[
p_0 = \rho gh, \quad (14-9)
\]

where \( \rho \) is the density of the mercury.

For a given pressure, the height \( h \) of the mercury column does not depend on the cross-sectional area of the vertical tube. The fanciful mercury barometer of Fig. 14-5b gives the same reading as that of Fig. 14-5a; all that counts is the vertical distance \( h \) between the mercury levels.

Equation 14-9 shows that, for a given pressure, the height of the column of mercury depends on the value of \( g \) at the location of the barometer and on the density of mercury, which varies with temperature. The height of the column (in millimeters) is numerically equal to the pressure (in torr) only if the barometer is at a place where \( g \) has its accepted standard value of 9.80665 m/s\(^2\) and the temperature of the mercury is 0°C. If these conditions do not prevail (and they rarely do), small corrections must be made before the height of the mercury column can be transformed into a pressure.

#### The Open-Tube Manometer

An open-tube manometer (Fig. 14-6) measures the gauge pressure \( p_g \) of a gas. It consists of a U-tube containing a liquid, with one end of the tube connected to the vessel whose gauge pressure we wish to measure and the other end open to the atmosphere. We can use Eq. 14-7 to find the gauge pressure in terms of the height \( h \) shown in Fig. 14-6. Let us choose levels 1 and 2 as shown in Fig. 14-6. With

\[
y_1 = 0, \quad p_1 = p_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = -h, \quad p_2 = p
\]

substituted into Eq. 14-7, we find that

\[
p_g = p - p_0 = \rho gh, \quad (14-10)
\]

where \( \rho \) is the liquid’s density. The gauge pressure \( p_g \) is directly proportional to \( h \).
The gauge pressure can be positive or negative, depending on whether \( p > p_0 \) or \( p < p_0 \). In inflated tires or the human circulatory system, the (absolute) pressure is greater than atmospheric pressure, so the gauge pressure is a positive quantity, sometimes called the overpressure. If you suck on a straw to pull fluid up the straw, the (absolute) pressure in your lungs is actually less than atmospheric pressure. The gauge pressure in your lungs is then a negative quantity.

### 14-4 PASCAL’S PRINCIPLE

**Learning Objectives**

*After reading this module, you should be able to.*

14.08 Identify Pascal’s principle.

14.09 For a hydraulic lift, apply the relationship between the input area and displacement and the output area and displacement.

**Key Idea**

- Pascal’s principle states that a change in the pressure applied to an enclosed fluid is transmitted undiminished to every portion of the fluid and to the walls of its container.

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**Pascal’s Principle**

When you squeeze one end of a tube to get toothpaste out the other end, you are watching Pascal’s principle in action. This principle is also the basis for the Heimlich maneuver, in which a sharp pressure increase properly applied to the abdomen is transmitted to the throat, forcefully ejecting food lodged there. The principle was first stated clearly in 1652 by Blaise Pascal (for whom the unit of pressure is named):

> A change in the pressure applied to an enclosed incompressible fluid is transmitted undiminished to every portion of the fluid and to the walls of its container.

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**Demonstrating Pascal’s Principle**

Consider the case in which the incompressible fluid is a liquid contained in a tall cylinder, as in Fig. 14-7. The cylinder is fitted with a piston on which a container of lead shot rests. The atmosphere, container, and shot exert pressure \( p_{\text{ext}} \) on the piston and thus on the liquid. The pressure \( p \) at any point \( P \) in the liquid is then

\[
p = p_{\text{ext}} + \rho gh.
\]  

(14-11)

Let us add a little more lead shot to the container to increase \( p_{\text{ext}} \) by an amount \( \Delta p_{\text{ext}} \). The quantities \( \rho, g, \) and \( h \) in Eq. 14-11 are unchanged, so the pressure change at \( P \) is

\[
\Delta p = \Delta p_{\text{ext}}.
\]  

(14-12)

This pressure change is independent of \( h \), so it must hold for all points within the liquid, as Pascal’s principle states.

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**Pascal’s Principle and the Hydraulic Lever**

Figure 14-8 shows how Pascal’s principle can be made the basis of a hydraulic lever. In operation, let an external force of magnitude \( F_i \) be directed downward on the left-hand (or input) piston, whose surface area is \( A_i \). An incompressible liquid in the device then produces an upward force of magnitude \( F_o \) on the right-hand (or output) piston, whose surface area is \( A_o \). To keep the system in equilibrium, there must be a downward force of magnitude \( F_o \) on the output piston from an external load (not...
CHAPTER 14 FLUIDS

14-5 ARCHIMEDES’ PRINCIPLE

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

14.10 Describe Archimedes’ principle.
14.11 Apply the relationship between the buoyant force on a body and the mass of the fluid displaced by the body.
14.12 For a floating body, relate the buoyant force to the gravitational force.

14.13 For a floating body, relate the gravitational force to the mass of the fluid displaced by the body.
14.14 Distinguish between apparent weight and actual weight.
14.15 Calculate the apparent weight of a body that is fully or partially submerged.

Archimedes’ principle states that when a body is fully or partially submerged in a fluid, the fluid pushes upward with a buoyant force with magnitude

\[ F_b = m_f g, \]

where \( m_f \) is the mass of the fluid that has been pushed out of the way by the body.

The force \( F_i \) applied on the left and the downward force \( F_o \) from the load on the right produce a change \( \Delta p \) in the pressure of the liquid that is given by

\[ \Delta p = \frac{F_i}{A_i} = \frac{F_o}{A_o}, \]

so

\[ F_o = F_i \frac{A_o}{A_i}. \] (14-13)

Equation 14-13 shows that the output force \( F_o \) on the load must be greater than the input force \( F_i \) if \( A_o > A_i \), as is the case in Fig. 14-8.

If we move the input piston downward a distance \( d_i \), the output piston moves upward a distance \( d_o \), such that the same volume \( V \) of the incompressible liquid is displaced at both pistons. Then

\[ V = A_i d_i = A_o d_o, \]

which we can write as

\[ d_o = d_i \frac{A_i}{A_o}. \] (14-14)

This shows that, if \( A_o > A_i \) (as in Fig. 14-8), the output piston moves a smaller distance than the input piston moves.

From Eqs. 14-13 and 14-14 we can write the output work as

\[ W = F_o d_o = \left( F_i \frac{A_o}{A_i}\right) \left(d_i \frac{A_i}{A_o}\right) = F_i d_i, \] (14-15)

which shows that the work \( W \) done on the input piston by the applied force is equal to the work \( W \) done by the output piston in lifting the load placed on it.

The advantage of a hydraulic lever is this:

With a hydraulic lever, a given force applied over a given distance can be transformed to a greater force applied over a smaller distance.

The product of force and distance remains unchanged so that the same work is done. However, there is often tremendous advantage in being able to exert the larger force. Most of us, for example, cannot lift an automobile directly but can with a hydraulic jack, even though we have to pump the handle farther than the automobile rises and in a series of small strokes.
**Archimedes’ Principle**

Figure 14-9 shows a student in a swimming pool, manipulating a very thin plastic sack (of negligible mass) that is filled with water. She finds that the sack and its contained water are in static equilibrium, tending neither to rise nor to sink. The downward gravitational force $F_g$ on the contained water must be balanced by a net upward force from the water surrounding the sack.

This net upward force is a **buoyant force** $F_b$. It exists because the pressure in the surrounding water increases with depth below the surface. Thus, the pressure near the bottom of the sack is greater than the pressure near the top, which means the forces on the sack due to this pressure are greater in magnitude near the bottom of the sack than near the top. Some of the forces are represented in Fig. 14-10(a), where the space occupied by the sack has been left empty. Note that the force vectors drawn near the bottom of the sack (with upward components) have longer lengths than those drawn near the top of the sack (with downward components). If we vectorially add all the forces on the sack from the water, the horizontal components cancel and the vertical components add to yield the upward buoyant force $F_b$ on the sack. (Force $F_b$ is shown to the right of the pool in Fig. 14-10(a).)

Because the sack of water is in static equilibrium, the magnitude of $F_b$ is equal to the magnitude $m_f g$ of the gravitational force $F_g$ on the sack of water: $F_b = m_f g$. (Subscript $f$ refers to fluid, here the water.) In words, the magnitude of the buoyant force is equal to the weight of the water in the sack.

In Fig. 14-10(b), we have replaced the sack of water with a stone that exactly fills the hole in Fig. 14-10(a). The stone is said to **displace** the water, meaning that the stone occupies space that would otherwise be occupied by water. We have changed nothing about the shape of the hole, so the forces at the hole’s surface must be the same as when the water-filled sack was in place. Thus, the same upward buoyant force that acted on the water-filled sack now acts on the stone; that is, the magnitude $F_b$ of the buoyant force is equal to $m_f g$, the weight of the water displaced by the stone.

Unlike the water-filled sack, the stone is not in static equilibrium. The downward gravitational force $F_g$ on the stone is greater in magnitude than the upward buoyant force (Fig. 14-10(b)). The stone thus accelerates downward, sinking.

Let us next exactly fill the hole in Fig. 14-10(a) with a block of lightweight wood, as in Fig. 14-10(c). Again, nothing has changed about the forces at the hole’s surface, so the magnitude $F_b$ of the buoyant force is still equal to $m_f g$, the weight of the water displaced by the wood.

![Figure 14-10](image-url)
of the displaced water. Like the stone, the block is not in static equilibrium. However, this time the gravitational force \( F_g \) is lesser in magnitude than the buoyant force (as shown to the right of the pool), and so the block accelerates upward, rising to the top surface of the water.

Our results with the sack, stone, and block apply to all fluids and are summarized in Archimedes’ principle:

\[
\text{When a body is fully or partially submerged in a fluid, a buoyant force } F_b \text{ from the surrounding fluid acts on the body. The force is directed upward and has a magnitude equal to the weight } m_f g \text{ of the fluid that has been displaced by the body.}
\]

The buoyant force on a body in a fluid has the magnitude

\[
F_b = m_f g \quad \text{(buoyant force),} \tag{14-16}
\]

where \( m_f \) is the mass of the fluid that is displaced by the body.

**Floating**

When we release a block of lightweight wood just above the water in a pool, the block moves into the water because the gravitational force on it pulls it downward. As the block displaces more and more water, the magnitude \( F_b \) of the upward buoyant force acting on it increases. Eventually, \( F_b \) is large enough to equal the magnitude \( F_g \) of the downward gravitational force on the block, and the block comes to rest. The block is then in static equilibrium and is said to be floating in the water. In general,

\[
\text{When a body floats in a fluid, the magnitude } F_b \text{ of the buoyant force on the body is equal to the magnitude } F_g \text{ of the gravitational force on the body.}
\]

We can write this statement as

\[
F_b = F_g \quad \text{(floating).} \tag{14-17}
\]

From Eq. 14-16, we know that \( F_b = m_f g \). Thus,

\[
\text{When a body floats in a fluid, the magnitude } F_g \text{ of the gravitational force on the body is equal to the weight } m_f g \text{ of the fluid that has been displaced by the body.}
\]

We can write this statement as

\[
F_g = m_f g \quad \text{(floating).} \tag{14-18}
\]

In other words, a floating body displaces its own weight of fluid.

**Apparent Weight in a Fluid**

If we place a stone on a scale that is calibrated to measure weight, then the reading on the scale is the stone’s weight. However, if we do this underwater, the upward buoyant force on the stone from the water decreases the reading. That reading is then an apparent weight. In general, an **apparent weight** is related to the actual weight of a body and the buoyant force on the body by

\[
\text{(apparent weight)} = \text{(actual weight)} - \text{(magnitude of buoyant force)},
\]

which we can write as

\[
\text{weight}_{\text{app}} = \text{weight} - F_b \quad \text{(apparent weight).} \tag{14-19}
\]
If, in some test of strength, you had to lift a heavy stone, you could do it more easily with the stone underwater. Then your applied force would need to exceed only the stone’s apparent weight, not its larger actual weight.

The magnitude of the buoyant force on a floating body is equal to the body’s weight. Equation 14-19 thus tells us that a floating body has an apparent weight of zero—the body would produce a reading of zero on a scale. For example, when astronauts prepare to perform a complex task in space, they practice the task floating underwater, where their suits are adjusted to give them an apparent weight of zero.

**Check Point 2**

A penguin floats first in a fluid of density \( \rho_0 \), then in a fluid of density 0.95\( \rho_0 \), and then in a fluid of density 1.1\( \rho_0 \). (a) Rank the densities according to the magnitude of the buoyant force on the penguin, greatest first. (b) Rank the densities according to the amount of fluid displaced by the penguin, greatest first.

**Sample Problem 14.04  Floating, buoyancy, and density**

In Fig. 14-11, a block of density \( \rho = 800 \text{ kg/m}^3 \) floats face down in a fluid of density \( \rho_f = 1200 \text{ kg/m}^3 \). The block has height \( H = 6.0 \text{ cm} \).

(a) By what depth \( h \) is the block submerged?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) Floating requires that the upward buoyant force on the block match the downward gravitational force on the block.

(2) The buoyant force is equal to the weight \( m_f g \) of the fluid displaced by the submerged portion of the block.

**Calculations:** From Eq. 14-16, we know that the buoyant force has the magnitude \( F_b = m_f g \), where \( m_f \) is the mass of the fluid displaced by the block’s submerged volume \( V_f \). From Eq. 14-2 (\( \rho = m/V \)), we know that the mass of the displaced fluid is \( m_f = \rho_f V_f \). We don’t know \( V_f \) but if we symbolize the block’s face length as \( L \) and its width as \( W \), then from Fig. 14-11 we see that the submerged volume must be \( V_f = LWH \). If we now combine our three expressions, we find that the upward buoyant force has magnitude

\[
F_b = m_f g = \rho_f V_f g = \rho_f LWHg. \tag{14-20}
\]

Similarly, we can write the magnitude \( F_\text{g} \) of the gravitational force on the block, first in terms of the block’s mass \( m \), then in terms of the block’s density \( \rho \) and (full) volume \( V \), and then in terms of the block’s dimensions \( L, W \), and \( H \) (the full height):

\[
F_\text{g} = mg = \rho V g = \rho LWHg. \tag{14-21}
\]

The floating block is stationary. Thus, writing Newton’s second law for components along a vertical \( y \) axis with the positive direction upward (\( F_{\text{net},y} = ma_\text{y} \)), we have

\[
F_b - F_\text{g} = m(0),
\]

or from Eqs. 14-20 and 14-21,

\[
\rho_f LWHg - \rho LWHg = 0,
\]

which gives us

\[
h = \frac{\rho}{\rho_f} H = \frac{800 \text{ kg/m}^3}{1200 \text{ kg/m}^3} \cdot (6.0 \text{ cm}) = 4.0 \text{ cm}. \tag{Answer}
\]

(b) If the block is held fully submerged and then released, what is the magnitude of its acceleration?

**Calculations:** The gravitational force on the block is the same but now, with the block fully submerged, the volume of the displaced water is \( V = LWH \). (The full height of the block is used.) This means that the value of \( F_b \) is now larger, and the block will no longer be stationary but will accelerate upward. Now Newton’s second law yields

\[
F_b - F_\text{g} = ma,
\]

or

\[
\rho_f LWHg - \rho LWHg = \rho LWHa,
\]

where we inserted \( \rho LWH \) for the mass \( m \) of the block. Solving for \( a \) leads to

\[
a = \left( \frac{\rho_f}{\rho} - 1 \right) g = \left( \frac{1200 \text{ kg/m}^3}{800 \text{ kg/m}^3} - 1 \right)(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 4.9 \text{ m/s}^2. \tag{Answer}
\]
CHAPTER 14 FLUIDS

14-6 THE EQUATION OF CONTINUITY

Learning Objectives
After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

14.16 Describe steady flow, incompressible flow, nonviscous flow, and irrotational flow.
14.17 Explain the term streamline.
14.18 Apply the equation of continuity to relate the cross-sectional area and flow speed at one point in a tube to those quantities at a different point.
14.19 Identify and calculate volume flow rate.
14.20 Identify and calculate mass flow rate.

Key Ideas
- An ideal fluid is incompressible and lacks viscosity, and its flow is steady and irrotational.
- A streamline is the path followed by an individual fluid particle.
- A tube of flow is a bundle of streamlines.
- The flow within any tube of flow obeys the equation of continuity: \( R_V = A_v = \text{a constant} \).

Ideal Fluids in Motion

The motion of real fluids is very complicated and not yet fully understood. Instead, we shall discuss the motion of an ideal fluid, which is simpler to handle mathematically and yet provides useful results. Here are four assumptions that we make about our ideal fluid; they all are concerned with flow:

1. Steady flow In steady (or laminar) flow, the velocity of the moving fluid at any fixed point does not change with time. The gentle flow of water near the center of a quiet stream is steady; the flow in a chain of rapids is not. Figure 14-12 shows a transition from steady flow to nonsteady (or nonlaminar or turbulent) flow for a rising stream of smoke. The speed of the smoke particles increases as they rise and, at a certain critical speed, the flow changes from steady to nonsteady.

2. Incompressible flow We assume, as for fluids at rest, that our ideal fluid is incompressible; that is, its density has a constant, uniform value.

3. Nonviscous flow Roughly speaking, the viscosity of a fluid is a measure of how resistive the fluid is to flow. For example, thick honey is more resistive to flow than water, and so honey is said to be more viscous than water. Viscosity is the fluid analog of friction between solids; both are mechanisms by which the kinetic energy of moving objects can be transferred to thermal energy. In the absence of friction, a block could glide at constant speed along a horizontal surface. In the same way, an object moving through a nonviscous fluid would experience no viscous drag force—that is, no resistive force due to viscosity; it could move at constant speed through the fluid. The British scientist Lord Rayleigh noted that in an ideal fluid a ship’s propeller would not work, but, on the other hand, in an ideal fluid a ship (once set into motion) would not need a propeller!

4. Irrotational flow Although it need not concern us further, we also assume that the flow is irrotational. To test for this property, let a tiny grain of dust move with the fluid. Although this test body may (or may not) move in a circular path, in irrotational flow the test body will not rotate about an axis through its own center of mass. For a loose analogy, the motion of a Ferris wheel is rotational; that of its passengers is irrotational.

We can make the flow of a fluid visible by adding a tracer. This might be a dye injected into many points across a liquid stream (Fig. 14-13) or smoke
particles added to a gas flow (Fig. 14-12). Each bit of a tracer follows a streamline, which is the path that a tiny element of the fluid would take as the fluid flows. Recall from Chapter 4 that the velocity of a particle is always tangent to the path taken by the particle. Here the particle is the fluid element, and its velocity \( \vec{v} \) is always tangent to a streamline (Fig. 14-14). For this reason, two streamlines can never intersect; if they did, then an element arriving at their intersection would have two different velocities simultaneously—an impossibility.

**The Equation of Continuity**

You may have noticed that you can increase the speed of the water emerging from a garden hose by partially closing the hose opening with your thumb. Apparently the speed \( v \) of the water depends on the cross-sectional area \( A \) through which the water flows.

Here we wish to derive an expression that relates \( v \) and \( A \) for the steady flow of an ideal fluid through a tube with varying cross section, like that in Fig. 14-15. The flow there is toward the right, and the tube segment shown (part of a longer tube) has length \( L \). The fluid has speeds \( v_1 \) at the left end of the segment and \( v_2 \) at the right end. The tube has cross-sectional areas \( A_1 \) at the left end and \( A_2 \) at the right end. Suppose that in a time interval \( \Delta t \) a volume \( \Delta V \) of fluid enters the tube segment at its left end (that volume is colored purple in Fig. 14-15). Then, because the fluid is incompressible, an identical volume \( \Delta V \) must emerge from the right end of the segment (it is colored green in Fig. 14-15).

![Figure 14-13](image)
The steady flow of a fluid around a cylinder, as revealed by a dye tracer that was injected into the fluid upstream of the cylinder.

![Figure 14-14](image)
A fluid element traces out a streamline as it moves. The velocity vector of the element is tangent to the streamline at every point.

![Figure 14-15](image)
Fluid flows from left to right at a steady rate through a tube segment of length \( L \). The fluid’s speed is \( v_1 \) at the left side and \( v_2 \) at the right side. The tube’s cross-sectional area is \( A_1 \) at the left side and \( A_2 \) at the right side. From time \( t \) in (a) to time \( t + \Delta t \) in (b), the amount of fluid shown in purple enters at the left side and the equal amount of fluid shown in green emerges at the right side.
We can use this common volume $\Delta V$ to relate the speeds and areas. To do so, we first consider Fig. 14-16, which shows a side view of a tube of uniform cross-sectional area $A$. In Fig. 14-16a, a fluid element $e$ is about to pass through the dashed line drawn across the tube width. The element’s speed is $v$, so during a time interval $\Delta t$, the element moves along the tube a distance $\Delta x = v \Delta t$. The volume $\Delta V$ of fluid that has passed through the dashed line in that time interval $\Delta t$ is

$$\Delta V = A \Delta x = A v \Delta t. \quad (14-22)$$

Applying Eq. 14-22 to both the left and right ends of the tube segment in Fig. 14-15, we have

$$\Delta V = A_1 v_1 \Delta t = A_2 v_2 \Delta t$$

or

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 \quad \text{(equation of continuity).} \quad (14-23)$$

This relation between speed and cross-sectional area is called the equation of continuity for the flow of an ideal fluid. It tells us that the flow speed increases when we decrease the cross-sectional area through which the fluid flows.

Equation 14-23 applies not only to an actual tube but also to any so-called tube of flow, or imaginary tube whose boundary consists of streamlines. Such a tube acts like a real tube because no fluid element can cross a streamline; thus, all the fluid within a tube of flow must remain within its boundary. Figure 14-17 shows a tube of flow in which the cross-sectional area increases from area $A_1$ to area $A_2$ along the flow direction. From Eq. 14-23 we know that, with the increase in area, the speed must decrease, as is indicated by the greater spacing between streamlines at the right in Fig. 14-17. Similarly, you can see that in Fig. 14-13 the speed of the flow is greatest just above and just below the cylinder.

We can rewrite Eq. 14-23 as

$$R_V = A v = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(volume flow rate, equation of continuity),} \quad (14-24)$$

in which $R_V$ is the volume flow rate of the fluid (volume past a given point per unit time). Its SI unit is the cubic meter per second ($\text{m}^3/\text{s}$). If the density $\rho$ of the fluid is uniform, we can multiply Eq. 14-24 by that density to get the mass flow rate $R_m$ (mass per unit time):

$$R_m = \rho R_V = \rho A v = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(mass flow rate).} \quad (14-25)$$

The SI unit of mass flow rate is the kilogram per second ($\text{kg/s}$). Equation 14-25 says that the mass that flows into the tube segment of Fig. 14-15 each second must be equal to the mass that flows out of that segment each second.

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Checkpoint 3

The figure shows a pipe and gives the volume flow rate (in $\text{cm}^3/\text{s}$) and the direction of flow for all but one section. What are the volume flow rate and the direction of flow for that section?
Sample Problem 14.05  A water stream narrows as it falls

Figure 14-18 shows how the stream of water emerging from a faucet “necks down” as it falls. This change in the horizontal cross-sectional area is characteristic of any laminar (non-turbulent) falling stream because the gravitational force increases the speed of the stream. Here the indicated cross-sectional areas are $A_0 = 1.2 \, \text{cm}^2$ and $A = 0.35 \, \text{cm}^2$. The two levels are separated by a vertical distance $h = 45 \, \text{mm}$. What is the volume flow rate from the tap?

**KEY IDEA**

The volume flow rate through the higher cross section must be the same as that through the lower cross section.

**Calculations:** From Eq. 14-24, we have

$$A_0 v_0 = A v,$$  \hspace{1cm} (14-26)

where $v_0$ and $v$ are the water speeds at the levels corresponding to $A_0$ and $A$. From Eq. 2-16 we can also write, because the water is falling freely with acceleration $g$,

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2gh.$$  \hspace{1cm} (14-27)

Eliminating $v$ between Eqs. 14-26 and 14-27 and solving for $v_0$, we obtain

$$v_0 = \sqrt{ \frac{2ghA^2}{A_0^2 - A^2} } = \sqrt{ \frac{(2)(9.8 \, \text{m/s}^2)(0.045 \, \text{m})(0.35 \, \text{cm}^2)^2}{(1.2 \, \text{cm}^2)^2 - (0.35 \, \text{cm}^2)^2} } = 0.286 \, \text{m/s} = 28.6 \, \text{cm/s}.$$

From Eq. 14-24, the volume flow rate $R_V$ is then

$$R_V = A_0 v_0 = (1.2 \, \text{cm}^2)(28.6 \, \text{cm/s}) = 34 \, \text{cm}^3/\text{s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

**14-7 BERNOULLI’S EQUATION**

**Learning Objectives**

*After reading this module, you should be able to . . .*

14.21 Calculate the kinetic energy density in terms of a fluid’s density and flow speed.
14.22 Identify the fluid pressure as being a type of energy density.
14.23 Calculate the gravitational potential energy density.
14.24 Apply Bernoulli’s equation to relate the total energy density at one point on a streamline to the value at another point.
14.25 Identify that Bernoulli’s equation is a statement of the conservation of energy.

**Key Idea**

- Applying the principle of conservation of mechanical energy to the flow of an ideal fluid leads to Bernoulli’s equation:

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho gy = \text{constant}$$

along any tube of flow.

**Bernoulli’s Equation**

Figure 14-19 represents a tube through which an ideal fluid is flowing at a steady rate. In a time interval $\Delta t$, suppose that a volume of fluid $\Delta V$, colored purple in Fig. 14-19, enters the tube at the left (or input) end and an identical volume,
colored green in Fig. 14-19, emerges at the right (or output) end. The emerging volume must be the same as the entering volume because the fluid is incompressible, with an assumed constant density $\rho$.

Let $y_1, v_1,$ and $p_1$ be the elevation, speed, and pressure of the fluid entering at the left, and $y_2, v_2,$ and $p_2$ be the corresponding quantities for the fluid emerging at the right. By applying the principle of conservation of energy to the fluid, we shall show that these quantities are related by

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho g y_1 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + \rho g y_2. \tag{14-28}$$

In general, the term $\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2$ is called the fluid's **kinetic energy density** (kinetic energy per unit volume). We can also write Eq. 14-28 as

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(Bernoulli's equation).} \tag{14-29}$$

Equations 14-28 and 14-29 are equivalent forms of **Bernoulli's equation**, after Daniel Bernoulli, who studied fluid flow in the 1700s. Like the equation of continuity (Eq. 14-24), Bernoulli's equation is not a new principle but simply the reformulation of a familiar principle in a form more suitable to fluid mechanics. As a check, let us apply Bernoulli's equation to fluids at rest, by putting $v_1 = v_2 = 0$ in Eq. 14-28. The result is Eq. 14-7:

$$p_2 = p_1 + \rho g (y_1 - y_2).$$

A major prediction of Bernoulli's equation emerges if we take $y$ to be a constant ($y = 0$, say) so that the fluid does not change elevation as it flows. Equation 14-28 then becomes

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2, \tag{14-30}$$

which tells us that:

If the speed of a fluid element increases as the element travels along a horizontal streamline, the pressure of the fluid must decrease, and conversely.

Put another way, where the streamlines are relatively close together (where the velocity is relatively great), the pressure is relatively low, and conversely.

The link between a change in speed and a change in pressure makes sense if you consider a fluid element that travels through a tube of various widths. Recall that the element's speed in the narrower regions is fast and its speed in the wider regions is slow. By Newton's second law, forces (or pressures) must cause the changes in speed (the accelerations). When the element nears a narrow region, the higher pressure behind it accelerates it so that it then has a greater speed in the narrow region. When it nears a wide region, the higher pressure ahead of it decelerates it so that it then has a lesser speed in the wide region.

Bernoulli's equation is strictly valid only to the extent that the fluid is ideal. If viscous forces are present, thermal energy will be involved, which we here neglect.

**Proof of Bernoulli's Equation**

Let us take as our system the entire volume of the (ideal) fluid shown in Fig. 14-19. We shall apply the principle of conservation of energy to this system as it moves from its initial state (Fig. 14-19a) to its final state (Fig. 14-19b). The fluid lying between the two vertical planes separated by a distance $L$ in Fig. 14-19 does not change its properties during this process; we need be concerned only with changes that take place at the input and output ends.

*For irrotational flow (which we assume), the constant in Eq. 14-29 has the same value for all points within the tube of flow; the points do not have to lie along the same streamline. Similarly, the points 1 and 2 in Eq. 14-28 can lie anywhere within the tube of flow.*
First, we apply energy conservation in the form of the work–kinetic energy theorem,
\[ W = \Delta K, \]  
(14-31)
which tells us that the change in the kinetic energy of our system must equal the net work done on the system. The change in kinetic energy results from the change in speed between the ends of the tube and is
\[ \Delta K = \frac{1}{2} \Delta m \left( v_2^2 - v_1^2 \right) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{2} \rho \Delta V (v_2^2 - v_1^2), \]  
(14-32)
in which \( \Delta m (= \rho \Delta V) \) is the mass of the fluid that enters at the input end and leaves at the output end during a small time interval \( \Delta t \).

The work done on the system arises from two sources. The work \( W_g \) done by the gravitational force \( (\Delta m \ g) \) on the fluid of mass \( \Delta m \) during the vertical lift of the mass from the input level to the output level is
\[ W_g = -\Delta m \ g (y_2 - y_1) \]
\[ = -\rho g \Delta V (y_2 - y_1). \]  
(14-33)
This work is negative because the upward displacement and the downward gravitational force have opposite directions.

Work must also be done on the system (at the input end) to push the entering fluid into the tube and by the system (at the output end) to push forward the fluid that is located ahead of the emerging fluid. In general, the work done by a force of magnitude \( F \), acting on a fluid sample contained in a tube of area \( A \) to move the fluid through a distance \( \Delta x \), is
\[ F \Delta x = (pA)(\Delta x) = p(A \Delta x) = p \Delta V. \]
The work done on the system is then \( p_1 \Delta V \), and the work done by the system is \( -p_2 \Delta V \). Their sum \( W_p \) is
\[ W_p = -p_2 \Delta V + p_1 \Delta V \]
\[ = -(p_2 - p_1) \Delta V. \]  
(14-34)
The work–kinetic energy theorem of Eq. 14-31 now becomes
\[ W = W_g + W_p = \Delta K. \]
Substituting from Eqs. 14-32, 14-33, and 14-34 yields
\[ -\rho g \Delta V (y_2 - y_1) - \Delta V (p_2 - p_1) = \frac{1}{2} \rho \Delta V (v_2^2 - v_1^2). \]
This, after a slight rearrangement, matches Eq. 14-28, which we set out to prove.

**Checkpoint 4**
Water flows smoothly through the pipe shown in the figure, descending in the process. Rank the four numbered sections of pipe according to (a) the volume flow rate \( R_v \) through them, (b) the flow speed \( v \) through them, and (c) the water pressure \( p \) within them, greatest first.

**Sample Problem 14.06  Bernoulli principle of fluid through a narrowing pipe**
Ethanol of density \( \rho = 791 \text{ kg/m}^3 \) flows smoothly through a horizontal pipe that tapers (as in Fig. 14-15) in cross-sectional area from \( A_1 = 1.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \) to \( A_2 = A_1/2. \) The pressure difference between the wide and narrow sections of pipe is 4120 Pa. What is the volume flow rate \( R_v \) of the ethanol?
KEY IDEAS

(1) Because the fluid flowing through the wide section of pipe must entirely pass through the narrow section, the volume flow rate \( R_V \) must be the same in the two sections. Thus, from Eq. 14-24,

\[ R_V = v_1A_1 = v_2A_2. \]  

(14-35)

However, with two unknown speeds, we cannot evaluate this equation for \( R_V \). (2) Because the flow is smooth, we can apply Bernoulli’s equation. From Eq. 14-28, we can write

\[ p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + \rho g y = p_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + \rho g y, \]  

(14-36)

where subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the wide and narrow sections of pipe, respectively, and \( y \) is their common elevation. This equation hardly seems to help because it does not contain the desired \( R_V \) and it contains the unknown speeds \( v_1 \) and \( v_2 \).

Calculations: There is a neat way to make Eq. 14-36 work for us: First, we can use Eq. 14-35 and the fact that \( A_2 = A_1/2 \) to write

\[ v_1 = \frac{R_V}{A_1} \quad \text{and} \quad v_2 = \frac{R_V}{A_2} = \frac{2R_V}{A_1}. \]  

(14-37)

Then we can substitute these expressions into Eq. 14-36 to eliminate the unknown speeds and introduce the desired volume flow rate. Doing this and solving for \( R_V \) yield

\[ R_V = A_1 \sqrt{\frac{2(p_1 - p_2)}{3\rho}}. \]  

(14-38)

We still have a decision to make: We know that the pressure difference between the two sections is 4120 Pa, but does that mean that \( p_1 - p_2 \) is 4120 Pa or -4120 Pa? We could guess the former is true, or otherwise the square root in Eq. 14-38 would give us an imaginary number. However, let’s try some reasoning. From Eq. 14-35 we see that speed \( v_2 \) in the narrow section (small \( A_2 \)) must be greater than speed \( v_1 \) in the wider section (larger \( A_1 \)). Recall that if the speed of a fluid increases as the fluid travels along a horizontal path (as here), the pressure of the fluid must decrease. Thus, \( p_1 \) is greater than \( p_2 \) and \( p_1 - p_2 = 4120 \text{ Pa} \). Inserting this and known data into Eq. 14-38 gives

\[ R_V = \frac{1.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2}{(2)(4120 \text{ Pa})} \]  

\[ \sqrt{\frac{(3)(791 \text{ kg/m}^3)}{3}} \]  

\[ = 2.24 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}. \]  

(Answer)

Sample Problem 14.07   Bernoulli principle for a leaky water tank

In the old West, a desperado fires a bullet into an open water tank (Fig. 14-20), creating a hole a distance \( h \) below the water surface. What is the speed \( v \) of the water exiting the tank?

KEY IDEAS

(1) This situation is essentially that of water moving (downward) with speed \( v_0 \) through a wide pipe (the tank) of cross-sectional area \( A \) and then moving (horizontally) with speed \( v \) through a narrow pipe (the hole) of cross-sectional area \( a \). (2) Because the water flowing through the wide pipe must entirely pass through the narrow pipe, the volume flow rate \( R_V \) must be the same in the two “pipes.” (3) We can also relate \( v \) to \( v_0 \) (and to \( h \)) through Bernoulli’s equation (Eq. 14-28).

Calculations: From Eq. 14-24,

\[ R_V = av = Av_0 \]  

and thus

\[ v_0 = \frac{a}{A} v. \]  

Because \( a \ll A \), we see that \( v_0 \ll v \). To apply Bernoulli’s equation, we take the level of the hole as our reference level for measuring elevations (and thus gravitational potential energy). Noting that the pressure at the top of the tank and at the bullet hole is the atmospheric pressure \( p_0 \) (because both places are exposed to the atmosphere), we write Eq. 14-28 as

\[ p_0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_0^2 + \rho gh = p_0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho (0). \]  

(14-39)

(Here the top of the tank is represented by the left side of the equation and the hole by the right side. The zero on the right indicates that the hole is at our reference level.) Before we solve Eq. 14-39 for \( v \), we can use our result that \( v_0 \ll v \) to simplify it: We assume that \( v_0 \), and thus the term \( \frac{1}{2} \rho v_0^2 \) in Eq. 14-39, is negligible relative to the other terms, and we drop it. Solving the remaining equation for \( v \) then yields

\[ v = \sqrt{2gh}. \]  

(Answer)

This is the same speed that an object would have when falling a height \( h \) from rest.

Figure 14-20 Water pours through a hole in a water tank, at a distance \( h \) below the water surface. The pressure at the water surface and at the hole is atmospheric pressure \( p_0 \).
**Review & Summary**

**Density** The density \( \rho \) of any material is defined as the material’s mass per unit volume:

\[
p = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V}
\]

(14-1)

Usually, where a material sample is much larger than atomic dimensions, we can write Eq. 14-1 as

\[
p = \frac{m}{V}.
\]

(14-2)

**Fluid Pressure** A fluid is a substance that can flow; it conforms to the boundaries of its container because it cannot withstand shearing stress. It can, however, exert a force perpendicular to its surface. That force is described in terms of pressure \( p \):

\[
p = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A},
\]

(14-3)

in which \( \Delta F \) is the force acting on a surface element of area \( \Delta A \). If the force is uniform over a flat area, Eq. 14-3 can be written as

\[
p = \frac{F}{A}.
\]

(14-4)

The force resulting from fluid pressure at a particular point in a fluid has the same magnitude in all directions. **Gauge pressure** is the difference between the actual pressure (or absolute pressure) at a point and the atmospheric pressure.

**Pressure Variation with Height and Depth** Pressure in a fluid at rest varies with vertical position \( y \). For \( y \) measured positive upward,

\[
p_y = p_1 + \rho g(y_1 - y).
\]

(14-7)

The pressure in a fluid is the same for all points at the same level. If \( h \) is the depth of a fluid sample below some reference level at which the pressure is \( p_0 \), then the pressure in the sample is

\[
p = p_0 + \rho gh.
\]

(14-8)

**Pascal's Principle** A change in the pressure applied to an enclosed fluid is transmitted undiminished to every portion of the fluid and to the walls of the containing vessel.

**Archimedes’ Principle** When a body is fully or partially submerged in a fluid, a buoyant force \( F_b \) from the surrounding fluid acts on the body. The force is directed upward and has a magnitude given by

\[
F_b = m_f g,
\]

(14-16)

where \( m_f \) is the mass of the fluid that has been displaced by the body (that is, the fluid that has been pushed out of the way by the body).

When a body floats in a fluid, the magnitude \( F_b \) of the (upward) buoyant force on the body is equal to the magnitude \( F_g \) of the (downward) gravitational force on the body. The **apparent weight** of a body on which a buoyant force acts is related to its actual weight by

\[
\text{weight}_{\text{app}} = \text{weight} - F_b.
\]

(14-19)

**Flow of Ideal Fluids** An ideal fluid is incompressible and lacks viscosity, and its flow is steady and irrotational. A streamline is the path followed by an individual fluid particle. A tube of flow is a bundle of streamlines. The flow within any tube of flow obeys the **equation of continuity**:

\[
R_v = A v = \text{a constant},
\]

(14-24)

in which \( R_v \) is the volume flow rate, \( A \) is the cross-sectional area of the tube of flow at any point, and \( v \) is the speed of the fluid at that point. The mass flow rate \( R_m \) is

\[
R_m = \rho R_v = \rho A v = \text{a constant}.
\]

(14-25)

**Bernoulli’s Equation** Applying the principle of conservation of mechanical energy to the flow of an ideal fluid leads to **Bernoulli’s equation** along any tube of flow:

\[
p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{a constant}.
\]

(14-29)

**Questions**

1. We fully submerge an irregular 3 kg lump of material in a certain fluid. The fluid that would have been in the space now occupied by the lump has a mass of 2 kg. (a) When we release the lump, does it move upward, move downward, or remain in place? (b) If we next fully submerge the lump in a less dense fluid and again release it, what does it do?

2. Figure 14-21 shows four situations in which a red liquid and a gray liquid are in a U-tube. In one situation the liquids cannot be in static equilibrium. (a) Which situation is that? (b) For the other three situations, assume static equilibrium. For each of them, is the density of the red liquid greater than, less than, or equal to the density of the gray liquid?

3. A boat with an anchor on board floats in a swimming pool that is somewhat wider than the boat. Does the pool water level move up, move down, or remain the same if the anchor is (a) dropped into the water or (b) thrown onto the surrounding ground? (c) Does the water level in the pool move upward, move downward, or remain the same if, instead, a cork is dropped from the boat into the water, where it floats?

4. Figure 14-22 shows a tank filled with water. Five horizontal floors and ceilings are indicated; all have the same area and are located at distances \( L \), \( 2L \), or \( 3L \) below the top of the tank. Rank them according to the force on them due to the water, greatest first.
5 The teapot effect. Water poured slowly from a teapot spout can double back under the spout for a considerable distance (held there by atmospheric pressure) before detaching and falling. In Fig. 14-23, the four points are at the top or bottom of the water layers, inside or outside. Rank those four points according to the gauge pressure in the water there, most positive first.

6 Figure 14-24 shows three identical open-top containers filled to the brim with water; toy ducks float in two of them. Rank the containers and contents according to their weight, greatest first.

7 Figure 14-25 shows four arrangements of pipes through which water flows smoothly toward the right. The radii of the pipe sections are indicated. In which arrangements is the net work done on a unit volume of water moving from the leftmost section to the rightmost section (a) zero, (b) positive, and (c) negative?

8 A rectangular block is pushed face-down into three liquids, in turn. The apparent weight $W_{\text{app}}$ of the block versus depth $h$ in the three liquids is plotted in Fig. 14-26. Rank the liquids according to their weight per unit volume, greatest first.

9 Water flows smoothly in a horizontal pipe. Figure 14-27 shows the kinetic energy $K$ of a water element as it moves along an $x$ axis that runs along the pipe. Rank the three lettered sections of the pipe according to the pipe radius, greatest first.

10 We have three containers with different liquids. The gauge pressure $p_g$ versus depth $h$ is plotted in Fig. 14-28 for the liquids. In each container, we will fully submerge a rigid plastic bead. Rank the plots according to the magnitude of the buoyant force on the bead, greatest first.

### Problems

**Module 14-1 Fluids, Density, and Pressure**

- **1** ILW A fish maintains its depth in fresh water by adjusting the air content of porous bone or air sacs to make its average density the same as that of the water. Suppose that with its air sacs collapsed, a fish has a density of 1.08 g/cm³. To what fraction of its expanded body volume must the fish inflate the air sacs to reduce its density to that of water?

- **2** A partially evacuated airtight container has a tight-fitting lid of surface area 77 m² and negligible mass. If the force required to remove the lid is 480 N and the atmospheric pressure is $1.0 \times 10^5$ Pa, what is the internal air pressure?

- **3** SSM Find the pressure increase in the fluid in a syringe when a nurse applies a force of 42 N to the syringe’s circular piston, which has a radius of 1.1 cm.

- **4** Three liquids that will not mix are poured into a cylindrical container. The volumes and densities of the liquids are 0.50 L, 2.6 g/cm³; 0.25 L, 1.0 g/cm³; and 0.40 L, 0.80 g/cm³. What is the force on the bottom of the container due to these liquids? One liter = 1 L = 1000 cm³. (Ignore the contribution due to the atmosphere.)

- **5** SSM An office window has dimensions 3.4 m by 2.1 m. As a result of the passage of a storm, the outside air pressure drops to 0.96 atm, but inside the pressure is held at 1.0 atm. What net force pushes out on the window?

- **6** You inflate the front tires on your car to 28 psi. Later, you measure your blood pressure, obtaining a reading of 120/80, the readings being in mm Hg. In metric countries (which is to say, most of the world), these pressures are customarily reported in kilopascals (kPa). In kilopascals, what are (a) your tire pressure and (b) your blood pressure?

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•7 In 1654 Otto von Guericke, inventor of the air pump, gave a demonstration before the noblemen of the Holy Roman Empire in which two teams of eight horses could not pull apart two evacuated brass hemispheres. (a) Assuming the hemispheres have (strong) thin walls, so that $R$ in Fig. 14-29 may be considered both the inside and outside radius, show that the force $F$ required to pull apart the hemispheres has magnitude $F = \pi R^2 \Delta p$, where $\Delta p$ is the difference between the pressures outside and inside the sphere. (b) Taking $R$ as 30 cm, the inside pressure as 0.10 atm, and the outside pressure as 1.00 atm, find the force magnitude the teams of horses would have had to exert to pull apart the hemispheres. (c) Explain why one team of horses could have proved the point just as well if the hemispheres were attached to a sturdy wall.

Module 14-2 Fluids at Rest

•8 The bends during flight. Anyone who scuba dives is advised not to fly within the next 24 h because the air mixture for diving can introduce nitrogen to the bloodstream. Without allowing the nitrogen to come out of solution slowly, any sudden air-pressure reduction (such as during airplane ascent) can result in the nitrogen forming bubbles in the blood, creating the bends, which can be painful and even fatal. Military special operation forces are especially at risk. What is the change in pressure on such a special-op soldier who must scuba dive at a depth of 20 m in seawater one day and parachute at an altitude of 7.6 km the next day? Assume that the average air density within the altitude range is 0.87 kg/m$^3$.

•9 Blood pressure in Argentinosaurus. (a) If this long-necked, gigantic sauropod had a head height of 21 m and a heart height of 9.0 m, what (hydrostatic) gauge pressure in its blood was required at the heart such that the blood pressure at the brain was 80 torr (just enough to perfuse the brain with blood)? Assume the blood had a density of $1.06 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$. (b) What was the blood pressure (in torr or mm Hg) at the feet?

•10 The plastic tube in Fig. 14-30 has a cross-sectional area of 5.00 cm$^2$. The tube is filled with water until the short arm (of length $d = 0.800$ m) is full. Then the short arm is sealed and more water is gradually poured into the long arm. If the seal will pop off when the force on it exceeds 9.80 N, what total height of water in the long arm will put the seal on the verge of popping?

•11 Giraffe bending to drink. In a giraffe with its head 2.0 m above its heart, and its heart 2.0 m above its feet, the (hydrostatic) gauge pressure in the blood at its heart is 250 torr. Assume that the giraffe stands upright and the blood density is $1.06 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$. In torr (or mm Hg), find the (gauge) blood pressure (a) at the brain (the pressure is enough to perfuse the brain with blood, to keep the giraffe from fainting) and (b) at the feet (the pressure must be countered by tight-fitting skin acting like a pressure stocking). (c) If the giraffe were to lower its head to drink from a pond without spaying its legs and moving slowly, what would be the increase in the blood pressure in the brain? (Such action would probably be lethal.)

•12 The maximum depth $d_{\text{max}}$ that a diver can snorkel is set by the density of the water and the fact that human lungs can function against a maximum pressure difference (between inside and outside the chest cavity) of 0.050 atm. What is the difference in $d_{\text{max}}$ for fresh water and the water of the Dead Sea (the saltiest natural water in the world, with a density of $1.5 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$)?

•13 At a depth of 10.9 km, the Challenger Deep in the Marianas Trench of the Pacific Ocean is the deepest site in any ocean. Yet, in 1960, Donald Walsh and Jacques Piccard reached the Challenger Deep in the bathyscaphe Trieste. Assuming that seawater has a uniform density of $1024 \text{ kg/m}^3$, approximate the hydrostatic pressure (in atmospheres) that the Trieste had to withstand. (Even a slight defect in the Trieste structure would have been disastrous.)

•14 Calculate the hydrostatic difference in blood pressure between the brain and the foot in a person of height 1.83 m. The density of blood is $1.06 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$.

•15 What gauge pressure must a machine produce in order to suck mud of density 1800 kg/m$^3$ up a tube by a height of 1.5 m?

•16 Snorkeling by humans and elephants. When a person snorkels, the lungs are connected directly to the atmosphere through the snorkel tube and thus are at atmospheric pressure. In atmospheres, what is the difference $\Delta p$ between this internal air pressure and the water pressure against the body if the length of the snorkel tube is (a) 20 cm (standard situation) and (b) 4.0 m (probably lethal situation)? In the latter, the pressure difference causes blood vessels on the walls of the lungs to rupture, releasing blood into the lungs. As depicted in Fig. 14-31, an elephant can safely snorkel through its trunk while swimming with its lungs 4.0 m below the water surface because the membrane around its lungs contains connective tissue that holds and protects the blood vessels, preventing rupturing.

•17 Crew members attempt to escape from a damaged submarine 100 m below the surface. What force must be applied to a pop-out hatch, which is 1.2 m by 0.60 m, to push it out at that depth? Assume that the density of the ocean water is $1024 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and the internal air pressure is at 1.00 atm.

•18 In Fig. 14-32, an open tube of length $L = 1.8$ m and cross-sectional area $A = 4.6 \text{ cm}^2$ is fixed to the top of a cylindrical barrel of diameter $D = 1.2$ m and height $H = 1.8$ m. The barrel and tube are filled with water (to the top of the tube). Calculate the ratio of the hydrostatic force on the bottom of the barrel to the gravitational force on the water contained in the barrel. Why is that ratio not equal to 1.0? (You need not consider the atmospheric pressure.)

•19 A large aquarium of height 5.00 m is filled with fresh water to a depth of 2.00 m. One wall of the aquarium consists of thick plastic 8.00 m wide. By how much does the total force on that wall increase if the aquarium is next filled to a depth of 4.00 m?
20 The L-shaped fish tank shown in Fig. 14-33 is filled with water and is open at the top. If \( d = 5.0 \text{ m} \), what is the (total) force exerted by the water (a) on face \( A \) and (b) on face \( B \)?

21 Two identical cylindrical vessels with their bases at the same level each contain a liquid of density \( 1.30 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \). The area of each base is \( 4.00 \text{ cm}^2 \), but in one vessel the liquid height is \( 0.854 \text{ m} \) and in the other it is \( 1.560 \text{ m} \). Find the work done by the gravitational force in equalizing the levels when the two vessels are connected.

22 When a pilot takes a tight turn at high speed in a modern fighter airplane, the blood pressure at the brain level decreases, blood no longer perfuses the brain, and the blood in the brain drains. If the heart maintains the (hydrostatic) gauge pressure in the aorta at \( 120 \text{ torr} \) (or \( \text{mm Hg} \)) when the pilot undergoes a horizontal centripetal acceleration of \( 4 \text{ g} \), what is the blood pressure (in \( \text{mm Hg} \)) at the brain? The perfusion in the brain is small enough that the vision switches to black and white and narrows to “tunnel vision” and the pilot can undergo LOC (”g-induced loss of consciousness”). Blood density is \( 1.06 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \).

23 In analyzing certain geological features, it is often appropriate to assume that the pressure at some horizontal level of compensation, deep inside Earth, is the same over a large region and is equal to the pressure due to the gravitational force on the overlying material. Thus, the pressure on the level of compensation is given by the fluid pressure formula. This model requires, for one thing, that mountains have roots of continental rock extending into the denser mantle (Fig. 14-34). Consider a mountain of height \( H = 6.0 \text{ km} \) on a continent of thickness \( T = 32 \text{ km} \). The continental rock has a density of \( 2.9 \text{ g/cm}^3 \), and beneath this rock the mantle has a density of \( 3.3 \text{ g/cm}^3 \). Calculate the depth \( D \) of the root. (Hint: Set the pressure at points \( a \) and \( b \) equal; the depth \( y \) of the level of compensation will cancel out.)

24 In Fig. 14-35, water stands at depth \( d = 35.0 \text{ m} \) behind the vertical upstream face of a dam of width \( W = 314 \text{ m} \). Find (a) the net horizontal force on the dam from the gauge pressure of the water and (b) the net torque due to that force about a horizontal line through \( O \) parallel to the (long) width of the dam. This torque tends to rotate the dam around that line, which would cause the dam to fail. (c) Find the moment arm of the torque.

25 In one observation, the column in a mercury barometer (as is shown in Fig. 14-5a) has a measured height \( h \) of 740.35 \text{ mm}. The temperature is \(-5.0^\circ \text{C} \), at which temperature the density of mercury \( \rho = 1.3608 \times 10^4 \text{ kg/m}^3 \). The free-fall acceleration \( g \) at the site of the barom-
35.6 kN. (a) What is the weight of the water this boat displaces when floating in salt water of density $1.10 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$? (b) What is the difference between the volume of fresh water displaced and the volume of salt water displaced?

*35 Three children, each of weight 356 N, make a log raft by lashing together logs of diameter 0.30 m and length 1.80 m. How many logs will be needed to keep them afloat in fresh water? Take the density of the logs to be 800 kg/m$^3$.

*36 In Fig. 14-39a, a rectangular block is gradually pushed face-down into a liquid. The block has height $d$; on the bottom and top the face area is $A = 5.67$ cm$^2$. Figure 14-39b gives the apparent weight $W_{app}$ of the block as a function of the depth $h$ of its lower face. The scale on the vertical axis is set by $W_f = 0.20$ N. What is the density of the liquid?

*37 A hollow spherical iron shell floats almost completely submerged in water. The outer diameter is 60.0 cm, and the density of iron is 7.87 g/cm$^3$. Find the inner diameter.

*38 A small solid ball is released from rest while fully submerged in a liquid and then its kinetic energy is measured when it has moved 4.0 cm in the liquid. Figure 14-40 gives the results after many liquids are used: The kinetic energy $K$ is plotted versus the liquid density $\rho_{liq}$ and $K_s = 1.60$ J sets the scale on the vertical axis. What are (a) the density and (b) the volume of the ball?

*39 A hollow sphere of inner radius 8.0 cm and outer radius 9.0 cm floats half-submerged in a liquid of density 800 kg/m$^3$. (a) What is the mass of the sphere? (b) Calculate the density of the material of which the sphere is made.

*40 Lurking alligators. An alligator waits for prey by floating with only the top of its head exposed, so that the prey cannot easily see it. One way it can adjust the extent of sinking is by controlling the size of its lungs. Another way may be by swallowing stones (gastrolithes) that then reside in the stomach. Figure 14-41 shows a highly simplified model (a “rhombohedron gater”) of mass 130 kg that roams with its head partially exposed. The top head surface has area 0.20 m$^2$. If the alligator were to swallow stones with a total mass of 1.0% of its body mass (a typical amount), how far would it sink?

*41 What fraction of the volume of an iceberg (density 917 kg/m$^3$) would be visible if the iceberg floats (a) in the ocean (salt water, density 1024 kg/m$^3$) and (b) in a river (fresh water, density 1000 kg/m$^3$)? (When salt water freezes to form ice, the salt is excluded. So, an iceberg could provide fresh water to a community.)

*42 A flotation device is in the shape of a right cylinder, with a height of 0.500 m and a face area of 4.00 m$^2$ on top and bottom, and its density is 0.400 times that of fresh water. It is initially held fully submerged in fresh water, with its top face at the water surface. Then it is allowed to ascend gradually until it begins to float. How much work does the buoyant force do on the device during the ascent?

*43 When researchers find a reasonably complete fossil of a dinosaur, they can determine the mass and weight of the living dinosaur with a scale model sculpted from plastic and based on the dimensions of the fossil bones. The scale of the model is 1/20; that is, lengths are 1/20 actual length, areas are $(1/20)^2$ actual areas, and volumes are $(1/20)^3$ actual volumes. First, the model is suspended from one arm of a balance and weights are added to the other arm until equilibrium is reached. Then the model is fully submerged in water and enough weights are removed from the second arm to reestablish equilibrium (Fig. 14-42). For a model of a particular T. rex fossil, 637.76 g had to be removed to reestablish equilibrium. What was the volume of (a) the model and (b) the actual T. rex? (c) If the density of T. rex was approximately the density of water, what was its mass?

*44 A wood block (mass 3.67 kg, density 600 kg/m$^3$) is fitted with lead (density $1.14 \times 10^4$ kg/m$^3$) so that it floats in water with 0.900 of its volume submerged. Find the lead mass if the lead is fitted to the block’s (a) top and (b) bottom.

*45 An iron casting containing a number of cavities weighs 6000 N in air and 4000 N in water. What is the total cavity volume in the casting? The density of solid iron is 7.87 g/cm$^3$.

*46 Suppose that you release a small ball from rest at a depth of 0.600 m below the surface in a pool of water. If the density of the ball is 0.300 that of water and if the drag force on the ball from the water is negligible, how high above the water surface will the ball shoot as it emerges from the water? (Neglect any transfer of energy to the splashing and waves produced by the emerging ball.)

*47 The volume of air space in the passenger compartment of an 1800 kg car is 5.00 m$^3$. The volume of the motor and front wheels is 0.750 m$^3$, and the volume of the rear wheels, gas tank, and trunk is 0.800 m$^3$; water cannot enter these two regions. The car rolls into a lake. (a) At first, no water enters the passenger compartment. How much of the car, in cubic meters, is below the water surface with the car floating (Fig. 14-43)? (b) As water slowly enters, the car sinks. How many cubic meters of water are in the car as it disappears below the water surface? (The car, with a heavy load in the trunk, remains horizontal.)

*48 Figure 14-44 shows an iron ball suspended by thread of negligible mass from an upright cylinder that floats partially submerged in water. The cylinder has a height of 6.00 cm, a face area of 12.0 cm$^2$ on the top and bottom, and a density of 0.30 g/cm$^3$, and 2.00 cm of its height is above the water surface. What is the radius of the iron ball?
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Figure 14-45  Problem 49.

Figure 14-46  Problem 50.

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Figure 14-48  Problems 62 and 63.

57 SSM A cylindrical tank with a large diameter is filled with water to a depth \( D = 0.30 \) m. A hole of cross-sectional area \( A = 6.5 \) \( \text{cm}^2 \) in the bottom of the tank allows water to drain out. (a) What is the drainage rate in cubic meters per second? (b) At what distance below the bottom of the tank is the cross-sectional area of the stream equal to one-half the area of the hole?

58 The intake in Fig. 14-47 has cross-sectional area of 0.74 \( \text{m}^2 \) and water flow at 0.40 m/s. At the outlet, distance \( D = 180 \) m below the intake, the cross-sectional area is smaller than at the intake and the water flows out at 9.5 m/s into equipment. What is the pressure difference between inlet and outlet?

59 SSM Water is moving with a speed of 5.0 m/s through a pipe with a cross-sectional area of 4.0 \( \text{cm}^2 \). The water gradually descends 10 m as the pipe cross-sectional area increases to 8.0 \( \text{cm}^2 \). (a) What is the speed at the lower level? (b) If the pressure at the upper level is \( 1.5 \times 10^3 \) Pa, what is the pressure at the lower level?

60 Models of torpedoes are sometimes tested in a horizontal pipe of flowing water, much as a wind tunnel is used to test model airplanes. Consider a circular pipe of internal diameter 25.0 cm and a torpedo model aligned along the long axis of the pipe. The model has a 5.00 cm diameter and is to be tested with water flowing past it at 2.50 m/s. (a) With what speed must the water flow in the part of the pipe that is unconstricted by the model? (b) What will the pressure difference be between the constricted and unconstricted parts of the pipe?

61 ILW A water pipe having a 2.5 cm inside diameter carries water into the basement of a house at a speed of 0.90 m/s and a pressure of 170 kPa. If the pipe tapers to 1.2 cm and rises to the second floor 7.6 m above the input point, what are the (a) speed and (b) water pressure at the second floor?

62 A pitot tube (Fig. 14-48) is used to determine the airspeed of an airplane. It consists of an outer tube with a number of small holes \( B \) (four are shown) that allow air into the tube; that tube is connected to one arm of a U-tube. The other arm of the U-tube is connected to hole \( A \) at the front end of the device, which points in the direction the plane is headed. At \( A \) the air becomes stagnant so that \( v_A = 0 \). At \( B \), however, the speed of the air presumably equals the airspeed \( v \) of the plane. (a) Use Bernoulli’s equation to show that

\[
    v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \rho g h}{\rho_{\text{air}}}}
\]

where \( \rho \) is the density of the liquid in the U-tube and \( h \) is the difference in the liquid levels in that tube. (b) Suppose that the tube contains alcohol and the level difference \( h \) is 26.0 cm. What is the plane’s speed relative to the air? The density of the air is 1.03 kg/m\(^3\) and that of alcohol is 810 kg/m\(^3\).

56 Suppose that two tanks, 1 and 2, each with a large opening at the top, contain different liquids. A small hole is made in the side of each tank at the same depth \( h \) below the liquid surface, but the hole in tank 1 has half the cross-sectional area of the hole in tank 2. (a) What is the ratio \( \rho_1/\rho_2 \) of the densities of the liquids if the mass flow rate is the same for the two holes? (b) What is the ratio \( R_{v1}/R_{v2} \) of the volume flow rates from the two tanks? (c) At one instant, the liquid in tank 1 is 12.0 cm above the hole. If the tanks are to have equal volume flow rates, what height above the hole must the liquid in tank 2 be just then?
A pitot tube (see Problem 62) on a high-altitude aircraft measures a differential pressure of 180 Pa. What is the aircraft’s airspeed if the density of the air is 0.031 kg/m³?

In Fig. 14-49, water flows through a horizontal pipe and then out into the atmosphere at a speed \( v_1 = 15 \) m/s. The diameters of the left and right sections of the pipe are 5.0 cm and 3.0 cm. (a) What volume of water flows into the atmosphere during a 10 min period? In the left section of the pipe, what are (b) the speed \( v_2 \) and (c) the gauge pressure?

A venturi meter is used to measure the flow speed of a fluid in a pipe. The meter is connected between two sections of the pipe (Fig. 14-50); the cross-sectional area \( A \) of the entrance and exit of the meter matches the pipe’s cross-sectional area. Between the entrance and exit, the fluid flows from the pipe with speed \( V \) and then through a narrower “throat” of cross-sectional area \( a \) with speed \( v \). A manometer connects the wider portion of the meter to the narrower portion. The change in the fluid’s speed is accompanied by a change \( \Delta p \) in the fluid’s pressure, which causes a height difference \( h \) of the liquid in the two arms of the manometer. (Here \( \Delta p \) means pressure in the throat minus pressure in the pipe.) (a) By applying Bernoulli’s equation and the equation of continuity to points 1 and 2 in Fig. 14-50, show that

\[
V = \sqrt{\frac{2a^2 \Delta p}{\rho(a^2 - A^2)}}.
\]

where \( \rho \) is the density of the fluid. (b) Suppose that the fluid is fresh water, that the cross-sectional areas are 64 cm² in the pipe and 32 cm² in the throat, and that the pressure is 55 kPa in the pipe and 41 kPa in the throat. What is the rate of water flow in cubic meters per second?

Consider the venturi tube of Problem 65 and Fig. 14-50 without the manometer. Let \( A \) equal 5a. Suppose the pressure \( p_1 \) at \( A \) is 2.0 atm. Compute the values of (a) the speed \( V \) at \( A \) and (b) the speed \( v \) at \( a \) that make the pressure \( p_2 \) at \( a \) equal to zero. (c) Compute the corresponding volume flow rate if the diameter at \( A \) is 5.0 cm. The phenomenon that occurs at \( a \) when \( p_2 \) falls to nearly zero is known as cavitation. The water vaporizes into small bubbles.

In Fig. 14-51, the fresh water behind a reservoir dam has depth \( D = 15 \) m. A horizontal pipe 4.0 cm in diameter passes through the dam at depth \( d = 6.0 \) m. A plug secures the pipe opening. (a) Find the magnitude of the frictional force between plug and pipe wall. (b) The plug is removed. What water volume exits the pipe in 3.0 h?

Fresh water flows horizontally from pipe section 1 of cross-sectional area \( A_1 \) into pipe section 2 of cross-sectional area \( A_2 \). Figure 14-52 gives a plot of the pressure difference \( p_2 - p_1 \) versus the inverse area squared \( A_1^{-2} \) that would be expected for a volume flow rate of a certain value if the water flow were laminar under all circumstances. The scale on the vertical axis is set by \( \Delta p = 300 \text{kN/m}^2 \). For the conditions of the figure, what are the values of (a) \( A_2 \) and (b) the volume flow rate?

A liquid of density 900 kg/m³ flows through a horizontal pipe that has a cross-sectional area of 1.90 \( \times \) \( 10^{-2} \) m² in region \( A \) and a cross-sectional area of 9.50 \( \times \) \( 10^{-2} \) m² in region \( B \). The pressure difference between the two regions is 7.20 \( \times \) \( 10^3 \) Pa. What are (a) the volume flow rate and (b) the mass flow rate?

In Fig. 14-53, water flows steadily from the left pipe section (radius \( r_1 = 2.00R \)), through the middle section (radius \( R \)), and into the right section (radius \( r_3 = 3.00R \)). The speed of the water in the middle section is 0.500 m/s. What is the net work done on 0.400 m³ of the water as it moves from the left section to the right section?

Figure 14-54 shows a stream of water flowing through a hole at depth \( h = 10 \) cm in a tank holding water to height \( H = 40 \) cm. (a) At what distance \( x \) does the stream strike the floor? (b) At what depth should a second hole be made to give the same value of \( x \)? (c) At what depth should a hole be made to maximize \( x \)?

A very simplified schematic of the rain drainage system for a home is shown in Fig. 14-55. Rain falling on the slanted roof runs off into gutters around the roof edge; it then drains through downspouts (only one is shown) into a main drainage pipe \( M \) below the basement, which carries the water to an even larger pipe below the street. In Fig. 14-55, a floor drain in the basement is also connected to drainage pipe \( M \). Suppose the following apply:

1. The downspouts have height \( h_s = 11 \) m. 2. The floor drain has height \( h_d = 1.2 \) m. 3. Pipe \( M \) has radius 3.0 cm. 4. The house has side width \( w = 30 \) m and front length \( L = 60 \) m. 5. All
the water striking the roof goes through pipe \( M \), (6) the initial speed of the water in a downspout is negligible, and (7) the wind speed is negligible (the rain falls vertically).

At what rainfall rate, in centimeters per hour, will water from pipe \( M \) reach the height of the floor drain and threaten to flood the basement?

### Additional Problems

#### 73
About one-third of the body of a person floating in the Dead Sea will be above the waterline. Assuming that the human body density is 0.98 \( g/cm^3 \), find the density of the water in the Dead Sea. (Why is it so much greater than 1.0 \( g/cm^3 \)?)

#### 74
A simple open U-tube contains mercury. When 11.2 cm of water is poured into the right arm of the tube, how high above its initial level does the mercury rise in the left arm?

#### 75
If a bubble in sparkling water accelerates upward at the rate of 0.225 \( m/s^2 \) and has a radius of 0.500 mm, what is its mass? Assume that the drag force on the bubble is negligible.

#### 76
Suppose that your body has a uniform density of 0.95 times that of water. (a) If you float in a swimming pool, what fraction of your body’s volume is above the water surface? Quicksand is a fluid produced when water is forced up into sand, moving the sand grains away from one another so they are no longer locked together by friction. Pools of quicksand can form when water drains underground from hills into valleys where there are sand pockets. (b) If you float in a deep pool of quicksand that has a density 1.6 times that of water, what fraction of your body’s volume is above the quicksand surface? (c) Are you unable to breathe?

#### 77
A glass ball of radius 2.00 cm sits at the bottom of a container of milk that has a density of 1.03 \( g/cm^3 \). The normal force on the ball from the container’s lower surface has magnitude 9.48 \( \times 10^{-2} \) \( N \). What is the mass of the ball?

#### 78
Caught in an avalanche, a skier is fully submerged in flowing snow of density 96 \( kg/m^3 \). Assume that the average density of the skier, clothing, and skiing equipment is 1020 \( kg/m^3 \). What percentage of the gravitational force on the skier is offset by the buoyant force from the snow?

#### 79
An object hangs from a spring balance. The balance registers 30 N in air, 20 N when this object is immersed in water, and 24 N when the object is immersed in another liquid of unknown density. What is the density of that other liquid?

#### 80
In an experiment, a rectangular block with height \( h \) is allowed to float in four separate liquids. In the first liquid, which is water, it floats fully submerged. In liquids \( A \), \( B \), and \( C \), it floats with heights \( h/2 \), \( 2h/3 \), and \( h/4 \) above the liquid surface, respectively. What are the relative densities (the densities relative to that of water) of (a) \( A \), (b) \( B \), and (c) \( C \)?

#### SSM 81
Figure 14-30 shows a modified U-tube: the right arm is shorter than the left arm. The open end of the right arm is height \( d = 10.0 \) cm above the laboratory bench. The radius throughout the tube is 1.50 cm. Water is gradually poured into the open end of the left arm until the water begins to flow out the open end of the right arm. Then a liquid of density 0.80 \( g/cm^3 \) is gradually added to the left arm until its height in that arm is 8.0 cm (it does not mix with the water). How much water flows out of the right arm?

#### 82
What is the acceleration of a rising hot-air balloon if the ratio of the air density outside the balloon to that inside is 1.39? Neglect the mass of the balloon fabric and the basket.

#### 83
Figure 14-56 shows a siphon, which is a device for removing liquid from a container. Tube \( ABC \) must initially be filled, but once this has been done, liquid will flow through the tube until the liquid surface in the container is level with the tube opening at \( A \). The liquid has density 1000 \( kg/m^3 \) and negligible viscosity. The distances shown are \( h_1 = 25 \) cm, \( d = 12 \) cm, and \( h_2 = 40 \) cm. (a) With what speed does the liquid emerge from the tube at \( C \)? (b) If the atmospheric pressure is \( 1.0 \times 10^5 \) \( Pa \), what is the pressure in the liquid at the topmost point \( B \)? (c) Theoretically, what is the greatest possible height \( h_1 \) that a siphon can lift water?

#### 84
When you cough, you expel air at high speed through the trachea and upper bronchi so that the air will remove excess mucus lining the pathway. You produce the high speed by this procedure: You breathe in a large amount of air, trap it by closing the glottis (the narrow opening in the larynx), increase the air pressure by contracting the lungs, partially collapse the trachea and upper bronchi to narrow the pathway, and then expel the air through the pathway by suddenly reopening the glottis. Assume that during the expulsion the volume flow rate is \( 7.0 \times 10^{-3} \) \( m^3/s \). What multiple of 343 \( m/s \) (the speed of sound \( v_s \)) is the airspeed through the trachea if the trachea diameter (a) remains its normal value of 14 mm and (b) contracts to 5.2 mm?

#### 85
A tin can has a total volume of 1200 \( cm^3 \) and a mass of 130 g. How many grams of lead shot of density 11.4 \( g/cm^3 \) could it carry without sinking in water?

#### 86
The tension in a string holding a solid block below the surface of a liquid (of density greater than the block) is \( T_0 \) when the container (Fig. 14-57) is at rest. When the container is given an upward acceleration of 0.250 \( g \), what multiple of \( T_0 \) gives the tension in the string?

#### 87
What is the minimum area (in square meters) of the top surface of an ice slab 0.441 m thick floating on fresh water that will hold up a 938 kg automobile? Take the densities of ice and fresh water to be 917 \( kg/m^3 \) and 998 \( kg/m^3 \), respectively.

#### 88
A 8.60 \( kg \) sphere of radius 6.22 cm is at a depth of 2.22 km in seawater that has an average density of 1025 \( kg/m^3 \). What are the (a) gauge pressure, (b) total pressure, and (c) corresponding total force compressing the sphere’s surface? What are (d) the magnitude of the buoyant force on the sphere and (e) the magnitude of the sphere’s acceleration if it is free to move? Take atmospheric pressure to be 1.01 \( \times 10^5 \) \( Pa \).

#### 89
(a) For seawater of density 1.03 \( g/cm^3 \), find the weight of water on top of a submarine at a depth of 255 m if the horizontal cross-sectional hull area is 2200.0 \( m^2 \). (b) In atmospheres, what water pressure would a diver experience at this depth?

#### 90
The sewage outlet of a house constructed on a slope is 6.59 m below street level. If the sewer is 2.16 m below street level, find the minimum pressure difference that must be created by the sewage pump to transfer waste of average density 1000.00 \( kg/m^3 \) from outlet to sewer.
CHAPTER 15

Oscillations

15-1 SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

Learning Objectives
After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

15.01 Distinguish simple harmonic motion from other types of periodic motion.
15.02 For a simple harmonic oscillator, apply the relationship between position \( x \) and time \( t \) to calculate either if given a value for the other.
15.03 Relate period \( T \), frequency \( f \), and angular frequency \( \omega \).
15.04 Identify (displacement) amplitude \( x_m \), phase constant (or phase angle) \( \phi \), and phase \( \omega t + \phi \).
15.05 Sketch a graph of the oscillator’s position \( x \) versus time \( t \), identifying amplitude \( x_m \) and period \( T \).
15.06 From a graph of position versus time, velocity versus time, or acceleration versus time, determine the amplitude of the plot and the value of the phase constant \( \phi \).
15.07 On a graph of position \( x \) versus time \( t \) describe the effects of changing period \( T \), frequency \( f \), amplitude \( x_m \), or phase constant \( \phi \).
15.08 Identify the phase constant \( \phi \) that corresponds to the starting time \( (t = 0) \) being set when a particle in SHM is at an extreme point or passing through the center point.
15.09 Given an oscillator’s position \( x(t) \) as a function of time, find its velocity \( v(t) \) as a function of time, identify the velocity amplitude \( v_m \) in the result, and calculate the velocity at any given time.
15.10 Sketch a graph of an oscillator’s velocity \( v \) versus time \( t \), identifying the velocity amplitude \( v_m \).
15.11 Apply the relationship between velocity amplitude \( v_m \), angular frequency \( \omega \), and (displacement) amplitude \( x_m \).
15.12 Given an oscillator’s velocity \( v(t) \) as a function of time, calculate its acceleration \( a(t) \) as a function of time, identify the acceleration amplitude \( a_m \) in the result, and calculate the acceleration at any given time.
15.13 Sketch a graph of an oscillator’s acceleration \( a \) versus time \( t \), identifying the acceleration amplitude \( a_m \).
15.14 Identify that for a simple harmonic oscillator the acceleration \( a \) at any instant is always given by the product of a negative constant and the displacement \( x \) just then.
15.15 For any given instant in an oscillation, apply the relationship between acceleration \( a \), angular frequency \( \omega \), and displacement \( x \).
15.16 Given data about the position \( x \) and velocity \( v \) at one instant, determine the phase \( \omega t + \phi \) and phase constant \( \phi \).
15.17 For a spring–block oscillator, apply the relationships between spring constant \( k \) and mass \( m \) and either period \( T \) or angular frequency \( \omega \).
15.18 Apply Hooke’s law to relate the force \( F \) on a simple harmonic oscillator at any instant to the displacement \( x \) of the oscillator at that instant.

Key Ideas
- The frequency \( f \) of periodic, or oscillatory, motion is the number of oscillations per second. In the SI system, it is measured in hertz: 1 Hz = 1 s\(^{-1}\).
- The period \( T \) is the time required for one complete oscillation, or cycle. It is related to the frequency by \( T = 1/f \).
- In simple harmonic motion (SHM), the displacement \( x(t) \) of a particle from its equilibrium position is described by the equation
  \[ x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \]
  (displacement),
  in which \( x_m \) is the amplitude of the displacement, \( \omega t + \phi \) is the phase of the motion, and \( \phi \) is the phase constant. The angular frequency \( \omega \) is related to the period and frequency of the motion by \( \omega = 2\pi/T = 2\pi f \).
- Differentiating \( x(t) \) leads to equations for the particle’s SHM velocity and acceleration as functions of time:
  \[ v = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi) \] (velocity)
  and
  \[ a = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \] (acceleration).

In the velocity function, the positive quantity \( \omega x_m \) is the velocity amplitude \( v_m \). In the acceleration function, the positive quantity \( \omega^2 x_m \) is the acceleration amplitude \( a_m \).
- A particle with mass \( m \) that moves under the influence of a Hooke’s law restoring force given by \( F = -kx \) is a linear simple harmonic oscillator with
  \[ \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \] (angular frequency)
  and
  \[ T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \] (period).
What Is Physics?

Our world is filled with oscillations in which objects move back and forth repeatedly. Many oscillations are merely amusing or annoying, but many others are dangerous or financially important. Here are a few examples: When a bat hits a baseball, the bat may oscillate enough to sting the batter’s hands or even to break apart. When wind blows past a power line, the line may oscillate (“gallop” in electrical engineering terms) so severely that it rips apart, shutting off the power supply to a community. When an airplane is in flight, the turbulence of the air flowing past the wings makes them oscillate, eventually leading to metal fatigue and even failure. When a train travels around a curve, its wheels oscillate horizontally (“hunt” in mechanical engineering terms) as they are forced to turn in new directions (you can hear the oscillations).

When an earthquake occurs near a city, buildings may be set oscillating so severely that they are shaken apart. When an arrow is shot from a bow, the feathers at the end of the arrow manage tosnake around the bow staff without hitting it because the arrow oscillates. When a coin drops into a metal collection plate, the coin oscillates with such a familiar ring that the coin’s denomination can be determined from the sound. When a rodeo cowboy rides a bull, the cowboy oscillates wildly as the bull jumps and turns (at least the cowboy hopes to be oscillating).

The study and control of oscillations are two of the primary goals of both physics and engineering. In this chapter we discuss a basic type of oscillation called simple harmonic motion.

Heads Up. This material is quite challenging to most students. One reason is that there is a truckload of definitions and symbols to sort out, but the main reason is that we need to relate an object’s oscillations (something that we can see or even experience) to the equations and graphs for the oscillations. Relating the real, visible motion to the abstraction of an equation or graph requires a lot of hard work.

Simple Harmonic Motion

Figure 15-1 shows a particle that is oscillating about the origin of an x axis, repeatedly going left and right by identical amounts. The frequency $f$ of the oscillation is the number of times per second that it completes a full oscillation (a cycle) and has the unit of hertz (abbreviated Hz), where

$$1 \text{ hertz} = 1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ oscillation per second} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}. \quad (15-1)$$

The time for one full cycle is the period $T$ of the oscillation, which is

$$T = \frac{1}{f}. \quad (15-2)$$

Any motion that repeats at regular intervals is called periodic motion or harmonic motion. However, here we are interested in a particular type of periodic motion called simple harmonic motion (SHM). Such motion is a sinusoidal function of time $t$. That is, it can be written as a sine or a cosine of time $t$. Here we arbitrarily choose the cosine function and write the displacement (or position) of the particle in Fig. 15-1 as

$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{(displacement)}, \quad (15-3)$$

in which $x_m$, $\omega$, and $\phi$ are quantities that we shall define.

Freeze-Frames. Let’s take some freeze-frames of the motion and then arrange them one after another down the page (Fig. 15-2a). Our first freeze-frame is at $t = 0$ when the particle is at its rightmost position on the $x$ axis. We label that coordinate as $x_m$ (the subscript means maximum); it is the symbol in front of the cosine.
A particle oscillates left and right in simple harmonic motion.

The speed is zero at the extreme points.

The speed is greatest at the midpoint.

Figure 15-2  (a) A sequence of “freeze-frames” (taken at equal time intervals) showing the position of a particle as it oscillates back and forth about the origin of an x axis, between the limits $+x_m$ and $-x_m$. (b) The vector arrows are scaled to indicate the speed of the particle. The speed is maximum when the particle is at the origin and zero when it is at $\pm x_m$. If the time $t$ is chosen to be zero when the particle is at $+x_m$, then the particle returns to $+x_m$ at $t = T$, where $T$ is the period of the motion. The motion is then repeated. (c) Rotating the figure reveals the motion forms a cosine function of time, as shown in (d). (e) The speed (the slope) changes.
function in Eq. 15-3. In the next freeze-frame, the particle is a bit to the left of $x_m$. It continues to move in the negative direction of $x$ until it reaches the leftmost position, at coordinate $-x_m$. Thereafter, as time takes us down the page through more freeze-frames, the particle moves back to $x_m$ and thereafter repeatedly oscillates between $x_m$ and $-x_m$. In Eq. 15-3, the cosine function itself oscillates between $+1$ and $-1$. The value of $x_m$ determines how far the particle moves in its oscillations and is called the amplitude of the oscillations (as labeled in the handy guide of Fig. 15-3).

Figure 15-2b indicates the velocity of the particle with respect to time, in the series of freeze-frames. We’ll get to a function for the velocity soon, but for now just notice that the particle comes to a momentary stop at the extreme points and has its greatest speed (longest velocity vector) as it passes through the center point.

Mentally rotate Fig. 15-2a counterclockwise by $90^\circ$, so that the freeze-frames then progress rightward with time. We set time $t = 0$ when the particle is at $x_m$. The particle is back at $x_m$ at time $t = T$ (the period of the oscillation), when it starts the next cycle of oscillation. If we filled in lots of the intermediate freeze-frames and drew a line through the particle positions, we would have the cosine curve shown in Fig. 15-2d. What we already noted about the speed is displayed in Fig. 15-2e. What we have in the whole of Fig. 15-2 is a transformation of what we can see (the reality of an oscillating particle) into the abstraction of a graph. (In WileyPLUS the transformation of Fig. 15-2 is available as an animation with voiceover.) Equation 15-3 is a concise way to capture the motion in the abstraction of an equation.

More Quantities. The handy guide of Fig. 15-3 defines more quantities about the motion. The argument of the cosine function is called the phase of the motion. As it varies with time, the value of the cosine function varies. The constant $\phi$ is called the phase angle or phase constant. It is in the argument only because we want to use Eq. 15-3 to describe the motion regardless of where the particle is in its oscillation when we happen to set the clock time to 0. In Fig. 15-2, we set $t = 0$ when the particle is at $x_m$. For that choice, Eq. 15-3 works just fine if we also set $\phi = 0$. However, if we set $t = 0$ when the particle happens to be at some other location, we need a different value of $\phi$. A few values are indicated in Fig. 15-4.

For example, suppose the particle is at its leftmost position when we happen to start the clock at $t = 0$. Then Eq. 15-3 describes the motion if $\phi = \pi$ rad. To check, substitute $t = 0$ and $\phi = \pi$ rad into Eq. 15-3. See, it gives $x = -x_m$ just then. Now check the other examples in Fig. 15-4.

The quantity $\omega$ in Eq. 15-3 is the angular frequency of the motion. To relate it to the frequency $f$ and the period $T$, let’s first note that the position $x(t)$ of the particle must (by definition) return to its initial value at the end of a period. That is, if $x(t)$ is the position at some chosen time $t$, then the particle must return to that same position at time $t + T$. Let’s use Eq. 15-3 to express this condition, but let’s also just set $\phi = 0$ to get it out of the way. Returning to the same position can then be written as

$$x_m \cos \omega t = x_m \cos \omega (t + T).$$

(15-4)

The cosine function first repeats itself when its argument (the phase, remember) has increased by $2\pi$ rad. So, Eq. 15-4 tells us that

$$\omega (t + T) = \omega t + 2\pi$$

or

$$\omega T = 2\pi.$$

Thus, from Eq. 15-2 the angular frequency is

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f.$$

(15-5)

The SI unit of angular frequency is the radian per second.
We've had a lot of quantities here, quantities that we could experimentally change to see the effects on the particle's SHM. Figure 15-5 gives some examples. The curves in Fig. 15-5a show the effect of changing the amplitude. Both curves have the same period. (See how the “peaks” line up?) And both are for \( f/H110050 \). (See how the maxima of the curves both occur at \( t/H110050 \)?) In Fig. 15-5b, the two curves have the same amplitude but one has twice the period as the other (and thus half the frequency as the other). Figure 15-5c is probably more difficult to understand. The curves have the same amplitude and same period but one is shifted relative to the other because of the different \( f \) values. See how the one with \( f/H110050 \) is just a regular cosine curve? The one with the negative \( f \) is shifted rightward from it. That is a general result: negative \( f \) values shift the regular cosine curve rightward and positive \( f \) values shift it leftward. (Try this on a graphing calculator.)

**Checkpoint 1**

A particle undergoing simple harmonic oscillation of period \( T \) (like that in Fig. 15-2) is at \(-x_m\) at time \( t = 0\). Is it at \(-x_m\), at \(+x_m\), at \(0\), between \(-x_m\) and \(0\), or between \(0\) and \(+x_m\) when (a) \( t = 2.00T \), (b) \( t = 3.50T \), and (c) \( t = 5.25T \)?

**The Velocity of SHM**

We briefly discussed velocity as shown in Fig. 15-2b, finding that it varies in magnitude and direction as the particle moves between the extreme points (where the speed is momentarily zero) and through the central point (where the speed is maximum). To find the velocity \( v(t) \) as a function of time, let's take a time derivative of the position function \( x(t) \) in Eq. 15-3:

\[
v(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}[x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)]
\]

or

\[
v(t) = -\alpha x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{(velocity).} \quad (15-6)
\]

The velocity depends on time because the sine function varies with time, between the values of \(+1\) and \(-1\). The quantities in front of the sine function...
determine the extent of the variation in the velocity, between $+\omega x_m$ and $-\omega x_m$. We say that $\omega x_m$ is the velocity amplitude $v_m$ of the velocity variation. When the particle is moving rightward through $x = 0$, its velocity is positive and the magnitude is at this greatest value. When it is moving leftward through $x = 0$, its velocity is negative and the magnitude is again at this greatest value. This variation with time (a negative sine function) is displayed in the graph of Fig. 15-6b for a phase constant of $\phi = 0$, which corresponds to the cosine function for the displacement versus time shown in Fig. 15-6a.

Recall that we use a cosine function for $x(t)$ regardless of the particle’s position at $t = 0$. We simply choose an appropriate value of $\phi$ so that Eq. 15-3 gives us the correct position at $t = 0$. That decision about the cosine function leads us to a negative sine function for the velocity in Eq. 15-6, and the value of $\phi$ now gives the correct velocity at $t = 0$.

### The Acceleration of SHM

Let’s go one more step by differentiating the velocity function of Eq. 15-6 with respect to time to get the acceleration function of the particle in simple harmonic motion:

$$a(t) = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)]$$

or

$$a(t) = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{(acceleration).} \quad (15-7)$$

We are back to a cosine function but with a minus sign out front. We know the drill by now. The acceleration varies because the cosine function varies with time, between $+1$ and $-1$. The variation in the magnitude of the acceleration is set by the acceleration amplitude $a_m$, which is the product $\omega^2 x_m$ that multiplies the cosine function.

Figure 15-6c displays Eq. 15-7 for a phase constant $\phi = 0$, consistent with Figs. 15-6a and 15-6b. Note that the acceleration magnitude is zero when the cosine is zero, which is when the particle is at $x = 0$. And the acceleration magnitude is maximum when the cosine magnitude is maximum, which is when the particle is at an extreme point, where it has been slowed to a stop so that its motion can be reversed. Indeed, comparing Eqs. 15-3 and 15-7 we see an extremely neat relationship:

$$a(t) = -\omega^2 x(t). \quad (15-8)$$

This is the hallmark of SHM: (1) The particle’s acceleration is always opposite its displacement (hence the minus sign) and (2) the two quantities are always related by a constant ($\omega^2$). If you ever see such a relationship in an oscillating situation (such as with, say, the current in an electrical circuit, or the rise and fall of water in a tidal bay), you can immediately say that the motion is SHM and immediately identify the angular frequency $\omega$ of the motion. In a nutshell:

> In SHM, the acceleration $a$ is proportional to the displacement $x$ but opposite in sign, and the two quantities are related by the square of the angular frequency $\omega$.

### Checkpoint 2

Which of the following relationships between a particle’s acceleration $a$ and its position $x$ indicates simple harmonic oscillation: (a) $a = 3x^2$, (b) $a = 5x$, (c) $a = -4x$, (d) $a = -2x^2$? For the SHM, what is the angular frequency (assume the unit of rad/s)?
The Force Law for Simple Harmonic Motion

Now that we have an expression for the acceleration in terms of the displacement in Eq. 15-8, we can apply Newton’s second law to describe the force responsible for SHM:

\[ F = ma = m(-\omega^2x) = -(m\omega^2)x. \quad (15-9) \]

The minus sign means that the direction of the force on the particle is opposite the direction of the displacement of the particle. That is, in SHM the force is a restoring force in the sense that it fights against the displacement, attempting to restore the particle to the center point at \( x = 0 \). We’ve seen the general form of Eq. 15-9 back in Chapter 8 when we discussed a block on a spring as in Fig. 15-7. There we wrote Hooke’s law,

\[ F = -kx, \quad (15-10) \]

for the force acting on the block. Comparing Eqs. 15-9 and 15-10, we can now relate the spring constant \( k \) (a measure of the stiffness of the spring) to the mass of the block and the resulting angular frequency of the SHM:

\[ k = m\omega^2. \quad (15-11) \]

Equation 15-10 is another way to write the hallmark equation for SHM.

Simple harmonic motion is the motion of a particle when the force acting on it is proportional to the particle’s displacement but in the opposite direction.

The block–spring system of Fig. 15-7 is called a linear simple harmonic oscillator (linear oscillator, for short), where linear indicates that \( F \) is proportional to \( x \) to the first power (and not to some other power).

If you ever see a situation in which the force in an oscillation is always proportional to the displacement but in the opposite direction, you can immediately say that the oscillation is SHM. You can also immediately identify the associated spring constant \( k \). If you know the oscillating mass, you can then determine the angular frequency of the motion by rewriting Eq. 15-11 as

\[ \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{(angular frequency).} \quad (15-12) \]

(This is usually more important than the value of \( k \).) Further, you can determine the period of the motion by combining Eqs. 15-5 and 15-12 to write

\[ T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad \text{(period).} \quad (15-13) \]

Let’s make a bit of physical sense of Eqs. 15-12 and 15-13. Can you see that a stiff spring (large \( k \)) tends to produce a large \( \omega \) (rapid oscillations) and thus a small period \( T \)? Can you also see that a large mass \( m \) tends to result in a small \( \omega \) (sluggish oscillations) and thus a large period \( T \)?

Every oscillating system, be it a diving board or a violin string, has some element of “springiness” and some element of “inertia” or mass. In Fig. 15-7, these elements are separated: The springiness is entirely in the spring, which we assume to be massless, and the inertia is entirely in the block, which we assume to be rigid. In a violin string, however, the two elements are both within the string.

Checkpoint 3

Which of the following relationships between the force \( F \) on a particle and the particle’s position \( x \) gives SHM: (a) \( F = -5x \), (b) \( F = -400x^2 \), (c) \( F = 10x \), (d) \( F = 3x^2 \)?
A block whose mass \( m \) is 680 g is fastened to a spring whose spring constant \( k \) is 65 N/m. The block is pulled a distance \( x = 11 \text{ cm} \) from its equilibrium position at \( x = 0 \) on a frictionless surface and released from rest at \( t = 0 \).

(a) What are the angular frequency, the frequency, and the period of the resulting motion?

**KEY IDEA**

The block–spring system forms a linear simple harmonic oscillator, with the block undergoing SHM.

**Calculations:** The angular frequency is given by Eq. 15-12:

\[
\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{65 \text{ N/m}}{0.68 \text{ kg}}} = 9.78 \text{ rad/s}
\]

\( \approx 9.8 \text{ rad/s}. \) (Answer)

The frequency follows from Eq. 15-5, which yields

\[
f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{9.78 \text{ rad/s}}{2\pi \text{ rad}} = 1.56 \text{ Hz} \approx 1.6 \text{ Hz}. \) (Answer)

The period follows from Eq. 15-2, which yields

\[
T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{1.56 \text{ Hz}} = 0.64 \text{ s} = 640 \text{ ms}. \) (Answer)

(b) What is the amplitude of the oscillation?

**KEY IDEA**

With no friction involved, the mechanical energy of the spring–block system is conserved.

**Reasoning:** The block is released from rest 11 cm from its equilibrium position, with zero kinetic energy and the elastic potential energy of the system at a maximum. Thus, the block will have zero kinetic energy whenever it is again 11 cm from its equilibrium position, which means it will never be farther than 11 cm from that position. Its maximum displacement is 11 cm:

\[
x_m = 11 \text{ cm}. \quad (\text{Answer})
\]

(c) What is the maximum speed \( v_m \) of the oscillating block, and where is the block when it has this speed?

**KEY IDEA**

The maximum speed \( v_m \) is the velocity amplitude \( \omega x_m \) in Eq. 15-6.

**Calculation:** Thus, we have

\[
v_m = \omega x_m = (9.78 \text{ rad/s})(0.11 \text{ m}) = 1.1 \text{ m/s}. \quad (\text{Answer})
\]

This maximum speed occurs when the oscillating block is rushing through the origin; compare Figs. 15-6a and 15-6b, where you can see that the speed is a maximum whenever \( x = 0 \).

(d) What is the magnitude \( a_m \) of the maximum acceleration of the block?

**KEY IDEA**

The magnitude \( a_m \) of the maximum acceleration is the acceleration amplitude \( \omega^2 x_m \) in Eq. 15-7.

**Calculation:** So, we have

\[
a_m = \omega^2 x_m = (9.78 \text{ rad/s})^2(0.11 \text{ m}) = 11 \text{ m/s}^2. \quad (\text{Answer})
\]

This maximum acceleration occurs when the block is at the ends of its path, where the block has been slowed to a stop so that its motion can be reversed. At those extreme points, the force acting on the block has its maximum magnitude; compare Figs. 15-6a and 15-6c, where you can see that the magnitudes of the displacement and acceleration are maximum at the same times, when the speed is zero, as you can see in Fig. 15-6b.

(e) What is the phase constant \( \phi \) for the motion?

**Calculations:** Equation 15-3 gives the displacement of the block as a function of time. We know that at time \( t = 0 \), the block is located at \( x = x_m \). Substituting these initial conditions, as they are called, into Eq. 15-3 and canceling \( x_m \) give us

\[
1 = \cos \phi. \quad (15-14)
\]

Taking the inverse cosine then yields

\[
\phi = 0 \text{ rad}. \quad (\text{Answer})
\]

(Any angle that is an integer multiple of \( 2\pi \text{ rad} \) also satisfies Eq. 15-14; we chose the smallest angle.)

(f) What is the displacement function \( x(t) \) for the spring–block system?

**Calculation:** The function \( x(t) \) is given in general form by Eq. 15-3. Substituting known quantities into that equation gives us

\[
x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) = (0.11 \text{ m}) \cos[(9.8 \text{ rad/s})t + 0] = 0.11 \cos(9.8t), \quad (\text{Answer})
\]

where \( x \) is in meters and \( t \) is in seconds.
Sample Problem 15.02 Finding SHM phase constant from displacement and velocity

At \( t = 0 \), the displacement \( x(0) \) of the block in a linear oscillator like that of Fig. 15-7 is \(-8.50 \) cm. (Read \( x(0) \) as “\( x \) at time zero.”) The block’s velocity \( v(0) \) then is \(-0.920 \) m/s, and its acceleration \( a(0) \) is \(+47.0 \) m/s\(^2\).

(a) What is the angular frequency \( \omega \) of this system?

**KEY IDEA**

With the block in SHM, Eqs. 15-3, 15-6, and 15-7 give its displacement, velocity, and acceleration, respectively, and each contains \( \omega \).

**Calculations:** Let’s substitute \( t = 0 \) into each to see whether we can solve any one of them for \( \omega \). We find

\[
\begin{align*}
   x(0) &= x_m \cos \phi, \\
   v(0) &= -\omega x_m \sin \phi, \\
   a(0) &= -\omega^2 x_m \cos \phi.
\end{align*}
\]

In Eq. 15-15, \( \omega \) has disappeared. In Eqs. 15-16 and 15-17, we know values for the left sides, but we do not know \( x_m \) and \( \phi \). However, if we divide Eq. 15-17 by Eq. 15-15, we neatly eliminate both \( x_m \) and \( \phi \) and can then solve for \( \omega \) as

\[
\omega = \sqrt{\frac{-a(0)}{x(0)}} = \sqrt{-\frac{47.0 \text{ m/s}^2}{0.0850 \text{ m}}} = 23.5 \text{ rad/s.} \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

(b) What are the phase constant \( \phi \) and amplitude \( x_m \)?

**Calculations:** We know \( \omega \) and want \( \phi \) and \( x_m \). If we divide Eq. 15-16 by Eq. 15-15, we eliminate one of those unknowns and reduce the other to a single trig function:

\[
\frac{v(0)}{x(0)} = \frac{-\omega x_m \sin \phi}{x_m \cos \phi} = -\omega \tan \phi.
\]

Solving for \( \tan \phi \), we find

\[
\tan \phi = -\frac{v(0)}{ax(0)} = -\frac{-0.920 \text{ m/s}}{(23.5 \text{ rad/s})(-0.0850 \text{ m})} = -0.461.
\]

This equation has two solutions:

\[
\phi = -25^\circ \text{ and } \phi = 180^\circ + (-25^\circ) = 155^\circ.
\]

Normally only the first solution here is displayed by a calculator, but it may not be the physically possible solution. To choose the proper solution, we test them both by using them to compute values for the amplitude \( x_m \). From Eq. 15-15, we find that if \( \phi = -25^\circ \), then

\[
x_m = \frac{x(0)}{\cos \phi} = \frac{0.0850 \text{ m}}{\cos(-25^\circ)} = 0.094 \text{ m}.
\]

We find similarly that if \( \phi = 155^\circ \), then \( x_m = 0.094 \) m.

Because the amplitude of SHM must be a positive constant, the correct phase constant and amplitude here are

\[
\phi = 155^\circ \text{ and } x_m = 0.094 \text{ m} = 9.4 \text{ cm.} \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

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**15-2 ENERGY IN SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION**

**Learning Objectives**

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

15.19 For a spring–block oscillator, calculate the kinetic energy and elastic potential energy at any given time.

15.20 Apply the conservation of energy to relate the total energy of a spring–block oscillator at one instant to the total energy at another instant.

15.21 Sketch a graph of the kinetic energy, potential energy, and total energy of a spring–block oscillator, first as a function of time and then as a function of the oscillator’s position.

15.22 For a spring–block oscillator, determine the block’s position when the total energy is entirely kinetic energy and when it is entirely potential energy.

**Key Ideas**

- A particle in simple harmonic motion has, at any time, kinetic energy \( K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \) and potential energy \( U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \). If no friction is present, the mechanical energy \( E = K + U \) remains constant even though \( K \) and \( U \) change.

**Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion**

Let’s now examine the linear oscillator of Chapter 8, where we saw that the energy transfers back and forth between kinetic energy and potential energy, while the sum of the two—the mechanical energy \( E \) of the oscillator—remains constant. The
potential energy of a linear oscillator like that of Fig. 15-7 is associated entirely with the spring. Its value depends on how much the spring is stretched or compressed—that is, on \( x(t) \). We can use Eqs. 8-11 and 15-3 to find

\[
U(t) = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi). \tag{15-18}
\]

**Caution:** A function written in the form \( \cos^2 A \) (as here) means \( (\cos A)^2 \) and is not the same as one written \( \cos A^2 \), which means \( \cos(A^2) \).

The kinetic energy of the system of Fig. 15-7 is associated entirely with the block. Its value depends on how fast the block is moving—that is, on \( v(t) \). We can use Eq. 15-6 to find

\[
K(t) = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi). \tag{15-19}
\]

If we use Eq. 15-12 to substitute \( k/m \) for \( \omega^2 \), we can write Eq. 15-19 as

\[
K(t) = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi). \tag{15-20}
\]

The mechanical energy follows from Eqs. 15-18 and 15-20 and is

\[
E = U + K = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \left[ \cos^2(\omega t + \phi) + \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) \right].
\]

For any angle \( \alpha \),

\[
\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1.
\]

Thus, the quantity in the square brackets above is unity and we have

\[
E = U + K = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2. \tag{15-21}
\]

The mechanical energy of a linear oscillator is indeed constant and independent of time. The potential energy and kinetic energy of a linear oscillator are shown as functions of time \( t \) in Fig. 15-8a and as functions of displacement \( x \) in Fig. 15-8b. In any oscillating system, an element of springiness is needed to store the potential energy and an element of inertia is needed to store the kinetic energy.

**Checkpoint 4**

In Fig. 15-7, the block has a kinetic energy of 3 J and the spring has an elastic potential energy of 2 J when the block is at \( x = +2.0 \) cm. (a) What is the kinetic energy when the block is at \( x = 0 \)? What is the elastic potential energy when the block is at \( x = -2.0 \) cm and \( c x = -x_m \)?

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**Sample Problem 15.03  SHM potential energy, kinetic energy, mass dampers**

Many tall buildings have mass dampers, which are anti-sway devices to prevent them from oscillating in a wind. The device might be a block oscillating at the end of a spring and on a lubricated track. If the building sways, say, eastward, the block also moves eastward but delayed enough so that when it finally moves, the building is then moving back westward. Thus, the motion of the oscillator is out of step with the motion of the building.

Suppose the block has mass \( m = 2.72 \times 10^3 \) kg and is designed to oscillate at frequency \( f = 10.0 \) Hz and with amplitude \( x_m = 20.0 \) cm.

(a) What is the total mechanical energy \( E \) of the spring–block system?

**KEY IDEA**

The mechanical energy \( E \) (the sum of the kinetic energy \( K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \) of the block and the potential energy \( U = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \) of the spring) is constant throughout the motion of the oscillator. Thus, we can evaluate \( E \) at any point during the motion.

**Calculations:** Because we are given amplitude \( x_m \) of the oscillations, let’s evaluate \( E \) when the block is at position \( x = x_m \).
An Angular Simple Harmonic Oscillator

Figure 15-9 shows an angular version of a simple harmonic oscillator; the element of springiness or elasticity is associated with the twisting of a suspension wire rather than the extension and compression of a spring as we previously had. The device is called a torsion pendulum, with torsion referring to the twisting.

If we rotate the disk in Fig. 15-9 by some angular displacement \( \theta \) from its rest position (where the reference line is at \( \theta = 0 \)) and release it, it will oscillate about that position in angular simple harmonic motion. Rotating the disk through an angle \( \theta \) in either direction introduces a restoring torque given by

\[
\tau = -k\theta. \tag{15-22}
\]

Here \( k \) (Greek \( \kappa \)) is a constant, called the torsion constant, that depends on the length, diameter, and material of the suspension wire.

Comparison of Eq. 15-22 with Eq. 15-10 leads us to suspect that Eq. 15-22 is the angular form of Hooke’s law, and that we can transform Eq. 15-13, which gives the period of linear SHM, into an equation for the period of angular SHM:

We replace the spring constant \( k \) in Eq. 15-13 with its equivalent, the constant \( \kappa \) in Eq. 15-22, which depends on the length, diameter, and material of the suspension wire. Therefore, the angular form of Hooke’s law is

\[
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\]

The angular motion is described by

\[
\theta(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi),
\]

where \( A \) is the angular amplitude, \( \omega \) is the angular frequency, \( \phi \) is the phase angle, and \( t \) is time.

The period of angular SHM is

\[
T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}},
\]

where \( I \) is the rotational inertia of the object about the axis of rotation and \( \kappa \) is the torsion constant of the wire.

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The constant \( k \), which is a property of the wire, is the same for both figures; only the periods and the rotational inertias differ. Let us square each of these equations, divide the second by the first, and solve the resulting equation for \( I_b \). The result is

\[
I_b = I_a \left( \frac{T_b}{T_a} \right)^2 = (1.73 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2) \left( \frac{(4.76 \text{ s})^2}{(2.53 \text{ s})^2} \right)
\]

\[
= 6.12 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

**Sample Problem 15.04 Angular simple harmonic oscillator, rotational inertia, period**

Figure 15-10a shows a thin rod whose length \( L \) is 12.4 cm and whose mass \( m \) is 135 g, suspended at its midpoint from a long wire. Its period \( T_a \) of angular SHM is measured to be 2.53 s. An irregularly shaped object, which we call object \( X \), is then hung from the same wire, as in Fig. 15-10b, and its period \( T_b \) is found to be 4.76 s. What is the rotational inertia of object \( X \) about its suspension axis?

**KEY IDEA**

The rotational inertia of either the rod or object \( X \) is related to the measured period by Eq. 15-23.

**Calculations:** In Table 10-2e, the rotational inertia of a thin rod about a perpendicular axis through its midpoint is given as \( \frac{1}{12} mL^2 \). Thus, we have, for the rod in Fig. 15-10a,

\[
I_a = \frac{1}{12} mL^2 = \left( \frac{1}{12} \right)(0.135 \text{ kg})(0.124 \text{ m})^2
\]

\[
= 1.73 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2.
\]

Now let us write Eq. 15-23 twice, once for the rod and once for object \( X \):

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## 15-4 PENDULUMS, CIRCULAR MOTION

### Learning Objectives

**15.27** Describe the motion of an oscillating simple pendulum.

**15.28** Draw a free-body diagram of a pendulum bob with the pendulum at angle \( \theta \) to the vertical.

**15.29** For small-angle oscillations of a **simple pendulum**, relate the period \( T \) (or frequency \( f \)) to the pendulum’s length \( L \).

**15.30** Distinguish between a simple pendulum and a physical pendulum.

**15.31** For small-angle oscillations of a **physical pendulum**, relate the period \( T \) (or frequency \( f \)) to the distance \( h \) between the pivot and the center of mass.

**15.32** For an angular oscillating system, determine the angular frequency \( \omega \) from either an equation relating torque \( \tau \) and angular displacement \( \theta \) or an equation relating angular acceleration \( \alpha \) and angular displacement \( \theta \).

**15.33** Distinguish between a pendulum’s angular frequency \( \omega \) (having to do with the rate at which cycles are completed) and its \( d\theta/dt \) (the rate at which its angle with the vertical changes).

**15.34** Given data about the angular position \( \theta \) and rate of change \( d\theta/dt \) at one instant, determine the phase constant \( \phi \) and amplitude \( \theta_m \).

**15.35** Describe how the free-fall acceleration can be measured with a simple pendulum.

**15.36** For a given physical pendulum, determine the location of the center of oscillation and identify the meaning of that phrase in terms of a simple pendulum.

**15.37** Describe how simple harmonic motion is related to uniform circular motion.
Key Ideas

- A simple pendulum consists of a rod of negligible mass that pivots about its upper end, with a particle (the bob) attached at its lower end. If the rod swings through only small angles, its motion is approximately simple harmonic motion with a period given by

\[ T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{mgL}} \quad \text{(simple pendulum)}, \]

where \( I \) is the particle’s rotational inertia about the pivot, \( m \) is the particle’s mass, and \( L \) is the rod’s length.

- A physical pendulum has a more complicated distribution of mass. For small angles of swinging, its motion is simple harmonic motion with a period given by

\[ T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{mgh}} \quad \text{(physical pendulum)}, \]

where \( I \) is the pendulum’s rotational inertia about the pivot, \( m \) is the pendulum’s mass, and \( h \) is the distance between the pivot and the pendulum’s center of mass.

- Simple harmonic motion corresponds to the projection of uniform circular motion onto a diameter of the circle.

Pendulums

We turn now to a class of simple harmonic oscillators in which the springiness is associated with the gravitational force rather than with the elastic properties of a twisted wire or a compressed or stretched spring.

The Simple Pendulum

If an apple swings on a long thread, does it have simple harmonic motion? If so, what is the period \( T \)? To answer, we consider a simple pendulum, which consists of a particle of mass \( m \) (called the bob of the pendulum) suspended from one end of an unstretchable, massless string of length \( L \) that is fixed at the other end, as in Fig. 15-11a. The bob is free to swing back and forth in the plane of the page, to the left and right of a vertical line through the pendulum’s pivot point.

The Restoring Torque. The forces acting on the bob are the force \( \mathbf{T} \) from the string and the gravitational force \( \mathbf{F}_g \), as shown in Fig. 15-11b, where the string makes an angle \( \theta \) with the vertical. We resolve \( \mathbf{F}_g \) into a radial component \( F_g \cos \theta \) and a component \( F_g \sin \theta \) that is tangent to the path taken by the bob. This tangential component produces a restoring torque about the pendulum’s pivot point because the component always acts opposite the displacement of the bob so as to bring the bob back toward its central location. That location is called the equilibrium position (\( \theta = 0 \)) because the pendulum would be at rest there were it not swinging.

From Eq. 10-41 \((\tau = r \cdot F)\), we can write this restoring torque as

\[ \tau = -L(F_g \sin \theta), \quad (15-24) \]

where the minus sign indicates that the torque acts to reduce \( \theta \) and \( L \) is the moment arm of the force component \( F_g \sin \theta \) about the pivot point. Substituting Eq. 15-24 into Eq. 10-44 \((\tau = I\alpha)\) and then substituting \( mg \) as the magnitude of \( F_g \), we obtain

\[ -L(mg \sin \theta) = I\alpha, \quad (15-25) \]

where \( I \) is the pendulum’s rotational inertia about the pivot point and \( \alpha \) is its angular acceleration about that point.

We can simplify Eq. 15-25 if we assume the angle \( \theta \) is small, for then we can approximate \( \sin \theta \) with \( \theta \) (expressed in radian measure). (As an example, if \( \theta = 5.00^\circ = 0.0873 \text{ rad} \), then \( \sin \theta = 0.0872 \), a difference of only about 0.1%). With that approximation and some rearranging, we then have

\[ \alpha = -\frac{mgL}{I} \theta. \quad (15-26) \]

This equation is the angular equivalent of Eq. 15-8, the hallmark of SHM. It tells us that the angular acceleration \( \alpha \) of the pendulum is proportional to the angular displacement \( \theta \) but opposite in sign. Thus, as the pendulum bob moves to the right, as in Fig. 15-11a, its acceleration to the left increases until the bob stops and

Figure 15-11 (a) A simple pendulum. (b) The forces acting on the bob are the gravitational force \( \mathbf{F}_g \) and the force \( \mathbf{T} \) from the string. The tangential component \( F_g \sin \theta \) of the gravitational force is a restoring force that tends to bring the pendulum back to its central position.
begins moving to the left. Then, when it is to the left of the equilibrium position, its acceleration to the right tends to return it to the right, and so on, as it swings back and forth in SHM. More precisely, the motion of a simple pendulum swinging through only small angles is approximately SHM. We can state this restriction to small angles another way: The angular amplitude $\theta_m$ of the motion (the maximum angle of swing) must be small.

**Angular Frequency.** Here is a neat trick. Because Eq. 15-26 has the same form as Eq. 15-8 for SHM, we can immediately identify the pendulum’s angular frequency as being the square root of the constants in front of the displacement:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgL}{I}}.$$

In the homework problems you might see oscillating systems that do not seem to resemble pendulums. However, if you can relate the acceleration (linear or angular) to the displacement (linear or angular), you can then immediately identify the angular frequency as we have just done here.

**Period.** Next, if we substitute this expression for $\omega$ into Eq. 15-5 ($\omega = 2\pi/T$), we see that the period of the pendulum may be written as

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgL}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (15-27)

All the mass of a simple pendulum is concentrated in the mass $m$ of the particle-like bob, which is at radius $L$ from the pivot point. Thus, we can use Eq. 10-33 ($I = mr^2$) to write $I = mL^2$ for the rotational inertia of the pendulum. Substituting this into Eq. 15-27 and simplifying then yield

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgL}} \quad \text{(simple pendulum, small amplitude).} \hspace{1cm} (15-28)$$

We assume small-angle swinging in this chapter.

**The Physical Pendulum**

A real pendulum, usually called a physical pendulum, can have a complicated distribution of mass. Does it also undergo SHM? If so, what is its period?

Figure 15-12 shows an arbitrary physical pendulum displaced to one side by angle $\theta$. The gravitational force $F_g$ acts at its center of mass $C$, at a distance $h$ from the pivot point $O$. Comparison of Figs. 15-12 and 15-11b reveals only one important difference between an arbitrary physical pendulum and a simple pendulum. For a physical pendulum the restoring component $F_g \sin \theta$ of the gravitational force has a moment arm of distance $h$ about the pivot point, rather than of string length $L$. In all other respects, an analysis of the physical pendulum would duplicate our analysis of the simple pendulum up through Eq. 15-27. Again (for small $\theta_m$), we would find that the motion is approximately SHM.

If we replace $L$ with $h$ in Eq. 15-27, we can write the period as

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgh}} \quad \text{(physical pendulum, small amplitude).} \hspace{1cm} (15-29)$$

As with the simple pendulum, $I$ is the rotational inertia of the pendulum about $O$. However, now $I$ is not simply $mL^2$ (it depends on the shape of the physical pendulum), but it is still proportional to $m$.

A physical pendulum will not swing if it pivots at its center of mass. Formally, this corresponds to putting $h = 0$ in Eq. 15-29. That equation then predicts $T \to \infty$, which implies that such a pendulum will never complete one swing.
Corresponding to any physical pendulum that oscillates about a given pivot point \( O \) with period \( T \) is a simple pendulum of length \( L_0 \) with the same period \( T \). We can find \( L_0 \) with Eq. 15-28. The point along the physical pendulum at distance \( L_0 \) from point \( O \) is called the center of oscillation of the physical pendulum for the given suspension point.

**Measuring \( g \)**

We can use a physical pendulum to measure the free-fall acceleration \( g \) at a particular location on Earth’s surface. (Countless thousands of such measurements have been made during geophysical prospecting.)

To analyze a simple case, take the pendulum to be a uniform rod of length \( L \), suspended from one end. For such a pendulum, \( h \) in Eq. 15-29, the distance between the pivot point and the center of mass, is \( \frac{1}{2}L \). Table 10-2 tells us that the rotational inertia of this pendulum about a perpendicular axis through its center of mass is \( \frac{1}{12}mL^2 \). From the parallel-axis theorem of Eq. 10-36 (\( I = I_{\text{com}} + Mh^2 \)), we then find that the rotational inertia about a perpendicular axis through one end of the rod is

\[
I = I_{\text{com}} + mh^2 = \frac{1}{12}mL^2 + m\left(\frac{1}{2}L\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3}mL^2.
\]  

(15-30)

If we put \( h = \frac{1}{2}L \) and \( I = \frac{1}{3}mL^2 \) in Eq. 15-29 and solve for \( g \), we find

\[
g = \frac{8\pi^2L}{3T^2}.
\]  

(15-31)

Thus, by measuring \( L \) and the period \( T \), we can find the value of \( g \) at the pendulum’s location. (If precise measurements are to be made, a number of refinements are needed, such as swinging the pendulum in an evacuated chamber.)

**Checkpoint 5**

Three physical pendulums, of masses \( m_0 \), \( 2m_0 \), and \( 3m_0 \), have the same shape and size and are suspended at the same point. Rank the masses according to the periods of the pendulums, greatest first.

**Sample Problem 15.05  Physical pendulum, period and length**

In Fig. 15-13a, a meter stick swings about a pivot point at one end, at distance \( h \) from the stick’s center of mass.

(a) What is the period of oscillation \( T \)?

**KEY IDEA**

The stick is not a simple pendulum because its mass is not concentrated in a bob at the end opposite the pivot point—so the stick is a physical pendulum.

**Calculations:** The period for a physical pendulum is given by Eq. 15-29, for which we need the rotational inertia \( I \) of the stick about the pivot point. We can treat the stick as a uniform rod of length \( L \) and mass \( m \). Then Eq. 15-30 tells us that \( I = \frac{1}{12}mL^2 \), and the distance \( h \) in Eq. 15-29 is \( \frac{1}{2}L \). Substituting these quantities into Eq. 15-29,

\[
I = I_{\text{com}} + mh^2 = \frac{1}{12}mL^2 + m\left(\frac{1}{2}L\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3}mL^2.
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(15-30)

Figure 15-13  (a) A meter stick suspended from one end as a physical pendulum. (b) A simple pendulum whose length \( L_0 \) is chosen so that the periods of the two pendulums are equal. Point \( P \) on the pendulum of (a) marks the center of oscillation.
we find

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{gh}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}mL^2}{mg(\frac{1}{2}L)}} \quad (15-32)$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2L}{3g}} \quad (15-33)$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(2)(1.00\, \text{m})}{(3)(9.8\, \text{m/s}^2)}} = 1.64\, \text{s.} \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Note the result is independent of the pendulum’s mass $m$.

(b) What is the distance $L_0$ between the pivot point $O$ of the stick and the center of oscillation of the stick?

**Calculations:** We want the length $L_0$ of the simple pendulum (drawn in Fig. 15-13b) that has the same period as the physical pendulum (the stick) of Fig. 15-13a. Setting Eqs. 15-28 and 15-33 equal yields

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L_0}{g}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2L}{3g}}. \quad (15-34)$$

You can see by inspection that

$$L_0 = \frac{2}{3}L \quad (15-35)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(100\, \text{cm}) = 66.7\, \text{cm.} \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

In Fig. 15-13a, point $P$ marks this distance from suspension point $O$. Thus, point $P$ is the stick’s center of oscillation for the given suspension point. Point $P$ would be different for a different suspension choice.

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**Simple Harmonic Motion and Uniform Circular Motion**

In 1610, Galileo, using his newly constructed telescope, discovered the four principal moons of Jupiter. Over weeks of observation, each moon seemed to him to be moving back and forth relative to the planet in what today we would call simple harmonic motion; the disk of the planet was the midpoint of the motion. The record of Galileo’s observations, written in his own hand, is actually still available. A. P. French of MIT used Galileo’s data to work out the position of the moon Callisto relative to Jupiter (actually, the angular distance from Jupiter as seen from Earth) and found that the data approximates the curve shown in Fig. 15-14. The curve strongly suggests Eq. 15-3, the displacement function for simple harmonic motion. A period of about 16.8 days can be measured from the plot, but it is a period of what exactly? After all, a moon cannot possibly be oscillating back and forth like a block on the end of a spring, and so why would Eq. 15-3 have anything to do with it?

*Actually*, Callisto moves with essentially constant speed in an essentially circular orbit around Jupiter. Its true motion—far from being simple harmonic—is uniform circular motion along that orbit. What Galileo saw—and what you can see with a good pair of binoculars and a little patience—is the projection of this uniform circular motion on a line in the plane of the motion. We are led by Galileo’s remarkable observations to the conclusion that simple harmonic

![Figure 15-14](image) The angle between Jupiter and its moon Callisto as seen from Earth. Galileo’s 1610 measurements approximate this curve, which suggests simple harmonic motion. At Jupiter’s mean distance from Earth, 10 minutes of arc corresponds to about $2 \times 10^6$ km. (Based on A. P. French, *Newtonian Mechanics*, W. W. Norton & Company, New York, 1971, p. 288.)
Simple harmonic motion is the projection of uniform circular motion on a diameter of the circle in which the circular motion occurs.

Figure 15-15a gives an example. It shows a reference particle \( P' \) moving in uniform circular motion with (constant) angular speed \( \omega \) in a reference circle. The radius \( x_m \) of the circle is the magnitude of the particle’s position vector. At any time \( t \), the angular position of the particle is \( \omega t + \phi \), where \( \phi \) is its angular position at \( t = 0 \).

**Position.** The projection of particle \( P' \) onto the \( x \) axis is a point \( P \), which we take to be a second particle. The projection of the position vector of particle \( P' \) onto the \( x \) axis gives the location \( x(t) \) of \( P \). (Can you see the \( x \) component in the triangle in Fig. 15-5a?) Thus, we find

\[
x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi),
\]

which is precisely Eq. 15-3. Our conclusion is correct. If reference particle \( P' \) moves in uniform circular motion, its projection particle \( P \) moves in simple harmonic motion along a diameter of the circle.

**Velocity.** Figure 15-15b shows the velocity \( \vec{v} \) of the reference particle. From Eq. 10-18 (\( v = \omega \vec{r} \)), the magnitude of the velocity vector is \( \omega x_m \); its projection on the \( x \) axis is

\[
v(t) = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi),
\]

which is exactly Eq. 15-6. The minus sign appears because the velocity component of \( P \) in Fig. 15-15b is directed to the left, in the negative direction of \( x \). (The minus sign is consistent with the derivative of Eq. 15-36 with respect to time.)

**Acceleration.** Figure 15-15c shows the radial acceleration \( \vec{a} \) of the reference particle. From Eq. 10-23 (\( a_r = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{r} \)), the magnitude of the radial acceleration vector is \( \omega^2 x_m \); its projection on the \( x \) axis is

\[
a(t) = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi),
\]

which is exactly Eq. 15-7. Thus, whether we look at the displacement, the velocity, or the acceleration, the projection of uniform circular motion is indeed simple harmonic motion.
15-5 DAMPED SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

15.38 Describe the motion of a damped simple harmonic oscillator and sketch a graph of the oscillator’s position as a function of time.

15.39 For any particular time, calculate the position of a damped simple harmonic oscillator.

15.40 Determine the amplitude of a damped simple harmonic oscillator at any given time.

15.41 Calculate the angular frequency of a damped simple harmonic oscillator in terms of the spring constant, the damping constant, and the mass, and approximate the angular frequency when the damping constant is small.

15.42 Apply the equation giving the (approximate) total energy of a damped simple harmonic oscillator as a function of time.

Key Ideas

- The mechanical energy $E$ in a real oscillating system decreases during the oscillations because external forces, such as a drag force, inhibit the oscillations and transfer mechanical energy to thermal energy. The real oscillator and its motion are then said to be damped.
- If the damping force is given by $F_d = -bv$, where $v$ is the velocity of the oscillator and $b$ is a damping constant, then the displacement of the oscillator is given by
  \[ x(t) = x_m e^{-bt/2m} \cos(\omega't + \phi), \]

where $\omega'$, the angular frequency of the damped oscillator, is given by
  \[ \omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}. \]

- If the damping constant is small ($b \ll \sqrt{km}$), then $\omega' \approx \omega$, where $\omega$ is the angular frequency of the undamped oscillator.

For small $b$, the mechanical energy $E$ of the oscillator is given by
  \[ E(t) \approx \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 e^{-bt/2m}. \]

Damped Simple Harmonic Motion

A pendulum will swing only briefly underwater, because the water exerts on the pendulum a drag force that quickly eliminates the motion. A pendulum swinging in air does better, but still the motion dies out eventually, because the air exerts a drag force on the pendulum (and friction acts at its support point), transferring energy from the pendulum’s motion.

When the motion of an oscillator is reduced by an external force, the oscillator and its motion are said to be damped. An idealized example of a damped oscillator is shown in Fig. 15-16, where a block with mass $m$ oscillates vertically on a spring with spring constant $k$. From the block, a rod extends to a vane (both assumed massless) that is submerged in a liquid. As the vane moves up and down, the liquid exerts an inhibiting drag force on it and thus on the entire oscillating system. With time, the mechanical energy of the block–spring system decreases, as energy is transferred to thermal energy of the liquid and vane.

Let us assume the liquid exerts a damping force $F_d$ that is proportional to the velocity $\vec{v}$ of the vane and block (an assumption that is accurate if the vane moves slowly). Then, for force and velocity components along the $x$ axis in Fig. 15-16, we have
  \[ F_d = -bv, \]  

where $b$ is a damping constant that depends on the characteristics of both the vane and the liquid and has the SI unit of kilogram per second. The minus sign indicates that $F_d$ opposes the motion.

Damped Oscillations. The force on the block from the spring is $F_s = -kx$. Let us assume that the gravitational force on the block is negligible relative to $F_d$ and $F_s$. Then we can write Newton’s second law for components along the $x$ axis ($F_{\text{net},x} = ma_x$) as
  \[ -bv - kx = ma, \]  

Figure 15-16: An idealized damped simple harmonic oscillator. A vane immersed in a liquid exerts a damping force on the block as the block oscillates parallel to the $x$ axis.
Substituting \( \frac{dx}{dt} \) for \( v \) and \( \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \) for \( a \) and rearranging give us the differential equation

\[
m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0.
\]

The solution of this equation is

\[
x(t) = x_m e^{-bt/2m} \cos(\omega' t + \phi),
\]

where \( x_m \) is the amplitude and \( \omega' \) is the angular frequency of the damped oscillator. This angular frequency is given by

\[
\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}.
\]

If \( b = 0 \) (there is no damping), then Eq. 15-43 reduces to Eq. 15-12 (\( \omega = \sqrt{k/m} \)) for the angular frequency of an undamped oscillator, and Eq. 15-42 reduces to Eq. 15-3 for the displacement of an undamped oscillator. If the damping constant is small but not zero (so that \( b \ll \sqrt{k/m} \)), then \( \omega' \approx \omega \).

**Damped Energy.** We can regard Eq. 15-42 as a cosine function whose amplitude, which is \( x_m e^{-bt/2m} \), gradually decreases with time, as Fig. 15-17 suggests. For an undamped oscillator, the mechanical energy is constant and is given by Eq. 15-21 (\( E = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \)). If the oscillator is damped, the mechanical energy is not constant but decreases with time. If the damping is small, we can find \( E(t) \) by replacing \( x_m \) in Eq. 15-21 with \( x_m e^{-bt/2m} \), the amplitude of the damped oscillations. By doing so, we find that

\[
E(t) = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 e^{-bt/m},
\]

which tells us that, like the amplitude, the mechanical energy decreases exponentially with time.

**Checkpoint 6**

Here are three sets of values for the spring constant, damping constant, and mass for the damped oscillator of Fig. 15-16. Rank the sets according to the time required for the mechanical energy to decrease to one-fourth of its initial value, greatest first.

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Sample Problem 15.06  Damped harmonic oscillator, time to decay, energy

For the damped oscillator of Fig. 15-16, \( m = 250 \text{ g} \), \( k = 85 \text{ N/m} \), and \( b = 70 \text{ g/s} \).

(a) What is the period of the motion?

**KEY IDEA**

Because \( b \ll \sqrt{km} = 4.6 \text{ kg/s} \), the period is approximately that of the undamped oscillator.

**Calculation:** From Eq. 15-13, we then have

\[
T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{0.25 \text{ kg}}{85 \text{ N/m}}} = 0.34 \text{ s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

(b) How long does it take for the amplitude of the damped oscillations to drop to half its initial value?

**KEY IDEA**

The amplitude at time \( t \) is displayed in Eq. 15-42 as \( x_m e^{-bt/2m} \).

**Calculations:** The amplitude has the value \( x_m \) at \( t = 0 \). Thus, we must find the value of \( t \) for which

\[
x_m e^{-bt/2m} = \frac{1}{2} x_m.
\]

Canceling \( x_m \) and taking the natural logarithm of the equation that remains, we have \( \ln \left( e^{-bt/2m} \right) = -bt/2m \)

\[
\ln \left( e^{-bt/2m} \right) = -bt/2m
\]

\[
t = -\frac{2m \ln \frac{1}{2}}{b} = -\frac{(0.25 \text{ kg})(\ln \frac{1}{2})}{0.070 \text{ kg/s}} = 5.0 \text{ s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

Because \( T = 0.34 \text{ s} \), this is about 15 periods of oscillation.

(c) How long does it take for the mechanical energy to drop to one-half its initial value?

**KEY IDEA**

From Eq. 15-44, the mechanical energy at time \( t \) is \( \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 e^{-bt/2m} \).

**Calculations:** The mechanical energy has the value \( \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \) at \( t = 0 \). Thus, we must find the value of \( t \) for which

\[
\frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 e^{-bt/2m} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \right).
\]

If we divide both sides of this equation by \( \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \) and solve for \( t \) as we did above, we find

\[
t = -\frac{m \ln \frac{1}{2}}{b} = -\frac{(0.25 \text{ kg})(\ln \frac{1}{2})}{0.070 \text{ kg/s}} = 2.5 \text{ s}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

This is exactly half the time we calculated in (b), or about 7.5 periods of oscillation. Figure 15-17 was drawn to illustrate this sample problem.

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15-6 FORCED OSCILLATIONS AND RESONANCE

**Learning Objectives**

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

15.43 Distinguish between natural angular frequency \( \omega \) and driving angular frequency \( \omega_d \).

15.44 For a forced oscillator, sketch a graph of the oscillation amplitude versus the ratio \( \omega_d/\omega \) of driving angular frequency to natural angular frequency, identify the approximate location of resonance, and indicate the effect of increasing the damping constant.

15.45 For a given natural angular frequency \( \omega \), identify the approximate driving angular frequency \( \omega_d \) that gives resonance.

**Key Ideas**

- If an external driving force with angular frequency \( \omega_d \) acts on an oscillating system with natural angular frequency \( \omega \), the system oscillates with angular frequency \( \omega_d \).
- The velocity amplitude \( v_m \) of the system is greatest when \( \omega_d = \omega \), a condition called resonance. The amplitude \( x_m \) of the system is (approximately) greatest under the same condition.

**Forced Oscillations and Resonance**

A person swinging in a swing without anyone pushing it is an example of *free oscillation*. However, if someone pushes the swing periodically, the swing has
forced, or driven, oscillations. Two angular frequencies are associated with a system undergoing driven oscillations: (1) the natural angular frequency \( \omega \) of the system, which is the angular frequency at which it would oscillate if it were suddenly disturbed and then left to oscillate freely, and (2) the angular frequency \( \omega_d \) of the external driving force causing the driven oscillations.

We can use Fig. 15-16 to represent an idealized forced simple harmonic oscillator if we allow the structure marked “rigid support” to move up and down at a variable angular frequency \( \omega_d \). Such a forced oscillator oscillates at the angular frequency \( \omega_d \) of the driving force, and its displacement \( x(t) \) is given by

\[
x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega_d t + \phi),
\]

where \( x_m \) is the amplitude of the oscillations.

How large the displacement amplitude \( x_m \) is depends on a complicated function of \( \omega_d \) and \( \omega \). The velocity amplitude \( v_m \) of the oscillations is easier to describe: it is greatest when

\[
\omega_d = \omega \quad \text{(resonance)},
\]

a condition called resonance. Equation 15-46 is also approximately the condition at which the displacement amplitude \( x_m \) of the oscillations is greatest. Thus, if you push a swing at its natural angular frequency, the displacement and velocity amplitudes will increase to large values, a fact that children learn quickly by trial and error. If you push at other angular frequencies, either higher or lower, the displacement and velocity amplitudes will be smaller.

Figure 15-18 shows how the displacement amplitude of an oscillator depends on the angular frequency \( \omega_d \) of the driving force, for three values of the damping coefficient \( b \). Note that for all three the amplitude is approximately greatest when \( \omega_d / \omega = 1 \) (the resonance condition of Eq. 15-46). The curves of Fig. 15-18 show that less damping gives a taller and narrower resonance peak.

Examples. All mechanical structures have one or more natural angular frequencies, and if a structure is subjected to a strong external driving force that matches one of these angular frequencies, the resulting oscillations of the structure may rupture it. Thus, for example, aircraft designers must make sure that none of the natural angular frequencies at which a wing can oscillate matches the angular frequency of the engines in flight. A wing that flaps violently at certain engine speeds would obviously be dangerous.

Resonance appears to be one reason buildings in Mexico City collapsed in September 1985 when a major earthquake (8.1 on the Richter scale) occurred on the western coast of Mexico. The seismic waves from the earthquake should have been too weak to cause extensive damage when they reached Mexico City about 400 km away. However, Mexico City is largely built on an ancient lake bed, where the soil is still soft with water. Although the amplitude of the seismic waves was small in the firmer ground en route to Mexico City, their amplitude substantially increased in the loose soil of the city. Acceleration amplitudes of the waves were as much as 0.20g, and the angular frequency was (surprisingly) concentrated around 3 rad/s. Not only was the ground severely oscillated, but many intermediate-height buildings had resonant angular frequencies of about 3 rad/s. Most of those buildings collapsed during the shaking (Fig. 15-19), while shorter buildings (with higher resonant angular frequencies) and taller buildings (with lower resonant angular frequencies) remained standing.

During a 1989 earthquake in the San Francisco–Oakland area, a similar resonant oscillation collapsed part of a freeway, dropping an upper deck onto a lower deck. That section of the freeway had been constructed on a loosely structured mudfill.
Review & Summary

**Frequency**  The frequency $f$ of periodic, or oscillatory, motion is the number of oscillations per second. In the SI system, it is measured in hertz:

$$1 \text{ hertz} = 1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ oscillation per second} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}. \quad (15-1)$$

**Period**  The period $T$ is the time required for one complete oscillation, or cycle. It is related to the frequency by

$$T = \frac{1}{f}. \quad (15-2)$$

**Simple Harmonic Motion**  In simple harmonic motion (SHM), the displacement $x(t)$ of a particle from its equilibrium position is described by the equation

$$x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{(displacement)}, \quad (15-3)$$

in which $x_m$ is the amplitude of the displacement, $\omega t + \phi$ is the phase of the motion, and $\phi$ is the phase constant. The angular frequency $\omega$ is related to the period and frequency of the motion by

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f \quad \text{(angular frequency)}. \quad (15-5)$$

Differentiating Eq. 15-3 leads to equations for the particle’s SHM velocity and acceleration as functions of time:

$$v = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{(velocity)} \quad (15-6)$$

and

$$a = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{(acceleration)}. \quad (15-7)$$

In Eq. 15-6, the positive quantity $\omega x_m$ is the velocity amplitude $v_m$ of the motion. In Eq. 15-7, the positive quantity $\omega^2 x_m$ is the acceleration amplitude $a_m$ of the motion.

**The Linear Oscillator**  A particle with mass $m$ that moves under the influence of a Hooke’s law restoring force given by $F = -kx$ exhibits simple harmonic motion with

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{(angular frequency)} \quad (15-12)$$

and

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad \text{(period)}. \quad (15-13)$$

Such a system is called a linear simple harmonic oscillator.

**Energy**  A particle in simple harmonic motion has, at any time, kinetic energy $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ and potential energy $U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$. If no friction is present, the mechanical energy $E = K + U$ remains constant even though $K$ and $U$ change.

**Pendulums**  Examples of devices that undergo simple harmonic motion are the torsion pendulum of Fig. 15-9, the simple pendulum of Fig. 15-11, and the physical pendulum of Fig. 15-12. Their periods of oscillation for small oscillations are, respectively,

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \quad \text{(torsion pendulum)}, \quad (15-23)$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} \quad \text{(simple pendulum)}, \quad (15-28)$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{mg}} \quad \text{(physical pendulum)}. \quad (15-29)$$

**Simple Harmonic Motion and Uniform Circular Motion**  Simple harmonic motion is the projection of uniform circular motion onto the diameter of the circle in which the circular motion occurs. Figure 15-15 shows that all parameters of circular motion (position, velocity, and acceleration) project to the corresponding values for simple harmonic motion.

**Damped Harmonic Motion**  The mechanical energy $E$ in a real oscillating system decreases during the oscillations because external forces, such as a drag force, inhibit the oscillations and transfer mechanical energy to thermal energy. The real oscillator and its motion are then said to be damped. If the damping force is given by $F_d = -bv$, where $v$ is the velocity of the oscillator and $b$ is a damping constant, then the displacement of the oscillator is given by

$$x(t) = x_m e^{-bt/2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad (15-42)$$

where $\omega'$, the angular frequency of the damped oscillator, is given by

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}. \quad (15-43)$$

If the damping constant is small ($b \ll \sqrt{k}m$), then $\omega' \approx \omega$, where $\omega$ is the angular frequency of the undamped oscillator. For small $b$, the mechanical energy $E$ of the oscillator is given by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2 e^{-bt/2m}. \quad (15-44)$$

**Forced Oscillations and Resonance**  If an external driving force with angular frequency $\omega_d$ acts on an oscillating system with natural angular frequency $\omega$, the system oscillates with angular frequency $\omega_d$. The velocity amplitude $v_m$ of the system is greatest when

$$\omega_d = \omega, \quad (15-46)$$

a condition called resonance. The amplitude $x_m$ of the system is (approximately) greatest under the same condition.

Questions

1. Which of the following describe $\phi$ for the SHM of Fig. 15-20a:
   (a) $-\pi < \phi < -\pi/2$,  
   (b) $\pi < \phi < 3\pi/2$,  
   (c) $-3\pi/2 < \phi < -\pi$?

2. The velocity $v(t)$ of a particle undergoing SHM is graphed in Fig. 15-20b. Is the particle momentarily stationary, headed toward $-x_m$, or headed toward $+x_m$ at (a) point $A$ on the graph and (b) point $B$? Is the particle at $-x_m$, at $+x_m$, at $0$, between $-x_m$ and $0$, or between $0$ and $+x_m$ when its velocity is represented by (c) point $A$ and (d) point $B$? Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at (e) point $A$ and (f) point $B$?

![Figure 15-20 Questions 1 and 2](image-url)
3 The acceleration $a(t)$ of a particle undergoing SHM is graphed in Fig. 15.21. (a) Which of the labeled points corresponds to the particle at $-x_m$? (b) At point 4, is the velocity of the particle positive, negative, or zero? (c) At point 5, is the particle at $-x_m$, at $+x_m$, at 0, between $-x_m$ and 0, or between 0 and $+x_m$?

4 Which of the following relationships between the acceleration $a$ and the displacement $x$ of a particle involve SHM: (a) $a = 0.5x$, (b) $a = 400x^2$, (c) $a = -20x$, (d) $a = -3x^2$?

5 You are to complete Fig. 15-22a so that it is a plot of velocity $v$ versus time $t$ for the spring–block oscillator that is shown in Fig. 15-22b for $t = 0$. (a) In Fig. 15-22a, at which lettered point or in what region between the points should the (vertical) $v$ axis intersect the $t$ axis? (For example, should it intersect at point A, or maybe in the region between points A and B?) (b) If the block’s velocity is given by $v = -v_m \sin(at + \phi)$, what is the value of $\phi$? Make it positive, and if you cannot specify the value (such as $+\pi/2$ rad), then give a range of values (such as between 0 and $\pi/2$ rad).

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7 Figure 15-24 shows the $x(t)$ curves for three experiments involving a particular spring–box system oscillating in SHM. Rank the curves according to (a) the system’s angular frequency, (b) the spring’s potential energy at time $t = 0$, (c) the box’s kinetic energy at $t = 0$, (d) the box’s speed at $t = 0$, and (e) the box’s maximum kinetic energy, greatest first.

8 Figure 15-25 shows plots of the kinetic energy $K$ versus position $x$ for three harmonic oscillators that have the same mass. Rank the plots according to (a) the corresponding spring constant and (b) the corresponding period of the oscillator, greatest first.

9 Figure 15-26 shows three physical pendulums consisting of identical uniform spheres of the same mass that are rigidly connected by identical rods of negligible mass. Each pendulum is vertical and can pivot about suspension point O. Rank the pendulums according to their period of oscillation, greatest first.

10 You are to build the oscillation transfer device shown in Fig. 15-27. It consists of two spring–block systems hanging from a flexible rod. When the spring of system 1 is stretched and then released, the resulting SHM of system 1 at frequency $f_1$ oscillates the rod. The rod then exerts a driving force on system 2, at the same frequency $f_2$. You can choose from four springs with spring constants $k$ of 1600, 1500, 1400, and 1200 N/m, and four blocks with masses $m$ of 800, 500, 400, and 200 kg. Mentally determine which spring should go with which block in each of the two systems to maximize the amplitude of oscillations in system 2.

11 In Fig. 15-28, a spring–block system is put into SHM in two experiments. In the first, the block is pulled from the equilibrium position through a displacement $d_1$ and then released. In the second, it is pulled from the equilibrium position through a greater displacement $d_2$ and then released. Are the (a) amplitudes, (b) period, (c) frequency, (d) maximum kinetic energy, and (e) maximum potential energy in the second experiment greater than, less than, or the same as those in the first experiment?

12 Figure 15-29 gives, for three situations, the displacements $x(t)$ of a pair of simple harmonic oscillators ($A$ and $B$) that are identical except for phase. For each pair, what phase shift (in radians and in degrees) is needed to shift the curve for $A$ to coincide with the curve for $B$? Of the many possible answers, choose the shift with the smallest absolute magnitude.
Module 15-1  Simple Harmonic Motion

•1  An object undergoing simple harmonic motion takes 0.25 s to travel from one point of zero velocity to the next such point. The distance between those points is 36 cm. Calculate the (a) period, (b) frequency, and (c) amplitude of the motion.

•2  A 0.12 kg body undergoes simple harmonic motion of amplitude 8.5 cm and period 0.20 s. (a) What is the magnitude of the maximum force acting on it? (b) If the oscillations are produced by a spring, what is the spring constant?

•3  What is the maximum acceleration of a platform that oscillates at amplitude 2.20 cm and frequency 6.60 Hz?

•4  An automobile can be considered to be mounted on four identical springs as far as vertical oscillations are concerned. The springs of a certain car are adjusted so that the oscillations have a frequency of 3.00 Hz. (a) What is the spring constant of each spring if the mass of the car is 1450 kg and the mass is evenly distributed over the springs? (b) What will be the oscillation frequency if five passengers, averaging 73.0 kg each, ride in the car with an even distribution of mass?

•5  A loudspeaker produces a musical sound by means of a diaphragm whose amplitude is limited to 1.00 cm. When set into oscillation with amplitude 35.0 cm, the oscillator repeats its motion every 0.500 s. Find the (a) period, (b) frequency, (c) angular frequency, (d) spring constant, (e) maximum speed, and (f) magnitude of the maximum force on the block from the spring.

•6  An oscillator consists of a block attached to a spring (k = 400 N/m). At some time t, the position (measured from the system’s equilibrium location), velocity, and acceleration of the block are x = 0.100 m, v = −13.6 m/s, and a = −123 m/s^2. Calculate (a) the frequency of oscillation, (b) the mass of the block, and (c) the amplitude of the motion.

•7  An automobile can be considered to be mounted on four identical springs as far as vertical oscillations are concerned. The springs of a certain car are adjusted so that the oscillations have a frequency of 3.00 Hz. (a) What is the spring constant of each spring if the mass of the car is 1450 kg and the mass is evenly distributed over the springs? (b) What will be the oscillation frequency if five passengers, averaging 73.0 kg each, ride in the car with an even distribution of mass?

•8  A block–spring system takes 0.75 s to begin repeating its motion. Find (a) the period, (b) the frequency in hertz, and (c) the angular frequency in radians per second.

•9  An oscillating block–spring system takes 0.75 s to begin repeating its motion. Find (a) the period, (b) the frequency in hertz, and (c) the angular frequency in radians per second.

•10  In Fig. 15-31, two identical springs of spring constant 7580 N/m are attached to a block of mass 0.245 kg. What is the frequency of oscillation on the frictionless floor?

•11  What is the phase constant for the harmonic oscillator with the position function given in Fig. 15-32 if the position function x(t) has the form x = x_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)? The vertical axis scale is set by v_y = 4.0 cm/s.

•12  At a certain harbor, the tides cause the ocean surface to rise and fall a distance d (from highest level to lowest level) in simple harmonic motion, with a period of 12.5 h. How long does it take for the water to fall a distance 0.250d from its highest level?

•13  A block of mass 0.500 kg connected to a spring when set into oscillation with amplitude 35.0 cm, the oscillator repeats its motion every 0.500 s. Find the (a) period, (b) frequency, (c) angular frequency, (d) spring constant, (e) maximum speed, and (f) magnitude of the maximum force on the block from the spring.

•14  Two particles oscillate in simple harmonic motion along a common straight-line segment of length L. Each particle has a period of 1.5 s, but they differ in phase by π/6 rad. (a) How far apart are they (in terms of L) 0.50 s after the lagging particle leaves one end of the path? (b) Are they then moving in the same direction, toward each other, or away from each other?

•15  Two particles execute simple harmonic motion of the same amplitude and frequency along close parallel lines. They pass each other moving in opposite directions each time their displacement is half their amplitude. What is their phase difference?

•16  Two particles oscillate in simple harmonic motion along a common straight-line segment of length L. Each particle has a period of 1.5 s, but they differ in phase by π/6 rad. (a) How far apart are they (in terms of L) 0.50 s after the lagging particle leaves one end of the path? (b) Are they then moving in the same direction, toward each other, or away from each other?

•17  An oscillator consists of a block attached to a spring (k = 400 N/m). At some time t, the position (measured from the system’s equilibrium location), velocity, and acceleration of the block are x = 0.100 m, v = −13.6 m/s, and a = −123 m/s^2. Calculate (a) the frequency of oscillation, (b) the mass of the block, and (c) the amplitude of the motion.

•18  A block rides on a piston (a squat cylindrical piece) that is moving vertically with simple harmonic motion. (a) If the SHM has period 1.0 s, at what amplitude of motion will the block and piston separate? (b) If the piston has an amplitude of 5.0 cm, what is the maximum frequency for which the block and piston will be in contact continuously?
1.20 rad/s; Fig. 15-33b is a partial graph of the corresponding velocity function \( v(t) \). The vertical axis scales are set by \( x_v = 5.0 \) cm and \( v_v = 5.0 \) cm/s. What is the phase constant of the SHM if the position function \( x(t) \) is in the general form \( x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \)?

\[ \text{Problem 21 ILW} \] In Fig. 15-31, two springs are attached to a block that can oscillate over a frictionless floor. If the left spring is removed, the block oscillates at a frequency of 30 Hz. If, instead, the spring on the right is removed, the block oscillates at a frequency of 45 Hz. At what frequency does the block oscillate with both springs attached?

\[ \text{Problem 22 ILW} \] Figure 15-34 shows block 1 of mass 0.200 kg sliding to the right over a frictionless elevated surface at a speed of 8.00 m/s. The block undergoes an elastic collision with stationary block 2, which is attached to a spring of spring constant 1208.5 N/m. (Assume that the spring does not affect the collision.) After the collision, block 2 oscillates in SHM with a period of 0.140 s, and block 1 slides off the opposite end of the elevated surface, landing a distance \( d \) from the base of that surface after falling height \( h = 4.90 \) m. What is the value of \( d \)?

\[ \text{Problem 23 SSM WWW} \] A block is on a horizontal surface (a shake table) that is moving back and forth horizontally with simple harmonic motion of frequency 2.0 Hz. The coefficient of static friction between block and surface is 0.50. How great can the amplitude of the SHM be if the block is not to slip along the surface?

\[ \text{Problem 24} \] In Fig. 15-35, two springs are joined and connected to a block of mass 0.245 kg that is set oscillating over a frictionless surface. The springs each have spring constant \( k = 6430 \) N/m. What is the frequency of the oscillations?

\[ \text{Problem 25} \] In Fig. 15-36, a block weighing 14.0 N, which can slide without friction on an incline at angle \( \theta = 40.0^\circ \), is connected to the top of the incline by a massless spring of unstretched length 0.450 m and spring constant 120 N/m. (a) How far from the top of the incline is the block’s equilibrium point? (b) If the block is pulled slightly down the incline and released, what is the period of the resulting oscillations?

\[ \text{Problem 26} \] In Fig. 15-37, two blocks (masses 1.8 kg and 10 kg) and a spring \( k = 200 \) N/m are arranged on a horizontal, frictionless surface. The coefficient of static friction between the two blocks is 0.40. What amplitude of simple harmonic motion of the spring–blocks system puts the smaller block on the verge of slipping over the larger block?

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\[ \text{Problem 27 SSM} \] When the displacement in SHM is one-half the amplitude \( x_m \), what fraction of the total energy is (a) kinetic energy and (b) potential energy? (c) At what displacement, in terms of the amplitude, is the energy of the system half kinetic energy and half potential energy?

\[ \text{Problem 28} \] Figure 15-38 gives the one-dimensional potential energy well for a 2.0 kg particle (the function \( U(x) \) has the form \( bx^2 \) and the vertical axis scale is set by \( U_s = 2.0 J \)). (a) If the particle passes through the equilibrium position with a velocity of 85 cm/s, will it be turned back before it reaches \( x = 15 \) cm? (b) If yes, at what position, and if no, what is the speed of the particle at \( x = 15 \) cm?

\[ \text{Problem 29 SSM} \] Find the mechanical energy of a block–spring system with a spring constant of 1.3 N/cm and an amplitude of 2.4 cm.

\[ \text{Problem 30} \] An oscillating block–spring system has a mechanical energy of 1.00 J, an amplitude of 10.0 cm, and a maximum speed of 1.20 m/s. Find (a) the spring constant, (b) the mass of the block, and (c) the frequency of oscillation.

\[ \text{Problem 31 ILW} \] A 5.00 kg object on a horizontal frictionless surface is attached to a spring with \( k = 1000 \) N/m. The object is displaced from equilibrium 50.0 cm horizontally and given an initial velocity of 10.0 m/s back toward the equilibrium position. What are (a) the motion’s frequency, (b) the initial potential energy of the block–spring system, (c) the initial kinetic energy, and (d) the motion’s amplitude?

\[ \text{Problem 32} \] Figure 15-39 shows the kinetic energy \( K \) of a simple harmonic oscillator versus its position \( x \). The vertical axis scale is set by \( K_s = 4.0 J \). What is the spring constant?

\[ \text{Problem 33} \] A block of mass \( M = 5.4 \) kg, at rest on a horizontal frictionless table, is attached to a rigid support by a spring of constant \( k = 6000 \) N/m. A bullet of mass \( m = 9.5 \) g and velocity \( v \) of magnitude 630 m/s strikes and is embedded in the block (Fig. 15-40). Assuming the compression of the spring is negligible until the bullet is embedded, determine (a) the speed of the block immediately after the collision and (b) the amplitude of the resulting simple harmonic motion.
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34. In Fig. 15-41, block 2 of mass 2.0 kg oscillates on the end of a spring in SHM with a period of 20 ms. The block’s position is given by \( x = (1.0 \text{ cm}) \cos(\omega t + \phi) \). Block 1 of mass 4.0 kg slides toward block 2 with a velocity of magnitude 6.0 m/s, directed along the spring’s length. The two blocks undergo a completely inelastic collision at time \( t = 5.0 \text{ ms} \). The duration of the collision is much less than the period of motion. What is the amplitude of the SHM after the collision?

35. A 10 g particle undergoes SHM with an amplitude of 2.0 mm, a maximum acceleration of magnitude \( 8.0 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}^2 \), and an unknown phase constant \( \phi \). What are (a) the period of the motion, (b) the maximum speed of the particle, and (c) the total mechanical energy of the oscillator? What is the magnitude of the force on the particle when the particle is at (d) its maximum displacement and (e) half its maximum displacement?

36. If the phase angle for a block–spring system in SHM is \( \pi/6 \) rad and the block’s position is given by \( x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \), what is the ratio of the kinetic energy to the potential energy at time \( t = 0 \)?

37. A massless spring hangs from the ceiling with a small object attached to its lower end. The object is initially held at rest in a position \( y_i \) such that the spring is at its rest length. The object is then released from \( y_i \) and oscillates up and down, with its lowest position being 10 cm below \( y_i \). (a) What is the frequency of the oscillation? (b) What is the speed of the object when it is 8.0 cm below the initial position? (c) An object of mass 300 g is attached to the first object, after which the system oscillates with half the original frequency. What is the mass of the first object? (d) How far below \( y_i \) is the new equilibrium (rest) position with both objects attached to the spring?

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38. A 95 kg solid sphere with a 15 cm radius is suspended by a vertical wire. A torque of 0.20 N·m is required to rotate the sphere through an angle of 0.85 rad and then maintain that orientation. What is the period of the oscillations that result when the sphere is then released?

39. (SSM) The balance wheel of an old-fashioned watch oscillates with angular amplitude \( \pi \) rad and period 0.500 s. Find (a) the maximum angular speed of the wheel, (b) the angular speed at displacement \( \pi/2 \) rad, and (c) the magnitude of the angular acceleration at displacement \( \pi/4 \) rad.

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40. (ILW) A physical pendulum consists of a meter stick that is pivoted at a small hole drilled through the stick a distance \( d \) from the 50 cm mark. The period of oscillation is 2.5 s. Find \( d \).

41. (SSM) In Fig. 15-42, the pendulum consists of a uniform disk with radius \( r \) = 10.0 cm and mass 500 g attached to a uniform rod with length \( L \) = 500 mm and mass 270 g. (a) Calculate the rotational inertia of the pendulum about the pivot point. (b) What is the distance between the pivot point and the center of mass of the pendulum? (c) Calculate the period of oscillation.

42. Suppose that a simple pendulum consists of a small 60.0 g bob at the end of a cord of negligible mass. If the angle \( \theta \) between the cord and the vertical is given by

\[
\theta = (0.0800 \text{ rad})(4.43 \text{ rad/s})t + \phi,
\]

what are (a) the pendulum’s length and (b) its maximum kinetic energy?

43. (a) If the physical pendulum of Fig. 15-13 and the associated sample problem is inverted and suspended at point \( P \), what is its period of oscillation? (b) Is the period now greater than, less than, or equal to its previous value?

44. A physical pendulum consists of two meter-long sticks joined together as shown in Fig. 15-43. What is the pendulum’s period of oscillation about a pin inserted through point \( A \) at the center of the horizontal stick?

45. (SSM) A performer seated on a trapeze is swinging back and forth with a period of 8.85 s. If she stands up, thus raising the center of mass of the trapeze + performer system by 35.0 cm, what will be the new period of the system? Treat trapeze + performer as a simple pendulum.

46. A physical pendulum has a center of oscillation at distance 2\( L/3 \) from its point of suspension. Show that the distance between the point of suspension and the center of oscillation for a physical pendulum of any form is \( L \sin \theta \), where \( I \) and \( m \) have the meanings in Eq. 15-29 and \( m \) is the mass of the pendulum.

47. In Fig. 15-44, a physical pendulum consists of a uniform solid disk (of radius \( R = 2.35 \text{ cm} \)) supported in a vertical plane by a pivot located a distance \( d = 1.75 \text{ cm} \) from the center of the disk. The disk is displaced by a small angle and released. What is the period of the resulting simple harmonic motion?

48. (SSM) A rectangular block, with face lengths \( a = 35 \text{ cm} \) and \( b = 45 \text{ cm} \), is to be suspended on a thin horizontal rod running through a narrow hole in the block. The block is then to be set swinging about the rod like a pendulum, through small angles so that it is in SHM. Figure 15-45 shows one possible position of the hole, at distance \( r \) from the block’s center, along a line connecting the center with a corner. (a) Plot the period versus distance \( r \) along that line such that the minimum in the curve is apparent. (b) For what value of \( r \) does that minimum occur? There is a line of points around the block’s center for which the period of swinging has the same minimum value. (c) What shape does that line make?

49. (SSM) The angle of the pendulum of Fig. 15-11b is given by \( \theta = \theta_0 \cos[(4.44 \text{ rad/s})t + \phi] \). If \( \theta_0 = 0.040 \text{ rad} \) and \( d \theta/dt = -0.200 \text{ rad/s} \), what are (a) the phase constant \( \phi \) and (b) the maximum angle \( \theta_0 \)? (Hint: Don’t confuse the rate \( d \theta/dt \) at which \( \theta \) changes with the \( \omega \) of the SHM.)
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50 A thin uniform rod (mass = 0.50 kg) swings about an axis that passes through one end of the rod and is perpendicular to the plane of the swing. The rod swings with a period of 1.5 s and an angular amplitude of 10°.
(a) What is the length of the rod?
(b) What is the maximum kinetic energy of the rod as it swings?

51 In Fig. 15-46, a stick of length \( L = 1.85 \text{ m} \) oscillates as a physical pendulum. (a) What value of distance \( x \) between the stick’s center of mass and its pivot point \( O \) gives the least period? (b) What is that least period?

52 The 3.00 kg cube in Fig. 15-47 has edge lengths \( d = 6.00 \text{ cm} \) and is mounted on an axle through its center. A spring \( (k = 1200 \text{ N/m}) \) connects the cube’s upper corner to a rigid wall. Initially the spring is at its rest length. If the cube is rotated 3° and released, what is the period of the resulting SHM?

53 SSM ILW In the overhead view of Fig. 15-48, a long uniform rod of mass 0.600 kg is free to rotate in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis through its center. A spring with force constant \( k = 1850 \text{ N/m} \) is connected horizontally between one end of the rod and a fixed wall. When the rod is in equilibrium, it is parallel to the wall. What is the period of the small oscillations that result when the rod is rotated slightly and released?

54 In Fig. 15-49a, a metal plate is mounted on an axle through its center of mass. A spring with \( k = 2000 \text{ N/m} \) connects a wall with a point on the rim a distance \( r = 2.5 \text{ cm} \) from the center of mass. Initially the spring is at its rest length. If the plate is rotated by 7° and released, it rotates about the axle in SHM, with its angular position given by Fig. 15-49b. The horizontal axis scale is set by \( t = 20 \text{ ms} \). What is the rotational inertia of the plate about its center of mass?

56 In Fig. 15-50, a 2.50 kg disk of diameter \( D = 42.0 \text{ cm} \) is supported by a rod of length \( L = 76.0 \text{ cm} \) and negligible mass that is pivoted at its end. (a) With the massless torsion spring unconnected, what is the period of oscillation? (b) With the torsion spring connected, the rod is vertical at equilibrium. What is the torsion constant of the spring if the period of oscillation has been decreased by 0.500 s?

Module 15-6 Forced Oscillations and Resonance
51 For Eq. 15-45, suppose the amplitude \( x_m \) is given by
\[
x_m = \frac{F_m}{[m^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) + b^2\omega_0^2]^{1/2}},
\]
where \( F_m \) is the (constant) amplitude of the external oscillating force exerted on the spring by the rigid support in Fig. 15-16. At resonance, what are the (a) amplitude and (b) velocity amplitude of the oscillating object?

52 Hanging from a horizontal beam are nine simple pendulums of the following lengths: (a) 0.10, (b) 0.30, (c) 0.40, (d) 0.80, (e) 1.2, (f) 2.8, (g) 3.5, (h) 5.0, and (i) 6.2 m. Suppose the beam undergoes horizontal oscillations with angular frequencies in the range from 2.00 rad/s to 4.00 rad/s. Which of the pendulums will be (strongly) set in motion?

53 A 1000 kg car carrying four 82 kg people travels over a “washboard” dirt road with corrugations 4.0 m apart. The car bounces with maximum amplitude when its speed is 16 km/h. When the car stops, and the people get out, by how much does the car body rise on its suspension?
### Additional Problems

64 Although California is known for earthquakes, it has large regions dotted with precariously balanced rocks that would be easily toppled by even a mild earthquake. Apparently no major earthquakes have occurred in those regions. If an earthquake were to put such a rock into sinusoidal oscillation (parallel to the ground) with a frequency of 2.2 Hz, an oscillation amplitude of 1.0 cm would cause the rock to topple. What would be the magnitude of the maximum acceleration of the oscillation, in terms of $g$?

65 A loudspeaker diaphragm is oscillating in simple harmonic motion with a frequency of 440 Hz and a maximum displacement of 0.75 mm. What are the (a) angular frequency, (b) maximum speed, and (c) magnitude of the maximum acceleration?

66 A uniform spring with $k = 8600$ N/m is cut into pieces 1 and 2 of unstretched lengths $L_1 = 7.0$ cm and $L_2 = 10$ cm. What are (a) $k_1$ and (b) $k_2$? A block attached to the original spring as in Fig. 15-7 oscillates at 200 Hz. What is the oscillation frequency of the block attached to (c) piece 1 and (d) piece 2?

67 In Fig. 15-51, three 10 000 kg ore cars are held at rest on a mine railway using a cable that is parallel to the rails, which are inclined at an angle $\theta = 30^\circ$. The cable stretches 15 cm just before the coupling between the two lower cars breaks, detaching the lowest car. Assuming that the cable obeys Hooke’s law, find the (a) frequency and (b) amplitude of the resulting oscillations of the remaining two cars.

68 A 2.00 kg block hangs from a spring. A 300 g body hung below the block stretches the spring 2.00 cm farther. (a) What is the spring constant? (b) If the 300 g body is removed and the block is set into oscillation, find the period of the motion.

69 In the engine of a locomotive, a cylindrical piece known as a piston oscillates in SHM in a cylinder head (cylindrical chamber) with an angular frequency of 180 rev/min. Its stroke (twice the amplitude) is 0.76 m. What is its maximum speed?

70 A wheel is free to rotate about its fixed axle. A spring is attached to one of its spokes a distance $r$ from the axle, as shown in Fig. 15-52. (a) Assuming that the wheel is a hoop of mass $m$ and radius $R$, what is the angular frequency $\omega$ of small oscillations of this system in terms of $m$, $R$, $r$, and the spring constant $k$? What is $\omega$ if (b) $r = R$ and (c) $r = 0$?

71 A 50.0 g stone is attached to the bottom of a vertical spring and set vibrating. If the maximum speed of the stone is 15.0 cm/s and the period is 0.500 s, find the (a) spring constant of the spring, (b) amplitude of the motion, and (c) frequency of oscillation.

72 A uniform circular disk whose radius $R$ is 12.6 cm is suspended as a physical pendulum from a point on its rim. (a) What is its period? (b) At what radial distance $r < R$ is there a pivot point that gives the same period?

73 A vertical spring stretches 9.6 cm when a 1.3 kg block is hung from its end. (a) Calculate the spring constant. This block is then displaced an additional 5.0 cm downward and released from rest. Find the (b) period, (c) frequency, (d) amplitude, and (e) maximum speed of the resulting SHM.

74 A massless spring with spring constant 19 N/m hangs vertically. A body of mass 0.20 kg is attached to its free end and then released. Assume that the spring was unstretched before the body was released. Find (a) how far below the initial position the body descends, and (b) the frequency and (c) amplitude of the resulting SHM.

75 A 4.00 kg block is suspended from a spring with $k = 500$ N/m. A 50.0 g bullet is fired into the block from directly below with a speed of 150 m/s and becomes embedded in the block. (a) Find the amplitude of the resulting SHM. (b) What percentage of the original kinetic energy of the bullet is transferred to mechanical energy of the oscillator?

76 A 55.0 g block oscillates in SHM on the end of a spring with $k = 1500$ N/m according to $x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$. How long does the block take to move from position $+0.800x_m$ to (a) position $+0.600x_m$ and (b) position $-0.800x_m$?

77 Figure 15-53 gives the position of a 20 g block oscillating in SHM on the end of a spring. The horizontal axis scale is set by $t_s = 40.0$ ms. What are (a) the maximum kinetic energy of the block and (b) the number of times per second that maximum is reached? (Hint: Measuring a slope will probably not be very accurate. Find another approach.)

78 Figure 15-53 gives the position $x(t)$ of a block oscillating in SHM on the end of a spring ($t_s = 40.0$ ms). What are (a) the speed and (b) the magnitude of the radial acceleration of a particle in the corresponding uniform circular motion?

79 Figure 15-54 shows the kinetic energy $K$ of a simple pendulum versus its angle $\theta$ from the vertical. The vertical axis scale is set by $K_s = 10.0$ mJ. The pendulum bob has mass 0.200 kg. What is the length of the pendulum?

80 A block is in SHM on the end of a spring, with position given by $x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$. If $\phi = \pi/5$ rad, then at $t = 0$ what percentage of the total mechanical energy is potential energy?

81 A simple harmonic oscillator consists of a 0.50 kg block attached to a spring. The block slides back and forth along a straight line on a frictionless surface with equilibrium point $x = 0$. At $t = 0$ the block is at $x = 0$ and moving in the positive $x$ direction. A graph of the magnitude of the net force $F$ on the block as a function of its
position is shown in Fig. 15-55. The vertical scale is set by $F_v = 75.0 \text{ N}$. What are (a) the amplitude and (b) the period of the motion, (c) the magnitude of the maximum acceleration, and (d) the maximum kinetic energy?

82 A simple pendulum of length 20 cm and mass 5.0 g is suspended in a race car traveling with constant speed 70 m/s around a circle of radius 50 m. If the pendulum undergoes small oscillations in a radial direction about its equilibrium position, what is the frequency of oscillation?

83 The scale of a spring balance that reads from 0 to 15.0 kg is suspended back and forth along a straight line 84 spring constant? (b) How much does the package weigh?

84 A 0.10 kg block oscillates back and forth along a straight line on a frictionless horizontal surface. Its displacement from the origin is given by

$$x = (10 \text{ cm}) \cos[(10 \text{ rad/s})t + \pi/2 \text{ rad}].$$

(a) What is the oscillation frequency? (b) What is the maximum speed achieved by the block? (c) At what value of $x$ does this occur? (d) What is the magnitude of the maximum acceleration of the block? (e) At what value of $x$ does this occur? (f) What force, applied to the block by the spring, results in the given oscillation?

85 The end point of a spring oscillates with a period of 2.0 s when a block with mass $m$ is attached to it. When this mass is increased by 2.0 kg, the period is found to be 3.0 s. Find $m$.

86 The tip of one prong of a tuning fork undergoes SHM of frequency 1000 Hz and amplitude 0.40 mm. For this tip, what is the magnitude of the (a) maximum acceleration, (b) maximum velocity, (c) acceleration at tip displacement 0.20 mm, and (d) velocity at tip displacement 0.20 mm?

87 A flat uniform circular disk has a mass of 3.00 kg and a radius of 70.0 cm. It is suspended in a horizontal plane by a vertical wire attached to its center. If the disk is rotated 2.50 rad about the wire, a torque of 0.0060 N·m is required to maintain that orientation. Calculate (a) the rotational inertia of the disk about the wire, (b) the torsion constant, and (c) the angular frequency of this torsion pendulum when it is set oscillating.

88 A block weighing 20 N oscillates at one end of a vertical spring for which $k = 100 \text{ N/m}$; the other end of the spring is attached to a ceiling. At a certain instant the spring is stretched 0.30 m beyond its relaxed length (the length when no object is attached) and the block has zero velocity. (a) What is the net force on the block at this instant? What are the (b) amplitude and (c) period of the resulting simple harmonic motion? (d) What is the maximum kinetic energy of the block as it oscillates?

89 A 3.0 kg particle is in simple harmonic motion in one dimension and moves according to the equation

$$x = (5.0 \text{ m}) \cos[(\pi/3 \text{ rad/s})t - \pi/4 \text{ rad}],$$

with $t$ in seconds. (a) At what value of $x$ is the potential energy of the particle equal to half the total energy? (b) How long does the particle take to move to this position $x$ from the equilibrium position?

90 A particle executes linear SHM with frequency 0.25 Hz about the point $x = 0$. At $t = 0$, it has displacement $x = 0.37 \text{ cm}$ and zero velocity. For the motion, determine the (a) period, (b) angular frequency, (c) amplitude, (d) displacement $x(t)$, (e) velocity $v(t)$, (f) maximum acceleration, (g) magnitude of the maximum acceleration, (h) displacement at $t = 3.0 \text{ s}$, and (i) speed at $t = 3.0 \text{ s}$.

91 SSM What is the frequency of a simple pendulum 2.0 m long (a) in a room, (b) in an elevator accelerating upward at a rate of 2.0 m/s², and (c) in free fall?

92 A grandfather clock has a pendulum that consists of a thin brass disk of radius $r = 15.0 \text{ cm}$ and mass 1.000 kg that is attached to a long thin rod of negligible mass. The pendulum swings freely about an axis perpendicular to the rod and through the end of the rod opposite the disk, as shown in Fig. 15-56. If the pendulum is to have a period of 2.000 s for small oscillations at a place where $g = 9.800 \text{ m/s}^2$, what must be the rod length $L$ to the nearest tenth of a millimeter?

93 A 4.00 kg block hangs from a spring, extending it 16.0 cm from its unstretched position. (a) What is the spring constant? (b) The block is removed, and a 0.500 kg body is hung from the same spring. If the spring is then stretched and released, what is its period of oscillation?

94 What is the phase constant for SMH with $a(t)$ given in Fig. 15-57 if the position function $x(t)$ has the form $x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ and $a_x = 4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$?

95 An engineer has an odd-shaped 10 kg object and needs to find its rotational inertia about an axis through its center of mass. The object is supported on a wire stretched along the desired axis. The wire has a torsion constant $\kappa = 0.50 \text{ N·m}$. If this torsion pendulum oscillates through 20 cycles in 50 s, what is the rotational inertia of the object?

96 A spider can tell when its web has captured, say, a fly because the fly’s thrashing causes the web threads to oscillate. A spider can even determine the size of the fly by the frequency of the oscillations. Assume that a fly oscillates on the capture thread on which it is caught like a block on a spring. What is the ratio of oscillation frequency for a fly with mass $m$ to a fly with mass $2.5m$?

97 A torsion pendulum consists of a metal disk with a wire running through its center and soldered in place. The wire is mounted vertically on clamps and pulled taut. Figure 15-58a gives the magnitude $\tau$ of the torque

![Figure 15-55 Problem 81.](image)

![Figure 15-56 Problem 92.](image)

![Figure 15-57 Problem 94.](image)

![Figure 15-58 Problem 97.](image)
needed to rotate the disk about its center (and thus twist the wire) versus the rotation angle \( \theta \). The vertical axis scale is set by \( \tau_0 = 4.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \). The disk is rotated to \( \theta = 0.200 \text{ rad} \) and then released. Figure 15-58b shows the resulting oscillation in terms of angular position \( \theta \) versus time \( t \). The horizontal axis scale is set by \( \tau_0 = 0.40 \text{ s} \). (a) What is the rotational inertia of the disk about its center? (b) What is the maximum angular speed \( d\theta/dt \) of the disk? (Caution: Do not confuse the (constant) angular frequency of the SHM with the (varying) angular speed of the rotating disk, even though they usually have the same symbol \( \omega \). Hint: The potential energy \( U \) of a torsion pendulum is equal to \( 1/2 k \theta^2 \), analogous to \( U = 1/2 k x^2 \) for a spring.)

98 When a 20 N can is hung from the bottom of a vertical spring, it causes the spring to stretch 20 cm. (a) What is the spring constant? (b) This spring is now placed horizontally on a frictionless table. One end of it is held fixed, and the other end is attached to a 5.0 N can. The can is then moved (stretching the spring) and released from rest. What is the period of the resulting oscillation?

99 For a simple pendulum, find the angular amplitude \( \theta_0 \) at which the restoring torque required for simple harmonic motion deviates from the actual restoring torque by 1.0%. (See “Trigonometric Expansions” in Appendix E.)

100 In Fig. 15-59, a solid cylinder attached to a horizontal spring \( k = 3.00 \text{ N/m} \) rolls without slipping along a horizontal surface. If the system is released from rest when the spring is stretched by 0.250 m, find (a) the translational kinetic energy and (b) the rotational kinetic energy of the cylinder as it passes through the equilibrium position. (c) Show that under these conditions the cylinder’s center of mass executes simple harmonic motion with period

\[
T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{3M}{2k}},
\]

where \( M \) is the cylinder mass. (Hint: Find the time derivative of the total mechanical energy.)

101 SSM A 1.2 kg block sliding on a horizontal frictionless surface is attached to a horizontal spring with \( k = 480 \text{ N/m} \). Let \( x \) be the displacement of the block from the position at which the spring is unstretched. At \( t = 0 \) the block passes through \( x = 0 \) with a speed of 5.2 m/s in the positive \( x \) direction. What are the (a) frequency and (b) amplitude of the block’s motion? (c) Write an expression for \( x \) as a function of time.

102 A simple harmonic oscillator consists of an 0.80 kg block attached to a spring \( k = 200 \text{ N/m} \). The block slides on a horizontal frictionless surface about the equilibrium point \( x = 0 \) with a total mechanical energy of 4.0 J. (a) What is the amplitude of the oscillation? (b) How many oscillations does the block complete in 10 s? (c) What is the maximum kinetic energy attained by the block? (d) What is the speed of the block at \( x = -0.15 \text{ m} \)?

103 A block sliding on a horizontal frictionless surface is attached to a horizontal spring with a spring constant of 600 N/m. The block executes SHM about its equilibrium position with a period of 0.40 s and an amplitude of 0.20 m. As the block slides through its equilibrium position, a 0.50 kg putty wad is dropped vertically onto the block. If the putty wad sticks to the block, determine (a) the new period of the motion and (b) the new amplitude of the motion.

104 A damped harmonic oscillator consists of a block \( m = 2.00 \text{ kg} \), a spring \( k = 10.0 \text{ N/m} \), and a damping force \( F = -bv \). Initially, it oscillates with an amplitude of 25.0 cm; because of the damping, the amplitude falls to three-fourths of this initial value at the completion of four oscillations. (a) What is the value of \( b \)? (b) How much energy has been “lost” during these four oscillations?

105 A block weighing 10.0 N is attached to the lower end of a vertical spring \( k = 200.0 \text{ N/m} \), the other end of which is attached to a ceiling. The block oscillates vertically and has a kinetic energy of 2.00 J as it passes through the point at which the spring is unstretched. (a) What is the period of the oscillation? (b) Use the law of conservation of energy to determine the maximum distance the block moves both above and below the point at which the spring is unstretched. (These are not necessarily the same.) (c) What is the amplitude of the oscillation? (d) What is the maximum kinetic energy of the block as it oscillates?

106 A simple harmonic oscillator consists of a block attached to a spring with \( k = 200 \text{ N/m} \). The block slides on a frictionless surface, with equilibrium point \( x = 0 \) and amplitude 0.20 m. A graph of the block’s velocity \( v \) as a function of time \( t \) is shown in Fig. 15-60. The horizontal scale is set by \( \tau_0 = 0.20 \text{ s} \). What are (a) the period of the SHM, (b) the block’s mass, (c) its displacement at \( t = 0 \), (d) its acceleration at \( t = 0.10 \text{ s} \), and (e) its maximum kinetic energy?

107 The vibration frequencies of atoms in solids at normal temperatures are of the order of \( 10^{13} \text{ Hz} \). Imagine the atoms to be connected to one another by springs. Suppose that a single silver atom in a solid vibrates with this frequency and that all the other atoms are at rest. Compute the effective spring constant. One mole of silver \( (6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}) \) has a mass of 108 g.

108 Figure 15-61 shows that if we hang a block on the end of a spring with spring constant \( k \), the spring is stretched by distance \( h = 2.0 \text{ cm} \). If we pull down on the block a short distance and then release it, it oscillates vertically with a certain frequency. What length must a simple pendulum have to swing with that frequency?
109  The physical pendulum in Fig. 15-62 has two possible pivot points $A$ and $B$. Point $A$ has a fixed position but $B$ is adjustable along the length of the pendulum as indicated by the scaling. When suspended from $A$, the pendulum has a period of $T = 1.80$ s. The pendulum is then suspended from $B$, which is moved until the pendulum again has that period. What is the distance $L$ between $A$ and $B$?

110  A common device for entertaining a toddler is a jump seat that hangs from the horizontal portion of a doorframe via elastic cords (Fig. 15-63). Assume that only one cord is on each side in spite of the more realistic arrangement shown. When a child is placed in the seat, they both descend by a distance $d_s$ as the cords stretch (treat them as springs). Then the seat is pulled down an extra distance $d_m$ and released, so that the child oscillates vertically, like a block on the end of a spring. Suppose you are the safety engineer for the manufacturer of the seat. You do not want the magnitude of the child’s acceleration to exceed $0.20 \ g$ for fear of hurting the child’s neck. If $d_m = 10$ cm, what value of $d_s$ corresponds to that acceleration magnitude?

111  A 2.0 kg block executes SHM while attached to a horizontal spring of spring constant 200 N/m. The maximum speed of the block as it slides on a horizontal frictionless surface is 3.0 m/s. What are (a) the amplitude of the block’s motion, (b) the magnitude of its maximum acceleration, and (c) the magnitude of its minimum acceleration? (d) How long does the block take to complete 7.0 cycles of its motion?

112  In Fig. 15-64, a 2500 kg demolition ball swings from the end of a crane. The length of the swinging segment of cable is 17 m. (a) Find the period of the swinging, assuming that the system can be treated as a simple pendulum. (b) Does the period depend on the ball’s mass?

113  The center of oscillation of a physical pendulum has this interesting property: If an impulse (assumed horizontal and in the plane of oscillation) acts at the center of oscillation, no oscillations are felt at the point of support. Baseball players (and players of many other sports) know that unless the ball hits the bat at this point (called the “sweet spot” by athletes), the oscillations due to the impact will sting their hands. To prove this property, let the stick in Fig. 15-13 simulate a baseball bat. Suppose that a horizontal force (due to impact with the ball) acts toward the right at $P$, the center of oscillation. The batter is assumed to hold the bat at $O$, the pivot point of the stick. (a) What acceleration does the point $O$ undergo as a result of? (b) What angular acceleration is produced by about the center of mass of the stick? (c) As a result of the angular acceleration in (b), what linear acceleration does point $O$ undergo? (d) Considering the magnitudes and directions of the accelerations in (a) and (c), convince yourself that $P$ is indeed the “sweet spot.”

114  A (hypothetical) large slingshot is stretched 2.30 m to launch a 170 g projectile with speed sufficient to escape from Earth (11.2 km/s). Assume the elastic bands of the slingshot obey Hooke’s law. (a) What is the spring constant of the device if all the elastic potential energy is converted to kinetic energy? (b) Assume that an average person can exert a force of 490 N. How many people are required to stretch the elastic bands?

115  What is the length of a simple pendulum whose full swing from left to right and then back again takes 3.2 s?

116  A 2.0 kg block is attached to the end of a spring with a spring constant of 350 N/m and forced to oscillate by an applied force $F = (15 \ N) \sin(\omega t)$, where $\omega t = 35$ rad/s. The damping constant is $b = 15$ kg/s. At $t = 0$, the block is at rest with the spring at its rest length. (a) Use numerical integration to plot the displacement of the block for the first 1.0 s. Use the motion near the end of the 1.0 s interval to estimate the amplitude, period, and angular frequency. Repeat the calculation for (b) $\omega_f = \sqrt{k/m}$ and (c) $\omega_f = 20$ rad/s.
CHAPTER 16

Waves—I

16-1 TRANSVERSE WAVES

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

16.01 Identify the three main types of waves.
16.02 Distinguish between transverse waves and longitudinal waves.
16.03 Given a displacement function for a traverse wave, determine amplitude $y_m$, angular wave number $k$, angular frequency $\omega$, phase constant $\phi$, and direction of travel, and calculate the phase $kx + \omega t + \phi$ and the displacement at any given time and position.
16.04 Given a displacement function for a traverse wave, calculate the time between two given displacements.
16.05 Sketch a graph of a transverse wave as a function of position, identifying amplitude $y_m$, wavelength $\lambda$, where the slope is greatest, where it is zero, and where the string elements have positive velocity, negative velocity, and zero velocity.
16.06 Given a graph of displacement versus time for a traverse wave, determine amplitude $y_m$ and period $T$.
16.07 Describe the effect on a transverse wave of changing phase constant $\phi$.
16.08 Apply the relation between the wave speed $v$, the distance traveled by the wave, and the time required for that travel.
16.09 Apply the relationships between wave speed $v$, angular frequency $\omega$, angular wave number $k$, wavelength $\lambda$, period $T$, and frequency $f$.
16.10 Describe the motion of a string element as a traverse wave moves through its location, and identify when its transverse speed is zero and when it is maximum.
16.11 Calculate the transverse velocity $u(t)$ of a string element as a traverse wave moves through its location.
16.12 Calculate the transverse acceleration $a(t)$ of a string element as a traverse wave moves through its location.
16.13 Given a graph of displacement, transverse velocity, or transverse acceleration, determine the phase constant $\phi$.

Key Ideas

- Mechanical waves can exist only in material media and are governed by Newton's laws. Transverse mechanical waves, like those on a stretched string, are waves in which the particles of the medium oscillate perpendicular to the wave’s direction of travel. Waves in which the particles of the medium oscillate parallel to the wave’s direction of travel are longitudinal waves.
- A sinusoidal wave moving in the positive direction of an $x$ axis has the mathematical form

$$y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t),$$

where $y_m$ is the amplitude (magnitude of the maximum displacement) of the wave, $k$ is the angular wave number, $\omega$ is the angular frequency, and $kx - \omega t$ is the phase. The wavelength $\lambda$ is related to $k$ by

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}.$$

- The period $T$ and frequency $f$ of the wave are related to $\omega$ by

$$\frac{\omega}{2\pi} = f = \frac{1}{T}.$$

- The wave speed $v$ (the speed of the wave along the string) is related to these other parameters by

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f.$$

- Any function of the form

$$y(x, t) = h(kx + \omega t)$$

can represent a traveling wave with a wave speed as given above and a wave shape given by the mathematical form of $h$. The plus sign denotes a wave traveling in the negative direction of the $x$ axis, and the minus sign a wave traveling in the positive direction.

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What Is Physics?

One of the primary subjects of physics is waves. To see how important waves are in the modern world, just consider the music industry. Every piece of music you hear, from some retro-punk band playing in a campus dive to the most eloquent concerto playing on the web, depends on performers producing waves and your detecting those waves. In between production and detection, the information carried by the waves might need to be transmitted (as in a live performance on the web) or recorded and then reproduced (as with CDs, DVDs, or the other devices currently being developed in engineering labs worldwide). The financial importance of controlling music waves is staggering, and the rewards to engineers who develop new control techniques can be rich.

This chapter focuses on waves traveling along a stretched string, such as on a guitar. The next chapter focuses on sound waves, such as those produced by a guitar string being played. Before we do all this, though, our first job is to classify the countless waves of the everyday world into basic types.

Types of Waves

Waves are of three main types:

1. Mechanical waves. These waves are most familiar because we encounter them almost constantly; common examples include water waves, sound waves, and seismic waves. All these waves have two central features: They are governed by Newton’s laws, and they can exist only within a material medium, such as water, air, and rock.

2. Electromagnetic waves. These waves are less familiar, but you use them constantly; common examples include visible and ultraviolet light, radio and television waves, microwaves, x rays, and radar waves. These waves require no material medium to exist. Light waves from stars, for example, travel through the vacuum of space to reach us. All electromagnetic waves travel through a vacuum at the same speed \( c = 299,792,458 \text{ m/s} \).

3. Matter waves. Although these waves are commonly used in modern technology, they are probably very unfamiliar to you. These waves are associated with electrons, protons, and other fundamental particles, and even atoms and molecules. Because we commonly think of these particles as constituting matter, such waves are called matter waves.

Much of what we discuss in this chapter applies to waves of all kinds. However, for specific examples we shall refer to mechanical waves.

Transverse and Longitudinal Waves

A wave sent along a stretched, taut string is the simplest mechanical wave. If you give one end of a stretched string a single up-and-down jerk, a wave in the form of a single pulse travels along the string. This pulse and its motion can occur because the string is under tension. When you pull your end of the string upward, it begins to pull upward on the adjacent section of the string via tension between the two sections. As the adjacent section moves upward, it begins to pull the next section upward, and so on. Meanwhile, you have pulled down on your end of the string. As each section moves upward in turn, it begins to be pulled back downward by neighboring sections that are already on the way down. The net result is that a distortion in the string’s shape (a pulse, as in Fig. 16-1a) moves along the string at some velocity \( v \).
If you move your hand up and down in continuous simple harmonic motion, a continuous wave travels along the string at velocity. Because the motion of your hand is a sinusoidal function of time, the wave has a sinusoidal shape at any given instant, as in Fig. 16-1b; that is, the wave has the shape of a sine curve or a cosine curve.

We consider here only an “ideal” string, in which no friction-like forces within the string cause the wave to die out as it travels along the string. In addition, we assume that the string is so long that we need not consider a wave rebounding from the far end.

One way to study the waves of Fig. 16-1 is to monitor the wave forms (shapes of the waves) as they move to the right. Alternatively, we could monitor the motion of an element of the string as the element oscillates up and down while a wave passes through it. We would find that the displacement of every such oscillating string element is perpendicular to the direction of travel of the wave, as indicated in Fig. 16-1b. This motion is said to be transverse, and the wave is said to be a transverse wave.

**Longitudinal Waves.** Figure 16-2 shows how a sound wave can be produced by a piston in a long, air-filled pipe. If you suddenly move the piston rightward and then leftward, you can send a pulse of sound along the pipe. The rightward motion of the piston moves the elements of air next to it to the right, changing the air pressure there. The increased air pressure then pushes rightward on the elements of air somewhat farther along the pipe. Moving the piston leftward reduces the air pressure next to it. As a result, first the elements nearest the piston and then farther elements move leftward. Thus, the motion of the air and the change in air pressure travel rightward along the pipe as a pulse.

If you push and pull on the piston in simple harmonic motion, as is being done in Fig. 16-2, a sinusoidal wave travels along the pipe. Because the motion of the elements of air is parallel to the direction of the wave’s travel, the motion is said to be longitudinal, and the wave is said to be a longitudinal wave. In this chapter we focus on transverse waves, and string waves in particular; in Chapter 17 we focus on longitudinal waves, and sound waves in particular.

Both a transverse wave and a longitudinal wave are said to be traveling waves because they both travel from one point to another, as from one end of the string to the other end in Fig. 16-1 and from one end of the pipe to the other end in Fig. 16-2. Note that it is the wave that moves from end to end, not the material (string or air) through which the wave moves.

**Wavelength and Frequency**

To completely describe a wave on a string (and the motion of any element along its length), we need a function that gives the shape of the wave. This means that we need a relation in the form

\[ y = h(x, t), \]

in which \( y \) is the transverse displacement of any string element as a function \( h \) of the time \( t \) and the position \( x \) of the element along the string. In general, a sinusoidal shape like the wave in Fig. 16-1b can be described with \( h \) being either a sine or cosine function; both give the same general shape for the wave. In this chapter we use the sine function.

**Sinusoidal Function.** Imagine a sinusoidal wave like that of Fig. 16-1b traveling in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis. As the wave sweeps through succeeding elements (that is, very short sections) of the string, the elements oscillate parallel to the \( y \) axis. At time \( t \), the displacement \( y \) of the element located at position \( x \) is given by

\[ y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t). \]

Because this equation is written in terms of position \( x \), it can be used to find the displacements of all the elements of the string as a function of time. Thus, it can tell us the shape of the wave at any given time.
The names of the quantities in Eq. 16-2 are displayed in Fig. 16-3 and defined next. Before we discuss them, however, let us examine Fig. 16-4, which shows five “snapshots” of a sinusoidal wave traveling in the positive direction of an x axis. The movement of the wave is indicated by the rightward progress of the short arrow pointing to a high point of the wave. From snapshot to snapshot, the short arrow moves to the right with the wave shape, but the string moves only parallel to the y axis. To see that, let us follow the motion of the red-dyed string element at \( x = 0 \). In the first snapshot (Fig. 16-4a), this element is at displacement \( y = 0 \). In the next snapshot, it is at its extreme downward displacement because a valley (or extreme low point) of the wave is passing through it. It then moves back up through \( y = 0 \). In the fourth snapshot, it is at its extreme upward displacement because a peak (or extreme high point) of the wave is passing through it. In the fifth snapshot, it is again at \( y = 0 \), having completed one full oscillation.

**Amplitude and Phase**
The amplitude \( y_m \) of a wave, such as that in Fig. 16-4, is the magnitude of the maximum displacement of the elements from their equilibrium positions as the wave passes through them. (The subscript \( m \) stands for maximum.) Because \( y_m \) is a magnitude, it is always a positive quantity, even if it is measured downward instead of upward as drawn in Fig. 16-4a.

The phase of the wave is the argument \( kx - \omega t \) of the sine in Eq. 16-2. As the wave sweeps through a string element at a particular position \( x \), the phase changes linearly with time \( t \). This means that the sine also changes, oscillating between +1 and −1. Its extreme positive value (+1) corresponds to a peak of the wave moving through the element; at that instant the value of \( y \) at position \( x \) is \( y_m \). Its extreme negative value (−1) corresponds to a valley of the wave moving through the element; at that instant the value of \( y \) at position \( x \) is \( -y_m \). Thus, the sine function and the time-dependent phase of a wave correspond to the oscillation of a string element, and the amplitude of the wave determines the extremes of the element’s displacement.

*Caution:* When evaluating the phase, rounding off the numbers before you evaluate the sine function can throw of the calculation considerably.

**Wavelength and Angular Wave Number**
The wavelength \( \lambda \) of a wave is the distance (parallel to the direction of the wave’s travel) between repetitions of the shape of the wave (or wave shape). A typical wavelength is marked in Fig. 16-4a, which is a snapshot of the wave at time \( t = 0 \). At that time, Eq. 16-2 gives, for the description of the wave shape,

\[
y(x, 0) = y_m \sin kx. \quad (16-3)
\]

By definition, the displacement \( y \) is the same at both ends of this wavelength—that is, at \( x = x_1 \) and \( x = x_1 + \lambda \). Thus, by Eq. 16-3,

\[
y_m \sin kx_1 = y_m \sin k(x_1 + \lambda) = y_m \sin(kx_1 + k\lambda). \quad (16-4)
\]

A sine function begins to repeat itself when its angle (or argument) is increased by \( 2\pi \) rad, so in Eq. 16-4 we must have \( k\lambda = 2\pi \), or

\[
k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \text{(angular wave number).} \quad (16-5)
\]

We call \( k \) the angular wave number of the wave; its SI unit is the radian per meter, or the inverse meter. (Note that the symbol \( k \) here does not represent a spring constant as previously.)

Notice that the wave in Fig. 16-4 moves to the right by \( \frac{1}{2}\lambda \) from one snapshot to the next. Thus, by the fifth snapshot, it has moved to the right by \( 1\lambda \).
Period, Angular Frequency, and Frequency

Figure 16-5 shows a graph of the displacement $y$ of Eq. 16-2 versus time $t$ at a certain position along the string, taken to be $x = 0$. If you were to monitor the string, you would see that the single element of the string at that position moves up and down in simple harmonic motion given by Eq. 16-2 with $x = 0$:

$$y(0, t) = y_m \sin(-\omega t) = -y_m \sin \omega t \quad (x = 0). \quad (16-6)$$

Here we have made use of the fact that $\sin(-\alpha) = -\sin \alpha$, where $\alpha$ is any angle.

Figure 16-5 is a graph of this equation, with displacement plotted versus time; it does not show the shape of the wave. (Figure 16-4 shows the shape and is a picture of reality; Fig. 16-5 is a graph and thus an abstraction.)

We define the **period** of oscillation $T$ of a wave to be the time any string element takes to move through one full oscillation. A typical period is marked on the graph of Fig. 16-5. Applying Eq. 16-6 to both ends of this time interval and equating the results yield

$$-y_m \sin \omega t_1 = -y_m \sin \omega (t_1 + T) = -y_m \sin(\omega t_1 + \omega T). \quad (16-7)$$

This can be true only if $\omega T = 2\pi$, or if

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad \text{(angular frequency).} \quad (16-8)$$

We call $\omega$ the **angular frequency** of the wave; its SI unit is the radian per second.

Look back at the five snapshots of a traveling wave in Fig. 16-4. The time between snapshots is $\frac{1}{4}T$. Thus, by the fifth snapshot, every string element has made one full oscillation.

The **frequency** $f$ of a wave is defined as $1/T$ and is related to the angular frequency $\omega$ by

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \quad \text{(frequency).} \quad (16-9)$$

Like the frequency of simple harmonic motion in Chapter 15, this frequency $f$ is a number of oscillations per unit time — here, the number made by a string element as the wave moves through it. As in Chapter 15, $f$ is usually measured in hertz or its multiples, such as kilohertz.

**Checkpoint 1**

The figure is a composite of three snapshots, each of a wave traveling along a particular string. The phases for the waves are given by (a) $2x - 4t$, (b) $4x - 8t$, and (c) $8x - 16t$. Which phase corresponds to which wave in the figure?

**Phase Constant**

When a sinusoidal traveling wave is given by the wave function of Eq. 16-2, the wave near $x = 0$ looks like Fig. 16-6a when $t = 0$. Note that at $x = 0$, the displacement is $y = 0$ and the slope is at its maximum positive value. We can generalize Eq. 16-2 by inserting a **phase constant** $\phi$ in the wave function:

$$y = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi). \quad (16-10)$$
The value of \( \phi \) can be chosen so that the function gives some other displacement and slope at \( x = 0 \) when \( t = 0 \). For example, a choice of \( \phi = +\pi/5 \) rad gives the displacement and slope shown in Fig. 16-6b when \( t = 0 \). The wave is still sinusoidal with the same values of \( y_m, k, \) and \( \omega \), but it is now shifted from what you see in Fig. 16-6a (where \( \phi = 0 \)). Note also the direction of the shift. A positive value of \( \phi \) shifts the curve in the negative direction of the \( x \) axis; a negative value shifts the curve in the positive direction.

### The Speed of a Traveling Wave

Figure 16-7 shows two snapshots of the wave of Eq. 16-2, taken a small time interval \( \Delta t \) apart. The wave is traveling in the positive direction of \( x \) (to the right in Fig. 16-7), the entire wave pattern moving a distance \( \Delta x \) in that direction during the interval \( \Delta t \). The ratio \( \Delta x / \Delta t \) (or, in the differential limit, \( dx / dt \)) is the wave speed \( v \). How can we find its value?

As the wave in Fig. 16-7 moves, each point of the moving wave form, such as point \( A \) marked on a peak, retains its displacement \( y \). (Points on the string do not retain their displacement, but points on the wave form do.) If point \( A \) retains its displacement as it moves, the phase in Eq. 16-2 giving it that displacement must remain a constant:

\[
kx - \omega t = \text{a constant.} \tag{16-11}
\]

Note that although this argument is constant, both \( x \) and \( t \) are changing. In fact, as \( t \) increases, \( x \) must also, to keep the argument constant. This confirms that the wave pattern is moving in the positive direction of \( x \).

To find the wave speed \( v \), we take the derivative of Eq. 16-11, getting

\[
k \frac{dx}{dt} - \omega = 0
\]

or

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = v = \frac{\omega}{k}. \tag{16-12}
\]

Using Eq. 16-5 \((k = 2\pi/\lambda)\) and Eq. 16-8 \((\omega = 2\pi/T)\), we can rewrite the wave speed as

\[
v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f \quad \text{(wave speed).} \tag{16-13}
\]

The equation \( v = \lambda/T \) tells us that the wave speed is one wavelength per period; the wave moves a distance of one wavelength in one period of oscillation.

Equation 16-2 describes a wave moving in the positive direction of \( x \). We can find the equation of a wave traveling in the opposite direction by replacing \( t \) in Eq. 16-2 with \( -t \). This corresponds to the condition

\[
kx + \omega t = \text{a constant,} \tag{16-14}
\]

which (compare Eq. 16-11) requires that \( x \) decrease with time. Thus, a wave traveling in the negative direction of \( x \) is described by the equation

\[
y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t). \tag{16-15}
\]

If you analyze the wave of Eq. 16-15 as we have just done for the wave of Eq. 16-2, you will find for its velocity

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{\omega}{k}. \tag{16-16}
\]

The minus sign (compare Eq. 16-12) verifies that the wave is indeed moving in the negative direction of \( x \) and justifies our switching the sign of the time variable.
Consider now a wave of arbitrary shape, given by

$$y(x, t) = h(kx \pm \omega t),$$  \hspace{1cm} (16-17)

where \( h \) represents any function, the sine function being one possibility. Our previous analysis shows that all waves in which the variables \( x \) and \( t \) enter into the combination \( kx \pm \omega t \) are traveling waves. Furthermore, all traveling waves must be of the form of Eq. 16-17. Thus, \( y(x, t) \) represents a possible (though perhaps physically a little bizarre) traveling wave. The function \( y(x, t) = \sin(ax^2 - bt) \), on the other hand, does not represent a traveling wave.

**Checkpoint 2**

Here are the equations of three waves:

1. \( y(x, t) = 2 \sin(4x - 2t) \)
2. \( y(x, t) = \sin(3x - 4t) \)
3. \( y(x, t) = 2 \sin(3x - 3t) \)

Rank the waves according to their (a) wave speed and (b) maximum speed perpendicular to the wave’s direction of travel (the transverse speed), greatest first.

**Sample Problem 16.01  Determining the quantities in an equation for a transverse wave**

A transverse wave traveling along an \( x \) axis has the form given by

$$y = y_m \sin(kx \pm \omega t + \phi).$$  \hspace{1cm} (16-18)

Figure 16-8a gives the displacements of string elements as a function of \( x \), all at time \( t = 0 \). Figure 16-8b gives the displacements of the element at \( x = 0 \) as a function of \( t \). Find the values of the quantities shown in Eq. 16-18, including the correct choice of sign.

**KEY IDEAS**

1. Figure 16-8a is effectively a snapshot of reality (something that we can see), showing us motion spread out over the \( x \) axis. From it we can determine the wavelength \( \lambda \) of the wave along that axis, and then we can find the angular wave number \( k \) \((= 2\pi/\lambda)\) in Eq. 16-18.
2. Figure 16-8b is an abstraction, showing us motion spread out over time. From it we can determine the period \( T \) of the string element in its SHM and thus also of the wave itself. From \( T \) we can then find angular frequency \( \omega \) \((= 2\pi T)\) in Eq. 16-18.
3. The phase constant \( \phi \) is set by the displacement of the string at \( x = 0 \) and \( t = 0 \).

**Amplitude:** From either Fig. 16-8a or 16-8b we see that the maximum displacement is 3.0 mm. Thus, the wave’s amplitude \( y_m = 3.0 \) mm.

**Wavelength:** In Fig. 16-8a, the wavelength \( \lambda \) is the distance along the \( x \) axis between repetitions in the pattern. The easiest way to measure \( \lambda \) is to find the distance from one crossing point to the next crossing point where the string has the same slope. Visually we can roughly measure that distance with the scale on the axis. Instead, we can lay the edge of a

![Figure 16-8](image)

\( (a) \) A snapshot of the displacement \( y \) versus position \( x \) along a string, at time \( t = 0 \). \( (b) \) A graph of displacement \( y \) versus time \( t \) for the string element at \( x = 0 \).
paper sheet on the graph, mark those crossing points, slide the sheet to align the left-hand mark with the origin, and then read off the location of the right-hand mark. Either way we find \( \lambda = 10 \text{ mm} \). From Eq. 16-5, we then have
\[
k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{0.010 \text{ m}} = 200 \text{ rad/m}.
\]

**Period:** The period \( T \) is the time interval that a string element’s SHM takes to begin repeating itself. In Fig. 16-8b, \( T \) is the distance along the \( x \) axis from one crossing point to the next crossing point where the plot has the same slope. Measuring the distance visually or with the aid of a sheet of paper, we find \( T = 20 \text{ ms} \). From Eq. 16-8, we then have
\[
\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{0.020 \text{ s}} = 100 \pi \text{ rad/s}.
\]

**Direction of travel:** To find the direction, we apply a bit of reasoning to the figures. In the snapshot at \( t = 0 \) given in Fig. 16-8a, note that if the wave is moving rightward, then just after the snapshot, the depth of the wave at \( x = 0 \) should increase (mentally slide the curve slightly rightward). If, instead, the wave is moving leftward, then just after the snapshot, the depth at \( x = 0 \) should decrease. Now let’s check the graph in Fig. 16-8b. It tells us that just after \( t = 0 \), the depth increases. Thus, the wave is moving rightward, in the positive direction of \( x \), and we choose the minus sign in Eq. 16-18.

**Phase constant:** The value of \( \phi \) is set by the conditions at \( x = 0 \) at the instant \( t = 0 \). From either figure we see that at that location and time, \( y = -2 \text{ mm} \). Substituting these three values and also \( y_m = 3 \text{ mm} \) into Eq. 16-18 gives us
\[
-2 \text{ mm} = (3 \text{ mm}) \sin(0 + 0 + \phi)
\]
or
\[
\phi = \sin^{-1}(-\frac{2}{3}) = -0.73 \text{ rad}.
\]
Note that this is consistent with the rule that on a plot of \( y \) versus \( x \), a negative phase constant shifts the normal sine function rightward, which is what we see in Fig. 16-8a.

**Equation:** Now we can fill out Eq. 16-18:
\[
y = (3 \text{ mm}) \sin(200 \pi x - 100 \pi t - 0.73 \text{ rad}), \quad (\text{Answer})
\]
with \( x \) in meters and \( t \) in seconds.

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**Sample Problem 16.02  Transverse velocity and transverse acceleration of a string element**

A wave traveling along a string is described by
\[
y(x,t) = (0.00327 \text{ m}) \sin(72.1x - 2.72t),
\]
in which the numerical constants are in SI units (72.1 rad/m and 2.72 rad/s).

(a) What is the transverse velocity \( u \) of the string element at \( x = 22.5 \text{ cm} \) at time \( t = 18.9 \text{ s} \)? (This velocity, which is associated with the transverse oscillation of a string element, is parallel to the \( y \) axis. Don’t confuse it with \( v \), the constant velocity at which the wave form moves along the \( x \) axis.)

**KEY IDEAS**

The transverse velocity \( u \) is the rate at which the displacement \( y \) of the element is changing. In general, that displacement is given by
\[
y(x,t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t).
\]

For an element at a certain location \( x \), we find the rate of change of \( y \) by taking the derivative of Eq. 16-19 with respect to \( t \) while treating \( x \) as a constant. A derivative taken while one (or more) of the variables is treated as a constant is called a partial derivative and is represented by a symbol such as \( \partial / \partial t \) rather than \( d/dt \).

**Calculations:** Here we have
\[
u = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -\omega y_m \cos(kx - \omega t),
\]
from Eq. 16-19. Next, substituting numerical values but suppressing the units, which are SI, we write
\[
u = (-2.72)(0.00327) \cos(72.1)(0.225) - (2.72)(18.9)) = 0.00720 \text{ m/s} = 7.20 \text{ mm/s}.
\]
(Answer)

Thus, at \( t = 18.9 \text{ s} \) our string element is moving in the positive direction of \( y \) with a speed of 7.20 mm/s. (Caution: In evaluating the cosine function, we keep all the significant figures in the argument or the calculation can be off considerably. For example, round off the numbers to two significant figures and then see what you get for \( u \).)

(b) What is the transverse acceleration \( a_y \) of our string element at \( t = 18.9 \text{ s} \)?

**KEY IDEA**

The transverse acceleration \( a_y \) is the rate at which the element’s transverse velocity is changing.

**Calculations:** From Eq. 16-20, again treating \( x \) as a constant but allowing \( t \) to vary, we find
\[
a_y = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\omega^2 y_m \sin(kx - \omega t).
\]

Substituting numerical values but suppressing the units, which are SI, we have
\[
a_y = -(2.72)^2(0.00327) \sin(72.1)(0.225) - (2.72)(18.9)) = -0.0142 \text{ m/s}^2 = -14.2 \text{ mm/s}^2.
\]
(Answer)
16-2 WAVE SPEED ON A STRETCHED STRING

Learning Objectives

16.14 Calculate the linear density \( \mu \) of a uniform string in terms of the total mass and total length.  
16.15 Apply the relationship between wave speed \( v \), tension \( \tau \), and linear density \( \mu \).

Key Ideas

- The speed of a wave on a stretched string is set by properties of the string, not properties of the wave such as frequency or amplitude.
- The speed of a wave on a string with tension \( \tau \) and linear density \( \mu \) is

\[
v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}}.
\]

Wave Speed on a Stretched String

The speed of a wave is related to the wave’s wavelength and frequency by Eq. 16-13, but it is set by the properties of the medium. If a wave is to travel through a medium such as water, air, steel, or a stretched string, it must cause the particles of that medium to oscillate as it passes, which requires both mass (for kinetic energy) and elasticity (for potential energy). Thus, the mass and elasticity determine how fast the wave can travel. Here, we find that dependency in two ways.

Dimensional Analysis

In dimensional analysis we carefully examine the dimensions of all the physical quantities that enter into a given situation to determine the quantities they produce. In this case, we examine mass and elasticity to find a speed \( v \), which has the dimension of length divided by time, or \( LT^{-1} \).

For the mass, we use the mass of a string element, which is the mass \( m \) of the string divided by the length \( l \) of the string. We call this ratio the linear density \( \mu \) of the string. Thus, \( \mu = ml/l \), its dimension being mass divided by length, \( ML^{-1} \).

You cannot send a wave along a string unless the string is under tension, which means that it has been stretched and pulled taut by forces at its two ends. The tension \( \tau \) in the string is equal to the common magnitude of those two forces. As a wave travels along the string, it displaces elements of the string by causing additional stretching, with adjacent sections of string pulling on each other because of the tension. Thus, we can associate the tension in the string with the stretching (elasticity) of the string. The tension and the stretching forces it produces have the dimension of a force — namely, \( MLT^{-2} \) (from \( F = ma \)).

We need to combine \( \mu \) (dimension \( ML^{-1} \)) and \( \tau \) (dimension \( MLT^{-2} \)) to get \( v \) (dimension \( LT^{-1} \)). A little juggling of various combinations suggests

\[
v = C \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}}, \tag{16-22}
\]

in which \( C \) is a dimensionless constant that cannot be determined with dimensional analysis. In our second approach to determining wave speed, you will see that Eq. 16-22 is indeed correct and that \( C = 1 \).
Derivation from Newton’s Second Law

Instead of the sinusoidal wave of Fig. 16-1b, let us consider a single symmetrical pulse such as that of Fig. 16-9, moving from left to right along a string with speed $v$. For convenience, we choose a reference frame in which the pulse remains stationary; that is, we run along with the pulse, keeping it constantly in view. In this frame, the string appears to move past us, from right to left in Fig. 16-9, with speed $v$.

Consider a small string element of length $\Delta l$ within the pulse, an element that forms an arc of a circle of radius $R$ and subtending an angle $2\theta$ at the center of that circle. A force $\tau$ with a magnitude equal to the tension in the string pulls tangentially on this element at each end. The horizontal components of these forces cancel, but the vertical components add to form a radial restoring force $F$.

In magnitude,

$$F = 2(\tau \sin \theta) \approx \tau (2\theta) = \tau \frac{\Delta l}{R} \quad \text{(force),} \quad (16-23)$$

where we have approximated $\sin \theta$ as $\theta$ for the small angles $\theta$ in Fig. 16-9. From that figure, we have also used $2\theta = \Delta l/R$. The mass of the element is given by

$$\Delta m = \mu \Delta l \quad \text{(mass),} \quad (16-24)$$

where $\mu$ is the string’s linear density.

At the moment shown in Fig. 16-9, the string element $\Delta l$ is moving in an arc of a circle. Thus, it has a centripetal acceleration toward the center of that circle, given by

$$a = \frac{v^2}{R} \quad \text{(acceleration).} \quad (16-25)$$

Equations 16-23, 16-24, and 16-25 contain the elements of Newton’s second law. Combining them in the form

$$\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

gives

$$\tau \frac{\Delta l}{R} = (\mu \Delta l) \frac{v^2}{R}.$$ 

Solving this equation for the speed $v$ yields

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}} \quad \text{(speed),} \quad (16-26)$$

in exact agreement with Eq. 16-22 if the constant $C$ in that equation is given the value unity. Equation 16-26 gives the speed of the pulse in Fig. 16-9 and the speed of any other wave on the same string under the same tension.

Equation 16-26 tells us:

- The speed of a wave along a stretched ideal string depends only on the tension and linear density of the string and not on the frequency of the wave.

The frequency of the wave is fixed entirely by whatever generates the wave (for example, the person in Fig. 16-1b). The wavelength of the wave is then fixed by Eq. 16-13 in the form $\lambda = \nu f$.

**Checkpoint 3**

You send a traveling wave along a particular string by oscillating one end. If you increase the frequency of the oscillations, do (a) the speed of the wave and (b) the wavelength of the wave increase, decrease, or remain the same? If, instead, you increase the tension in the string, do (c) the speed of the wave and (d) the wavelength of the wave increase, decrease, or remain the same?
CHAPTER 16 WAVES—I

16-3 ENERGY AND POWER OF A WAVE TRAVELING ALONG A STRING

Learning Objective

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

16.16 Calculate the average rate at which energy is transported by a transverse wave.

Key Idea

- The average power of, or average rate at which energy is transmitted by, a sinusoidal wave on a stretched string is given by

\[ P_{avg} = \frac{1}{2} \mu w a^2 y_m^2. \]

Energy and Power of a Wave Traveling Along a String

When we set up a wave on a stretched string, we provide energy for the motion of the string. As the wave moves away from us, it transports that energy as both kinetic energy and elastic potential energy. Let us consider each form in turn.

Kinetic Energy

A string element of mass \( dm \), oscillating transversely in simple harmonic motion as the wave passes through it, has kinetic energy associated with its transverse velocity \( u \). When the element is rushing through its \( y = 0 \) position (element \( b \) in Fig. 16-10), its transverse velocity — and thus its kinetic energy — is a maximum. When the element is at its extreme position \( y = y_m \) (as is element \( a \)), its transverse velocity — and thus its kinetic energy — is zero.

Elastic Potential Energy

To send a sinusoidal wave along a previously straight string, the wave must necessarily stretch the string. As a string element of length \( dx \) oscillates transversely, its length must increase and decrease in a periodic way if the string element is to fit the sinusoidal wave form. Elastic potential energy is associated with these length changes, just as for a spring.

When the string element is at its \( y = y_m \) position (element \( a \) in Fig. 16-10), its length has its normal undisturbed value \( dx \), so its elastic potential energy is zero. However, when the element is rushing through its \( y = 0 \) position, it has maximum stretch and thus maximum elastic potential energy.

Energy Transport

The oscillating string element thus has both its maximum kinetic energy and its maximum elastic potential energy at \( y = 0 \). In the snapshot of Fig. 16-10, the regions of the string at maximum displacement have no energy, and the regions at zero displacement have maximum energy. As the wave travels along the string, forces due to the tension in the string continuously do work to transfer energy from regions with energy to regions with no energy.

As in Fig. 16-1b, let’s set up a wave on a string stretched along a horizontal \( x \) axis such that Eq. 16-2 applies. As we oscillate one end of the string, we continuously provide energy for the motion and stretching of the string — as the string sections oscillate perpendicularly to the \( x \) axis, they have kinetic energy and elastic potential energy. As the wave moves into sections that were previously at rest, energy is transferred into those new sections. Thus, we say that the wave transports the energy along the string.

The Rate of Energy Transmission

The kinetic energy \( dK \) associated with a string element of mass \( dm \) is given by

\[ dK = \frac{1}{2} dm u^2, \]
where \( u \) is the transverse speed of the oscillating string element. To find \( u \), we differentiate Eq. 16-2 with respect to time while holding \( x \) constant:

\[
u = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -\omega y_m \cos(kx - \omega t) .
\]

(16-28)

Using this relation and putting \( dm = \mu \, dx \), we rewrite Eq. 16-27 as

\[
dK = \frac{1}{2}(\mu \, dx)(-\omega y_m)^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) .
\]

(16-29)

Dividing Eq. 16-29 by \( dt \) gives the rate at which kinetic energy passes through a string element, and thus the rate at which kinetic energy is carried along by the wave. The \( dx/dt \) that then appears on the right of Eq. 16-29 is the wave speed \( v \), so

\[
\frac{dK}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega y_m^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) .
\]

(16-30)

The average rate at which kinetic energy is transported is

\[
\left(\frac{dK}{dt}\right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega y_m^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t)_{\text{avg}}
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega y_m^2 .
\]

(16-31)

Here we have taken the average over an integer number of wavelengths and have used the fact that the average value of the square of a cosine function over an integer number of periods is \( \frac{1}{2} \).

Elastic potential energy is also carried along with the wave, and at the same average rate given by Eq. 16-31. Although we shall not examine the proof, you should recall that, in an oscillating system such as a pendulum or a spring-block system, the average kinetic energy and the average potential energy are equal.

The **average power**, which is the average rate at which energy of both kinds is transmitted by the wave, is then

\[
P_{\text{avg}} = 2 \left( \frac{dK}{dt} \right)_{\text{avg}}
\]

or, from Eq. 16-31,

\[
P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega y_m^2 \quad \text{(average power)}.
\]

(16-33)

The factors \( \mu \) and \( v \) in this equation depend on the material and tension of the string. The factors \( \omega \) and \( y_m \) depend on the process that generates the wave. The dependence of the average power of a wave on the square of its amplitude and also on the square of its angular frequency is a general result, true for waves of all types.

**Sample Problem 16.03**  **Average power of a transverse wave**

A string has linear density \( \mu = 525 \) g/m and is under tension \( \tau = 45 \) N. We send a sinusoidal wave with frequency \( f = 120 \) Hz and amplitude \( y_m = 8.5 \) mm along the string. At what average rate does the wave transport energy?

**KEY IDEA**

The average rate of energy transport is the average power \( P_{\text{avg}} \) as given by Eq. 16-33.

**Calculations:** To use Eq. 16-33, we first must calculate angular frequency \( \omega \) and wave speed \( v \). From Eq. 16-9,

\[
\omega = 2\pi f = (2\pi)(120 \text{ Hz}) = 754 \text{ rad/s}.
\]

From Eq. 16-26 we have

\[
v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{45 \text{ N}}{0.525 \text{ kg/m}}} = 9.26 \text{ m/s}.
\]

Equation 16-33 then yields

\[
P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega y_m^2
\]

\[
= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0.525 \text{ kg/m})(9.26 \text{ m/s})(754 \text{ rad/s})^2(0.0085 \text{ m})^2
\]

\[
\approx 100 \text{ W} .
\]

(Answer)
The Wave Equation

As a wave passes through any element on a stretched string, the element moves perpendicularly to the wave’s direction of travel (we are dealing with a transverse wave). By applying Newton’s second law to the element’s motion, we can derive a general differential equation, called the wave equation, that governs the travel of waves of any type.

Figure 16-11a shows a snapshot of a string element of mass $dm$ and length $\ell$ as a wave travels along a string of linear density $\mu$ that is stretched along a horizontal $x$ axis. Let us assume that the wave amplitude is small so that the element can be tilted only slightly from the $x$ axis as the wave passes. The force $F_2$ on the right end of the element has a magnitude equal to tension $\tau$ in the string and is directed slightly upward. The force $F_1$ on the left end of the element also has a magnitude equal to the tension $\tau$ but is directed slightly downward. Because of the slight curvature of the element, these two forces are not simply in opposite directions so that they cancel. Instead, they combine to produce a net force that causes the element to have an upward acceleration $a_y$. Newton’s second law written for $y$ components ($F_{\text{net},y} = ma_y$) gives us

$$F_{2y} - F_{1y} = dm a_y.$$  \hfill (16-34)

Let’s analyze this equation in parts, first the mass $dm$, then the acceleration component $a_y$, then the individual force components $F_{2y}$ and $F_{1y}$, and then finally the net force that is on the left side of Eq. 16-34.

**Mass.** The element’s mass $dm$ can be written in terms of the string’s linear density $\mu$ and the element’s length $\ell$ as $dm = \mu \ell$. Because the element can have only a slight tilt, $\ell = dx$ (Fig. 16-11a) and we have the approximation

$$dm = \mu dx.$$  \hfill (16-35)
**Acceleration.** The acceleration \( a_y \) in Eq. 16-34 is the second derivative of the displacement \( y \) with respect to time:

\[
a_y = \frac{d^2 y}{d t^2}.
\]  

(16-36)

**Forces.** Figure 16-11b shows that \( F_2 \) is tangent to the string at the right end of the string element. Thus we can relate the components of the force to the string slope \( S_2 \) at the right end as

\[
\frac{F_{2y}}{F_{2x}} = S_2.
\]  

(16-37)

We can also relate the components to the magnitude \( F_2 (= \tau) \) with

\[
F_2 = \sqrt{F_{2x}^2 + F_{2y}^2},
\]

or

\[
\tau = \sqrt{F_{2x}^2 + F_{2y}^2}.
\]  

(16-38)

However, because we assume that the element is only slightly tilted, \( F_{2y} \ll F_{2x} \), and therefore we can rewrite Eq. 16-38 as

\[
\tau = F_{2x}.
\]  

(16-39)

Substituting this into Eq. 16-37 and solving for \( F_{2y} \) yield

\[
F_{2y} = \tau S_2.
\]  

(16-40)

Similar analysis at the left end of the string element gives us

\[
F_{1y} = \tau S_1.
\]  

(16-41)

**Net Force.** We can now substitute Eqs. 16-35, 16-36, 16-40, and 16-41 into Eq. 16-34 to write

\[
\tau S_2 - \tau S_1 = (\mu \, dx) \frac{d^2 y}{d t^2},
\]

or

\[
\frac{S_2 - S_1}{dx} = \frac{\mu}{\tau} \frac{d^2 y}{d t^2}.
\]  

(16-42)

Because the string element is short, slopes \( S_2 \) and \( S_1 \) differ by only a differential amount \( dS \), where \( S \) is the slope at any point:

\[
S = \frac{dy}{dx}.
\]  

(16-43)

First replacing \( S_2 - S_1 \) in Eq. 16-42 with \( dS \) and then using Eq. 16-43 to substitute \( dy/dx \) for \( S \), we find

\[
\frac{dS}{dx} = \frac{\mu}{\tau} \frac{d^2 y}{d t^2},
\]

\[
\frac{d(dy/dx)}{dx} = \frac{\mu}{\tau} \frac{d^2 y}{d t^2},
\]

and

\[
\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}.
\]  

(16-44)

In the last step, we switched to the notation of partial derivatives because on the left we differentiate only with respect to \( x \) and on the right we differentiate only with respect to \( t \). Finally, substituting from Eq. 16-26 \( (v = \sqrt{\tau/\mu}) \), we find

\[
\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{(wave equation)}.
\]  

(16-45)

This is the general differential equation that governs the travel of waves of all types.
The Principle of Superposition for Waves

It often happens that two or more waves pass simultaneously through the same region. When we listen to a concert, for example, sound waves from many instruments fall simultaneously on our eardrums. The electrons in the antennas of our radio and television receivers are set in motion by the net effect of many electromagnetic waves from many different broadcasting centers. The water of a lake or harbor may be churned up by waves in the wakes of many boats.

Suppose that two waves travel simultaneously along the same stretched string. Let \( y_1(x, t) \) and \( y_2(x, t) \) be the displacements that the string would experience if each wave traveled alone. The displacement of the string when the waves overlap is then the algebraic sum

\[
y'(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t). \tag{16-46}
\]

This summation of displacements along the string means that

- Overlapping waves algebraically add to produce a resultant wave (or net wave).

This is another example of the principle of superposition, which says that when several effects occur simultaneously, their net effect is the sum of the individual effects. (We should be thankful that only a simple sum is needed. If two effects somehow amplified each other, the resulting nonlinear world would be very difficult to manage and understand.)

Figure 16-12 shows a sequence of snapshots of two pulses traveling in opposite directions on the same stretched string. When the pulses overlap, the resultant pulse is their sum. Moreover,

- Overlapping waves do not in any way alter the travel of each other.
Interference of Waves

Suppose we send two sinusoidal waves of the same wavelength and amplitude in the same direction along a stretched string. The superposition principle applies. What resultant wave does it predict for the string?

The resultant wave depends on the extent to which the waves are in phase (in step) with respect to each other—that is, how much one wave form is shifted from the other wave form. If the waves are exactly in phase (so that the peaks and valleys of one are exactly aligned with those of the other), they combine to double the displacement of either wave acting alone. If they are exactly out of phase (the peaks of one are exactly aligned with the valleys of the other), they combine to cancel everywhere, and the string remains straight. We call this phenomenon of combining waves interference, and the waves are said to interfere. (These terms refer only to the wave displacements; the travel of the waves is unaffected.)

Let one wave traveling along a stretched string be given by

\[ y_1(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \]  \hspace{1cm} (16-47)

and another, shifted from the first, by

\[ y_2(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi). \]  \hspace{1cm} (16-48)

These waves have the same angular frequency \( \omega \) (and thus the same frequency \( f \)), the same angular wave number \( k \) (and thus the same wavelength \( \lambda \)), and the same amplitude \( y_m \). They both travel in the positive direction of the \( x \) axis, with the same speed, given by Eq. 16-26. They differ only by a constant angle \( \phi \), the phase constant. These waves are said to be out of phase by \( \phi \) or to have a phase difference of \( \phi \), or one wave is said to be phase-shifted from the other by \( \phi \).

From the principle of superposition (Eq. 16-46), the resultant wave is the algebraic sum of the two interfering waves and has displacement

\[ y'(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) \]
\[ = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) + y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi). \]  \hspace{1cm} (16-49)

In Appendix E we see that we can write the sum of the sines of two angles \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) as

\[ \sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta) \cos \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta). \]  \hspace{1cm} (16-50)

Applying this relation to Eq. 16-49 leads to

\[ y'(x, t) = [2y_m \cos \frac{1}{2}\phi] \sin(kx - \omega t + \frac{1}{2}\phi). \]  \hspace{1cm} (16-51)

As Fig. 16-13 shows, the resultant wave is also a sinusoidal wave traveling in the direction of increasing \( x \). It is the only wave you would actually see on the string (you would not see the two interfering waves of Eqs. 16-47 and 16-48).

Figure 16-13 The resultant wave of Eq. 16-51, due to the interference of two sinusoidal transverse waves, is also a sinusoidal transverse wave, with an amplitude and an oscillating term.

The resultant wave differs from the interfering waves in two respects: (1) its phase constant is \( \frac{1}{2}\phi \), and (2) its amplitude \( y'_m \) is the magnitude of the quantity in the brackets in Eq. 16-51:

\[ y'_m = |2y_m \cos \frac{1}{2}\phi| \]  \hspace{1cm} (amplitude).  \hspace{1cm} (16-52)

If \( \phi = 0 \) rad (or 0°), the two interfering waves are exactly in phase and Eq. 16-51 reduces to

\[ y'(x, t) = 2y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \]  \hspace{1cm} (\( \phi = 0 \)). \hspace{1cm} (16-53)
Being exactly in phase, the waves produce a large resultant wave.

Being exactly out of phase, they produce a flat string.

This is an intermediate situation, with an intermediate result.

The two waves are shown in Fig. 16-14a, and the resultant wave is plotted in Fig. 16-14d. Note from both that plot and Eq. 16-53 that the amplitude of the resultant wave is twice the amplitude of either interfering wave. That is the greatest amplitude the resultant wave can have, because the cosine term in Eqs. 16-51 and 16-52 has its greatest value (unity) when $\phi = 0$. Interference that produces the greatest possible amplitude is called fully constructive interference.

If $\phi = \pi$ rad (or 180°), the interfering waves are exactly out of phase as in Fig. 16-14b. Then $\cos \frac{1}{2}\phi$ becomes $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$, and the amplitude of the resultant wave as given by Eq. 16-52 is zero. We then have, for all values of $x$ and $t$,

$$y(x, t) = 0 \quad (\phi = \pi \text{ rad}). \quad (16-54)$$

The resultant wave is plotted in Fig. 16-14e. Although we sent two waves along the string, we see no motion of the string. This type of interference is called fully destructive interference.

Because a sinusoidal wave repeats its shape every $2\pi$ rad, a phase difference of $\phi = 2\pi$ rad (or 360°) corresponds to a shift of one wave relative to the other wave by a distance equivalent to one wavelength. Thus, phase differences can be described in terms of wavelengths as well as angles. For example, in Fig. 16-14b the waves may be said to be 0.50 wavelength out of phase. Table 16-1 shows some other examples of phase differences and the interference they produce. Note that when interference is neither fully constructive nor fully destructive, it is called intermediate interference. The amplitude of the resultant wave is then intermediate between 0 and $2y_m$. For example, from Table 16-1, if the interfering waves have a phase difference of 120° ($\phi = \frac{2}{3}\pi$ rad = 0.33 wavelength), then the resultant wave has an amplitude of $y_m$, the same as that of the interfering waves (see Figs. 16-14c and f).

Two waves with the same wavelength are in phase if their phase difference is zero or any integer number of wavelengths. Thus, the integer part of any phase difference expressed in wavelengths may be discarded. For example, a phase difference of 0.40 wavelength (an intermediate interference, close to fully destructive interference) is equivalent in every way to one of 2.40 wavelengths,
and so the simpler of the two numbers can be used in computations. Thus, by looking at only the decimal number and comparing it to 0, 0.5, or 1.0 wavelength, you can quickly tell what type of interference two waves have.

### Checkpoint 4

Here are four possible phase differences between two identical waves, expressed in wavelengths: 0.20, 0.45, 0.60, and 0.80. Rank them according to the amplitude of the resultant wave, greatest first.

### Table 16-1 Phase Difference and Resulting Interference Types

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<tr>
<th>Phase Difference, in</th>
<th>Amplitude of Resultant Wave</th>
<th>Type of Interference</th>
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<td>Degrees, Radians, Wavelengths</td>
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<tr>
<td>00 0 2</td>
<td>$2y_m$</td>
<td>Fully constructive</td>
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<tr>
<td>120 $\frac{2}{3}\pi$ 0.33 $y_m$</td>
<td>Intermediate</td>
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<tr>
<td>180 $\pi$ 0.50 0</td>
<td>Fully destructive</td>
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<tr>
<td>240 $\frac{4}{3}\pi$ 0.67 $y_m$</td>
<td>Intermediate</td>
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<tr>
<td>360 $2\pi$ 1.00 $2y_m$</td>
<td>Fully constructive</td>
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<tr>
<td>865 15.1 2.40 0.60$y_m$</td>
<td>Intermediate</td>
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*The phase difference is between two otherwise identical waves, with amplitude $y_m$, moving in the same direction.*

**Sample Problem 16.04 Interference of two waves, same direction, same amplitude**

Two identical sinusoidal waves, moving in the same direction along a stretched string, interfere with each other. The amplitude $y_m$ of each wave is 9.8 mm, and the phase difference $\phi$ between them is 100°.

(a) What is the amplitude $y'_m$ of the resultant wave due to the interference, and what is the type of this interference?

**KEY IDEA**

These are identical sinusoidal waves traveling in the *same direction* along a string, so they interfere to produce a sinusoidal traveling wave.

**Calculations:** Because they are identical, the waves have the *same amplitude*. Thus, the amplitude $y'_m$ of the resultant wave is given by Eq. 16-52:

$$y'_m = |2y_m \cos \frac{1}{2} \phi| = |(2)(9.8 \text{ mm}) \cos(100°/2)|$$

$$= 13 \text{ mm}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

We can tell that the interference is *intermediate* in two ways. The phase difference is between 0 and 180°, and, correspondingly, the amplitude $y'_m$ is between 0 and $2y_m$ (≈ 19.6 mm).

(b) What phase difference, in radians and wavelengths, will give the resultant wave an amplitude of 4.9 mm?

**Calculations:** Now we are given $y'_m$ and seek $\phi$. From Eq. 16-52,

$$y'_m = |2y_m \cos \frac{1}{2} \phi|$$

we now have

$$4.9 \text{ mm} = (2)(9.8 \text{ mm}) \cos \frac{1}{2} \phi,$$

which gives us (with a calculator in the radian mode)

$$\phi = 2 \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{4.9 \text{ mm}}{(2)(9.8 \text{ mm})}\right)$$

$$= \pm 2.636 \text{ rad} \approx \pm 2.6 \text{ rad.} \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

There are two solutions because we can obtain the same resultant wave by letting the first wave *lead* (travel ahead of) or *lag* (travel behind) the second wave by 2.6 rad. In wavelengths, the phase difference is

$$\phi = \frac{2 \pi \text{ rad/wavelength}}{2 \pi \text{ rad/wavelength}} = \pm 0.42 \text{ wavelength.} \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

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Adding two waves as discussed in the preceding module is strictly limited to waves with identical amplitudes. If we have such waves, that technique is easy enough to use, but we need a more general technique that can be applied to any waves, whether or not they have the same amplitudes. One neat way is to use phasors to represent the waves. Although this may seem bizarre at first, it is essentially a graphical technique that uses the vector addition rules of Chapter 3 instead of messy trig additions.

A phasor is a vector that rotates around its tail, which is pivoted at the origin of a coordinate system. The magnitude of the vector is equal to the amplitude $y_m$ of the wave that it represents. The angular speed of the rotation is equal to the angular frequency $\omega$ of the wave. For example, the wave

$$y_1(x, t) = y_{m1} \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad (16-55)$$

is represented by the phasor shown in Figs. 16-15a to d. The magnitude of the phasor is the amplitude $y_{m1}$ of the wave. As the phasor rotates around the origin at angular speed $\omega$, its projection $y_1$ on the vertical axis varies sinusoidally, from a maximum of $y_{m1}$ through zero to a minimum of $-y_{m1}$ and then back to $y_{m1}$. This variation corresponds to the sinusoidal variation in the displacement $y_1$ of any point along the string as the wave passes through that point. (All this is shown as an animation with voiceover in WileyPLUS.)

When two waves travel along the same string in the same direction, we can represent them and their resultant wave in a phasor diagram. The phasors in Fig. 16-15e represent the wave of Eq. 16-55 and a second wave given by

$$y_2(x, t) = y_{m2} \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi). \quad (16-56)$$

This second wave is phase-shifted from the first wave by phase constant $\phi$. Because the phasors rotate at the same angular speed $\omega$, the angle between the two phasors is always $\phi$. If $\phi$ is a positive quantity, then the phasor for wave 2 lags the phasor for wave 1 as they rotate, as drawn in Fig. 16-15e. If $\phi$ is a negative quantity, then the phasor for wave 2 leads the phasor for wave 1.

Because waves $y_1$ and $y_2$ have the same angular wave number $k$ and angular frequency $\omega$, we know from Eqs. 16-51 and 16-52 that their resultant is of the form

$$y'(x, t) = y'_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \beta), \quad (16-57)$$
Figure 16-15 (a)–(d) A phasor of magnitude $y_{m1}$ rotating about an origin at angular speed $\omega$ represents a sinusoidal wave. The phasor’s projection $y_1$ on the vertical axis represents the displacement of a point through which the wave passes. (e) A second phasor, also of angular speed $\omega$ but of magnitude $y_{m2}$ and rotating at a constant angle $\phi$ from the first phasor, represents a second wave, with a phase constant $\phi$. (f) The resultant wave is represented by the vector sum $y'_{m}$ of the two phasors.
where \( y'_m \) is the amplitude of the resultant wave and \( \beta \) is its phase constant. To find the values of \( y'_m \) and \( \beta \), we would have to sum the two combining waves, as we did to obtain Eq. 16-51. To do this on a phasor diagram, we vectorially add the two phasors at any instant during their rotation, as in Fig. 16-15 where phasor \( y_{m2} \) has been shifted to the head of phasor \( y_{m1} \). The magnitude of the vector sum equals the amplitude \( y'_m \) in Eq. 16-57. The angle between the vector sum and the phasor for \( y_1 \) equals the phase constant \( \beta \) in Eq. 16-57.

Note that, in contrast to the method of Module 16-5:

We can use phasors to combine waves even if their amplitudes are different.

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**Sample Problem 16.05  Interference of two waves, same direction, phasors, any amplitudes**

Two sinusoidal waves \( y_1(x, t) \) and \( y_2(x, t) \) have the same wavelength and travel together in the same direction along a string. Their amplitudes are \( y_{m1} = 4.0 \) mm and \( y_{m2} = 3.0 \) mm, and their phase constants are 0 and \( \pi/3 \) rad, respectively. What are the amplitude \( y'_m \) and phase constant \( \beta \) of the resultant wave? Write the resultant wave in the form of Eq. 16-57.

**KEY IDEAS**

1. The two waves have a number of properties in common: Because they travel along the same string, they must have the same speed \( v \), as set by the tension and linear density of the string according to Eq. 16-26. With the same wavelength \( \lambda \), they have the same angular wave number \( k (= 2\pi/\lambda) \). Also, because they have the same wave number \( k \) and speed \( v \), they must have the same angular frequency \( \omega (= kv) \).

2. The waves (call them waves 1 and 2) can be represented by phasors rotating at the same angular speed \( \omega \) about an origin. Because the phase constant for wave 2 is greater than that for wave 1 by \( \pi/3 \) rad, phasor 2 must lag phasor 1 by \( \pi/3 \) rad in their clockwise rotation, as shown in Fig. 16-16a. The resultant wave due to the interference of waves 1 and 2 can then be represented by a phasor that is the vector sum of phasors 1 and 2.

**Calculations:** To simplify the vector summation, we drew phasors 1 and 2 in Fig. 16-16a at the instant when phasor 1 lies along the horizontal axis. We then drew lagging phasor 2 at positive angle \( \pi/3 \) rad. In Fig. 16-16b we shifted phasor 2 so its tail is at the head of phasor 1. Then we can draw the phasor \( y'_m \) of the resultant wave from the tail of phasor 1 to the head of phasor 2. The phase constant \( \beta \) is the angle phasor \( y'_m \) makes with phasor 1.

To find values for \( y'_m \) and \( \beta \), we can sum phasors 1 and 2 as vectors on a vector-capable calculator. However, here we shall sum them by components. (They are called horizontal and vertical components, because the symbols \( x \) and \( y \) are already used for the waves themselves.) For the horizontal components we have

\[
y'_{mH} = y_{m1} \cos 0 + y_{m2} \cos \pi/3 = 4.0 \text{ mm} + (3.0 \text{ mm}) \cos \pi/3 = 5.50 \text{ mm}.
\]

For the vertical components we have

\[
y'_{mV} = y_{m1} \sin 0 + y_{m2} \sin \pi/3 = 0 + (3.0 \text{ mm}) \sin \pi/3 = 2.60 \text{ mm}.
\]

Thus, the resultant wave has an amplitude of

\[
y'_m = \sqrt{(5.50 \text{ mm})^2 + (2.60 \text{ mm})^2} = 6.1 \text{ mm}
\]

and a phase constant of

\[
\beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{2.60 \text{ mm}}{5.50 \text{ mm}} = 0.44 \text{ rad}.
\]

From Fig. 16-16b, phase constant \( \beta \) is a positive angle relative to phasor 1. Thus, the resultant wave lags wave 1 in their travel by phase constant \( \beta = +0.44 \) rad. From Eq. 16-57, we can write the resultant wave as

\[
y'(x, t) = (6.1 \text{ mm}) \sin(kx - \omega t + 0.44 \text{ rad}).
\]

**Figure 16-16** (a) Two phasors of magnitudes \( y_{m1} \) and \( y_{m2} \) and with phase difference \( \pi/3 \). (b) Vector addition of these phasors at any instant during their rotation gives the magnitude \( y'_m \) of the phasor for the resultant wave.
16-7 STANDING WAVES AND RESONANCE

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .
16.25 For two overlapping waves (same amplitude and wavelength) that are traveling in opposite directions, sketch snapshots of the resultant wave, indicating nodes and antinodes.
16.26 For two overlapping waves (same amplitude and wavelength) that are traveling in opposite directions, find the displacement equation for the resultant wave and calculate the amplitude in terms of the individual wave amplitude.
16.27 Describe the SHM of a string element at an antinode of a standing wave.
16.28 For a string element at an antinode of a standing wave, write equations for the displacement, transverse velocity, and transverse acceleration as functions of time.
16.29 Distinguish between “hard” and “soft” reflections of string waves at a boundary.
16.30 Describe resonance on a string tied taut between two supports, and sketch the first several standing wave patterns, indicating nodes and antinodes.
16.31 In terms of string length, determine the wavelengths required for the first several harmonics on a string under tension.
16.32 For any given harmonic, apply the relationship between frequency, wave speed, and string length.

Key Ideas

● The interference of two identical sinusoidal waves moving in opposite directions produces standing waves. For a string with fixed ends, the standing wave is given by

\[ y(x, t) = [2y_m \sin kx] \cos \omega t. \]

Standing waves are characterized by fixed locations of zero displacement called nodes and fixed locations of maximum displacement called antinodes.

● Standing waves on a string can be set up by reflection of traveling waves from the ends of the string. If an end is fixed, it must be the position of a node. This limits the frequencies at which standing waves will occur on a given string. Each possible frequency is a resonant frequency, and the corresponding standing wave pattern is an oscillation mode. For a stretched string of length \( L \) with fixed ends, the resonant frequencies are

\[ f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = n \frac{v}{2L}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \]

The oscillation mode corresponding to \( n = 1 \) is called the fundamental mode or the first harmonic; the mode corresponding to \( n = 2 \) is the second harmonic; and so on.

Standing Waves

In Module 16-5, we discussed two sinusoidal waves of the same wavelength and amplitude traveling in the same direction along a stretched string. What if they travel in opposite directions? We can again find the resultant wave by applying the superposition principle.

Figure 16-17 suggests the situation graphically. It shows the two combining waves, one traveling to the left in Fig. 16-17a, the other to the right in Fig. 16-17b. Figure 16-17c shows their sum, obtained by applying the superposition principle.

As the waves move through each other, some points never move and some move the most.

![Figure 16-17](a) Five snapshots of a wave traveling to the left, at the times \( t \) indicated below part (c) (\( T \) is the period of oscillation). (b) Five snapshots of a wave identical to that in (a) but traveling to the right, at the same times \( t \). (c) Corresponding snapshots for the superposition of the two waves on the same string. At \( t = 0, \frac{T}{4}, \) and \( T \), fully constructive interference occurs because of the alignment of peaks with peaks and valleys with valleys. At \( t = \frac{T}{2} \) and \( \frac{3T}{4} \), fully destructive interference occurs because of the alignment of peaks with valleys. Some points (the nodes, marked with dots) never oscillate; some points (the antinodes) oscillate the most.
principle graphically. The outstanding feature of the resultant wave is that there are places along the string, called nodes, where the string never moves. Four such nodes are marked by dots in Fig. 16-17c. Halfway between adjacent nodes are antinodes, where the amplitude of the resultant wave is a maximum. Wave patterns such as that of Fig. 16-17c are called standing waves because the wave patterns do not move left or right; the locations of the maxima and minima do not change.

If two sinusoidal waves of the same amplitude and wavelength travel in opposite directions along a stretched string, their interference with each other produces a standing wave.

To analyze a standing wave, we represent the two waves with the equations

\[ y_1(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \]  
\[ y_2(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t). \]

The principle of superposition gives, for the combined wave,

\[ y'(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) + y_m \sin(kx + \omega t). \]

Applying the trigonometric relation of Eq. 16-50 leads to Fig. 16-18 and

\[ y'(x, t) = [2y_m \sin kx] \cos \omega t. \]  

This equation does not describe a traveling wave because it is not of the form of Eq. 16-17. Instead, it describes a standing wave.

The quantity \(2y_m \sin kx\) in the brackets of Eq. 16-60 can be viewed as the amplitude of oscillation of the string element that is located at position \(x\). However, since an amplitude is always positive and \(\sin kx\) can be negative, we take the absolute value of the quantity \(2y_m \sin kx\) to be the amplitude at \(x\).

In a traveling sinusoidal wave, the amplitude of the wave is the same for all string elements. That is not true for a standing wave, in which the amplitude varies with position. In the standing wave of Eq. 16-60, for example, the amplitude is zero for values of \(kx\) that give \(\sin kx = 0\). Those values are

\[ kx = n\pi, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \]  

Substituting \(k = 2\pi/\lambda\) in this equation and rearranging, we get

\[ x = n \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \]  

as the positions of zero amplitude—the nodes—for the standing wave of Eq. 16-60. Note that adjacent nodes are separated by \(\lambda/2\), half a wavelength.

The amplitude of the standing wave of Eq. 16-60 has a maximum value of \(2y_m\), which occurs for values of \(kx\) that give \(|\sin kx| = 1\). Those values are

\[ kx = \frac{1}{2}\pi, \frac{3}{2}\pi, \frac{5}{2}\pi, \ldots = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \]  

Substituting \(k = 2\pi/\lambda\) in Eq. 16-63 and rearranging, we get

\[ x = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \]  

as the positions of maximum amplitude—the antinodes—of the standing wave of Eq. 16-60. Antinodes are separated by \(\lambda/2\) and are halfway between nodes.

**Reflections at a Boundary**

We can set up a standing wave in a stretched string by allowing a traveling wave to be reflected from the far end of the string so that the wave travels back
through itself. The incident (original) wave and the reflected wave can then be described by Eqs. 16-58 and 16-59, respectively, and they can combine to form a pattern of standing waves.

In Fig. 16-19, we use a single pulse to show how such reflections take place. In Fig. 16-19a, the string is fixed at its left end. When the pulse arrives at that end, it exerts an upward force on the support (the wall). By Newton’s third law, the support exerts an opposite force of equal magnitude on the string. This second force generates a pulse at the support, which travels back along the string in the direction opposite that of the incident pulse. In a “hard” reflection of this kind, there must be a node at the support because the string is fixed there. The reflected and incident pulses must have opposite signs, so as to cancel each other at that point.

In Fig. 16-19b, the left end of the string is fastened to a light ring that is free to slide without friction along a rod. When the incident pulse arrives, the ring moves up the rod. As the ring moves, it pulls on the string, stretching the string and producing a reflected pulse with the same sign and amplitude as the incident pulse. Thus, in such a “soft” reflection, the incident and reflected pulses reinforce each other, creating an antinode at the end of the string; the maximum displacement of the ring is twice the amplitude of either of these two pulses.

**(Checkpoint 5)**

Two waves with the same amplitude and wavelength interfere in three different situations to produce resultant waves with the following equations:

1. \( y'(x, t) = 4 \sin(5x - 4t) \)
2. \( y'(x, t) = 4 \sin(5x) \cos(4t) \)
3. \( y'(x, t) = 4 \sin(5x + 4t) \)

In which situation are the two combining waves traveling (a) toward positive \( x \), (b) toward negative \( x \), and (c) in opposite directions?

**Standing Waves and Resonance**

Consider a string, such as a guitar string, that is stretched between two clamps. Suppose we send a continuous sinusoidal wave of a certain frequency along the string, say, toward the right. When the wave reaches the right end, it reflects and begins to travel back to the left. That left-going wave then overlaps the wave that is still traveling to the right. When the left-going wave reaches the left end, it reflects again and the newly reflected wave begins to travel to the right, overlapping the left-going and right-going waves. In short, we very soon have many overlapping traveling waves, which interfere with one another.

For certain frequencies, the interference produces a standing wave pattern (or oscillation mode) with nodes and large antinodes like those in Fig. 16-20. Such a standing wave is said to be produced at resonance, and the string is said to resonate at these certain frequencies, called resonant frequencies. If the string

**Figure 16-20** Stroboscopic photographs reveal (imperfect) standing wave patterns on a string being made to oscillate by an oscillator at the left end. The patterns occur at certain frequencies of oscillation.
is oscillated at some frequency other than a resonant frequency, a standing wave is not set up. Then the interference of the right-going and left-going traveling waves results in only small, temporary (perhaps even imperceptible) oscillations of the string.

Let a string be stretched between two clamps separated by a fixed distance \( L \). To find expressions for the resonant frequencies of the string, we note that a node must exist at each of its ends, because each end is fixed and cannot oscillate. The simplest pattern that meets this key requirement is that in Fig. 16-21a, which shows the string at both its extreme displacements (one solid and one dashed, together forming a single “loop”). There is only one antinode, which is at the center of the string. Note that half a wavelength spans the length \( L \), which we take to be the string’s length. Thus, for this pattern, \( \lambda/2 = L \). This condition tells us that if the left-going and right-going traveling waves are to set up this pattern by their interference, they must have the wavelength \( \lambda = 2L \).

A second simple pattern meeting the requirement of nodes at the fixed ends is shown in Fig. 16-21b. This pattern has three nodes and two antinodes and is said to be a two-loop pattern. For the left-going and right-going waves to set it up, they must have a wavelength \( \lambda = L \). A third pattern is shown in Fig. 16-21c. It has four nodes, three antinodes, and three loops, and the wavelength is \( \lambda = \frac{3}{2}L \). We could continue this progression by drawing increasingly more complicated patterns. In each step of the progression, the pattern would have one more node and one more antinode than the preceding step, and an additional \( \lambda/2 \) would be fitted into the distance \( L \).

Thus, a standing wave can be set up on a string of length \( L \) by a wave with a wavelength equal to one of the values

\[
\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \tag{16-65}
\]

The resonant frequencies that correspond to these wavelengths follow from Eq. 16-13:

\[
f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = n \cdot \frac{v}{2L}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \tag{16-66}
\]

Here \( v \) is the speed of traveling waves on the string.

Equation 16-66 tells us that the resonant frequencies are integer multiples of the lowest resonant frequency, \( f = v/2L \), which corresponds to \( n = 1 \). The oscillation mode with that lowest frequency is called the fundamental mode or the first harmonic. The second harmonic is the oscillation mode with \( n = 2 \), the third harmonic is that with \( n = 3 \), and so on. The frequencies associated with these modes are often labeled \( f_1, f_2, f_3 \), and so on. The collection of all possible oscillation modes is called the harmonic series, and \( n \) is called the harmonic number of the \( n \)th harmonic.

For a given string under a given tension, each resonant frequency corresponds to a particular oscillation pattern. Thus, if the frequency is in the audible range, you can hear the shape of the string. Resonance can also occur in two dimensions (such as on the surface of the kettledrum in Fig. 16-22) and in three dimensions (such as in the wind-induced swaying and twisting of a tall building).

**Checkpoint 6**

In the following series of resonant frequencies, one frequency (lower than 400 Hz) is missing: 150, 225, 300, 375 Hz. (a) What is the missing frequency? (b) What is the frequency of the seventh harmonic?
Sample Problem 16.06  Resonance of transverse waves, standing waves, harmonics

Figure 16-23 shows resonant oscillation of a string of mass \( m = 2.500 \text{ g} \) and length \( L = 0.800 \text{ m} \) and that is under tension \( \tau = 325.0 \text{ N} \). What is the wavelength \( \lambda \) of the transverse waves producing the standing wave pattern, and what is the harmonic number \( n \)? What is the frequency \( f \) of the transverse waves and of the oscillations of the moving string elements? What is the maximum magnitude of the transverse velocity \( u_m \) of the element oscillating at coordinate \( x = 0.180 \text{ m} \)? At what point during the element’s oscillation is the transverse velocity maximum?

KEY IDEAS

(1) The traverse waves that produce a standing wave pattern must have a wavelength such that an integer number \( n \) of half-wavelengths fit into the length \( L \) of the string. (2) The frequency of those waves and of the oscillations of the string elements is given by Eq. 16-66 \( (f = nv/2L) \). (3) The displacement of a string element as a function of position \( x \) and time \( t \) is given by Eq. 16-60:

\[
y'(x,t) = [2y_m \sin kx] \cos \omega t. \tag{16-67}
\]

Wavelength and harmonic number: In Fig. 16-23, the solid line, which is effectively a snapshot (or freeze-frame) of the oscillations, reveals that 2 full wavelengths fit into the length \( L = 0.800 \text{ m} \) of the string. Thus, we have

\[
2\lambda = L,
\]

or

\[
\lambda = \frac{L}{2}. \tag{16-68}
\]

\[
= \frac{0.800 \text{ m}}{2} = 0.400 \text{ m}. \tag{Answer}
\]

By counting the number of loops (or half-wavelengths) in Fig. 16-23, we see that the harmonic number is

\[
n = 4. \tag{Answer}
\]

We also find \( n = 4 \) by comparing Eqs. 16-68 and 16-65 \( (\lambda = 2L/n) \). Thus, the string is oscillating in its fourth harmonic.

Frequency: We can get the frequency \( f \) of the transverse waves from Eq. 16-13 \( (v = \lambda f) \) if we first find the speed \( v \) of the waves. That speed is given by Eq. 16-26, but we must substitute \( m/L \) for the unknown linear density \( \mu \). We obtain

\[
v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{m/L}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi L}{m}}
\]

\[
= \sqrt{\frac{(325 \text{ N})(0.800 \text{ m})}{2.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}} = 322.49 \text{ m/s}.
\]

After rearranging Eq. 16-13, we write

\[
f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{322.49 \text{ m/s}}{0.400 \text{ m}}
\]

\[
= 806.2 \text{ Hz} \approx 806 \text{ Hz}. \tag{Answer}
\]

Note that we get the same answer by substituting into Eq. 16-66:

\[
f = \frac{n v}{2L} = \frac{4 \cdot 322.49 \text{ m/s}}{2(0.800 \text{ m})}
\]

\[
= 806 \text{ Hz}. \tag{Answer}
\]

Now note that this 806 Hz is not only the frequency of the waves producing the fourth harmonic but also it is said to be the fourth harmonic, as in the statement, “The fourth harmonic of this oscillating string is 806 Hz.” It is also the frequency of the string elements as they oscillate vertically in the figure in simple harmonic motion, just as a block on a vertical spring would oscillate in simple harmonic motion. Finally, it is also the frequency of the sound you would hear as the oscillating string periodically pushes against the air.

Transverse velocity: The displacement \( y' \) of the string element located at coordinate \( x \) is given by Eq. 16-67 as a function of time \( t \). The term \( \cos \omega t \) contains the dependence on time and thus provides the “motion” of the standing wave. The term \( 2y_m \sin kx \) sets the extent of the motion—that is, the amplitude. The greatest amplitude occurs at an antinode, where \( \sin kx \) is \( +1 \) or \( -1 \) and thus the greatest amplitude is \( 2y_m \). From Fig. 16-23, we see that \( 2y_m = 4.00 \text{ mm} \), which tells us that \( y_m = 2.00 \text{ mm} \).

We want the transverse velocity—the velocity of a string element parallel to the \( y \) axis. To find it, we take the time derivative of Eq. 16-67:

\[
u(x, t) = \frac{\partial y'}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(2y_m \sin kx) \cos \omega t]
\]

\[
= [2y_m \omega \sin kx \sin \omega t]. \tag{16-69}
\]

Here the term \( \sin \omega t \) provides the variation with time and the term \( -2y_m \omega \sin kx \) provides the extent of that variation. We want the absolute magnitude of that extent:

\[
u_m = | -2y_m \omega \sin kx |.
\]

To evaluate this for the element at \( x = 0.180 \text{ m} \), we first note that \( y_m = 2.00 \text{ mm} \), \( k = 2\pi \lambda = 2\pi(0.400 \text{ m}) \), and \( \omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi(806.2 \text{ Hz}) \). Then the maximum speed of the element at \( x = 0.180 \text{ m} \) is

\[
\]

Figure 16-23  Resonant oscillation of a string under tension.
\[ \mu_m = -2(2.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})(2\pi)(806.2 \text{ Hz}) \times \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{0.400 \text{ m}} \right) \times (0.180 \text{ m}) \]

\[ = 6.26 \text{ m/s.} \quad \text{Answer} \]

**Review & Summary**

**Transverse and Longitudinal Waves** Mechanical waves can exist only in material media and are governed by Newton’s laws. **Transverse** mechanical waves, like those on a stretched string, are waves in which the particles of the medium oscillate perpendicular to the wave’s direction of travel. Waves in which the particles of the medium oscillate parallel to the wave’s direction of travel are **longitudinal** waves.

**Sinusoidal Waves** A sinusoidal wave moving in the positive direction of an x axis has the mathematical form

\[ y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t), \quad (16-2) \]

where \( y_m \) is the amplitude of the wave, \( k \) is the **angular wave number**, \( \omega \) is the **angular frequency**, and \( kx - \omega t \) is the **phase**. The **wavelength** \( \lambda \) is related to \( k \) by

\[ k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}. \quad (16-5) \]

The **period** \( T \) and **frequency** \( f \) of the wave are related to \( \omega \) by

\[ \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = f = \frac{1}{T}. \quad (16-9) \]

Finally, the **wave speed** \( v \) is related to these other parameters by

\[ v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f. \quad (16-13) \]

**Equation of a Traveling Wave** Any function of the form

\[ y(x, t) = h(kx \pm \omega t) \quad (16-17) \]

can represent a **traveling wave** with a wave speed given by Eq. 16-13 and a wave shape given by the mathematical form of \( h \). The plus sign denotes a wave traveling in the negative direction of the x axis, and the minus sign a wave traveling in the positive direction.

**Wave Speed on Stretched String** The speed of a wave on a stretched string is set by properties of the string. The speed on a string with tension \( T \) and linear density \( \mu \) is

\[ v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}. \quad (16-26) \]

**Power** The average power \( P \) of, or average rate at which energy is transmitted by, a sinusoidal wave on a stretched string is given by

\[ P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 y_m^2. \quad (16-33) \]

To determine when the string element has this maximum speed, we could investigate Eq. 16-69. However, a little thought can save a lot of work. The element is undergoing SHM and must come to a momentary stop at its extreme upward position and extreme downward position. It has the greatest speed as it zips through the midpoint of its oscillation, just as a block does in a block–spring oscillator.

**Superposition of Waves** When two or more waves traverse the same medium, the displacement of any particle of the medium is the sum of the displacements that the individual waves would give it.

**Interference of Waves** Two sinusoidal waves on the same string exhibit interference, adding or canceling according to the principle of superposition. If the two are traveling in the same direction and have the same amplitude \( y_m \) and frequency (hence the same wavelength) but differ in phase by a **phase constant** \( \phi \), the result is a single wave with this same frequency:

\[ y'(x, t) = [2y_m \cos \frac{\phi}{2}] \sin(kx - \omega t + \frac{\phi}{2}). \quad (16-51) \]

If \( \phi = 0 \), the waves are exactly in phase and their interference is fully constructive; if \( \phi = \pi \text{ rad} \), they are exactly out of phase and their interference is fully destructive.

**Phasors** A wave \( y(x, t) \) can be represented with a **phasor**. This is a vector that has a magnitude equal to the amplitude \( y_m \) of the wave and that rotates about an origin with an angular speed equal to the angular frequency \( \omega \) of the wave. The projection of the rotating phasor on a vertical axis gives the displacement \( y \) of a point along the wave’s travel.

**Standing Waves** The interference of two identical sinusoidal waves moving in opposite directions produces **standing waves**. For a string with fixed ends, the standing wave is given by

\[ y'(x, t) = [2y_m \sin kx] \cos \omega t. \quad (16-60) \]

Standing waves are characterized by fixed locations of zero displacement called **nodes** and fixed locations of maximum displacement called **antinodes**.

**Resonance** Standing waves on a string can be set up by reflection of traveling waves from the ends of the string. If an end is fixed, it must be the position of a node. This limits the frequencies at which standing waves will occur on a given string. Each possible frequency is a resonant frequency, and the corresponding standing wave pattern is an **oscillation mode**. For a stretched string of length \( L \) with fixed ends, the resonant frequencies are

\[ f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = n \frac{v}{2L}, \quad \text{for} \ n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \quad (16-66) \]

The oscillation mode corresponding to \( n = 1 \) is called the fundamental mode or the first harmonic; the mode corresponding to \( n = 2 \) is the second harmonic; and so on.
Questions

1. The following four waves are sent along strings with the same linear densities (x is in meters and t is in seconds). Rank the waves according to (a) their wave speed and (b) the tension in the strings along which they travel, greatest first:
   (1) \( y_1 = (3 \text{ mm}) \sin(x - 3t) \)
   (2) \( y_2 = (6 \text{ mm}) \sin(2x - t) \)
   (3) \( y_3 = (1 \text{ mm}) \sin(4x - t) \)
   (4) \( y_4 = (2 \text{ mm}) \sin(x - 2t) \)

2. In Fig. 16-24, wave 1 consists of a rectangular peak of height 4 units and width d, and a rectangular valley of depth 2 units and width d. The wave travels rightward along an x axis. Choices 2, 3, and 4 are similar waves, with the same heights, depths, and widths, that will travel leftward along that axis and through wave 1. Right-going wave 1 and one of the left-going waves will interfere as they pass through each other. With which left-going wave will the interference give, for an instant, (a) the deepest valley, (b) a flat line, and (c) a flat peak 2d wide?

3. Figure 16-25a gives a snapshot of a wave traveling in the direction of positive x along a string under tension. Four string elements are indicated by the lettered points. For each of those elements, determine whether, at the instant of the snapshot, the element is moving upward or downward or is momentarily at rest. (Hint: Imagine the wave as it moves through the four string elements, as if you were watching a video of the wave as it traveled rightward.)

4. Figure 16-26 shows three waves that are separately sent along a string that is stretched under a certain tension along an x axis. Rank the waves according to their (a) wavelengths, (b) speeds, and (c) angular frequencies, greatest first.

5. If you start with two sinusoidal waves of the same amplitude traveling in phase on a string and then somehow phase-shift one of them by 5.4 wavelengths, what type of interference will occur on the string?

6. The amplitudes and phase differences for four pairs of waves of equal wavelengths are (a) 2 mm, 6 mm, and \( \pi \text{ rad} \); (b) 3 mm, 5 mm, and \( \pi \text{ rad} \); (c) 7 mm, 9 mm, and \( \pi \text{ rad} \); (d) 2 mm, 2 mm, and 0 rad. Each pair travels in the same direction along the same string. Without written calculation, rank the four pairs according to the amplitude of their resultant wave, greatest first. (Hint: Construct phasor diagrams.)

7. A sinusoidal wave is sent along a cord under tension, transporting energy at the average rate of \( P_{avg} \). Two waves, identical to that first one, are then to be sent along the cord with a phase difference \( \phi \) of either 0, 0.2 wavelength, or 0.5 wavelength. (a) With only mental calculation, rank those choices of \( \phi \) according to the average rate at which the waves will transport energy, greatest first. (b) For the first choice of \( \phi \), what is the average rate in terms of \( P_{avg} \)?

8. (a) If a standing wave on a string is given by \( y(t) = (3 \text{ mm}) \sin(5x) \cos(4t) \), is there a node or an antinode of the oscillations of the string at \( x = 0 \)? (b) If the standing wave is given by \( y(t) = (3 \text{ mm}) \sin(5x + \pi/2) \cos(4t) \), is there a node or an antinode at \( x = 0 \)?

9. Strings A and B have identical lengths and linear densities, but string B is under greater tension than string A. Figure 16-27 shows four situations, (a) through (d), in which standing wave patterns exist on the two strings. In which situations is there the possibility that strings A and B are oscillating at the same resonant frequency?

10. If you set up the seventh harmonic on a string, (a) how many nodes are present, and (b) is there a node, antinode, or some intermediate state at the midpoint? If you next set up the sixth harmonic, (c) is its resonant wavelength longer or shorter than that for the seventh harmonic, and (d) is the resonant frequency higher or lower?

11. Figure 16-28 shows phasor diagrams for three situations in which two waves travel along the same string. All six waves have the same amplitude. Rank the situations according to the amplitude of the net wave on the string, greatest first.
Module 16-1 Transverse Waves

1. If a wave \( y(x, t) = (6.0 \text{ mm}) \sin((600 \text{ rad/s})t + \phi) \) travels along a string, how much time does any given point on the string take to move between displacements \( y = +2.0 \text{ mm} \) and \( y = -2.0 \text{ mm} \)?

2. A human wave. During sporting events within large, densely packed stadiums, spectators will send a wave (or pulse) around the stadium (Fig. 16-29). As the wave reaches a group of spectators, they stand with a cheer and then sit. At any instant, the width \( w \) of the wave is the distance from the leading edge (people are just about to stand) to the trailing edge (people have just sat down). Suppose a human wave travels a distance of 853 seats around a stadium in 39 s, with spectators requiring about 1.8 s to respond to the wave’s passage by standing and then sitting. What are (a) the wave speed \( v \) (in seats per second) and (b) width \( w \) (in number of seats)?

3. A wave has an angular frequency of 110 rad/s and a wavelength of 1.80 m. Calculate (a) the angular wave number and (b) the speed of the wave.

4. A sand scorpion can detect the motion of a nearby beetle (its prey) by the waves the motion sends along the sand surface (Fig. 16-30). The waves are of two types: transverse waves traveling at \( v_t = 50 \text{ m/s} \) and longitudinal waves traveling at \( v_l = 150 \text{ m/s} \). If a sudden motion sends out such waves, a scorpion can tell the distance of the beetle from the distance \( \Delta t \) in the arrival times of the waves at its leg nearest the beetle. If \( \Delta t = 4.0 \text{ ms} \), what is the beetle’s distance?

5. A sinusoidal wave travels along a string. The time for a particular point to move from maximum displacement to zero is 0.170 s. What are the (a) period and (b) frequency? (c) The wavelength is 1.40 m; what is the wave speed?

6. A sinusoidal wave travels along a string under tension. Figure 16-31 gives the slopes along the string at time \( t = 0 \). The scale of the \( x \) axis is set by \( x_s = 0.80 \text{ m} \). What is the amplitude of the wave?

7. A transverse sinusoidal wave is moving along a string in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis with a speed of 80 m/s. At \( t = 0 \), the string particle at \( x = 0 \) has a transverse displacement of 4.0 cm from its equilibrium position and is not moving. The maximum transverse speed of the string particle at \( x = 0 \) is 16 m/s. (a) What is the frequency of the wave? (b) What is the wavelength of the wave? If \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx \pm \omega t + \phi) \) is the form of the wave equation, what are (c) \( y_m \), (d) \( k \), (e) \( \omega \), (f) \( \phi \), and (g) the correct choice of sign in front of \( \omega \)?

8. Figure 16-32 shows the transverse velocity \( u \) versus time \( t \) of the point on a string at \( x = 0 \), as a wave passes through it. The scale on the vertical axis is set by \( u_r = 4.0 \text{ m/s} \). The wave has the generic form \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \). What then is \( \phi \)? (Caution: A calculator does not always give the proper inverse trig function, so check your answer by substituting it and an assumed value of \( \omega \) into \( y(x, t) \) and then plotting the function.)

9. A sinusoidal wave moving along a string is shown in Fig. 16-33, as crest \( A \) travels in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis by distance \( d = 6.0 \text{ cm} \) in 4.0 ms. The tick marks along the axis are separated by 10 cm; height \( H = 6.00 \text{ mm} \). The equation for the wave is in the form \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t), \) so what are (a) \( y_m \), (b) \( k \), (c) \( \omega \), and (d) the correct choice of sign in front of \( \omega \)?

10. The equation of a transverse wave traveling along a very long string is \( y(x, t) = 6.0 \sin(0.020\pi x + 4.0\pi t) \), where \( x \) and \( y \) are expressed in centimeters and \( t \) is in seconds. Determine (a) the amplitude, (b) the wavelength, (c) the frequency, (d) the speed, (e) the direction of propagation of the wave, and (f) the maximum transverse speed of a particle in the string. (g) What is the transverse displacement at \( x = 3.5 \text{ cm} \) when \( t = 0.26 \text{ s} \)?

11. A sinusoidal transverse wave of wavelength 20 cm travels along a string in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis. The displacement \( y \) of the string particle at \( x = 0 \) is given in Fig. 16-34 as a function of time \( t \). The scale of the \( y \) axis is set by \( y_s = 4.0 \text{ cm} \). The wave equation is to be in the form \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \). (a) At \( t = 0 \), is a plot of \( y \) versus \( x \) in the shape of a positive sine function or a negative sine function? What are (b) \( y_m \), (c) \( k \), (d) \( \omega \), (e) \( \phi \), (f) the sign in front of \( \omega \), and (g) the speed of the wave? (h) What is the transverse velocity of the particle at \( x = 0 \) when \( t = 5.0 \text{ s} \)?

12. The function \( y(x, t) = (15.0 \text{ cm}) \cos(\pi x - 15\pi t) \), with \( x \) in meters and \( t \) in seconds, describes a wave on a taut string. What is
the transverse speed for a point on the string at an instant when that point has the displacement $y = +12.0$ cm?

**13 ILW** A sinusoidal wave of frequency 500 Hz has a speed of 350 m/s. (a) How far apart are two points that differ in phase by $\pi/3$ rad? (b) What is the phase difference between two displacements at a certain point at times 1.00 ms apart?

**Module 16-2 Wave Speed on a Stretched String**

**14** The equation of a transverse wave on a string is

$$y = (2.0 \text{ mm}) \sin[(20 \text{ m}^{-1}) x - (600 \text{ s}^{-1}) t].$$

The tension in the string is 15 N. (a) What is the wave speed? (b) Find the linear density of this string in grams per meter.

**15 WWW A stretched string has a mass per unit length of 5.00 g/cm and a tension of 10.0 N. A sinusoidal wave on this string has an amplitude of 0.12 mm and a frequency of 100 Hz and is traveling in the negative direction of an $x$ axis. If the wave equation is of the form $y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t)$, what are (a) $y_m$, (b) $k$, (c) $\omega$, and (d) the correct choice of sign in front of $\omega$?

**16** The speed of a transverse wave on a string is 170 m/s when the string tension is 120 N. To what value must the tension be changed to raise the wave speed to 180 m/s?

**17** The linear density of a string is $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ kg/m. A transverse wave on the string is described by the equation

$$y = (0.021 \text{ m}) \sin[(2.0 \text{ m}^{-1}) x + (30 \text{ s}^{-1}) t].$$

What are (a) the wave speed and (b) the tension in the string?

**18** The heaviest and lightest strings on a certain violin have linear densities of 3.0 and 0.29 g/cm. What is the ratio of the diameter of the heaviest string to that of the lightest string, assuming that the strings are of the same material?

**19 SSM** What is the speed of a transverse wave in a rope of length 2.00 m and mass 60.0 g under a tension of 500 N?

**20** The tension in a wire clamped at both ends is doubled without appreciably changing the wire’s length between the clamps. What is the ratio of the new to the old wave speed for transverse waves traveling along this wire?

**21 ILW** A 100 g wire is held under a tension of 250 N with one end at $x = 0$ and the other at $x = 10.0$ m. At time $t = 0$, pulse 1 is sent along the wire from the end at $x = 10.0$ m. At time $t = 30.0$ ms, pulse 2 is sent along the wire from the end at $x = 0$. At what position $x$ do the pulses begin to meet?

**22** A sinusoidal wave is traveling on a string with speed 40 cm/s. The displacement of the particles of the string at $x = 10$ cm varies with time according to $y = (5.0 \text{ cm}) \sin[1.0 - (4.0 \text{ s}^{-1}) t]$. The linear density of the string is 4.0 g/cm. What are (a) the frequency and (b) the wavelength of the wave? If the wave equation is of the form $y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t)$, what are (c) $y_m$, (d) $k$, (e) $\omega$, and (f) the correct choice of sign in front of $\omega$? (g) What is the tension in the string?

**23 SSM ILW** A sinusoidal transverse wave is traveling along a string in the negative direction of an $x$ axis. Figure 16-35 shows a plot of the displacement as a function of position at time $t = 0$; the scale of the $y$ axis is set by $y_s = 4.0$ cm. The string tension is 3.6 N, and its linear density is 25 g/m. Find the (a) amplitude, (b) wavelength, (c) wave speed, and (d) period of the wave. (e) Find the maximum transverse speed of a particle in the string. If the wave is of the form $y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t + \phi)$, what are (f) $k$, (g) $\omega$, (h) $\phi$, and (i) the correct choice of sign in front of $\omega$?

**24** In Fig. 16-36a, string 1 has a linear density of 3.00 g/m, and string 2 has a linear density of 5.00 g/m. They are under tension due to the hanging block of mass $M = 500$ g. Calculate the wave speed on (a) string 1 and (b) string 2. (Hint: When a string loops halfway around a pulley, it pulls on the pulley with a net force that is twice the tension in the string.) Next the block is divided into two blocks (with $M_1 + M_2 = M$) and the apparatus is rearranged as shown in Fig. 16-36b. Find (c) $M_1$ and (d) $M_2$ such that the wave speeds in the two strings are equal.

**25** A uniform rope of mass $m$ and length $L$ hangs from a ceiling. (a) Show that the speed of a transverse wave on the rope is a function of $y$, the distance from the lower end, and is given by $v = \sqrt{\frac{g}{y}}$. (b) Show that the time a transverse wave takes to travel the length of the rope is given by $t = 2\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$.

**Module 16-3 Energy and Power of a Wave Traveling Along a String**

**26** A string along which waves can travel is 2.70 m long and has a mass of 260 g. The tension in the string is 36.0 N. What must be the frequency of traveling waves of amplitude 7.70 mm for the average power to be 85.0 W?

**27** A sinusoidal wave is sent along a string with a linear density of 2.0 g/m. As it travels, the kinetic energies of the mass elements along the string vary. Figure 16-37a gives the rate $dK/dt$ at which kinetic energy passes through the string elements at a particular instant, plotted as a function of distance $x$ along the string. Figure 16-37b is similar except that it gives the rate at which kinetic energy passes through a particular mass element (at a particular location), plotted as a function of time $t$. For both figures, the scale on the vertical (rate) axis is set by $R_y = 10$ W. What is the amplitude of the wave?
Module 16-4 The Wave Equation

28 Use the wave equation to find the speed of a wave given by
\[ y(x, t) = (3.00 \text{ mm}) \sin[(4.00 \text{ m}^{-1})x - (7.00 \text{ s}^{-1})t]. \]

29 Use the wave equation to find the speed of a wave given by
\[ y(x, t) = (2.00 \text{ mm})[(20 \text{ m}^{-1})x - (4.00 \text{ s}^{-1})t]^2. \]

30 Use the wave equation to find the speed of a wave given in terms of the general function \( h(x, t) \):
\[ y(x, t) = (4.00 \text{ mm}) \ h[(30 \text{ m}^{-1})x + (6.0 \text{ s}^{-1})t]. \]

Module 16-5 Interference of Waves

31 SSM Two identical traveling waves, moving in the same direction, are out of phase by \( \pi/2 \) rad. What is the amplitude of the resultant wave in terms of the common amplitude \( y_m \) of the two combining waves?

32 What phase difference between two identical traveling waves, moving in the same direction along a stretched string, results in the combined wave having an amplitude 1.50 times that of the common amplitude of the two combining waves? Express your answer in (a) degrees, (b) radians, and (c) wavelengths.

33 Two sinusoidal waves with the same amplitude of 9.00 mm and the same wavelength travel together along a string that is stretched along an \( x \) axis. Their resultant wave is shown twice in Fig. 16-38, as valley \( A \) travels in the negative direction of the \( x \) axis by distance \( d = 56.0 \) cm in 8.0 ms. The tick marks along the axis are separated by 10 cm, and height \( H \) is 8.0 mm. Let the equation for one wave be of the form \( y_m \) \( = y_m \sin(kx \pm \omega t + \phi_m) \), where \( \phi_m = 0 \) and you must choose the correct sign in front of \( \omega \). For the equation for the other wave, what are (a) \( y_m \), (b) \( k \), (c) \( \omega \), (d) \( \phi \), and (e) the sign in front of \( \omega \)?

34 A sinusoidal wave of angular frequency 1200 rad/s and amplitude 3.00 mm is sent along a cord with linear density 2.00 g/m and tension 1200 N. (a) What is the average rate at which energy is transported by the wave to the opposite end of the cord? (b) If, simultaneously, an identical wave travels along an adjacent, identical cord, what is the total average rate at which energy is transported to the opposite ends of the two cords by the waves? If, instead, those two waves are sent along the same cord simultaneously, what is the total average rate at which they transport energy when their phase difference is (c) 0, (d) 0.4 \( \pi \) rad, and (e) \( \pi \) rad?

Module 16-6 Phasors

35 SSM Two sinusoidal waves of the same frequency travel in the same direction along a string. If \( y_m1 = 3.00 \) cm, \( y_m2 = 4.0 \) cm, \( \phi_1 = 0 \), and \( \phi_2 = \pi/2 \) rad, what is the amplitude of the resultant wave?

36 Four waves are to be sent along the same string, in the same direction:
\[ y_1(x, t) = (4.00 \text{ mm}) \sin(2 \pi x - 400 \pi t) \]
\[ y_2(x, t) = (4.00 \text{ mm}) \sin(2 \pi x - 400 \pi t + 0.7 \pi) \]
\[ y_3(x, t) = (4.00 \text{ mm}) \sin(2 \pi x - 400 \pi t + \pi) \]
\[ y_4(x, t) = (4.00 \text{ mm}) \sin(2 \pi x - 400 \pi t + 1.7 \pi). \]

What is the amplitude of the resultant wave?

Module 16-7 Standing Waves and Resonance

40 Two sinusoidal waves with identical wavelengths and amplitudes travel in opposite directions along a string with a speed of 10 cm/s. If the time interval between instants when the string is flat is 0.50 s, what is the wavelength of the waves?

41 SSM A string fixed at both ends is 8.4 m long and has a mass of 0.12 kg. It is subjected to a tension of 96.0 N and set oscillating. (a) What is the speed of the waves on the string? (b) What is the longest possible wavelength for a standing wave? (c) Give the frequency of that wave.

42 A string under tension \( \tau \) oscillates in the third harmonic at frequency \( f_3 \), and the waves on the string have wavelength \( \lambda_3 \). If the tension is increased to \( \tau^\prime = 4\tau \) and the string is again made to oscillate in the third harmonic, what then are (a) the frequency of oscillation in terms of \( f_3 \) and (b) the wavelength of the waves in terms of \( \lambda_3 \)?

43 SSM WW What are (a) the lowest frequency, (b) the second lowest frequency, and (c) the third lowest frequency for standing waves on a wire that is 10.0 m long, has a mass of 100 g, and is stretched under a tension of 250 N?

44 A 125 cm length of string has mass 2.00 g and tension 7.00 N, (a) What is the wave speed for this string? (b) What is the lowest resonant frequency of this string?

45 SSM IUW A string that is stretched between fixed supports separated by 75.0 cm has resonant frequencies of 420 and 315 Hz, with no intermediate resonant frequencies. What are (a) the lowest resonant frequency and (b) the wave speed?

46 String \( A \) is stretched between two clamps separated by distance \( L \). String \( B \), with the same linear density and under the same tension as string \( A \), is stretched between two clamps separated by distance \( 4L \). Consider the first eight harmonics of string \( B \). For which of these eight harmonics of \( B \) (if any) does the frequency match the frequency of (a) \( A \)’s first harmonic, (b) \( A \)’s second harmonic, and (c) \( A \)’s third harmonic?

47 One of the harmonic frequencies for a particular string under tension is 325 Hz. The next higher harmonic frequency is 390 Hz.
What harmonic frequency is next higher after the harmonic frequency 195 Hz?

If a transmission line in a cold climate collects ice, the increased diameter tends to cause vortex formation in a passing wind. The air pressure variations in the vortexes tend to cause the line to oscillate (gallop), especially if the frequency of the variations matches a resonant frequency of the line. In long lines, the resonant frequencies are so close that almost any wind speed can set up a resonant mode vigorous enough to pull down support towers or cause the line to short out with an adjacent line. If a transmission line has a length of 347 m, a linear density of 3.35 kg/m, and a tension of 65.2 MN, what are (a) the frequency of the fundamental mode and (b) the frequency difference between successive modes?

A nylon guitar string has a linear density of 7.20 g/m and is under a tension of 150 N. The fixed supports are 900 cm apart. The string is oscillating in the standing wave pattern shown in Fig. 16-39. Calculate the (a) speed, (b) wavelength, and (c) frequency of the traveling waves whose superposition gives this standing wave.

For a particular transverse standing wave on a long string, one of the antinodes is at \( x = 0 \) and an adjacent node is at \( x = 0.10 \) m. The displacement \( y(t) \) of the string particle at \( x = 0 \) is shown in Fig. 16-40, where the scale of the \( y \) axis is set by \( y_i = 4.0 \) cm. When \( t = 0.50 \) s, what is the displacement of the string particle at (a) \( x = 0.20 \) m and (b) \( x = 0.30 \) m? What is the transverse velocity of the string particle at \( x = 0.20 \) m at (c) \( t = 0.50 \) s and (d) \( t = 1.0 \) s? (e) Sketch the standing wave at \( t = 0.50 \) s for the range \( x = 0 \) to \( x = 0.40 \) m.

Two waves are generated on a string of length 3.0 m to produce a three-loop standing wave with an amplitude of 1.0 cm. The wave speed is 100 m/s. Let the equation for one of the waves be of the form \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t) \). In the equation for the other wave, what are (a) \( y_m \), (b) \( k \), (c) \( \omega \), and (d) the sign in front of \( \omega \)?

A rope, under a tension of 200 N and fixed at both ends, oscillates in a second-harmonic standing wave pattern. The displacement of the rope is given by

\[
y = (0.10 \text{ m})(\sin \frac{\pi x}{2}) \sin 12\pi t,
\]

where \( x = 0 \) at one end of the rope, \( x \) is in meters, and \( t \) is in seconds. What are (a) the length of the rope, (b) the speed of the waves on the rope, and (c) the mass of the rope? (d) If the rope oscillates in a third-harmonic standing wave pattern, what will be the period of oscillation?

A string oscillates according to the equation

\[
y' = (0.50 \text{ cm}) \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ cm}^{-1} \right) x \cos[(40 \pi \text{ s}^{-1})t].
\]

What are the (a) amplitude and (b) speed of the two waves (identical except for direction of travel) whose superposition gives this oscillation? (c) What is the distance between nodes? (d) What is the transverse speed of a particle of the string at the position \( x = 1.5 \) cm when \( t = \frac{1}{4} \) s?
frequency \( f = 120 \text{ Hz} \). The amplitude of the motion at \( P \) is small enough for that point to be considered a node. A node also exists at \( Q \). (a) What mass \( m \) allows the oscillator to set up the fourth harmonic on the string? (b) What standing wave mode, if any, can be set up if \( m = 1.00 \text{ kg} \)?  

65 The equation of a transverse wave traveling along a string is 
\[ y = (2.0 \text{ mm}) \sin[(20 \text{ m}^{-1})x - (600 \text{ s}^{-1})t]. \]
Find the (a) amplitude, (b) frequency, (c) velocity (including sign), and (d) wavelength of the wave. (e) Find the maximum transverse speed of a particle in the string.

66 Figure 16-44 shows the displacement \( y \) versus time \( t \) of the point on a string at \( x = 0 \), as a wave passes through that point. The scale of the \( y \) axis is set by \( y_1 = 6.00 \text{ mm} \). The wave is given by \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \). What is \( \phi \)? (Caution: A calculator does not always give the proper inverse trig function, so check your answer by substituting it and an assumed value of \( \omega \) into \( y(x, t) \) and then plotting the function.)

67 Two sinusoidal waves, identical except for phase, travel in the same direction along a string, producing the net wave \( y(x, t) = (3.0 \text{ mm}) \sin(20\pi x - 4.0\pi t + 0.820 \text{ rad}) \), with \( x \) in meters and \( t \) in seconds. What are (a) the wavelength \( \lambda \) of the two waves, (b) the phase difference between them, and (c) their amplitude \( y_m \)?

68 A single pulse, given by \( h(x - 5t) \), is shown in Fig. 16-45 for \( t = 0 \). The scale of the vertical axis is set by \( h_1 = 2 \). Here \( x \) is in centimeters and \( t \) is in seconds. What are the (a) speed and (b) direction of travel of the pulse? (c) Plot \( h(x - 5t) \) as a function of \( x \) for \( t = 2 \text{ s} \). (d) Plot \( h(x - 5t) \) as a function of \( t \) for \( x = 10 \text{ cm} \).

69 Three sinusoidal waves of the same frequency travel along a string in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis. Their amplitudes are \( y_1, y_2/2 \), and \( y_3/3 \), and their phase constants are 0, \( \pi/2 \), and \( \pi \), respectively. What are the (a) amplitude and (b) phase constant of the resultant wave? (c) Plot the wave form of the resultant wave at \( t = 0 \), and discuss its behavior as \( t \) increases.

60 In Fig. 16-42, a string, tied to a sinusoidal oscillator at \( P \) and running over a support at \( Q \), is stretched by a block of mass \( m \). The separation \( L \) between \( P \) and \( Q \) is 1.20 m, and the frequency \( f \) of the oscillator is fixed at 120 Hz. The amplitude of the motion at \( P \) is small enough for that point to be considered a node. A node also exists at \( Q \). A standing wave appears when the mass of the hanging block is 286.1 g or 447.0 g, but not for any intermediate mass. What is the linear density of the string?

Additional Problems

61 In an experiment on standing waves, a string 90 cm long is attached to the prong of an electrically driven tuning fork that oscillates perpendicular to the length of the string at a frequency of 60 Hz. The mass of the string is 0.044 kg. What tension must the string be under (weights are attached to the other end) if it is to oscillate in four loops?

62 A sinusoidal transverse wave traveling in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis has an amplitude of 2.0 cm, a wavelength of 10 cm, and a frequency of 400 Hz. If the wave equation is of the form \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \), what are (a) \( y_m \), (b) \( k \), (c) \( \omega \), and (d) the correct choice of sign in front of \( \omega \)? What are (c) the maximum transverse speed of a point on the cord and (d) the speed of the wave?

63 A wave has a speed of 240 m/s and a wavelength of 3.2 m. What are the (a) frequency and (b) period of the wave?

64 The equation of a transverse wave traveling along a string is 
\[ y = 0.15 \sin(7.9\pi x - 13\pi t), \]
in which \( x \) and \( y \) are in meters and \( t \) is in seconds. (a) What is the displacement \( y \) at \( x = 2.3 \text{ m} \), \( t = 0.16 \text{ s} \)? A second wave is to be added to the first wave to produce standing waves on the string. If the second wave is of the form \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \), what are (b) \( y_m \), (c) \( k \), (d) \( \omega \), and (e) the correct choice of sign of \( \omega \) for this second wave? (f) What is the displacement of the resultant standing wave at \( x = 2.3 \text{ m}, t = 0.16 \text{ s} \)?

65 The equation of a transverse wave traveling along a string is 
\[ y = (2.0 \text{ mm}) \sin[(20 \text{ m}^{-1})x - (600 \text{ s}^{-1})t]. \]
Find the (a) amplitude, (b) frequency, (c) velocity (including sign), and (d) wavelength of the wave. (e) Find the maximum transverse speed of a particle in the string.

66 Figure 16-44 shows the displacement \( y \) versus time \( t \) of the point on a string at \( x = 0 \), as a wave passes through that point. The scale of the \( y \) axis is set by \( y_1 = 6.00 \text{ mm} \). The wave is given by \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \). What is \( \phi \)? (Caution: A calculator does not always give the proper inverse trig function, so check your answer by substituting it and an assumed value of \( \omega \) into \( y(x, t) \) and then plotting the function.)

67 Two sinusoidal waves, identical except for phase, travel in the same direction along a string, producing the net wave \( y(x, t) = (3.0 \text{ mm}) \sin(20\pi x - 4.0\pi t + 0.820 \text{ rad}) \), with \( x \) in meters and \( t \) in seconds. What are (a) the wavelength \( \lambda \) of the two waves, (b) the phase difference between them, and (c) their amplitude \( y_m \)?

68 A single pulse, given by \( h(x - 5t) \), is shown in Fig. 16-45 for \( t = 0 \). The scale of the vertical axis is set by \( h_1 = 2 \). Here \( x \) is in centimeters and \( t \) is in seconds. What are the (a) speed and (b) direction of travel of the pulse? (c) Plot \( h(x - 5t) \) as a function of \( x \) for \( t = 2 \text{ s} \). (d) Plot \( h(x - 5t) \) as a function of \( t \) for \( x = 10 \text{ cm} \).

69 Three sinusoidal waves of the same frequency travel along a string in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis. Their amplitudes are \( y_1, y_2/2 \), and \( y_3/3 \), and their phase constants are 0, \( \pi/2 \), and \( \pi \), respectively. What are the (a) amplitude and (b) phase constant of the resultant wave? (c) Plot the wave form of the resultant wave at \( t = 0 \), and discuss its behavior as \( t \) increases.

70 Figure 16-46 shows transverse acceleration \( a_y \) versus time \( t \) of the point on a string at \( x = 0 \), as a wave in the form of \( y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \) passes through that point. The scale of the vertical axis is set by \( a_y = 400 \text{ m/s}^2 \). What is \( \phi \)? (Caution: A calculator does not always give the proper inverse trig function, so check your answer by substituting it and an assumed value of \( \omega \) into \( y(x, t) \) and then plotting the function.)

71 A transverse sinusoidal wave is generated at one end of a long, horizontal string by a bar that moves up and down through a distance of 1.00 cm. The motion is continuous and is repeated regularly 120 times per second. The string has linear density 120 g/m and is kept under a tension of 90.0 N. Find the maximum value of (a) the transverse speed \( u \) and (b) the transverse component of the tension \( T \).

(c) Show that the two maximum values calculated above occur at the same phase values for the wave. What is the transverse displacement \( y \) of the string at these phases? (d) What is the maximum rate of energy transfer along the string? (e) What is the transverse displacement \( y \) when this maximum transfer occurs? (f) What is the minimum rate of energy transfer along the
string? (g) What is the transverse displacement y when this minimum transfer occurs?

72 Two sinusoidal 120 Hz waves, of the same frequency and amplitude, are to be sent in the positive direction of an x axis that is directed along a cord under tension. The waves can be sent in phase, or they can be phase-shifted. Figure 16-47 shows the amplitude y' of the resulting wave versus the distance of the shift (how far one wave is shifted from the other wave). The scale of the vertical axis is set by y' = 6.0 mm. If the equations for the two waves are of the form y(x, t) = y_m sin(kx ± αt), what are (a) y_m, (b) k, (c) α, and (d) the correct choice of sign in front of α?

73 At time t = 0 and at position x = 0 m along a string, a traveling sinusoidal wave with an angular frequency of 440 rad/s has displacement y = +4.5 mm and transverse velocity v = 0.75 m/s. If the wave has the general form y(x, t) = y_m sin(kx - αt + φ), what is phase constant φ?

74 Energy is transmitted at rate P_1 by a wave of frequency f_1 on a string under tension T_1. What is the new energy transmission rate P_2 in terms of P_1 (a) if the tension is increased to T_2 = 4T_1 and (b) if, instead, the frequency is decreased to f_2 = f_1/2?

75 (a) What is the fastest transverse wave that can be sent along a steel wire? For safety reasons, the maximum tensile stress to which steel wires should be subjected is 7.00 × 10^8 N/m^2. The density of steel is 7800 kg/m^3. (b) Does your answer depend on the diameter of the wire?

76 A standing wave results from the sum of two transverse traveling waves given by

\[ y_1 = 0.050 \cos(πx - 4π), \]

and

\[ y_2 = 0.050 \cos(πx + 4π), \]

where x, y_1, and y_2 are in meters and t is in seconds. (a) What is the smallest positive value of x that corresponds to a node? (b) What is the wavelength of the standing wave? (c) What is the period of the standing wave?

77 SSM The type of rubber band used inside some baseballs and golf balls obeys Hooke’s law over a wide range of elongation of the band. This material has a small but finite initial length l and a mass m. When a force F is applied, the band stretches an additional length Δl. (a) What is the speed (in terms of m, Δl, and the spring constant K) of transverse waves on this stretched rubber band? (b) Using your answer to (a), show that the time required for a transverse pulse to travel the length of the rubber band is proportional to 1/√Δl if Δl ≪ l and is constant if Δl ≫ l.

78 The speed of electromagnetic waves (which include visible light, radio, and x rays) in vacuum is 3.0 × 10^8 m/s. (a) Wavelengths of visible light waves range from about 400 nm in the violet to about 700 nm in the red. What is the range of frequencies of these waves? (b) The range of frequencies for shortwave radio (for example, FM radio and VHF television) is 1.5 to 300 MHz. What is the corresponding wavelength range? (c) X-ray wavelengths range from about 5.0 nm to about 1.0 × 10^-2 nm. What is the frequency range for x rays?

79 SSM A 1.50 m wire has a mass of 8.70 g and is under a tension of 120 N. The wire is held rigidly at both ends and set into oscillation. (a) What is the speed of waves on the wire? What is the wavelength of the waves that produce (b) one-loop and (c) two-loop standing waves? What is the frequency of the waves that produce (d) one-loop and (e) two-loop standing waves?

80 When played in a certain manner, the lowest resonant frequency of a certain violin string is concert A (440 Hz). What is the frequency of the (a) second and (b) third harmonic of the string?

81 A sinusoidal transverse wave traveling in the negative direction of an x axis has an amplitude of 1.00 cm, a frequency of 550 Hz, and a speed of 330 m/s. If the wave equation is of the form y(x, t) = y_m sin(kx ± αt), what are (a) y_m, (b) α, (c) k, and (d) the correct choice of sign in front of α?

82 Two sinusoidal waves of the same wavelength travel in the same direction along a stretched string. For wave 1, y_m = 3.0 mm and φ = 0; for wave 2, y_m = 5.0 mm and φ = 70°. What are the (a) amplitude and (b) phase constant of the resultant wave?

83 SSM A sinusoidal transverse wave of amplitude y_m and wavelength λ travels on a stretched cord. (a) Find the ratio of the maximum particle speed (the speed with which a single particle in the cord moves transverse to the wave) to the wave speed. (b) Does this ratio depend on the material of which the cord is made?

84 Oscillation of a 600 Hz tuning fork sets up standing waves in a string clamped at both ends. The wave speed for the string is 400 m/s. The standing wave has four loops and an amplitude of 2.0 mm. (a) What is the length of the string? (b) Write an equation for the displacement of the string as a function of position and time.

85 A 120 cm length of string is stretched between fixed supports. What are the (a) longest, (b) second longest, and (c) third longest wavelength for waves traveling on the string if standing waves are to be set up? (d) Sketch those standing waves.

86 (a) Write an equation describing a sinusoidal transverse wave traveling on a cord in the positive direction of a y axis with an angular wave number of 60 cm^-1, a period of 0.20 s, and an amplitude of 3.0 mm. Take the transverse direction to be the z direction. (b) What is the maximum transverse speed of a point on the cord?

87 A wave on a string is described by

\[ y(x, t) = 15.0 \sin(\pi x/8 - 4π), \]

where x and y are in centimeters and t is in seconds. (a) What is the transverse speed for a point on the string at x = 6.00 cm when t = 0.250 s? (b) What is the maximum transverse speed of any point on the string? (c) What is the magnitude of the transverse acceleration for a point on the string at x = 6.00 cm when t = 0.250 s? (d) What is the magnitude of the maximum transverse acceleration for any point on the string?

88 Body armor. When a high-speed projectile such as a bullet or bomb fragment strikes modern body armor, the fabric of the armor stops the projectile and prevents penetration by quickly spreading the projectile’s energy over a large area. This spreading is done by longitudinal and transverse pulses that move radially from the impact point, where the projectile pushes a cone-shaped dent into the fabric. The longitudinal pulse, racing along the fibers of the fabric at speed v, ahead of the denting, causes the fibers to thin and stretch, with material flowing radially inward into the dent. One such radial fiber is shown in Fig. 16-48a. Part of the projectile’s energy goes into this motion and stretching. The transverse...
pulse, moving at a slower speed \( v_1 \), is due to the denting. As the projectile increases the dent’s depth, the dent increases in radius, causing the material in the fibers to move in the same direction as the projectile (perpendicular to the transverse pulse’s direction of travel). The rest of the projectile’s energy goes into this motion. All the energy that does not eventually go into permanently deforming the fibers ends up as thermal energy.

Figure 16-48b is a graph of speed \( v \) versus time \( t \) for a bullet of mass 10.2 g fired from a .38 Special revolver directly into body armor. The scales of the vertical and horizontal axes are set by \( v_1 = 300 \text{ m/s} \) and \( t_1 = 40.0 \mu\text{s} \). Take \( v_2 = 2000 \text{ m/s} \), and assume that the half-angle \( \theta \) of the conical dent is 60°. At the end of the collision, what are the radii of (a) the thinned region and (b) the dent (assuming that the person wearing the armor remains stationary)?

**Problem 88.**

Two waves are described by

\[
y_1 = 0.30 \sin(\pi (5x - 200t))
\]

and

\[
y_2 = 0.30 \sin(\pi (5x - 200t) + \pi/3),
\]

where \( y_1, y_2, \) and \( x \) are in meters and \( t \) is in seconds. When these two waves are combined, a traveling wave is produced. What are the (a) amplitude, (b) wave speed, and (c) wavelength of that traveling wave?

**Problem 90.**

A certain transverse sinusoidal wave of wavelength 20 cm is moving in the positive direction of an \( x \) axis. The transverse velocity of the particle at \( x = 0 \) as a function of time is shown in Fig. 16-49, where the scale of the vertical axis is set by \( u_1 = 5.0 \text{ cm/s} \). What are the (a) wave speed, (b) amplitude, and (c) frequency? (d) Sketch the wave between \( x = 0 \) and \( x = 20 \text{ cm} \) at \( t = 2.0 \text{ s} \).

**Problem 91.**

In a demonstration, a 1.2 kg horizontal rope is fixed in place at its two ends \((x = 0 \text{ and } x = 2.0 \text{ m})\) and made to oscillate up and down in the fundamental mode, at frequency 5.0 Hz. At \( t = 0 \), the point at \( x = 1.0 \text{ m} \) has zero displacement and is moving upward in the positive direction of a \( y \) axis with a transverse velocity of 5.0 m/s. What are (a) the amplitude of the motion of that point and (b) the tension in the rope? (c) Write the standing wave equation for the fundamental mode.

**Problem 92.**

Two waves,

\[
y_1 = (2.50 \text{ mm}) \sin((25.1 \text{ rad/m})x - (440 \text{ rad/s})t)
\]

and

\[
y_2 = (1.50 \text{ mm}) \sin((25.1 \text{ rad/m})x + (440 \text{ rad/s})t),
\]

travel along a stretched string. (a) Plot the resultant wave as a function of \( t \) for \( x = 0 \), \( \lambda/8 \), \( \lambda/4 \), \( 3\lambda/8 \), and \( \lambda/2 \), where \( \lambda \) is the wavelength. The graphs should extend from \( t = 0 \) to a little over one period. (b) The resultant wave is the superposition of standing wave and a traveling wave. In which direction does the traveling wave move? (c) How can you change the original waves so the resultant wave is the superposition of standing and traveling waves with the same amplitudes as before but with the traveling wave moving in the opposite direction? Next, use your graphs to find the place at which the oscillation amplitude is (d) maximum and (e) minimum. (f) How is the maximum amplitude related to the amplitudes of the original two waves? (g) How is the minimum amplitude related to the amplitudes of the original two waves?

**Problem 93.**

A traveling wave on a string is described by

\[
y = 2.0 \sin \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{0.40} + \frac{x}{80} \right) \right],
\]

where \( x \) and \( y \) are in centimeters and \( t \) is in seconds (a) For \( t = 0 \), plot \( y \) as a function of \( x \) for \( 0 \leq x \leq 160 \text{ cm} \). (b) Repeat (a) for \( t = 0.05 \text{ s} \) and \( t = 0.10 \text{ s} \). From your graphs, determine (c) the wave speed and (d) the direction in which the wave is traveling.

**Problem 94.**

In Fig. 16-50, a circular loop of string is set spinning about the center point in a place with negligible gravity. The radius is 4.00 cm and the tangential speed of a string segment is 5.00 cm/s. The string is plucked. At what speed do transverse waves move along the string? (Hint: Apply Newton’s second law to a small, but finite, section of the string.)

**Problem 95.**

A continuous traveling wave with amplitude \( A \) is incident on a boundary. The continuous reflection, with a smaller amplitude \( B \), travels back through the incoming wave. The resulting interference pattern is displayed in Fig. 16-51. The standing wave ratio is defined to be

\[
\text{SWR} = \frac{A + B}{A - B}.
\]

The reflection coefficient \( R \) is the ratio of the power of the reflected wave to the power of the incoming wave and is thus proportional to the ratio \( (B/A)^2 \). What is the SWR for (a) total reflection and (b) no reflection? (c) For SWR = 1.50, what is \( R \) expressed as a percentage?

**Problem 96.**

Consider a loop in the standing wave created by two waves (amplitude 5.00 mm and frequency 120 Hz) traveling in opposite directions along a string with length 2.25 m and mass 125 g and under tension 40 N. At what rate does energy enter the loop from (a) each side and (b) both sides? (c) What is the maximum kinetic energy of the string in the loop during its oscillation?
In air at 20°C, the speed of sound is 343 m/s.

What Is Physics?

The physics of sound waves is the basis of countless studies in the research journals of many fields. Here are just a few examples. Some physiologists are concerned with how speech is produced, how speech impairment might be corrected, how hearing loss can be alleviated, and even how snoring is produced. Some acoustic engineers are concerned with improving the acoustics of cathedrals and concert halls, with reducing noise near freeways and road construction, and with reproducing music by speaker systems. Some aviation engineers are concerned with the shock waves produced by supersonic aircraft and the aircraft noise produced in communities near an airport. Some medical researchers are concerned with how noises produced by the heart and lungs can signal a medical problem in a patient. Some paleontologists are concerned with how a dinosaur’s fossil might reveal the dinosaur’s vocalizations. Some military engineers are concerned with how the sounds of sniper fire might allow a soldier to pinpoint the sniper’s location, and, on the gentler side, some biologists are concerned with how a cat purrs.

To begin our discussion of the physics of sound, we must first answer the question “What are sound waves?”

Sound Waves

As we saw in Chapter 16, mechanical waves are waves that require a material medium to exist. There are two types of mechanical waves: Transverse waves involve oscillations perpendicular to the direction in which the wave travels; longitudinal waves involve oscillations parallel to the direction of wave travel.

In this book, a sound wave is defined roughly as any longitudinal wave. Seismic prospecting teams use such waves to probe Earth’s crust for oil. Ships
carry sound-ranging gear (sonar) to detect underwater obstacles. Submarines use sound waves to stalk other submarines, largely by listening for the characteristic noises produced by the propulsion system. Figure 17-1 suggests how sound waves can be used to explore the soft tissues of an animal or human body. In this chapter we shall focus on sound waves that travel through the air and that are audible to people.

Figure 17-2 illustrates several ideas that we shall use in our discussions. Point $S$ represents a tiny sound source, called a point source, that emits sound waves in all directions. The wavefronts and rays indicate the direction of travel and the spread of the sound waves. Wavefronts are surfaces over which the oscillations due to the sound wave have the same value; such surfaces are represented by whole or partial circles in a two-dimensional drawing for a point source. Rays are directed lines perpendicular to the wavefronts that indicate the direction of travel of the wavefronts. The short double arrows superimposed on the rays of Fig. 17-2 indicate that the longitudinal oscillations of the air are parallel to the rays.

Near a point source like that of Fig. 17-2, the wavefronts are spherical and spread out in three dimensions, and there the waves are said to be spherical. As the wavefronts move outward and their radii become larger, their curvature decreases. Far from the source, we approximate the wavefronts as planes (or lines on two-dimensional drawings), and the waves are said to be planar.

The Speed of Sound

The speed of any mechanical wave, transverse or longitudinal, depends on both an inertial property of the medium (to store kinetic energy) and an elastic property of the medium (to store potential energy). Thus, we can generalize Eq. 16-26, which gives the speed of a transverse wave along a stretched string, by writing

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{elastic property}}{\text{inertial property}}},$$

(17-1)

where (for transverse waves) $\tau$ is the tension in the string and $\mu$ is the string’s linear density. If the medium is air and the wave is longitudinal, we can guess that the inertial property, corresponding to $\mu$, is the volume density $\rho$ of air. What shall we put for the elastic property?

In a stretched string, potential energy is associated with the periodic stretching of the string elements as the wave passes through them. As a sound wave passes through air, potential energy is associated with periodic compressions and expansions of small volume elements of the air. The property that determines the extent to which an element of a medium changes in volume when the pressure (force per unit area) on it changes is the bulk modulus $B$, defined (from Eq. 12-25) as

$$B = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V} \quad \text{(definition of bulk modulus).}$$

(17-2)

Here $\Delta V/V$ is the fractional change in volume produced by a change in pressure $\Delta p$. As explained in Module 14-1, the SI unit for pressure is the newton per square meter, which is given a special name, the pascal (Pa). From Eq. 17-2 we see that the unit for $B$ is also the pascal. The signs of $\Delta p$ and $\Delta V$ are always opposite: When we increase the pressure on an element ($\Delta p$ is positive), its volume decreases ($\Delta V$ is negative). We include a minus sign in Eq. 17-2 so that $B$ is always a positive quantity. Now substituting $B$ for $\tau$ and $\rho$ for $\mu$ in Eq. 17-1 yields

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}} \quad \text{(speed of sound)}$$

(17-3)
as the speed of sound in a medium with bulk modulus $B$ and density $\rho$. Table 17-1 lists the speed of sound in various media.

The density of water is almost 1000 times greater than the density of air. If this were the only relevant factor, we would expect from Eq. 17-3 that the speed of sound in water would be considerably less than the speed of sound in air. However, Table 17-1 shows us that the reverse is true. We conclude (again from Eq. 17-3) that the bulk modulus of water must be more than 1000 times greater than that of air. This is indeed the case. Water is much more incompressible than air, which (see Eq. 17-2) is another way of saying that its bulk modulus is much greater.

**Formal Derivation of Eq. 17-3**

We now derive Eq. 17-3 by direct application of Newton's laws. Let a single pulse in which air is compressed travel (from right to left) with speed $v$ through the air in a long tube, like that in Fig. 16-2. Let us run along with the pulse at that speed, so that the pulse appears to stand still in our reference frame. Figure 17-3a shows the situation as it is viewed from that frame. The pulse is standing still, and air is moving at speed $v$ through it from left to right.

Let the pressure of the undisturbed air be $p$ and the pressure inside the pulse be $p + \Delta p$, where $\Delta p$ is positive due to the compression. Consider an element of air of thickness $\Delta x$ and face area $A$, moving toward the pulse at speed $v$. As this element enters the pulse, the leading face of the element encounters a region of higher pressure, which slows the element to speed $v + \Delta v$, in which $\Delta v$ is negative. This slowing is complete when the rear face of the element reaches the pulse, which requires time interval

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta x}{v}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (17-4)

Let us apply Newton's second law to the element. During $\Delta t$, the average force on the element's trailing face is $pA$ toward the right, and the average force on the leading face is $(p + \Delta p)A$ toward the left (Fig. 17-3b). Therefore, the average net force on the element during $\Delta t$ is

$$F = pA - (p + \Delta p)A = -\Delta p A \hspace{1cm} \text{(net force)}. \hspace{1cm} (17-5)$$

The minus sign indicates that the net force on the air element is directed to the left in Fig. 17-3b. The volume of the element is $A \Delta x$, so with the aid of Eq. 17-4, we can write its mass as

$$\Delta m = \rho \Delta V = \rho A \Delta x = \rho Av \Delta t \hspace{1cm} \text{(mass)}. \hspace{1cm} (17-6)$$

The average acceleration of the element during $\Delta t$ is

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \hspace{1cm} \text{(acceleration)}. \hspace{1cm} (17-7)$$

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$^a$At 0°C and 1 atm pressure, except where noted.

$^b$At 20°C and 3.5% salinity.

**Figure 17-3** A compression pulse is sent from right to left down a long air-filled tube. The reference frame of the figure is chosen so that the pulse is at rest and the air moves from left to right. (a) An element of air of width $\Delta x$ moves toward the pulse with speed $v$. (b) The leading face of the element enters the pulse. The forces acting on the leading and trailing faces (due to air pressure) are shown.
17-2 TRAVELING SOUND WAVES

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

17.05 For any particular time and position, calculate the displacement $s(x, t)$ of an element of air as a sound wave travels through its location.

17.06 Given a displacement function $s(x, t)$ for a sound wave, calculate the time between two given displacements.

17.07 Apply the relationships between wave speed $v$, angular frequency $\omega$, angular wave number $k$, wavelength $\lambda$, period $T$, and frequency $f$.

17.08 Sketch a graph of the displacement $s(x)$ of an element of air as a function of position, and identify the amplitude $s_m$ and wavelength $\lambda$.

17.09 For any particular time and position, calculate the pressure variation $\Delta p$ (variation from atmospheric pressure) of an element of air as a sound wave travels through its location.

17.10 Sketch a graph of the pressure variation $\Delta p(x)$ of an element as a function of position, and identify the amplitude $\Delta p_m$ and wavelength $\lambda$.

17.11 Apply the relationship between pressure-variation amplitude $\Delta p_m$ and displacement amplitude $s_m$.

17.12 Given a graph of position $s$ versus time for a sound wave, determine the amplitude $s_m$ and the period $T$.

17.13 Given a graph of pressure variation $\Delta p$ versus time for a sound wave, determine the amplitude $\Delta p_m$ and the period $T$.

Key Ideas

- A sound wave causes a longitudinal displacement $s$ of a mass element in a medium as given by
  \[ s = s_m \cos(kx - \omega t), \]
  where $s_m$ is the displacement amplitude (maximum displacement) from equilibrium, $k = 2\pi/\lambda$, and $\omega = 2\pi f$, $\lambda$ and $f$ being the wavelength and frequency, respectively, of the sound wave.

- The sound wave also causes a pressure change $\Delta p$ of the medium from the equilibrium pressure:
  \[ \Delta p = \Delta p_m \sin(kx - \omega t), \]
  where the pressure amplitude is
  \[ \Delta p_m = (\rho v_0) s_m. \]

Traveling Sound Waves

Here we examine the displacements and pressure variations associated with a sinusoidal sound wave traveling through air. Figure 17-4a displays such a wave traveling rightward through a long air-filled tube. Recall from Chapter 16 that we can produce such a wave by sinusoidally moving a piston at the left end of

Thus, from Newton’s second law ($F = ma$), we have, from Eqs. 17-5, 17-6, and 17-7,

\[ -\Delta p A = (\rho A v) \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}, \]

which we can write as

\[ \rho v^2 = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta v/v}. \]  

\[ \text{(17-9)} \]

The air that occupies a volume $V (= Av \Delta t)$ outside the pulse is compressed by an amount $\Delta V (= A \Delta v \Delta t)$ as it enters the pulse. Thus,

\[ \frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{A \Delta v \Delta t}{Av \Delta t} = \frac{\Delta v}{v}. \]  

\[ \text{(17-10)} \]

Substituting Eq. 17-10 and then Eq. 17-2 into Eq. 17-9 leads to

\[ \rho v^2 = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta v/v} = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V} = B. \]  

\[ \text{(17-11)} \]

Solving for $v$ yields Eq. 17-3 for the speed of the air toward the right in Fig. 17-3, and thus for the actual speed of the pulse toward the left.
the tube (as in Fig. 16-2). The piston’s rightward motion moves the element of air next to the piston face and compresses that air; the piston’s leftward motion allows the element of air to move back to the left and the pressure to decrease. As each element of air pushes on the next element in turn, the right–left motion of the air and the change in its pressure travel along the tube as a sound wave.

Consider the thin element of air of thickness Δx shown in Fig. 17-4b. As the wave travels through this portion of the tube, the element of air oscillates left and right in simple harmonic motion about its equilibrium position. Thus, the oscillations of each air element due to the traveling sound wave are like those of a string element due to a transverse wave, except that the air element oscillates longitudinally rather than transversely. Because string elements oscillate parallel to the y axis, we write their displacements in the form y(x, t). Similarly, because air elements oscillate parallel to the x axis, we could write their displacements in the confusing form x(x, t), but we shall use s(x, t) instead.

**Displacement.** To show that the displacements s(x, t) are sinusoidal functions of x and t, we can use either a sine function or a cosine function. In this chapter we use a cosine function, writing

\[ s(x, t) = s_m \cos(\omega t). \]  

(17-12)

Figure 17-5a labels the various parts of this equation. In it, \( s_m \) is the displacement amplitude—that is, the maximum displacement of the air element to either side of its equilibrium position (see Fig. 17-4b). The angular wave number \( k \), angular frequency \( \omega \), frequency \( f \), wavelength \( \lambda \), speed \( v \), and period \( T \) for a sound (longitudinal) wave are defined and interrelated exactly as for a transverse wave, except that \( \lambda \) is now the distance (again along the direction of travel) in which the pattern of compression and expansion due to the wave begins to repeat itself (see Fig. 17-4a). (We assume \( s_m \) is much less than \( \lambda \).)

**Pressure.** As the wave moves, the air pressure at any position \( x \) in Fig. 17-4a varies sinusoidally, as we prove next. To describe this variation we write

\[ \Delta p(x, t) = \Delta p_m \sin(\omega t). \]  

(17-13)

Figure 17-5b labels the various parts of this equation. A negative value of \( \Delta p \) in Eq. 17-13 corresponds to an expansion of the air, and a positive value to a compression. Here \( \Delta p_m \) is the pressure amplitude, which is the maximum increase or decrease in pressure due to the wave; \( \Delta p_m \) is normally very much less than the pressure \( p \) present when there is no wave. As we shall prove, the pressure ampli-
Amplitude $\Delta p_m$ is related to the displacement amplitude $s_m$ in Eq. 17-12 by

$$\Delta p_m = (v \rho a) s_m. \quad (17-14)$$

Figure 17-6 shows plots of Eqs. 17-12 and 17-13 at $t = 0$; with time, the two curves would move rightward along the horizontal axes. Note that the displacement and pressure variation are $\pi/2$ rad (or 90°) out of phase. Thus, for example, the pressure variation $\Delta p$ at any point along the wave is zero when the displacement there is a maximum.

**Checkpoint 1**

When the oscillating air element in Fig. 17-4 is moving rightward through the point of zero displacement, is the pressure in the element at its equilibrium value, just beginning to increase, or just beginning to decrease?

**Derivation of Eqs. 17-13 and 17-14**

Figure 17-4b shows an oscillating element of air of cross-sectional area $A$ and thickness $\Delta x$, with its center displaced from its equilibrium position by distance $s$. From Eq. 17-2 we can write, for the pressure variation in the displaced element,

$$\Delta p = -B \frac{\Delta V}{V}. \quad (17-15)$$

The quantity $V$ in Eq. 17-15 is the volume of the element, given by

$$V = A \Delta x. \quad (17-16)$$

The quantity $\Delta V$ in Eq. 17-15 is the change in volume that occurs when the element is displaced. This volume change comes about because the displacements of the two faces of the element are not quite the same, differing by some amount $\Delta s$. Thus, we can write the change in volume as

$$\Delta V = A \Delta s. \quad (17-17)$$

Substituting Eqs. 17-16 and 17-17 into Eq. 17-15 and passing to the differential limit yield

$$\Delta p = -B \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta x} = -B \frac{\partial s}{\partial x}. \quad (17-18)$$

The symbols $\partial$ indicate that the derivative in Eq. 17-18 is a partial derivative, which tells us how $s$ changes with $x$ when the time $t$ is fixed. From Eq. 17-12 we then have, treating $t$ as a constant,

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [s_m \cos(kx - \omega t)] = -ks_m \sin(kx - \omega t).$$

Substituting this quantity for the partial derivative in Eq. 17-18 yields

$$\Delta p = Bks_m \sin(kx - \omega t).$$

This tells us that the pressure varies as a sinusoidal function of time and that the amplitude of the variation is equal to the terms in front of the sine function. Setting $\Delta p_m = Bks_m$, this yields Eq. 17-13, which we set out to prove.

Using Eq. 17-3, we can now write

$$\Delta p_m = (Bk)s_m = (v^2 \rho k)s_m.$$

Equation 17-14, which we also wanted to prove, follows at once if we substitute $\omega/\nu$ for $k$ from Eq. 16-12.
Sample Problem 17.01  Pressure amplitude, displacement amplitude

The maximum pressure amplitude $\Delta p_m$ that the human ear can tolerate in loud sounds is about 28 Pa (which is very much less than the normal air pressure of about $10^5$ Pa). What is the displacement amplitude $s_m$ for such a sound in air of density $\rho = 1.21 \text{ kg/m}^3$, at a frequency of 1000 Hz and a speed of 343 m/s?

KEY IDEA

The displacement amplitude $s_m$ of a sound wave is related to the pressure amplitude $\Delta p_m$ of the wave according to Eq. 17-14.

Calculations: Solving that equation for $s_m$ yields

$$s_m = \frac{\Delta p_m}{\nu \rho \omega} = \frac{\Delta p_m}{\nu \rho (2\pi f)}.$$  

Substituting known data then gives us

$$s_m = \frac{28 \text{ Pa}}{(343 \text{ m/s})(1.21 \text{ kg/m}^3)(2\pi)(1000 \text{ Hz})} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} = 11 \mu\text{m}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

That is only about one-seventh the thickness of a book page. Obviously, the displacement amplitude of even the loudest sound that the ear can tolerate is very small. Temporary exposure to such loud sound produces temporary hearing loss, probably due to a decrease in blood supply to the inner ear. Prolonged exposure produces permanent damage.

The pressure amplitude $\Delta p_m$ for the faintest detectable sound at 1000 Hz is $2.8 \times 10^{-5}$ Pa. Proceeding as above leads to $s_m = 1.1 \times 10^{-11}$ m or 11 pm, which is about one-tenth the radius of a typical atom. The ear is indeed a sensitive detector of sound waves.

17-3 INTERFERENCE

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

17.14 If two waves with the same wavelength begin in phase but reach a common point by traveling along different paths, calculate their phase difference $\phi$ at that point by relating the path length difference $\Delta L$ to the wavelength $\lambda$.

17.15 Given the phase difference between two sound waves with the same amplitude, wavelength, and travel direction, determine the type of interference between the waves (fully destructive interference, fully constructive interference, or indeterminate interference).

17.16 Convert a phase difference between radians, degrees, and number of wavelengths.

Key Ideas

- The interference of two sound waves with identical wavelengths passing through a common point depends on their phase difference $\phi$ there. If the sound waves were emitted in phase and are traveling in approximately the same direction, $\phi$ is given by

$$\phi = \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} - 2\pi,$$

where $\Delta L$ is their path length difference.

- Fully constructive interference occurs when $\phi$ is an integer multiple of $2\pi$.

- Fully destructive interference occurs when $\phi$ is an odd multiple of $\pi$, and, equivalently, when $\Delta L$ is related to wavelength $\lambda$ by

$$\frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} = 0, 1, 2, \ldots.$$  

- Fully destructive interference occurs when $\phi$ is an odd multiple of $\pi$, and

Interference

Like transverse waves, sound waves can undergo interference. In fact, we can write equations for the interference as we did in Module 16-5 for transverse waves. Suppose two sound waves with the same amplitude and wavelength are traveling in the positive direction of an $x$ axis with a phase difference of $\phi$. We can express the waves in the form of Eqs. 16-47 and 16-48 but, to be consistent with Eq. 17-12, we use cosine functions instead of sine functions:

$$s_1(x, t) = s_m \cos(kx - \omega t)$$
and

\[ s_2(x, t) = s_m \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi). \]

These waves overlap and interfere. From Eq. 16-51, we can write the resultant wave as

\[ s' = [2s_m \cos \frac{1}{2} \phi] \cos(kx - \omega t + \frac{1}{2} \phi). \]

As we saw with transverse waves, the resultant wave is itself a traveling wave. Its amplitude is the magnitude

\[ s'_m = |2s_m \cos \frac{1}{2} \phi|. \quad (17-19) \]

As with transverse waves, the value of \( \phi \) determines what type of interference the individual waves undergo.

One way to control \( \phi \) is to send the waves along paths with different lengths. Figure 17-7a shows how we can set up such a situation: Two point sources \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) emit sound waves that are in phase and of identical wavelength \( \lambda \). Thus, the sources themselves are said to be in phase; that is, as the waves emerge from the sources, their displacements are always identical. We are interested in the waves that then travel through point \( P \) in Fig. 17-7a. We assume that the distance to \( P \) is much greater than the distance between the sources so that we can approximate the waves as traveling in the same direction at \( P \).

If the waves traveled along paths with identical lengths to reach point \( P \), they would be in phase there. As with transverse waves, this means that they would undergo fully constructive interference there. However, in Fig. 17-7a, path \( L_2 \) traveled by the wave from \( S_2 \) is longer than path \( L_1 \) traveled by the wave from \( S_1 \). The difference in path lengths means that the waves may not be in phase at point \( P \). In other words, their phase difference \( \phi \) at \( P \) depends on their path length difference \( \Delta L = |L_2 - L_1| \).

To relate phase difference \( \phi \) to path length difference \( \Delta L \), we recall (from Module 16-1) that a phase difference of \( 2\pi \) rad corresponds to one wavelength. Thus, we can write the proportion

\[ \frac{\phi}{2\pi} = \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda}; \quad (17-20) \]

from which

\[ \phi = \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} \times 2\pi. \quad (17-21) \]

Fully constructive interference occurs when \( \phi \) is zero, \( 2\pi \), or any integer multiple of \( 2\pi \). We can write this condition as

\[ \phi = m(2\pi), \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \quad (\text{fully constructive interference}). \quad (17-22) \]

From Eq. 17-21, this occurs when the ratio \( \Delta L/\lambda \) is

\[ \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \quad (\text{fully constructive interference}). \quad (17-23) \]

For example, if the path length difference \( \Delta L = |L_2 - L_1| \) in Fig. 17-7a is equal to \( 2\lambda \), then \( \Delta L/\lambda = 2 \) and the waves undergo fully constructive interference at point \( P \) (Fig. 17-7b). The interference is fully constructive because the wave from \( S_2 \) is phase-shifted relative to the wave from \( S_1 \) by \( 2\lambda \), putting the two waves exactly in phase at \( P \).

Fully destructive interference occurs when \( \phi \) is an odd multiple of \( \pi \):

\[ \phi = (2m + 1)\pi, \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \quad (\text{fully destructive interference}). \quad (17-24) \]
From Eq. 17-21, this occurs when the ratio $\Delta L/\lambda$ is

$$\frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} = 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, \ldots \quad \text{(fully destructive interference).} \quad (17-25)$$

For example, if the path length difference $\Delta L = |L_2 - L_1|$ in Fig. 17-7a is equal to $2.5\lambda$, then $\Delta L/\lambda = 2.5$ and the waves undergo fully destructive interference at point $P$ (Fig. 17-7c). The interference is fully destructive because the wave from $S_2$ is phase-shifted relative to the wave from $S_1$ by 2.5 wavelengths, which puts the two waves exactly out of phase at $P$.

Of course, two waves could produce intermediate interference as, say, when $\Delta L/\lambda = 1.2$. This would be closer to fully constructive interference ($\Delta L/\lambda = 1.0$) than to fully destructive interference ($\Delta L/\lambda = 1.5$).

**Sample Problem 17.02  Interference points along a big circle**

In Fig. 17-8a, two point sources $S_1$ and $S_2$, which are in phase and separated by distance $D = 1.5\lambda$, emit identical sound waves of wavelength $\lambda$.

(a) What is the path length difference of the waves from $S_1$ and $S_2$ at point $P_1$, which lies on the perpendicular bisector of distance $D$, at a distance greater than $D$ from the sources (Fig. 17-8b)? (That is, what is the difference in the distance from source $S_1$ to point $P_1$ and the distance from source $S_2$ to $P_1$?) What type of interference occurs at $P_1$?

**Reasoning:** Because the waves travel identical distances to reach $P_1$, their path length difference is

$$\Delta L = 0. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

From Eq. 17-23, this means that the waves undergo fully constructive interference at $P_1$ because they start in phase at the sources and reach $P_1$ in phase.

(b) What are the path length difference and type of interference at point $P_2$ in Fig. 17-8c?

**Reasoning:** The wave from $S_1$ travels the extra distance $D$ ($= 1.5\lambda$) to reach $P_2$. Thus, the path length difference is

$$\Delta L = 1.5\lambda. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

From Eq. 17-25, this means that the waves are exactly out of phase at $P_2$ and undergo fully destructive interference there.

(c) Figure 17-8d shows a circle with a radius much greater than $D$, centered on the midpoint between sources $S_1$ and $S_2$. What is the number of points $N$ around this circle at which the interference is fully constructive? (That is, at how many points do the waves arrive exactly in phase?)

**Reasoning:** Starting at point $a$, let’s move clockwise along the circle to point $d$. As we move, path length difference $\Delta L$ increases and so the type of interference changes. From (a), we know that is $\Delta L = 0\lambda$ at point $a$. From (b), we know that $\Delta L = 1.5\lambda$ at point $d$. Thus, there must be...
17-4 INTENSITY AND SOUND LEVEL

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

17.17 Calculate the sound intensity $I$ at a surface as the ratio of the power $P$ to the surface area $A$.

17.18 Apply the relationship between the sound intensity $I$ and the displacement amplitude $s_m$ of the sound wave.

17.19 Identify an isotropic point source of sound.

17.20 For an isotropic point source, apply the relationship involving the emitting power $P_s$, the distance $r$ to a detector, and the sound intensity $I$ at the detector.

17.21 Apply the relationship between the sound level $\beta$, the sound intensity $I$, and the standard reference intensity $I_0$.

17.22 Evaluate a logarithm function (log) and an antilogarithm function ($\log^{-1}$).

17.23 Relate the change in a sound level to the change in sound intensity.

Key Ideas

- The intensity $I$ of a sound wave at a surface is the average rate per unit area at which energy is transferred by the wave through or onto the surface:

  $$I = \frac{P}{A}.$$  

  where $P$ is the time rate of energy transfer (power) of the sound wave and $A$ is the area of the surface intercepting the sound. The intensity $I$ is related to the displacement amplitude $s_m$ of the sound wave by

  $$I = \frac{1}{2} \rho v \omega^2 s_m^2.$$  

- The intensity at a distance $r$ from a point source that emits sound waves of power $P_s$, equally in all directions (isotropically) is

  $$I = \frac{P_s}{4\pi r^2}.$$  

- The sound level $\beta$ in decibels (dB) is defined as

  $$\beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I}{I_0},$$

  where $I_0 (= 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2)$ is a reference intensity level to which all intensities are compared. For every factor-of-10 increase in intensity, 10 dB is added to the sound level.

Figure 17-8 (continued) (e) Another point of fully constructive interference. (f) Using symmetry to determine other points. (g) The six points of fully constructive interference.

We can now use symmetry to locate other points of fully constructive or destructive interference (Fig. 17-8f). Symmetry about line $cd$ gives us point $b$, at which $\Delta L = 0\lambda$. Also, there are three more points at which $\Delta L = \lambda$. In all (Fig. 17-8g) we have

$$N = 6. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

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**Intensity and Sound Level**

If you have ever tried to sleep while someone played loud music nearby, you are well aware that there is more to sound than frequency, wavelength, and speed. There is also intensity. The **intensity** $I$ of a sound wave at a surface is the average rate per unit area at which energy is transferred by the wave through or onto the surface. We can write this as

$$I = \frac{P}{A}. \quad (17-26)$$

where $P$ is the time rate of energy transfer (the power) of the sound wave and $A$ is the area of the surface intercepting the sound. As we shall derive shortly, the intensity $I$ is related to the displacement amplitude $s_m$ of the sound wave by

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \rho v s_m^2. \quad (17-27)$$

Intensity can be measured on a detector. **Loudness** is a perception, something that you sense. The two can differ because your perception depends on factors such as the sensitivity of your hearing mechanism to various frequencies.

**Variation of Intensity with Distance**

How intensity varies with distance from a real sound source is often complex. Some real sources (like loudspeakers) may transmit sound only in particular directions, and the environment usually produces echoes (reflected sound waves) that overlap the direct sound waves. In some situations, however, we can ignore echoes and assume that the sound source is a point source that emits the sound **isotropically**—that is, with equal intensity in all directions. The wavefronts spreading from such an isotropic point source $S$ at a particular instant are shown in Fig. 17-9.

Let us assume that the mechanical energy of the sound waves is conserved as they spread from this source. Let us also center an imaginary sphere of radius $r$ on the source, as shown in Fig. 17-9. All the energy emitted by the source must pass through the surface of the sphere. Thus, the time rate at which energy is transferred through the surface by the sound waves must equal the time rate at which energy is emitted by the source (that is, the power $P_s$ of the source). From Eq. 17-26, the intensity $I$ at the sphere must then be

$$I = \frac{P_s}{4\pi r^2}, \quad (17-28)$$

where $4\pi r^2$ is the area of the sphere. Equation 17-28 tells us that the intensity of sound from an isotropic point source decreases with the square of the distance $r$ from the source.

**Checkpoint 2**

The figure indicates three small patches 1, 2, and 3 that lie on the surfaces of two imaginary spheres; the spheres are centered on an isotropic point source $S$ of sound. The rates at which energy is transmitted through the three patches by the sound waves are equal. Rank the patches according to (a) the intensity of the sound on them and (b) their area, greatest first.
The Decibel Scale

The displacement amplitude at the human ear ranges from about $10^{-5}$ m for the loudest tolerable sound to about $10^{-11}$ m for the faintest detectable sound, a ratio of $10^6$. From Eq. 17-27 we see that the intensity of a sound varies as the square of its amplitude, so the ratio of intensities at these two limits of the human auditory system is $10^{12}$. Humans can hear over an enormous range of intensities.

We deal with such an enormous range of values by using logarithms. Consider the relation

$$ y = \log x, $$

in which $x$ and $y$ are variables. It is a property of this equation that if we multiply $x$ by 10, then $y$ increases by 1. To see this, we write

$$ y' = \log(10x) = \log 10 + \log x = 1 + y. $$

Similarly, if we multiply $x$ by $10^{12}$, $y$ increases by only 12.

Thus, instead of speaking of the intensity $I$ of a sound wave, it is much more convenient to speak of its sound level $\beta$, defined as

$$ \beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I}{I_0}. \quad (17-29) $$

Here dB is the abbreviation for decibel, the unit of sound level, a name that was chosen to recognize the work of Alexander Graham Bell. $I_0$ in Eq. 17-29 is a standard reference intensity ($= 10^{-12}$ W/m²), chosen because it is near the lower limit of the human range of hearing. For $I = I_0$, Eq. 17-29 gives $\beta = 10 \log 1 = 0$, so our standard reference level corresponds to zero decibels. Then $\beta$ increases by 10 dB every time the sound intensity increases by an order of magnitude (a factor of 10). Thus, $\beta = 40$ corresponds to an intensity that is $10^4$ times the standard reference level. Table 17-2 lists the sound levels for a variety of environments.

Derivation of Eq. 17-27

Consider, in Fig. 17-4a, a thin slice of air of thickness $dx$, area $A$, and mass $dm$, oscillating back and forth as the sound wave of Eq. 17-12 passes through it. The kinetic energy $dK$ of the slice of air is

$$ dK = \frac{1}{2} dm v^2_s. \quad (17-30) $$

Here $v_s$ is not the speed of the wave but the speed of the oscillating element of air, obtained from Eq. 17-12 as

$$ v_s = \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = -\omega s_m \sin(kx - \omega t). $$

Using this relation and putting $dm = \rho A dx$ allow us to rewrite Eq. 17-30 as

$$ dK = \frac{1}{2}(\rho A dx)(-\omega s_m)^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t). \quad (17-31) $$

Dividing Eq. 17-31 by $dt$ gives the rate at which kinetic energy moves along with the wave. As we saw in Chapter 16 for transverse waves, $dx/dt$ is the wave speed $v$, so we have

$$ \frac{dK}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\rho Av \omega^2 s_m^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t). \quad (17-32) $$

Table 17-2 Some Sound Levels (dB)

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<td>Conversation</td>
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<td>Pain threshold</td>
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<td>Jet engine</td>
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The average rate at which kinetic energy is transported is
\[
\left( \frac{dK}{dt} \right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A \omega^2 s_m^2 \left[ \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \right]_{\text{avg}}
\]
\[= \frac{1}{2} \rho A \omega^2 s_m^2. \tag{17-33}
\]
To obtain this equation, we have used the fact that the average value of the square of a sine (or a cosine) function over one full oscillation is \(\frac{1}{2}\).

We assume that potential energy is carried along with the wave at this same average rate. The wave intensity \(I\), which is the average rate per unit area at which energy of both kinds is transmitted by the wave, is then, from Eq. 17-33,
\[
I = \frac{2(dK/dt)_{\text{avg}}}{A} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 s_m^2,
\]
which is Eq. 17-27, the equation we set out to derive.

**Sample Problem 17.03  Intensity change with distance, cylindrical sound wave**

An electric spark jumps along a straight line of length \(L = 10\) m, emitting a pulse of sound that travels radially outward from the spark. (The spark is said to be a *line source* of sound.) The power of this acoustic emission is \(P_s = 1.6 \times 10^4\) W.

(a) What is the intensity \(I\) of the sound when it reaches a distance \(r = 12\) m from the spark?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) Let us center an imaginary cylinder of radius \(r = 12\) m and length \(L = 10\) m (open at both ends) on the spark, as shown in Fig. 17-10. Then the intensity \(I\) at the cylindrical surface is the ratio \(P/A\), where \(P\) is the time rate at which sound energy passes through the surface and \(A\) is the surface area. (2) We assume that the principle of conservation of energy applies to the sound energy. This means that the rate \(P\) at which energy is transferred through the cylinder must equal the rate \(P_s\) at which energy is emitted by the source.

**Calculations:** Putting these ideas together and noting that the area of the cylindrical surface is \(A = 2\pi r L\), we have
\[
I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P_s}{2\pi r L}. \tag{17-34}
\]
This tells us that the intensity of the sound from a line source decreases with distance \(r\) (and not with the square of distance \(r\) as for a point source). Substituting the given data, we find
\[
I = \frac{1.6 \times 10^4\ W}{2\pi(12\ m)(10\ m)} = 21.2\ \text{W/m}^2 \approx 21\ \text{W/m}^2. \tag{Answer}
\]
(b) At what time rate \(P_d\) is sound energy intercepted by an acoustic detector of area \(A_d = 2.0\) cm\(^2\), aimed at the spark and located a distance \(r = 12\) m from the spark?

**Calculations:** We know that the intensity of sound at the detector is the ratio of the energy transfer rate \(P_d\) there to the detector’s area \(A_d\):
\[
I = \frac{P_d}{A_d}. \tag{17-35}
\]
We can imagine that the detector lies on the cylindrical surface of (a). Then the sound intensity at the detector is the intensity \(I = 21.2\ \text{W/m}^2\) at the cylindrical surface. Solving Eq. 17-35 for \(P_d\) gives us
\[
P_d = (21.2\ \text{W/m}^2)(2.0 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{m}^2) = 4.2\ \text{mW}. \tag{Answer}
\]
Sample Problem 17.04  Decibels, sound level, change in intensity

Many veteran rockers suffer from acute hearing damage because of the high sound levels they endured for years. Many rockers now wear special earplugs to protect their hearing during performances (Fig. 17-11). If an earplug decreases the sound level of the sound waves by 20 dB, what is the ratio of the final intensity $I_f$ of the waves to their initial intensity $I_i$?

**KEY IDEA**

For both the final and initial waves, the sound level $\beta$ is related to the intensity by the definition of sound level in Eq. 17-29.

**Calculations:** For the final waves we have

$$\beta_f = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I_f}{I_0},$$

and for the initial waves we have

$$\beta_i = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I_i}{I_0}.$$

The difference in the sound levels is

$$\beta_f - \beta_i = (10 \text{ dB}) \left( \log \frac{I_f}{I_0} - \log \frac{I_i}{I_0} \right) \quad (17-36)$$

Using the identity

$$\log \frac{a}{b} - \log \frac{c}{d} = \log \frac{ad}{bc},$$

we can rewrite Eq. 17-36 as

$$\beta_f - \beta_i = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I_f}{I_i}. \quad (17-37)$$

Rearranging and then substituting the given decrease in sound level as $\beta_f - \beta_i = -20 \text{ dB}$, we find

$$\log \frac{I_f}{I_i} = \frac{\beta_f - \beta_i}{10 \text{ dB}} = \frac{-20 \text{ dB}}{10 \text{ dB}} = -2.0.$$

We next take the antilog of the far left and far right sides of this equation. (Although the antilog $10^{-2.0}$ can be evaluated mentally, you could use a calculator by keying in $10^{-2.0}$ or using the $10^x$ key.) We find

$$\frac{I_f}{I_i} = \log^{-1} (-2.0) = 0.010. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

Thus, the earplug reduces the intensity of the sound waves to 0.010 of their initial intensity (two orders of magnitude).

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17-5 SOURCES OF MUSICAL SOUND

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

17.24 Using standing wave patterns for string waves, sketch the standing wave patterns for the first several acoustical harmonics of a pipe with only one open end and with two open ends.

17.25 For a standing wave of sound, relate the distance between nodes and the wavelength.

Key Ideas

- Standing sound wave patterns can be set up in pipes (that is, resonance can be set up) if sound of the proper wavelength is introduced in the pipe.
- A pipe open at both ends will resonate at frequencies

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{nv}{2L}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots,$$

where $v$ is the speed of sound in the air in the pipe.
- For a pipe closed at one end and open at the other, the resonant frequencies are

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{nv}{4L}, \quad n = 1, 3, 5, \ldots,$$
Sources of Musical Sound

Musical sounds can be set up by oscillating strings (guitar, piano, violin), membranes (kettledrum, snare drum), air columns (flute, oboe, pipe organ, and the didgeridoo of Fig. 17-12), wooden blocks or steel bars (marimba, xylophone), and many other oscillating bodies. Most common instruments involve more than a single oscillating part.

Recall from Chapter 16 that standing waves can be set up on a stretched string that is fixed at both ends. They arise because waves traveling along the string are reflected back onto the string at each end. If the wavelength of the waves is suitably matched to the length of the string, the superposition of waves traveling in opposite directions produces a standing wave pattern (or oscillation mode). The wavelength required of the waves for such a match is one that corresponds to a resonant frequency of the string. The advantage of setting up standing waves is that the string then oscillates with a large, sustained amplitude, pushing back and forth against the surrounding air and thus generating a noticeable sound wave with the same frequency as the oscillations of the string. This production of sound is of obvious importance to, say, a guitarist.

Sound Waves. We can set up standing waves of sound in an air-filled pipe in a similar way. As sound waves travel through the air in the pipe, they are reflected at each end and travel back through the pipe. (The reflection occurs even if an end is open, but the reflection is not as complete as when the end is closed.) If the wavelength of the sound waves is suitably matched to the length of the pipe, the superposition of waves traveling in opposite directions through the pipe sets up a standing wave pattern. The wavelength required of the sound waves for such a match is one that corresponds to a resonant frequency of the pipe. The advantage of such a standing wave is that the air in the pipe oscillates with a large, sustained amplitude, emitting at any open end a sound wave that has the same frequency as the oscillations in the pipe. This emission of sound is of obvious importance to, say, an organist.

Many other aspects of standing sound wave patterns are similar to those of string waves: The closed end of a pipe is like the fixed end of a string in that there must be a node (zero displacement) there, and the open end of a pipe is like the end of a string attached to a freely moving ring, as in Fig. 16-19b, in that there must be an antinode there. (Actually, the antinode for the open end of a pipe is located slightly beyond the end, but we shall not dwell on that detail.)

Two Open Ends. The simplest standing wave pattern that can be set up in a pipe with two open ends is shown in Fig. 17-13a. There is an antinode across each
open end, as required. There is also a node across the middle of the pipe. An
easier way of representing this standing longitudinal sound wave is shown in
Fig. 17-13
— by drawing it as a standing transverse string wave.
The standing wave pattern of Fig. 17-13 is called the
fundamental mode
or
first harmonic
. For it to be set up, the sound waves in a pipe of length
$L
$ must
have a wavelength given by
$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}
$, so that
$n = 2
$. Several more standing sound wave patterns for a pipe with two open ends are shown in Fig. 17-14
using string wave representations. The second harmonic requires sound waves of
wavelength
$\lambda = \frac{2L}{3}
$, the third harmonic requires wavelength
$\lambda = \frac{2L}{4}
$, and so on.

More generally, the resonant frequencies for a pipe of length
$L
$ with two open ends correspond to the wavelengths
$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}
$, for
$n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots,
$ (17-38)
where
$n
$ is called the harmonic number. Letting
$v
$ be the speed of sound, we write the resonant frequencies for a pipe with two open ends as

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{nv}{2L}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \quad \text{(pipe, two open ends).} \quad (17-39)$$

**One Open End.** Figure 17-14b shows (using string wave representations) some of the standing sound wave patterns that can be set up in a pipe with only one open end. As required, across the open end there is an antinode and across the closed end there is a node. The simplest pattern requires sound waves having a wavelength given by
$L = \frac{\lambda}{4}
$, so that
$\lambda = 4L
$. The next simplest pattern requires a wavelength given by
$L = \frac{3\lambda}{4}
$, so that
$\lambda = 4L/3
$, and so on.

More generally, the resonant frequencies for a pipe of length
$L
$ with only one open end correspond to the wavelengths
$\lambda = \frac{4L}{n}
$, for
$n = 1, 3, 5, \ldots,
$ (17-40)
in which the harmonic number
$n
$ must be an odd number. The resonant frequencies are then given by

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{nv}{4L}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 3, 5, \ldots \quad \text{(pipe, one open end).} \quad (17-41)$$

Note again that only odd harmonics can exist in a pipe with one open end. For example, the second harmonic, with
$n = 2
$, cannot be set up in such a pipe. Note also that for such a pipe the adjective in a phrase such as “the third harmonic” still refers to the harmonic number
$n
$ (and not to, say, the third possible harmonic). Finally note that Eqs. 17-38 and 17-39 for two open ends contain the
number 2 and any integer value of $n$, but Eqs. 17-40 and 17-41 for one open end contain the number 4 and only odd values of $n$.

**Length.** The length of a musical instrument reflects the range of frequencies over which the instrument is designed to function, and smaller length implies higher frequencies, as we can tell from Eq. 16-66 for string instruments and Eqs. 17-39 and 17-41 for instruments with air columns. Figure 17-15, for example, shows the saxophone and violin families, with their frequency ranges suggested by the piano keyboard. Note that, for every instrument, there is overlap with its higher- and lower-frequency neighbors.

**Net Wave.** In any oscillating system that gives rise to a musical sound, whether it is a violin string or the air in an organ pipe, the fundamental and one or more of the higher harmonics are usually generated simultaneously. Thus, you hear them together—that is, superimposed as a net wave. When different instruments are played at the same note, they produce the same fundamental frequency but different intensities for the higher harmonics. For example, the fourth harmonic of middle C might be relatively loud on one instrument and relatively quiet or even missing on another. Thus, because different instruments produce different net waves, they sound different to you even when they are played at the same note. That would be the case for the two net waves shown in Fig. 17-16, which were produced at the same note by different instruments. If you heard only the fundamentals, the music would not be musical.

**Checkpoint 3**

Pipe $A$, with length $L$, and pipe $B$, with length $2L$, both have two open ends. Which harmonic of pipe $B$ has the same frequency as the fundamental of pipe $A$?

**Sample Problem 17.05  Resonance between pipes of different lengths**

Pipe $A$ is open at both ends and has length $L_A = 0.343$ m. We want to place it near three other pipes in which standing waves have been set up, so that the sound can set up a standing wave in pipe $A$. Those other three pipes are each closed at one end and have lengths $L_B = 0.500L_A$, $L_C = 0.250L_A$, and $L_D = 2.00L_A$. For each of these three pipes, which of their harmonics can excite a harmonic in pipe $A$?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) The sound from one pipe can set up a standing wave in another pipe only if the harmonic frequencies match. (2) Equation 17-39 gives the harmonic frequencies in a pipe with two open ends (a symmetric pipe) as $f = n
v/2L$, for $n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$, that is, for any positive integer. (3) Equation
17-6 BEATS

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

17.28 Explain how beats are produced.

17.29 Add the displacement equations for two sound waves of the same amplitude and slightly different angular frequencies to find the displacement equation of the resultant wave and identify the time-varying amplitude.

17.30 Apply the relationship between the beat frequency and the frequencies of two sound waves that have the same amplitude when the frequencies (or, equivalently, the angular frequencies) differ by a small amount.

Key Idea

- Beats arise when two waves having slightly different frequencies, \( f_1 \) and \( f_2 \), are detected together. The beat frequency is

\[
\nu_{\text{beat}} = |f_1 - f_2|
\]
Beats

If we listen, a few minutes apart, to two sounds whose frequencies are, say, 552 and 564 Hz, most of us cannot tell one from the other because the frequencies are so close to each other. However, if the sounds reach our ears simultaneously, what we hear is a sound whose frequency is 558 Hz, the average of the two combining frequencies. We also hear a striking variation in the intensity of this sound—it increases and decreases in slow, wavering beats that repeat at a frequency of 12 Hz, the difference between the two combining frequencies. Figure 17-18 shows this beat phenomenon.

Let the time-dependent variations of the displacements due to two sound waves of equal amplitude $s_m$ be

$$s_1 = s_m \cos \omega_1 t \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = s_m \cos \omega_2 t,$$

where $\omega_1 > \omega_2$. From the superposition principle, the resultant displacement is the sum of the individual displacements:

$$s = s_1 + s_2 = s_m (\cos \omega_1 t + \cos \omega_2 t).$$

Using the trigonometric identity (see Appendix E)

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \cos \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta)$$

allows us to write the resultant displacement as

$$s = 2s_m \cos \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2) t \cos \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2) t.$$

If we write

$$\omega' = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2),$$

we can then write Eq. 17-43 as

$$s(t) = [2s_m \cos \omega' t] \cos \omega t. \quad (17-45)$$

We now assume that the angular frequencies $\omega_1$ and $\omega_2$ of the combining waves are almost equal, which means that $\omega \gg \omega'$ in Eq. 17-44. We can then regard Eq. 17-45 as a cosine function whose angular frequency is $\omega$ and whose amplitude (which is not constant but varies with angular frequency $\omega'$) is the absolute value of the quantity in the brackets.

A maximum amplitude will occur whenever $\cos \omega' t$ in Eq. 17-45 has the value $+1$ or $-1$, which happens twice in each repetition of the cosine function. Because $\cos \omega' t$ has angular frequency $\omega'$, the angular frequency $\omega_{\text{beat}}$ at which beats occur is $\omega_{\text{beat}} = 2\omega'$. Then, with the aid of Eq. 17-44, we can write the beat angular frequency as

$$\omega_{\text{beat}} = 2\omega' = (2)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(\omega_1 - \omega_2) = \omega_1 - \omega_2.$$

Because $\omega = 2\pi f$, we can recast this as

$$f_{\text{beat}} = f_1 - f_2 \quad \text{(beat frequency).} \quad (17-46)$$

Musicians use the beat phenomenon in tuning instruments. If an instrument is sounded against a standard frequency (for example, the note called “concert A” played on an orchestra’s first oboe) and tuned until the beat disappears, the instrument is in tune with that standard. In musical Vienna, concert A (440 Hz) is available as a convenient telephone service for the city’s many musicians.

Figure 17-18 (a, b) The pressure variations $\Delta p$ of two sound waves as they would be detected separately. The frequencies of the waves are nearly equal. (c) The resultant pressure variation if the two waves are detected simultaneously.
Sample Problem 17.06  Beat frequencies and penguins finding one another

When an emperor penguin returns from a search for food, how can it find its mate among the thousands of penguins huddled together for warmth in the harsh Antarctic weather? It is not by sight, because penguins all look alike, even to a penguin.

The answer lies in the way penguins vocalize. Most birds vocalize by using only one side of their two-sided vocal organ, called the syrinx. Emperor penguins, however, vocalize by using both sides simultaneously. Each side sets up acoustic standing waves in the bird’s throat and mouth, much like in a pipe with two open ends. Suppose that the frequency of the first harmonic produced by side A is \( f_{A1} = 432 \, \text{Hz} \) and the frequency of the first harmonic produced by side B is \( f_{B1} = 371 \, \text{Hz} \). What is the beat frequency between those two first-harmonic frequencies and between the two second-harmonic frequencies?

Because the standing waves in the penguin are effectively in a pipe with two open ends, the resonant frequencies are given by Eq. 17-39 \( (f = \frac{nv}{2L}) \), in which \( L \) is the (unknown) length of the effective pipe. The first-harmonic frequency is \( f_1 = \frac{v}{2L} \), and the second-harmonic frequency is \( f_2 = 2\frac{v}{2L} \). Comparing these two frequencies, we see that, in general,

\[
f_2 = 2f_1.
\]

For the penguin, the second harmonic of side A has frequency \( f_{A2} = 2f_{A1} \) and the second harmonic of side B has frequency \( f_{B2} = 2f_{B1} \). Using Eq. 17-46 with frequencies \( f_{A2} \) and \( f_{B2} \), we find that the corresponding beat frequency associated with the second harmonics is

\[
f_{\text{beat,2}} = f_{A2} - f_{B2} = 2f_{A1} - 2f_{B1} = 2(432 \, \text{Hz}) - 2(371 \, \text{Hz}) = 122 \, \text{Hz}.
\]

Experiments indicate that penguins can perceive such large beat frequencies. (Humans cannot hear a beat frequency any higher than about 12 Hz — we perceive the two separate frequencies.) Thus, a penguin’s cry can be rich with different harmonics and different beat frequencies, allowing the voice to be recognized even among the voices of thousands of other, closely huddled penguins.

KEY IDEA

The beat frequency between two frequencies is their difference, as given by Eq. 17-46 \( (f_{\text{beat}} = f_1 - f_2) \).

Calculations: For the two first-harmonic frequencies \( f_{A1} \) and \( f_{B1} \), the beat frequency is

\[
f_{\text{beat,1}} = f_{A1} - f_{B1} = 432 \, \text{Hz} - 371 \, \text{Hz} = 61 \, \text{Hz}.
\]

(Answer)

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17-7 THE DOPPLER EFFECT

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

17.31 Identify that the Doppler effect is the shift in the detected frequency from the frequency emitted by a sound source due to the relative motion between the source and the detector.

17.32 Identify that in calculating the Doppler shift in sound, the speeds are measured relative to the medium (such as air or water), which may be moving.

17.33 Calculate the shift in sound frequency for (a) a source moving either directly toward or away from a stationary detector, (b) a detector moving either directly toward or away from a stationary source, and (c) both source and detector moving either directly toward each other or directly away from each other.

17.34 Identify that for relative motion between a sound source and a sound detector, motion toward tends to shift the frequency up and motion away tends to shift it down.

Key Ideas

- The Doppler effect is a change in the observed frequency of a wave when the source or the detector moves relative to the transmitting medium (such as air). For sound the observed frequency \( f' \) is given in terms of the source frequency \( f \) by

\[
f' = f \frac{v \pm v_D}{v \pm v_S}
\]

(general Doppler effect), where \( v_D \) is the speed of the detector relative to the medium, \( v_S \) is that of the source, and \( v \) is the speed of sound in the medium.

- The signs are chosen such that \( f' \) tends to be greater for relative motion toward (one of the objects moves toward the other) and less for motion away.
The Doppler Effect

A police car is parked by the side of the highway, sounding its 1000 Hz siren. If you are also parked by the highway, you will hear that same frequency. However, if there is relative motion between you and the police car, either toward or away from each other, you will hear a different frequency. For example, if you are driving toward the police car at 120 km/h (about 75 mi/h), you will hear a higher frequency (1096 Hz, an increase of 96 Hz). If you are driving away from the police car at that same speed, you will hear a lower frequency (904 Hz, a decrease of 96 Hz).

These motion-related frequency changes are examples of the Doppler effect. The effect was proposed (although not fully worked out) in 1842 by Austrian physicist Johann Christian Doppler. It was tested experimentally in 1845 by Buys Ballot in Holland, “using a locomotive drawing an open car with several trumpeters.”

The Doppler effect holds not only for sound waves but also for electromagnetic waves, including microwaves, radio waves, and visible light. Here, however, we shall consider only sound waves, and we shall take as a reference frame the body of air through which these waves travel. This means that we shall measure the speeds of a source $S$ of sound waves and a detector $D$ of those waves relative to that body of air. (Unless otherwise stated, the body of air is stationary relative to the ground, so the speeds can also be measured relative to the ground.) We shall assume that $S$ and $D$ move either directly toward or directly away from each other, at speeds less than the speed of sound.

**General Equation.** If either the detector or the source is moving, or both are moving, the emitted frequency $f$ and the detected frequency $f'$ are related by

\[
    f' = f \frac{v \pm v_D}{v \pm v_S} \quad \text{(general Doppler effect), (17-47)}
\]

where $v$ is the speed of sound through the air, $v_D$ is the detector’s speed relative to the air, and $v_S$ is the source’s speed relative to the air. The choice of plus or minus signs is set by this rule:

- When the motion of detector or source is toward the other, the sign on its speed must give an upward shift in frequency. When the motion of detector or source is away from the other, the sign on its speed must give a downward shift in frequency.

In short, toward means shift up, and away means shift down.

Here are some examples of the rule. If the detector moves toward the source, use the plus sign in the numerator of Eq. 17-47 to get a shift up in the frequency. If it moves away, use the minus sign in the numerator to get a shift down. If it is stationary, substitute 0 for $v_D$. If the source moves toward the detector, use the minus sign in the denominator of Eq. 17-47 to get a shift up in the frequency. If it moves away, use the plus sign in the denominator to get a shift down. If the source is stationary, substitute 0 for $v_S$.

Next, we derive equations for the Doppler effect for the following two specific situations and then derive Eq. 17-47 for the general situation.

1. When the detector moves relative to the air and the source is stationary relative to the air, the motion changes the frequency at which the detector intercepts wavefronts and thus changes the detected frequency of the sound wave.

2. When the source moves relative to the air and the detector is stationary relative to the air, the motion changes the wavelength of the sound wave and thus changes the detected frequency (recall that frequency is related to wavelength).
Figure 17-19 A stationary source of sound \( S \) emits spherical wavefronts, shown one wavelength apart, that expand outward at speed \( v \). A sound detector \( D \), represented by an ear, moves with velocity \( v_D \) toward the source. The detector senses a higher frequency because of its motion.

Detector Moving, Source Stationary

In Fig. 17-19, a detector \( D \) (represented by an ear) is moving at speed \( v_D \) toward a stationary source \( S \) that emits spherical wavefronts, of wavelength \( \lambda \) and frequency \( f \), moving at the speed \( v \) of sound in air. The wavefronts are drawn one wavelength apart. The frequency detected by detector \( D \) is the rate at which \( D \) intercepts wavefronts (or individual wavelengths). If \( D \) were stationary, that rate would be \( f \), but since \( D \) is moving into the wavefronts, the rate of interception is greater, and thus the detected frequency \( f' \) is greater than \( f \).

Let us for the moment consider the situation in which \( D \) is stationary (Fig. 17-20). In time \( t \), the wavefronts move to the right a distance \( vt \). The number of wavelengths in that distance \( vt \) is the number of wavelengths intercepted by \( D \) in time \( t \), and that number is \( vt/\lambda \). The rate at which \( D \) intercepts wavelengths, which is the frequency \( f \) detected by \( D \), is

\[
f = \frac{vt}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{\lambda}.
\]

(17-48)

In this situation, with \( D \) stationary, there is no Doppler effect—the frequency detected by \( D \) is the frequency emitted by \( S \).

Now let us again consider the situation in which \( D \) moves in the direction opposite the wavefront velocity (Fig. 17-21). In time \( t \), the wavefronts move to the right a distance \( vt \) as previously, but now \( D \) moves to the left a distance \( v_D t \). Thus, in this time \( t \), the distance moved by the wavefronts relative to \( D \) is \( vt + v_D t \). The number of wavelengths in this relative distance \( vt + v_D t \) is the number of wavelengths intercepted by \( D \) in time \( t \) and is \((vt + v_D t)/\lambda \). The rate at which \( D \) intercepts wavelengths in this situation is the frequency \( f' \), given by

\[
f' = \frac{(vt + v_D t)/\lambda}{t} = \frac{v + v_D}{\lambda}.
\]

(17-49)

From Eq. 17-48, we have \( \lambda = \frac{v}{f} \). Then Eq. 17-49 becomes

\[
f' = \frac{v + v_D}{v/f} = f \frac{v + v_D}{v}.
\]

(17-50)

Note that in Eq. 17-50, \( f' > f \) unless \( v_D = 0 \) (the detector is stationary).

Similarly, we can find the frequency detected by \( D \) if \( D \) moves away from the source. In this situation, the wavefronts move a distance \( vt - v_D t \) relative to \( D \) in time \( t \), and \( f' \) is given by

\[
f' = f \frac{v - v_D}{v}.
\]

(17-51)

In Eq. 17-51, \( f' < f \) unless \( v_D = 0 \). We can summarize Eqs. 17-50 and 17-51 with

\[
f' = f \frac{v \pm v_D}{v} \quad \text{(detector moving, source stationary)}.
\]

(17-52)
Source Moving, Detector Stationary

Let detector \( D \) be stationary with respect to the body of air, and let source \( S \) move toward \( D \) at speed \( v_s \) (Fig. 17-22). The motion of \( S \) changes the wavelength of the sound waves it emits and thus the frequency detected by \( D \).

To see this change, let \( T = \frac{1}{f} \) be the time between the emission of any pair of successive wavefronts \( W_1 \) and \( W_2 \). During \( T \), wavefront \( W_1 \) moves a distance \( vT \) and the source moves a distance \( v_ST \). At the end of \( T \), wavefront \( W_2 \) is emitted. In the direction in which \( S \) moves, the distance between successive waves but now that distance is \( vT + v_ST \). If \( D \) detects those waves, it detects frequency \( f' \) given by

\[
f' = \frac{v}{\lambda'} = \frac{v}{vT - v_ST} = \frac{v}{v/f - v/f} = f \frac{v}{v - v_s}.
\]  

(17-53)

Note that \( f' \) must be greater than \( f \) unless \( v_s = 0 \).

In the direction opposite that taken by \( S \), the wavelength \( \lambda' \) of the waves is again the distance between successive waves but now that distance is \( vT + v_ST \). If \( D \) detects those waves, it detects frequency \( f' \) given by

\[
f' = f \frac{v}{v + v_s}.
\]  

(17-54)

Now \( f' \) must be less than \( f \) unless \( v_s = 0 \).

We can summarize Eqs. 17-53 and 17-54 with

\[
f' = f \frac{v}{v \pm v_s} \quad \text{(source moving, detector stationary).}
\]  

(17-55)

General Doppler Effect Equation

We can now derive the general Doppler effect equation by replacing \( f \) in Eq. 17-55 (the source frequency) with \( f' \) of Eq. 17-52 (the frequency associated with motion of the detector). That simple replacement gives us Eq. 17-47 for the general Doppler effect. That general equation holds not only when both detector and source are moving but also in the two specific situations we just discussed. For the situation in which the detector is moving and the source is stationary, substitution of \( v_s = 0 \) into Eq. 17-47 gives us Eq. 17-52, which we previously found. For the situation in which the source is moving and the detector is stationary, substitution of \( v_D = 0 \) into Eq. 17-47 gives us Eq. 17-55, which we previously found. Thus, Eq. 17-47 is the equation to remember.
Sample Problem 17.07 Double Doppler shift in the echoes used by bats

Bats navigate and search out prey by emitting, and then detecting reflections of, ultrasonic waves, which are sound waves with frequencies greater than can be heard by a human. Suppose a bat emits ultrasound at frequency \( f_{be} = 82.52 \text{ kHz} \) while flying with velocity \( \vec{v}_b = (9.00 \text{ m/s}) \hat{i} \) as it chases a moth that flies with velocity \( \vec{v}_m = (8.00 \text{ m/s}) \hat{i} \). What frequency \( f_{md} \) does the moth detect? What frequency \( f_{bd} \) does the bat detect in the returning echo from the moth?

**KEY IDEAS**

The frequency is shifted by the relative motion of the bat and moth. Because they move along a single axis, the shifted frequency is given by Eq. 17-47. Motion toward tends to shift the frequency up, and motion away tends to shift it down.

**Detection by moth:** The general Doppler equation is

\[
f' = f \frac{v \pm v_D}{v \pm v_S}.
\]  

(17-56)

Here, the detected frequency \( f' \) that we want to find is the frequency \( f_{md} \) detected by the moth. On the right side, the emitted frequency \( f \) is the bat’s emission frequency \( f_{be} = 82.52 \text{ kHz} \), the speed of sound is \( v = 343 \text{ m/s} \), the speed \( v_D \) of the detector is the moth’s speed \( v_m = 8.00 \text{ m/s} \), and the speed \( v_S \) of the source is the bat’s speed \( v_b = 9.00 \text{ m/s} \).

The decisions about the plus and minus signs can be tricky. Think in terms of toward and away. We have the speed of the moth (the detector) in the numerator of Eq. 17-56. The moth moves away from the bat, which tends to lower the detected frequency. Because the speed is in the numerator, we choose the minus sign to meet that tendency (the numerator becomes smaller). These reasoning steps are shown in Table 17-3.

We have the speed of the bat in the denominator of Eq. 17-56. The bat moves toward the moth, which tends to increase the detected frequency. Because the speed is in the denominator, we choose the minus sign to meet that tendency (the denominator becomes smaller).

With these substitutions and decisions, we have

\[
f_{md} = f_{be} \frac{v - v_m}{v - v_b}
\]

\[
= (82.52 \text{ kHz}) \frac{343 \text{ m/s} - 8.00 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s} - 9.00 \text{ m/s}}
\]

\[
= 82.767 \text{ kHz} \approx 82.8 \text{ kHz}.
\]  

(Answer)

**Detection of echo by bat:** In the echo back to the bat, the moth acts as a source of sound, emitting at the frequency \( f_{md} \) we just calculated. So now the moth is the source (moving away) and the bat is the detector (moving toward). The reasoning steps are shown in Table 17-3. To find the frequency \( f_{bd} \) detected by the bat, we write Eq. 17-56 as

\[
f_{bd} = f_{md} \frac{v + v_b}{v + v_m}
\]

\[
= (82.767 \text{ kHz}) \frac{343 \text{ m/s} + 9.00 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s} + 8.00 \text{ m/s}}
\]

\[
= 83.00 \text{ kHz} \approx 83.0 \text{ kHz}.
\]  

(Answer)

Some moths evade bats by “jamming” the detection system with ultrasonic clicks.

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**Table 17-3**

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**17-8 SUPersonic Speeds, Shock Waves**

**Learning Objectives**

*After reading this module, you should be able to...*

17.35 Sketch the bunching of wavefronts for a sound source traveling at the speed of sound or faster.

17.36 Calculate the Mach number for a sound source exceeding the speed of sound.

17.37 For a sound source exceeding the speed of sound, apply the relationship between the Mach cone angle, the speed of sound, and the speed of the source.

**Key Idea**

- If the speed of a source relative to the medium exceeds the speed of sound in the medium, the Doppler equation no longer applies. In such a case, shock waves result. The half-angle $\theta$ of the Mach cone is given by

\[
\sin \theta = \frac{v}{v_S} \quad \text{Mach cone angle}.
\]

**Supersonic Speeds, Shock Waves**

If a source is moving toward a stationary detector at a speed $v_S$ equal to the speed of sound $v$, Eqs. 17-47 and 17-55 predict that the detected frequency $f'$ will be infinitely great. This means that the source is moving so fast that it keeps pace with its own spherical wavefronts (Fig. 17-23a). What happens when $v_S > v$? For such *supersonic* speeds, Eqs. 17-47 and 17-55 no longer apply. Figure 17-23b depicts the spherical wavefronts that originated at various positions of the source. The radius of any wavefront is $vt$, where $t$ is the time that has elapsed since the source emitted that wavefront. Note that all the wavefronts bunch along a V-shaped envelope in this two-dimensional drawing. The wavefronts actually extend in three dimensions, and the bunching actually forms a cone called the *Mach cone*. A shock wave exists along the surface of this cone, because the bunching of wavefronts causes an abrupt rise and fall of air pressure as the surface passes through any point. From Fig. 17-23b, we see that the half-angle $\theta$ of the cone (the *Mach cone angle*) is given by

\[
\sin \theta = \frac{vt}{v_S} = \frac{v}{v_S} \quad \text{Mach cone angle}.
\]  

(17-57)

The ratio $v_S/v$ is the *Mach number*. If a plane flies at Mach 2.3, its speed is 2.3 times the speed of sound in the air through which the plane is flying. The shock wave generated by a supersonic aircraft (Fig. 17-24)

![U.S. Navy photo by Ensign John Gay](image)

**Figure 17-24** Shock waves produced by the wings of a Navy FA-18 jet. The shock waves are visible because the sudden decrease in air pressure in them caused water molecules in the air to condense, forming a fog.
Sound Waves  Sound waves are longitudinal mechanical waves that can travel through solids, liquids, or gases. The speed $v$ of a sound wave in a medium having bulk modulus $B$ and density $\rho$ is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}} \quad \text{(speed of sound)}. \quad (17-3)$$

In air at 20°C, the speed of sound is 343 m/s.

A sound wave causes a longitudinal displacement $s$ of a mass element in a medium as given by

$$s = s_m \cos(kx - \omega t), \quad (17-12)$$

where $s_m$ is the displacement amplitude (maximum displacement) from equilibrium, $k = 2\pi/\lambda$, and $\omega = 2\pi f$, $\lambda$ and $f$ being the wavelength and frequency of the sound wave. The wave also causes a pressure change $\Delta p$ from the equilibrium pressure:

$$\Delta p = \Delta p_m \sin(kx - \omega t), \quad (17-13)$$

where the pressure amplitude is

$$\Delta p_m = (\rho v_0) s_m. \quad (17-14)$$

Interference  The interference of two sound waves with identical wavelengths passing through a common point depends on their phase difference $\phi$ there. If the sound waves were emitted in phase and are traveling in approximately the same direction, $\phi$ is given by

$$\phi = \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} 2\pi, \quad (17-21)$$

where $\Delta L$ is the path length difference (the difference in the distances traveled by the waves to reach the common point). Fully constructive interference occurs when $\phi$ is an integer multiple of $2\pi$,

$$\phi = m(2\pi), \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, \quad (17-22)$$

and, equivalently, when $\Delta L$ is related to wavelength $\lambda$ by

$$\Delta L \lambda = 0, 1, 2, \ldots. \quad (17-23)$$

Fully destructive interference occurs when $\phi$ is an odd multiple of $\pi$,

$$\phi = (2m + 1)\pi, \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, \quad (17-24)$$

and, equivalently, when $\Delta L$ is related to $\lambda$ by

$$\Delta L \lambda = 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, \ldots. \quad (17-25)$$

Sound Intensity  The intensity $I$ of a sound wave at a surface is the average rate per unit area at which energy is transferred by the wave through or onto the surface:

$$I = \frac{P}{A}, \quad (17-26)$$

where $P$ is the time rate of energy transfer (power) of the sound wave and $A$ is the area of the surface intercepting the sound. The intensity $I$ is related to the displacement amplitude $s_m$ of the sound wave by

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_0^2 s_m^2. \quad (17-27)$$

The intensity at a distance $r$ from a point source that emits sound waves of power $P_s$ is

$$I = \frac{P_s}{4\pi r^2}. \quad (17-28)$$

Sound Level in Decibels  The sound level $\beta$ in decibels (dB) is defined as

$$\beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log \frac{I}{I_0}, \quad (17-29)$$

where $I_0 = 10^{-12}$ W/m$^2$ is a reference intensity level to which all intensities are compared. For every factor-of-10 increase in intensity, 10 dB is added to the sound level.

Standing Wave Patterns in Pipes  Standing sound wave patterns can be set up in pipes. A pipe open at both ends will resonate at frequencies

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{nv}{2L}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, \quad (17-39)$$

where $v$ is the speed of sound in the air in the pipe. For a pipe closed at one end and open at the other, the resonant frequencies are

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{nv}{4L}, \quad n = 1, 3, 5, \ldots. \quad (17-41)$$

Beats  Beats arise when two waves having slightly different frequencies, $f_1$ and $f_2$, are detected together. The beat frequency is

$$f_{\text{beat}} = f_1 - f_2. \quad (17-46)$$

The Doppler Effect  The Doppler effect is a change in the observed frequency of a wave when the source or the detector moves relative to the transmitting medium (such as air). For sound the observed frequency $f'$ is given in terms of the source frequency $f$ by

$$f' = f \frac{v \pm v_D}{v \mp v_S} \quad \text{(general Doppler effect)}, \quad (17-47)$$

where $v_D$ is the speed of the detector relative to the medium, $v_S$ is that of the source, and $v$ is the speed of sound in the medium. The signs are chosen such that $f'$ tends to be greater for motion toward and less for motion away.

Shock Wave  If the speed of a source relative to the medium exceeds the speed of sound in the medium, the Doppler equation no longer applies. In such a case, shock waves result. The half-angle $\theta$ of the Mach cone is given by

$$\sin \theta = \frac{v}{v_S} \quad \text{(Mach cone angle)}. \quad (17-57)$$
1. In a first experiment, a sinusoidal sound wave is sent through a long tube of air, transporting energy at the average rate of \( P_{\text{avg},1} \). In a second experiment, two other sound waves, identical to the first one, are to be sent simultaneously through the tube with a phase difference \( \phi \) of either 0, 0.2 wavelength, or 0.5 wavelength between the waves. (a) With only mental calculation, rank those choices of \( \phi \) according to the average rate at which the waves will transport energy, greatest first. (b) For the first choice of \( \phi \), what is the average rate in terms of \( P_{\text{avg},1} \)?

2. In Fig. 17-25, two point sources \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \), which are in phase, emit identical sound waves of wavelength 2.0 m. In terms of wavelengths, what is the phase difference between the waves arriving at point \( P \) if (a) \( L_1 = 38 \text{ m} \) and \( L_2 = 34 \text{ m} \), and (b) \( L_1 = 39 \text{ m} \) and \( L_2 = 36 \text{ m} \)? (c) Assuming that the source separation is much smaller than \( L_1 \) and \( L_2 \), what type of interference occurs at \( P \) in situations (a) and (b)?

3. In Fig. 17-26, three long tubes (\( A \), \( B \), and \( C \)) are filled with different gases under different pressures. The ratio of the bulk modulus to the density is indicated for each gas in terms of a basic value \( B_0/\rho_0 \). Each tube has a piston at its left end that can send a sound pulse through the tube (as in Fig. 16-2). The three pulses are sent simultaneously. Rank the tubes according to the time of arrival of the pulses at the open right ends of the tubes, earliest first.

4. The sixth harmonic is set up in a pipe. (a) How many open ends does the pipe have (it has at least one)? (b) Is there a node, antinode, or some intermediate state at the midpoint?

5. In Fig. 17-27, pipe \( A \) is made to oscillate in its third harmonic by a small internal sound source. Sound emitted at the right end happens to resonate four nearby pipes, each with only one open end (they are not drawn to scale). Pipe \( B \) oscillates in its lowest harmonic, pipe \( C \) in its second lowest harmonic, pipe \( D \) in its third lowest harmonic, and pipe \( E \) in its fourth lowest harmonic. Without computation, rank all five pipes according to their length, greatest first. (Hint: Draw the standing waves to scale and then draw the pipes to scale.)

6. Pipe \( A \) has length \( L \) and one open end. Pipe \( B \) has length \( 2L \) and two open ends. Which harmonics of pipe \( B \) have a frequency that matches a resonant frequency of pipe \( A \)?

7. Figure 17-28 shows a moving sound source \( S \) that emits at a certain frequency, and four stationary sound detectors. Rank the detectors according to the frequency of the sound they detect from the source, greatest first.

8. A friend rides, in turn, the rims of three fast merry-go-rounds while holding a sound source that emits isotropically at a certain frequency. You stand far from each merry-go-round. The frequency you hear for each of your friend’s three rides varies as the merry-go-round rotates. The variations in frequency for the three rides are given by the three curves in Fig. 17-29. Rank the curves according to (a) the linear speed \( v \) of the sound source, (b) the angular speeds \( \omega \) of the merry-go-rounds, and (c) the radii \( r \) of the merry-go-rounds, greatest first.

9. For a particular tube, here are four of the six harmonic frequencies below 1000 Hz: 300, 600, 750, and 900 Hz. What two frequencies are missing from the list?

10. Figure 17-30 shows a stretched string of length \( L \) and pipes \( a, b, c, \) and \( d \) of lengths \( L, 2L, L/2, \) and \( L/2 \), respectively. The string’s tension is adjusted until the speed of waves on the string equals the speed of sound waves in the air. The fundamental mode of oscillation is then set up on the string. In which pipe will the sound produced by the string cause resonance, and what oscillation mode will that sound set up?

11. You are given four tuning forks. The fork with the lowest frequency oscillates at 500 Hz. By striking two tuning forks at a time, you can produce the following beat frequencies, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 Hz. What are the possible frequencies of the other three forks? (There are two sets of answers.)
Where needed in the problems, use
speed of sound in air = 343 m/s
and density of air = 1.21 kg/m³
unless otherwise specified.

**Module 17-1 Speed of Sound**

1. Two spectators at a soccer game see, and a moment later hear, the ball being kicked on the playing field. The time delay for spectator A is 0.23 s, and for spectator B it is 0.12 s. Sight lines from the two spectators to the player kicking the ball meet at an angle of 90°. How far are (a) spectator A and (b) spectator B from the player? (c) How far are the spectators from each other?

2. What is the bulk modulus of oxygen if 32.0 g of oxygen occupies 22.4 L and the speed of sound in the oxygen is 317 m/s?

3. When the door of the Chapel of the Mausoleum in Hamilton, Scotland, is slammed shut, the last echo heard by someone standing just inside the door reportedly comes 15 s later. (a) If that echo were due to a single reflection off a wall opposite the door, how far from the door is the wall? (b) If, instead, the wall is 25.7 m away, how many reflections (back and forth) occur?

4. A column of soldiers, marching at 120 paces per minute, keep in step with the beat of a drummer at the head of the column. The soldiers in the rear end of the column are striding forward with the left foot when the drummer is advancing with the right foot. What is the approximate length of the column?

5. Earthquakes generate sound waves inside Earth. Unlike a gas, Earth can experience both transverse (S) and longitudinal (P) sound waves. Typically, the speed of S waves is about 4.5 km/s, and that of P waves 8.0 km/s. A seismograph records P and S waves from an earthquake. The first P waves arrive 3.0 min before the first S waves. If the waves travel in a straight line, how far away did the earthquake occur?

6. A man strikes one end of a thin rod with a hammer. The speed of sound in the rod is 15 times the speed of sound in air. A woman, at the other end with her ear close to the rod, hears the sound of the blow twice with a 0.12 s interval between; one sound comes through the rod and the other comes through the air alongside the rod. If the speed of sound in air is 343 m/s, what is the length of the rod?

7. A stone is dropped into a well. The splash is heard 3.00 s later. What is the depth of the well?

8. Hot chocolate effect. Tap a metal spoon inside a mug of water and note the frequency \( f_1 \) you hear. Then add a spoonful of powder (say, chocolate mix or instant coffee) and tap again as you stir the powder. The frequency you hear has a lower value \( f_2 \) because the tiny air bubbles released by the powder change the water’s bulk modulus. As the bubbles reach the water surface and disappear, the frequency gradually shifts back to its initial value. During the effect, the bubbles don’t appreciably change the water’s density or volume or the sound’s wavelength. Rather, they change the value of \( dV/dp \)—that is, the differential change in volume due to the differential change in the pressure caused by the sound wave in the water. If \( f_2/f_1 = 0.333 \), what is the ratio \( (dV/dp)/(dV/dp) \)?

**Module 17-2 Traveling Sound Waves**

9. If the form of a sound wave traveling through air is

\[
s(x, t) = (6.0 \text{ nm}) \cos(kx + (3000 \text{ rad/s})t + \phi),
\]

how much time does any given air molecule along the path take to move between displacements \( s = +2.0 \text{ nm} \) and \( s = -2.0 \text{ nm} \)?

10. Underwater illusion. One clue used by your brain to determine the direction of a source of sound is the time delay \( \Delta t \) between the arrival of the sound at the ear closer to the source and the arrival at the farther ear. Assume that the source is distant so that a wavefront from it is approximately planar when it reaches you, and let \( D \) represent the separation between your ears. (a) If the source is located at angle \( \theta \) in front of you (Fig. 17-31), what is \( \Delta t \) in terms of \( D \) and the speed of sound \( v \) in air? (b) If you are submerged in water and the sound source is directly to your right, what is \( \Delta t \) in terms of \( D \) and the speed of sound \( v_w \) in water? (c) Based on the time-delay clue, your brain interprets the submerged sound to arrive at an angle \( \theta \) from the forward direction. Evaluate \( \theta \) for fresh water at 20°C.

11. Diagnostic ultrasound of frequency 4.50 MHz is used to examine tumors in soft tissue. (a) What is the wavelength in air of such a sound wave? (b) If the speed of sound in tissue is 1500 m/s, what is the wavelength of this wave in tissue?

12. The pressure in a traveling sound wave is given by the equation

\[
\Delta p = (1.50 \text{ Pa}) \sin \pi[(0.900 \text{ m}^{-1})x - (315 \text{ s}^{-1})t].
\]

Find the (a) pressure amplitude, (b) frequency, (c) wavelength, and (d) speed of the wave.

13. A sound wave of the form \( s = s_m \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi) \) travels at 343 m/s through air in a long horizontal tube. At one instant, air molecule \( A \) at \( x = 2.000 \text{ m} \) is at its maximum positive displacement of 6.00 nm and air molecule \( B \) at \( x = 2.070 \text{ m} \) is at a positive displacement of 2.00 nm. All the molecules between \( A \) and \( B \) are at intermediate displacements. What is the frequency of the wave?

14. Figure 17-32 shows the output from a pressure monitor mounted at a point along the

![Figure 17-32 Problem 14](Image)
path taken by a sound wave of a single frequency traveling at 343 m/s through air with a uniform density of 1.21 kg/m³. The vertical axis scale is set by $\Delta p_0 = 4.0 \text{ mPa}$. If the displacement function of the wave is $s(x,t) = s_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$, what are (a) $s_0$, (b) $k$, and (c) $\omega$? The air is then cooled so that its density is 1.35 kg/m³ and the speed of a sound wave through it is 320 m/s. The sound source again emits the sound wave at the same frequency and same pressure amplitude. What now are (d) $s_0$, (e) $k$, and (f) $\omega$?

**15** A handclap on stage in an amphitheater sends out sound waves that scatter from terraces of width $w = 0.75$ m (Fig. 17-33). The sound returns to the stage as a periodic series of pulses, one from each terrace; the parade of pulses sounds like a played note. (a) Assuming that all the rays in Fig. 17-33 are horizontal, find the frequency at which the pulses return (that is, the frequency of the perceived note). (b) If the width $w$ of the terraces were smaller, would the frequency be higher or lower?

![Figure 17-33 Problem 15.](image)

**Module 17-3 Interference**

**16** Two sound waves, from two different sources with the same frequency, 540 Hz, travel in the same direction at 330 m/s. The sources are in phase. What is the phase difference of the waves at a point that is 4.40 m from one source and 4.00 m from the other?

**17** Two loud speakers are located 3.35 m apart on an outdoor stage. A listener is 18.3 m from one and 19.5 m from the other. During the sound check, a signal generator drives the two speakers in phase with the same amplitude and frequency. The transmitted frequency is swept through the audible range (20 Hz to 20 kHz). (a) What is the lowest frequency $f_{\text{min},1}$ that gives minimum signal (destructive interference) at the listener’s location? (b) By what number must $f_{\text{min},1}$ be multiplied to get the second lowest frequency $f_{\text{min},2}$ that gives minimum signal and (c) the third lowest frequency $f_{\text{min},3}$ that gives minimum signal? (d) What is the lowest frequency $f_{\text{max},1}$ that gives maximum signal (constructive interference) at the listener’s location? (e) By what number must $f_{\text{max},1}$ be multiplied to get the second lowest frequency $f_{\text{max},2}$ that gives maximum signal and (f) the third lowest frequency $f_{\text{max},3}$ that gives maximum signal?

**18** In Fig. 17-34, sound waves $A$ and $B$, both of wavelength $\lambda$, are initially in phase and traveling rightward, as indicated by the two rays. Wave $A$ is reflected from four surfaces but ends up traveling in its original direction. Wave $B$ ends in that direction after reflecting from two surfaces. Let distance $L$ in the figure be expressed as a multiple $q$ of $\lambda$: $L = q\lambda$. What are the (a) smallest and (b) second smallest values of $q$ that put $A$ and $B$ exactly out of phase with each other after the reflections?

**19** Figure 17-35 shows two isotropic point sources of sound, $S_1$ and $S_2$. The sources emit waves in phase at wavelength 0.50 m; they are separated by $D = 1.75$ m. If we move a sound detector along a large circle centered at the midpoint between the sources, at how many points do waves arrive at the detector (a) exactly in phase and (b) exactly out of phase?

**20** Figure 17-36 shows four isotropic point sources of sound that are uniformly spaced on an $x$ axis. The sources emit sound at the same wavelength $\lambda$ and same amplitude $s_m$, and they emit in phase. A point $P$ is shown on the $x$ axis. Assume that as the sound waves travel to $P$, the decrease in their amplitude is negligible. What multiple of $s_m$ is the amplitude of the net wave at $P$ if distance $d$ in the figure is (a) $\lambda/4$, (b) $\lambda/2$, and (c) $\lambda$?

![Figure 17-36 Problem 20.](image)

**21 SSM** In Fig. 17-37, two speakers separated by distance $d_1 = 2.00$ m are in phase. Assume the amplitudes of the sound waves from the speakers are approximately the same at the listener’s ear at distance $d_2 = 3.75$ m directly in front of one speaker. Consider the full audible range for normal hearing, 20 Hz to 20 kHz. (a) What is the lowest frequency $f_{\text{min},1}$ that gives minimum signal (destructive interference) at the listener’s ear? By what number must $f_{\text{min},1}$ be multiplied to get (b) the second lowest frequency $f_{\text{min},2}$ that gives minimum signal and (c) the third lowest frequency $f_{\text{min},3}$ that gives minimum signal? (d) What is the lowest frequency $f_{\text{max},1}$ that gives maximum signal (constructive interference) at the listener’s ear? By what number must $f_{\text{max},1}$ be multiplied to get (e) the second lowest frequency $f_{\text{max},2}$ that gives maximum signal and (f) the third lowest frequency $f_{\text{max},3}$ that gives maximum signal?

**22** In Fig. 17-38, sound with a 40.0 cm wavelength travels rightward from a source and through a tube that consists of a straight portion and a half-circle. Part of the sound wave travels through the half-circle and then rejoins the rest of the wave, which goes directly through the straight portion. This joining results in interference. What is the smallest radius $r$ that results in an intensity minimum at the detector?

**23** Figure 17-39 shows two point sources $S_1$ and $S_2$ that emit sound of wavelength $\lambda = 2.00$ m. The emissions are isotropic and in phase, and the separation between
the sources is \( d = 16.0 \, \text{m} \). At any point \( P \) on the \( x \) axis, the wave from \( S_1 \) and the wave from \( S_2 \) interfere. When \( P \) is very far away \((x \approx \infty)\), what are (a) the phase difference between the arriving waves from \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) and (b) the type of interference they produce? Now move point \( P \) along the \( x \) axis toward \( S_1 \). (c) Does the phase difference between the waves increase or decrease? At what distance \( x \) do the waves have a phase difference of (d) 0.50\( \lambda \), (e) 1.00\( \lambda \), and (f) 1.50\( \lambda \)?

### Module 17-4 Intensity and Sound Level

**24** Suppose that the sound level of a conversation is initially at an angry 70 dB and then drops to a soothing 50 dB. Assuming that the frequency of the sound is 500 Hz, determine the (a) initial and (b) final sound intensities and the (c) initial and (d) final sound wave amplitudes.

**25** A sound wave of frequency 300 Hz has an intensity of 1.00 \( \mu \text{W/m}^2 \). What is the amplitude of the air oscillations caused by this wave?

**26** A 1.0 W point source emits sound waves isotropically. Assuming that the energy of the waves is conserved, find the intensity (a) 1.0 m from the source and (b) 2.5 m from the source.

**27** A certain sound source is increased in sound level by 30.0 dB. By what multiple is (a) its intensity increased and (b) its pressure amplitude increased?

**28** Two sounds differ in sound level by 1.00 dB. What is the ratio of the greater intensity to the smaller intensity?

**29** A point source emits sound waves isotropically. The intensity of the waves 2.50 m from the source is 1.91 \( \times 10^{-4} \, \text{W/m}^2 \). Assuming that the energy of the waves is conserved, find the power of the source.

**30** The source of a sound wave has a power of 1.00 \( \mu \text{W} \). If it is a point source, (a) what is the intensity 3.00 m away and (b) what is the sound level in decibels at that distance?

**31** When you “crack” a knuckle, you suddenly widen the knuckle cavity, allowing more volume for the synovial fluid inside it and causing a gas bubble suddenly to appear in the fluid. The sudden production of the bubble, called “cavitation,” produces a sound pulse—the cracking sound. Assume that the sound is transmitted uniformly in all directions and that it fully passes from the knuckle interior to the outside. If the pulse has a sound level of 62 dB at your ear, estimate the rate at which energy is produced by the cavitation.

**32** Approximately a third of people with normal hearing have ears that continuously emit a low-intensity sound outward through the ear canal. A person with such spontaneous otoacoustic emission is rarely aware of the sound, except perhaps in a noise-free environment, but occasionally the emission is loud enough to be heard by someone else nearby. In one observation, the sound wave had a frequency of 1665 Hz and a pressure amplitude of 1.13 \( \times 10^{-3} \, \text{Pa} \). What were (a) the displacement amplitude and (b) the intensity of the wave emitted by the ear?

**33** Male *Rana catesbeiana* bullfrogs are known for their loud mating call. The call is emitted not by the frog’s mouth but by its eardrums, which lie on the surface of the head. And, surprisingly, the song has nothing to do with the frog’s inflated throat. If the emitted sound has a frequency of 260 Hz and a sound level of 85 dB (near the eardrum), what is the amplitude of the eardrum’s oscillation? The air density is 1.21 kg/m\(^3\).

**34** Two atmospheric sound sources \( A \) and \( B \) emit isotropically at constant power. The sound levels \( \beta \) of their emissions are plotted in Fig. 17-40 versus the radial distance \( r \) from the sources. The vertical axis scale is set by \( \beta_1 = 85.0 \, \text{dB} \) and \( \beta_2 = 65.0 \, \text{dB} \). What are (a) the ratio of the larger power to the smaller power and (b) the sound level difference at \( r = 10 \, \text{m} \)?

**35** A point source emits 30.0 W of sound isotropically. A small microphone intercepts the sound in an area of 0.750 cm\(^2\), 200 m from the source. Calculate (a) the sound intensity there and (b) the power intercepted by the microphone.

**36** Party hearing. As the number of people at a party increases, you must raise your voice for a listener to hear you against the background noise of the other partygoers. However, once you reach the level of yelling, the only way you can be heard is if you move closer to your listener, into the listener’s “personal space.” Model the situation by replacing you with an isotropic point source of fixed power \( P \) and replacing your listener with a point that absorbs part of your sound waves. These points are initially separated by \( r_f = 1.20 \, \text{m} \). If the background noise increases by \( \Delta \beta = 5 \, \text{dB} \), the sound level at your listener must also increase. What separation \( r_f \) is then required?

**37** A sound source sends a sinusoidal sound wave of angular frequency 3000 rad/s and amplitude 12.0 nm through a tube of air. The internal radius of the tube is 2.00 cm. (a) What is the average rate at which energy (the sum of the kinetic and potential energies) is transported to the opposite end of the tube? (b) If, simultaneously, an identical wave travels along an adjacent, identical tube, what is the total average rate at which energy is transported to the opposite ends of the two tubes by the waves? If, instead, those two waves are sent along the same tube simultaneously, what is the total average rate at which they transport energy when their phase difference is (c) 0, (d) 0.40\( \pi \) rad, and (e) \( \pi \) rad?

### Module 17-5 Sources of Musical Sound

**38** The water level in a vertical glass tube 1.00 m long can be adjusted to any position in the tube. A tuning fork vibrating at 686 Hz is held just over the open top end of the tube, to set up a standing wave of sound in the air-filled top portion of the tube. (That air-filled top portion acts as a tube with one end closed and the other end open.) (a) For how many different positions of the water level will sound from the fork set up resonance in the tube’s air-filled portion? What are the (b) least and (c) second least water heights in the tube for resonance to occur?

**39** A violin source sends a sinusoidal sound wave of angular frequency 920 Hz. (a) What is the speed of waves on a violin string of mass 800 mg and length 22.0 cm if the fundamental frequency is 920 Hz. (b) What is the tension in the string? For the fundamental, what is the wavelength of (c) the waves on the string and (d) the sound waves emitted by the string?
**Problem 40** Organ pipe \( A \), with both ends open, has a fundamental frequency of 300 Hz. The third harmonic of organ pipe \( B \), with one end open, has the same frequency as the second harmonic of pipe \( A \). How long are (a) pipe \( A \) and (b) pipe \( B \)?

**Problem 41** A violin string 15.0 cm long and fixed at both ends oscillates in its \( n = 1 \) mode. The speed of waves on the string is 250 m/s, and the speed of sound in air is 348 m/s. What are the (a) frequency and (b) wavelength of the emitted sound wave?

**Problem 42** A sound wave in a fluid medium is reflected at a barrier so that a standing wave is formed. The distance between nodes is 3.8 cm, and the speed of propagation is 1500 m/s. Find the frequency of the sound wave.

**Problem 43** SSM In Fig. 17-41, \( S \) is a small loudspeaker driven by an audio oscillator with a frequency that is varied from 1000 Hz to 2000 Hz, and \( D \) is a cylindrical pipe with two open ends and a length of 45.7 cm. The speed of sound in the air-filled pipe is 344 m/s. (a) At how many frequencies does the sound from the loudspeaker set up resonance in the pipe? What are the (b) lowest and (c) second lowest frequencies at which resonance occurs?

**Problem 44** The crest of a *Parasaurolophus* dinosaur skull is shaped somewhat like a trombone and contains a nasal passage in the form of a long, bent tube open at both ends. The dinosaur may have used the passage to produce sound by setting up the fundamental mode in it. (a) If the nasal passage in a certain *Parasaurolophus* fossil is 2.0 m long, what frequency would have been produced? (b) If that dinosaur could be recreated (as in *Jurassic Park*), would a person with a hearing range of 60 Hz to 20 kHz be able to hear that fundamental mode and, if so, would the sound be high or low frequency? Fossil skulls that contain shorter nasal passages are thought to be those of the female *Parasaurolophus*. (c) Would that make the female’s fundamental frequency higher or lower than the male’s?

**Problem 45** In pipe \( A \), the ratio of a particular harmonic frequency to the next lower harmonic frequency is 1.2. In pipe \( B \), the ratio of a particular harmonic frequency to the next lower harmonic frequency is 1.4. How many open ends are in (a) pipe \( A \) and (b) pipe \( B \)?

**Problem 46** SSM Pipe \( A \), which is 1.20 m long and open at both ends, oscillates at its third lowest harmonic frequency. It is filled with air for which the speed of sound is 343 m/s. Pipe \( B \), which is closed at one end, oscillates at its second lowest harmonic frequency. This frequency of \( B \) happens to match the frequency of \( A \). An \( x \) axis extends along the interior of \( B \), with \( x = 0 \) at the closed end. (a) How many nodes are along that axis? What are the (b) smallest and (c) second smallest value of \( x \) locating those nodes? (d) What is the fundamental frequency of \( B \)?

**Problem 47** A well with vertical sides and water at the bottom resonates at 7.00 Hz and at no lower frequency. The air-filled portion of the well acts as a tube with one closed end (at the bottom) and one open end (at the top). The air in the well has a density of 1.10 kg/m³ and a bulk modulus of 1.33 × 10⁹ Pa. How far down in the well is the water surface?

**Problem 48** One of the harmonic frequencies of tube \( A \) with two open ends is 325 Hz. The next-highest harmonic frequency is 390 Hz. (a) What harmonic frequency is next highest after the harmonic frequency 195 Hz? (b) What is the number of this next-highest harmonic? One of the harmonic frequencies of tube \( B \) with only one open end is 1080 Hz. The next-highest harmonic frequency is 1320 Hz. (c) What harmonic frequency is next highest after the harmonic frequency 600 Hz? (d) What is the number of this next-highest harmonic?

**Problem 49** SSM A violin string 30.0 cm long with linear density 0.650 g/m is placed near a loudspeaker that is fed by an audio oscillator of variable frequency. It is found that the string is set into oscillation only at the frequencies 880 and 1320 Hz as the frequency of the oscillator is varied over the range 500–1500 Hz. What is the tension in the string?

**Problem 50** A tube 1.20 m long is closed at one end. A stretched wire is placed near the open end. The wire is 0.330 m long and has a mass of 9.60 g. It is fixed at both ends and oscillates in its fundamental mode. By resonance, it sets the air column in the tube into oscillation at that column’s fundamental frequency. Find (a) that frequency and (b) the tension in the wire.

**Module 17-6 Beats**

**Problem 51** The A string of a violin is a little too tightly stretched. Beats at 4.00 per second are heard when the string is sounded together with a tuning fork that is oscillating accurately at concert A (440 Hz). What is the period of the violin string oscillation?

**Problem 52** A tuning fork of unknown frequency makes 3.00 beats per second with a standard fork of frequency 384 Hz. The beat frequency decreases when a small piece of wax is put on a prong of the first fork. What is the frequency of this fork?

**Problem 53** SSM Two identical piano wires have a fundamental frequency of 600 Hz when kept under the same tension. What fractional increase in the tension of one wire will lead to the occurrence of 6.0 beats/s when both wires oscillate simultaneously?

**Problem 54** You have five tuning forks that oscillate at close but different resonant frequencies. What are the (a) maximum and (b) minimum number of different beat frequencies you can produce by sounding the forks two at a time, depending on how the resonant frequencies differ?

**Module 17-7 The Doppler Effect**

**Problem 55** ILW A whistle of frequency 540 Hz moves in a circle of radius 60.0 cm at an angular speed of 15.0 rad/s. What are the (a) lowest and (b) highest frequencies heard by a listener a long distance away, at rest with respect to the center of the circle?

**Problem 56** An ambulance with a siren emitting a whine at 1600 Hz overtakes and passes a cyclist pedaling a bike at 2.44 m/s. After being passed, the cyclist hears a frequency of 1590 Hz. How fast is the ambulance moving?

**Problem 57** A state trooper chases a speeder along a straight road; both vehicles move at 160 km/h. The siren on the trooper’s vehicle produces sound at a frequency of 500 Hz. What is the Doppler shift in the frequency heard by the speeder?

**Problem 58** A sound source \( A \) and a reflecting surface \( B \) move directly toward each other. Relative to the air, the speed of source \( A \) is 29.9 m/s, the speed of surface \( B \) is 65.8 m/s, and the speed of sound is 329 m/s. The source emits waves at frequency 1200 Hz as measured in the source frame. In the reflector frame, what are the (a) frequency and (b) wavelength of the arriving sound waves? In the source frame, what are the (c) frequency and (d) wavelength of the sound waves reflected back to the source?
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In Fig. 17-42, a French submarine and a U.S. submarine move toward each other during maneuvers in motionless water in the North Atlantic. The French sub moves at speed \( v_F = 50.00 \text{ km/h} \), and the U.S. sub at \( v_{US} = 70.00 \text{ km/h} \). The French sub sends out a sonar signal (sound wave in water) at \( 1.00 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz} \). Sonar waves travel at \( 5470 \text{ km/h} \). (a) What is the signal’s frequency as detected by the U.S. sub? (b) What frequency is detected by the French sub in the signal reflected back to it by the U.S. sub?

[Figure 17-42 Problem 59.]

A stationary motion detector sends sound waves of frequency \( 0.150 \text{ MHz} \) toward a truck approaching at a speed of 45.0 m/s. What is the frequency of the waves reflected back to the detector?

A bat is flitting about in a cave, navigating via ultrasonic bleeps. Assume that the sound emission frequency of the bat is \( 39000 \text{ Hz} \). During one fast swoop directly toward a flat wall surface, the bat is moving at 0.025 times the speed of sound in air. What frequency does the bat hear reflected off the wall?

Figure 17-43 shows four tubes with lengths 1.0 m or 2.0 m, with one or two open ends as drawn. The third harmonic is set up in each tube, and some of the sound that escapes from them is detected by detector \( D \), which moves directly away from the tubes. In terms of the speed of sound \( v \), what speed must the detector have such that the detected frequency of the sound from (a) tube 1, (b) tube 2, (c) tube 3, and (d) tube 4 is equal to the tube’s fundamental frequency?

An acoustic burglar alarm consists of a source emitting waves of frequency 28.0 kHz. What is the beat frequency between the source waves and the waves reflected from an intruder walking at an average speed of 0.950 m/s directly away from the alarm?

A stationary detector measures the frequency of a sound source that first moves at constant velocity directly toward the detector and then (after passing the detector) directly away from it. The emitted frequency is \( f \). During the approach the detected frequency is \( f'_{app} \) and during the recession it is \( f'_{rec} \). If \( (f'_{app} - f'_{rec})/f = 0.500 \), what is the ratio \( v_s/v \) of the speed of the source to the speed of sound?

A 2000 Hz siren and a civil defense official are both at rest with respect to the ground. What frequency does the official hear if the wind is blowing at 12 m/s (a) from source to official and (b) from official to source?

Two trains are traveling toward each other at 30.5 m/s relative to the ground. One train is blowing a whistle at 500 Hz. (a) What frequency is heard on the other train in still air? (b) What frequency is heard on the other train if the wind is blowing at 30.5 m/s toward the whistle and away from the listener? (c) What frequency is heard if the wind direction is reversed?

A girl is sitting near the open window of a train that is moving at a velocity of 10.00 m/s to the east. The girl’s uncle stands near the tracks and watches the train move away. The locomotive whistle emits sound at frequency 500.0 Hz. The air is still. (a) What frequency does the uncle hear? (b) What frequency does the girl hear? A wind begins to blow from the east at 10.00 m/s. (c) What frequency does the uncle now hear? (d) What frequency does the girl now hear?

Module 17-8  Supersonic Speeds, Shock Waves

The shock wave off the cockpit of the FA 18 in Fig. 17-24 has an angle of about 60°. The airplane was traveling at about 1350 km/h when the photograph was taken. Approximately what was the speed of sound at the airplane’s altitude?

A jet plane passes over you at a height of 5000 m and a speed of Mach 1.5. (a) Find the Mach cone angle (the sound speed is 331 m/s). (b) How long after the jet passes directly overhead does the shock wave reach you?

A plane flies at 1.25 times the speed of sound. Its sonic boom reaches a man on the ground 1.00 min after the plane passes directly overhead. What is the altitude of the plane? Assume the speed of sound to be 330 m/s.

Additional Problems

At a distance of 10 km, a 100 Hz horn, assumed to be an isotropic point source, is barely audible. At what distance would it begin to cause pain?

A bullet is fired with a speed of 685 m/s. Find the angle made by the shock cone with the line of motion of the bullet.

A sperm whale (Fig. 17-44a) vocalizes by producing a series of clicks. Actually, the whale makes only a single sound near the front of its head to start the series. Part of that sound then emerges from the head into the water to become the first click of the series. The rest of the sound travels backward through the spermaceti sac (a body of fat), reflects from the frontal sac (an air layer), and then travels forward through the spermaceti sac. When it reaches the distal sac (another air layer) at the front of the head, some of the sound escapes into the water to form the second click, and the rest is sent back through the spermaceti sac (and ends up forming later clicks).

Figure 17-44b shows a strip-chart recording of a series of clicks. A unit time interval of 1.0 ms is indicated on the chart. Assuming that the speed of sound in the spermaceti sac is 1372 m/s, find the length of the spermaceti sac. From such a calculation, marine scientists estimate the length of a whale from its click series.

[Figure 17-44 Problem 73.]
74 The average density of Earth’s crust 10 km beneath the continents is 2.7 g/cm³. The speed of longitudinal seismic waves at that depth, found by timing their arrival from distant earthquakes, is 5.4 km/s. Find the bulk modulus of Earth’s crust at that depth. For comparison, the bulk modulus of steel is about \(16 \times 10^9\) Pa.

75 A certain loudspeaker system emits sound isotropically with a frequency of 2000 Hz and an intensity of 0.960 mW/m² at a distance of 6.10 m. Assume that there are no reflections. (a) What is the intensity at 30.0 m? At 6.10 m, what are (b) the displacement amplitude and (c) the pressure amplitude?

76 Find the ratios (greater to smaller) of the (a) intensities, (b) pressure amplitudes, and (c) particle displacement amplitudes for two sounds whose sound levels differ by 37 dB.

77 In Fig. 17-45, sound waves \(A\) and \(B\), both of wavelength \(\lambda\), are initially in phase and traveling rightward, as indicated by the two rays. Wave \(A\) is reflected from four surfaces but ends up traveling in its original direction. What multiple of wavelength \(\lambda\) is the smallest value of distance \(L\) in the figure that puts \(A\) and \(B\) exactly out of phase with each other after the reflections?

78 A trumpet player on a moving railroad flatcar moves toward a second trumpet player standing alongside the track while both play a 440 Hz note. The sound waves heard by a stationary observer between the two players have a beat frequency of 4.0 beats/s. What is the flatcar’s speed?

79 In Fig. 17-46, sound of wavelength 0.850 m is emitted isotropically from point source \(S\). Sound ray 1 extends directly to detector \(D\), at distance \(L = 10.0\) m. Sound ray 2 extends to \(D\) via a reflection (effectively, a “bouncing”) of the sound at a flat surface. That reflection occurs on a perpendicular bisector to the \(SD\) line, at distance \(d\) from the line. Assume that the reflection shifts the sound wave by 0.500 s. For what least value of \(d\) (other than zero) do the direct sound and the reflected sound arrive at \(D\) (a) exactly out of phase and (b) exactly in phase?

80 A detector initially moves at constant velocity directly toward a stationary sound source and then (after passing it) directly from it. The emitted frequency is \(f\). During the approach the detected frequency is \(f'_{\text{app}}\) and during the recession it is \(f'_{\text{rec}}\). If the frequencies are related by \((f'_{\text{app}} - f'_{\text{rec}})/f = 0.500\), what is the ratio \(v_p/v\) of the speed of the detector to the speed of sound?

81 (a) If two sound waves, one in air and one in (fresh) water, are equal in intensity and angular frequency, what is the ratio of the pressure amplitude of the wave in water to that of the wave in air? Assume the water and the air are at 20°C. (See Table 14-1.) (b) If the pressure amplitudes are equal instead, what is the ratio of the intensities of the waves?

82 A continuous sinusoidal longitudinal wave is sent along a very long coiled spring from an attached oscillating source. The wave travels in the negative direction of an \(x\) axis; the source frequency is 25 Hz; at any instant the distance between successive points of maximum expansion in the spring is 24 cm; the maximum longitudinal displacement of a spring particle is 0.30 cm; and the particle at \(x = 0\) has zero displacement at time \(t = 0\). If the wave is written in the form \(s(x, t) = s_m \cos(kx \pm \omega t)\), what are (a) \(s_m\), (b) \(k\), (c) \(\omega\), (d) the wave speed, and (e) the correct choice of sign in front of \(\omega\)?

83 Ultrasound, which consists of sound waves with frequencies above the human audible range, can be used to produce an image of the interior of a human body. Moreover, ultrasound can be used to measure the speed of the blood in the body; it does so by comparing the frequency of the ultrasound sent into the body with the frequency of the ultrasound reflected back to the body’s surface by the blood. As the blood pulses, this detected frequency varies.

Suppose that an ultrasound image of the arm of a patient shows an artery that is angled at \(\theta = 20^\circ\) to the ultrasound’s line of travel (Fig. 17-47). Suppose also that the frequency of the ultrasound reflected by the blood in the artery is increased by a maximum of 5495 Hz from the original ultrasound frequency of 5,000 000 MHz. (a) In Fig. 17-47, is the direction of the blood flow rightward or leftward? (b) The speed of sound in the human arm is 1540 m/s. What is the maximum speed of the blood? (Hint: The Doppler effect is caused by the component of the blood’s velocity along the ultrasound’s direction of travel.) (c) If angle \(\theta\) were greater, would the reflected frequency be greater or less?

84 The speed of sound in a certain metal is \(v_m\). One end of a long pipe of that metal of length \(L\) is struck a hard blow. A listener at the other end hears two sounds, one from the wave that travels along the pipe’s metal wall and the other from the wave that travels through the air inside the pipe. (a) If \(v\) is the speed of sound in air, what is the time interval \(\Delta t\) between the arrivals of the two sounds at the listener’s ear? (b) If \(\Delta t = 1.00\) s and the metal is steel, what is the length \(L\)?

85 An avalanche of sand along some rare desert sand dunes can produce a booming that is loud enough to be heard 10 km away. The booming apparently results from a periodic oscillation of the sliding layer of sand—the layer’s thickness expands and contracts. If the emitted frequency is 90 Hz, what are (a) the period of the thickness oscillation and (b) the wavelength of the sound?

86 A sound source moves along an \(x\) axis, between detectors \(A\) and \(B\). The wavelength of the sound detected at \(A\) is 0.500 that of the sound detected at \(B\). What is the ratio \(v_p/v\) of the speed of the source to the speed of sound?

87 A siren emitting a sound of frequency 1000 Hz moves away from you toward the face of a cliff at a speed of 10 m/s. Take the speed of sound in air as 330 m/s. (a) What is the frequency of the sound you hear coming directly from the siren? (b) What is the frequency of the sound you hear reflected off the cliff? (c) What is the beat frequency between the two sounds? Is it perceptible (less than 20 Hz)?

88 At a certain point, two waves produce pressure variations given by \(\Delta p_1 = \Delta p_m \sin \omega t\) and \(\Delta p_2 = \Delta p_m \sin(\omega t - \phi)\). At this point,
90 A sinusoidal sound wave moves at 343 m/s through air in the positive direction of an x axis. At one instant during the oscillations, air molecule A is at its maximum displacement in the negative direction of the axis while air molecule B is at its equilibrium position. The separation between those molecules is 15.0 cm, and the molecules between A and B have intermediate displacements in the negative direction of the axis. (a) What is the frequency of the sound wave?

In a similar arrangement but for a different sinusoidal sound wave, at one instant air molecule C is at its maximum displacement in the positive direction while molecule D is at its maximum displacement in the negative direction. The separation between the molecules is again 15.0 cm, and the molecules between C and D have intermediate displacements. (b) What is the frequency of the sound wave?

91 Two identical tuning forks can oscillate at 440 Hz. A person is located somewhere on the line between them. Calculate the beat frequency as measured by this individual if (a) she is standing still and the tuning forks move in the same direction along the line at 3.00 m/s, and (b) the tuning forks are stationary and the listener moves along the line at 3.00 m/s.

92 You can estimate your distance from a lightning stroke by counting the seconds between the flash you see and the thunder you later hear. By what integer should you divide the number of seconds to get the distance in kilometers?

93 SSM Figure 17-48 shows an air-filled, acoustic interferometer, used to demonstrate the interference of sound waves. Sound source S is an oscillating diaphragm; D is a sound detector, such as the ear or a microphone. Path SBD can be varied in length, but path SAD is fixed. At D, the sound wave coming along path SBD interferes with that coming along path SAD. In one demonstration, the sound intensity at D has a minimum value of 100 units at one position of the movable arm and continuously climbs to a maximum value of 900 units when that arm is shifted by 1.65 cm. Find (a) the frequency of the sound emitted by the source and (b) the ratio of the amplitude at D of the SAD wave to that of the SBD wave. (c) How can it happen that these waves have different amplitudes, considering that they originate at the same source?

94 On July 10, 1996, a granite block broke away from a wall in Yosemite Valley and, as it began to slide down the wall, was launched into projectile motion. Seismic waves produced by its impact with the ground triggered seismographs as far away as 200 km. Later measurements indicated that the block had a mass between $7.3 \times 10^7$ kg and $1.7 \times 10^8$ kg and that it landed 500 m vertically below the launch point and 30 m horizontally from it.

95 SSM The sound intensity is 0.0080 W/m$^2$ at a distance of 10 m from an isotropic point source of sound. (a) What is the power of the source? (b) What is the sound intensity 5.0 m from the source? (c) What is the sound level 10 m from the source?

96 Four sound waves are to be sent through the same tube of air, in the same direction:

\[ s_1(x, t) = (9.00 \text{ nm}) \cos(2 \pi x - 700 \pi t) \]
\[ s_2(x, t) = (9.00 \text{ nm}) \cos(2 \pi x - 700 \pi t + 0.7 \pi) \]
\[ s_3(x, t) = (9.00 \text{ nm}) \cos(2 \pi x - 700 \pi t + \pi) \]
\[ s_4(x, t) = (9.00 \text{ nm}) \cos(2 \pi x - 700 \pi t + 1.7 \pi) \]

What is the amplitude of the resultant wave? (Hint: Use a phasor diagram to simplify the problem.)

97 Straight line $AB$ connects two point sources that are 5.00 m apart, emit 300 Hz sound waves of the same amplitude, and emit exactly out of phase. (a) What is the shortest distance between the midpoint of $AB$ and a point on $AB$ where the interfering waves cause maximum oscillation of the air molecules? What are the (b) second and (c) third shortest distances?

98 A point source that is stationary on an x axis emits a sinusoidal sound wave at a frequency of 686 Hz and speed 343 m/s. The wave travels radially outward from the source, causing air molecules to oscillate radially inward and outward. Let us define a wavefront as a line that connects points where the air molecules have the maximum, radially outward displacement. At any given instant, the wavefronts are concentric circles that are centered on the source. (a) Along x, what is the adjacent wavefront separation? Next, the source moves along x at a speed of 110 m/s. Along x, what are the wavefront separations (b) in front of and (c) behind the source?

99 You are standing at a distance $D$ from an isotropic point source of sound. You walk 50.0 m toward the source and observe that the intensity of the sound has doubled. Calculate the distance $D$. 

(The launch angle is not known.) (a) Estimate the block’s kinetic energy just before it landed.

Consider two types of seismic waves that spread from the impact point—a hemispherical body wave traveled through the ground in an expanding hemisphere and a cylindrical surface wave traveled along the ground in an expanding shallow vertical cylinder (Fig. 17-49). Assume that the impact lasted 0.50 s, the vertical cylinder had a depth $d$ of 5.0 m, and each wave type received 20% of the energy the block had just before impact. Neglecting any mechanical energy loss the waves experienced as they traveled, determine the intensities of (b) the body wave and (c) the surface wave when they reached a seismograph 200 km away. (d) On the basis of these results, which wave is more easily detected on a distant seismograph?
100 Pipe A has only one open end; pipe B is four times as long and has two open ends. Of the lowest 10 harmonic numbers \( n_B \) of pipe B, what are the (a) smallest, (b) second smallest, and (c) third smallest values at which a harmonic frequency of B matches one of the harmonic frequencies of A?

101 A pipe 0.60 m long and closed at one end is filled with an unknown gas. The third lowest harmonic frequency for the pipe is 750 Hz. (a) What is the speed of sound in the unknown gas? (b) Suppose a spherical loudspeaker emits sound isotropically at 1 W into a room with completely absorbent walls, floor, and ceiling. What is the sound intensity in the room? (Take the speed of sound in air to be 340 m/s.)

102 A sound wave travels out uniformly in all directions from a point source. (a) Justify the following expression for the displacement \( s \) of the transmitting medium at any distance \( r \) from the source:

\[
s = \frac{b}{r} \sin k(r - vt),
\]

where \( b \) is a constant. Consider the speed, direction of propagation, periodicity, and intensity of the wave. (b) What is the dimension of the constant \( b \)?

103 A police car is chasing a speeding Porsche 911. Assume that the Porsche’s maximum speed is 80.0 m/s and the police car’s is 54.0 m/s. At the moment both cars reach their maximum speed, what frequency will the Porsche driver hear if the frequency of the police car’s siren is 440 Hz? Take the speed of sound in air to be 340 m/s.

104 Suppose a spherical loudspeaker emits sound isotropically at 10 W into a room with completely absorbent walls, floor, and ceiling (an anechoic chamber). (a) What is the intensity of the sound at distance \( d = 3.0 \) m from the center of the source? (b) What is the ratio of the wave amplitude at \( d = 4.0 \) m to that at \( d = 3.0 \) m?

105 In Fig. 17-35, \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) are two isotropic point sources of sound. They emit waves in phase at wavelength 0.50 m; they are separated by \( D = 1.60 \) m. If we move a sound detector along a large circle centered at the midpoint between the sources, at how many points do waves arrive at the detector (a) exactly in phase and (b) exactly out of phase?

106 Figure 17-50 shows a transmitter and receiver of waves contained in a single instrument. It is used to measure the speed \( u \) of a target object (idealized as a flat plate) that is moving directly toward the unit, by analyzing the waves reflected from the target. What is \( u \) if the emitted frequency is 18.0 kHz and the detected frequency (of the returning waves) is 22.2 kHz?

107 Kundt’s method for measuring the speed of sound. In Fig. 17-51, a rod \( R \) is clamped at its center; a disk \( D \) at its end projects into a glass tube that has cork filings spread over its interior. A plunger \( P \) is provided at the other end of the tube, and the tube is filled with a gas. The rod is made to oscillate longitudinally at frequency \( f \) to produce sound waves inside the gas, and the location of the plunger is adjusted until a standing sound wave pattern is set up inside the tube. Once the standing wave is set up, the motion of the gas molecules causes the cork filings to collect in a pattern of ridges at the displacement nodes. If \( f = 4.46 \times 10^3 \) Hz and the separation between ridges is 9.20 cm, what is the speed of sound in the gas?

108 A source S and a detector D of radio waves are a distance \( d \) apart on level ground (Fig. 17-52). Radio waves of wavelength \( \lambda \) reach D either along a straight path or by reflecting (bouncing) from a certain layer in the atmosphere. When the layer is at height \( H \), the two waves reaching D are exactly in phase. If the layer gradually rises, the phase difference between the two waves gradually shifts, until they are exactly out of phase when the layer is at height \( H + h \). Express \( \lambda \) in terms of \( d \), \( h \), and \( H \).

109 In Fig. 17-53, a point source \( S \) of sound waves lies near a reflecting wall \( AB \). A sound detector \( D \) intercepts sound ray \( R_1 \) traveling directly from \( S \). It also intercepts sound ray \( R_2 \) that reflects from the wall such that the angle of incidence \( \theta_i \) is equal to the angle of reflection \( \theta_r \). Assume that the reflection of sound by the wall causes a phase shift of 0.500A. If the distances are \( d_1 = 2.50 \) m, \( d_2 = 20.0 \) m, and \( d_3 = 12.5 \) m, what are the (a) lowest and (b) second lowest frequency at which \( R_1 \) and \( R_2 \) are in phase at \( D \)?

110 A person on a railroad car blows a trumpet note at 440 Hz. The car is moving toward a wall at 20.0 m/s. Find the sound frequency (a) at the wall and (b) reflected back to the trumpeter.

111 A listener at rest (with respect to the air and the ground) hears a signal of frequency \( f_s \) from a source moving toward him with a velocity of 15 m/s, due east. If the listener then moves toward the approaching source with a velocity of 25 m/s, due west, he hears a frequency \( f_f \) that differs from \( f_s \) by 37 Hz. What is the frequency of the source? (Take the speed of sound in air to be 340 m/s.)
Temperature, Heat, and the First Law of Thermodynamics

18-1 TEMPERATURE

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

18.01 Identify the lowest temperature as 0 on the Kelvin scale (absolute zero).
18.02 Explain the zeroth law of thermodynamics.
18.03 Explain the conditions for the triple-point temperature.
18.04 Explain the conditions for measuring a temperature with a constant-volume gas thermometer.
18.05 For a constant-volume gas thermometer, relate the pressure and temperature of the gas in some given state to the pressure and temperature at the triple point.

Key Ideas

- Temperature is an SI base quantity related to our sense of hot and cold. It is measured with a thermometer, which contains a working substance with a measurable property, such as length or pressure, that changes in a regular way as the substance becomes hotter or colder.

- When a thermometer and some other object are placed in contact with each other, they eventually reach thermal equilibrium. The reading of the thermometer is then taken to be the temperature of the other object. The process provides consistent and useful temperature measurements because of the zeroth law of thermodynamics: If bodies $A$ and $B$ are each in thermal equilibrium with a third body $C$ (the thermometer), then $A$ and $B$ are in thermal equilibrium with each other.

- In the SI system, temperature is measured on the Kelvin scale, which is based on the triple point of water (273.16 K). Other temperatures are then defined by use of a constant-volume gas thermometer, in which a sample of gas is maintained at constant volume so its pressure is proportional to its temperature. We define the temperature $T$ as measured with a gas thermometer to be

$$T = (273.16 \text{ K}) \left( \lim_{\text{gas} \to 0} \frac{p}{p_3} \right).$$

Here $T$ is in kelvins, and $p_3$ and $p$ are the pressures of the gas at 273.16 K and the measured temperature, respectively.

What Is Physics?

One of the principal branches of physics and engineering is thermodynamics, which is the study and application of the thermal energy (often called the internal energy) of systems. One of the central concepts of thermodynamics is temperature. Since childhood, you have been developing a working knowledge of thermal energy and temperature. For example, you know to be cautious with hot foods and hot stoves and to store perishable foods in cool or cold compartments. You also know how to control the temperature inside home and car, and how to protect yourself from wind chill and heat stroke.

Examples of how thermodynamics figures into everyday engineering and science are countless. Automobile engineers are concerned with the heating of a car engine, such as during a NASCAR race. Food engineers are concerned both with the proper heating of foods, such as pizzas being microwaved, and with the proper cooling of foods, such as TV dinners being quickly frozen at a processing plant. Geologists are concerned with the transfer of thermal energy in an El Niño event and in the gradual warming of ice expanses in the Arctic and Antarctic.
Agricultural engineers are concerned with the weather conditions that determine whether the agriculture of a country thrives or vanishes. Medical engineers are concerned with how a patient’s temperature might distinguish between a benign viral infection and a cancerous growth.

The starting point in our discussion of thermodynamics is the concept of temperature and how it is measured.

**Temperature**

Temperature is one of the seven SI base quantities. Physicists measure temperature on the **Kelvin scale**, which is marked in units called kelvins. Although the temperature of a body apparently has no upper limit, it does have a lower limit; this limiting low temperature is taken as the zero of the Kelvin temperature scale. Room temperature is about 290 kelvins, or 290 K as we write it, above this **absolute zero**. Figure 18-1 shows a wide range of temperatures.

When the universe began 13.7 billion years ago, its temperature was about $10^{39}$ K. As the universe expanded it cooled, and it has now reached an average temperature of about 3 K. We on Earth are a little warmer than that because we happen to live near a star. Without our Sun, we too would be at 3 K (or, rather, we could not exist).

**The Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics**

The properties of many bodies change as we alter their temperature, perhaps by moving them from a refrigerator to a warm oven. To give a few examples: As their temperature increases, the volume of a liquid increases, a metal rod grows a little longer, and the electrical resistance of a wire increases, as does the pressure exerted by a confined gas. We can use any one of these properties as the basis of an instrument that will help us pin down the concept of temperature.

Figure 18-2 shows such an instrument. Any resourceful engineer could design and construct it, using any one of the properties listed above. The instrument is fitted with a digital readout display and has the following properties: If you heat it (say, with a Bunsen burner), the displayed number starts to increase; if you then put it into a refrigerator, the displayed number starts to decrease. The instrument is not calibrated in any way, and the numbers have (as yet) no physical meaning. The device is a **thermoscope** but not (as yet) a **thermometer**.

Suppose that, as in Fig. 18-3a, we put the thermoscope (which we shall call body $T$) into intimate contact with another body (body $A$). The entire system is confined within a thick-walled insulating box. The numbers displayed by the thermoscope roll by until, eventually, they come to rest (let us say the reading is “137.04”) and no further change takes place. In fact, we suppose that every measurable property of body $T$ and of body $A$ has assumed a stable, unchanging value. Then we say that the two bodies are in **thermal equilibrium** with each other. Even though the displayed readings for body $T$ have not been calibrated, we conclude that bodies $T$ and $A$ must be at the same (unknown) temperature.

Suppose that we next put body $T$ into intimate contact with body $B$ (Fig. 18-3b) and find that the two bodies come to thermal equilibrium at the same reading of the thermoscope. Then bodies $T$ and $B$ must be at the same (still unknown) temperature. If we now put bodies $A$ and $B$ into intimate contact (Fig. 18-3c), are they immediately in thermal equilibrium with each other? Experimentally, we find that they are.

The experimental fact shown in Fig. 18-3 is summed up in the **zeroth law of thermodynamics**:

- If bodies $A$ and $B$ are each in thermal equilibrium with a third body $T$, then $A$ and $B$ are in thermal equilibrium with each other.

In less formal language, the message of the zeroth law is: “Every body has a property called **temperature**. When two bodies are in thermal equilibrium, their temperatures are equal. And vice versa.” We can now make our thermoscope
Figure 18-3 (a) Body $T$ (a thermoscope) and body $A$ are in thermal equilibrium. (Body $S$ is a thermally insulating screen.) (b) Body $T$ and body $B$ are also in thermal equilibrium, at the same reading of the thermoscope. (c) If (a) and (b) are true, the zeroth law of thermodynamics states that body $A$ and body $B$ are also in thermal equilibrium.

We use the zeroth law constantly in the laboratory. If we want to know whether the liquids in two beakers are at the same temperature, we measure the temperature of each with a thermometer. We do not need to bring the two liquids into intimate contact and observe whether they are or are not in thermal equilibrium.

The zeroth law, which has been called a logical afterthought, came to light only in the 1930s, long after the first and second laws of thermodynamics had been discovered and numbered. Because the concept of temperature is fundamental to those two laws, the law that establishes temperature as a valid concept should have the lowest number — hence the zero.

Measuring Temperature

Here we first define and measure temperatures on the Kelvin scale. Then we calibrate a thermoscope so as to make it a thermometer.

The Triple Point of Water

To set up a temperature scale, we pick some reproducible thermal phenomenon and, quite arbitrarily, assign a certain Kelvin temperature to its environment; that is, we select a standard fixed point and give it a standard fixed-point temperature. We could, for example, select the freezing point or the boiling point of water but, for technical reasons, we select instead the triple point of water.

Liquid water, solid ice, and water vapor (gaseous water) can coexist, in thermal equilibrium, at only one set of values of pressure and temperature. Figure 18-4 shows a triple-point cell, in which this so-called triple point of water can be achieved in the laboratory. By international agreement, the triple point of water has been assigned a value of 273.16 K as the standard fixed-point temperature for the calibration of thermometers; that is,

$$T_3 = 273.16 \text{ K} \quad \text{(triple-point temperature),}$$

in which the subscript 3 means “triple point.” This agreement also sets the size of the kelvin as $1/273.16$ of the difference between the triple-point temperature of water and absolute zero.

Note that we do not use a degree mark in reporting Kelvin temperatures. It is 300 K (not 300°K), and it is read “300 kelvins” (not “300 degrees Kelvin”). The usual SI prefixes apply. Thus, 0.0035 K is 3.5 mK. No distinction in nomenclature is made between Kelvin temperatures and temperature differences, so we can write, “the boiling point of sulfur is 717.8 K” and “the temperature of this water bath was raised by 8.5 K.”

The Constant-Volume Gas Thermometer

The standard thermometer, against which all other thermometers are calibrated, is based on the pressure of a gas in a fixed volume. Figure 18-5 shows such a constant-volume gas thermometer; it consists of a gas-filled bulb connected by a tube to a mercury manometer. By raising and lowering reservoir $R$, the mercury
level in the left arm of the U-tube can always be brought to the zero of the scale to keep the gas volume constant (variations in the gas volume can affect temperature measurements).

The temperature of any body in thermal contact with the bulb (such as the liquid surrounding the bulb in Fig. 18-5) is then defined to be

\[ T = C \rho, \quad (18-2) \]

in which \( \rho \) is the pressure exerted by the gas and \( C \) is a constant. From Eq. 14-10, the pressure \( p \) is

\[ p = p_0 - \rho gh, \quad (18-3) \]

in which \( p_0 \) is the atmospheric pressure, \( \rho \) is the density of the mercury in the manometer, and \( h \) is the measured difference between the mercury levels in the two arms of the tube. (The minus sign is used in Eq. 18-3 because pressure \( p \) is measured above the level at which the pressure is \( p_0 \).)

If we next put the bulb in a triple-point cell (Fig. 18-4), the temperature now being measured is

\[ T_3 = C p_3, \quad (18-4) \]

in which \( p_3 \) is the gas pressure now. Eliminating \( C \) between Eqs. 18-2 and 18-4 gives us the temperature as

\[ T = T_3 \left( \frac{p}{p_3} \right) = (273.16 \text{ K}) \left( \frac{p}{p_3} \right) \quad \text{(provisional)}. \quad (18-5) \]

We still have a problem with this thermometer. If we use it to measure, say, the boiling point of water, we find that different gases in the bulb give slightly different results. However, as we use smaller and smaller amounts of gas to fill the bulb, the readings converge nicely to a single temperature, no matter what gas we use. Figure 18-6 shows this convergence for three gases.

Thus the recipe for measuring a temperature with a gas thermometer is

\[ T = (273.16 \text{ K}) \left( \lim_{\text{gas} \to 0} \frac{p}{p_3} \right). \quad (18-6) \]

The recipe instructs us to measure an unknown temperature \( T \) as follows: Fill the thermometer bulb with an arbitrary amount of any gas (for example, nitrogen) and measure \( p_3 \) (using a triple-point cell) and \( p \), the gas pressure at the temperature being measured. (Keep the gas volume the same.) Calculate the ratio \( p/p_3 \). Then repeat both measurements with a smaller amount of gas in the bulb, and again calculate this ratio. Continue this way, using smaller and smaller amounts of gas, until you can extrapolate to the ratio \( p/p_3 \) that you would find if there were approximately no gas in the bulb. Calculate the temperature \( T \) by substituting that extrapolated ratio into Eq. 18-6. (The temperature is called the ideal gas temperature.)

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*For pressure units, we shall use units introduced in Module 14-1. The SI unit for pressure is the newton per square meter, which is called the pascal (Pa). The pascal is related to other common pressure units by

\[ 1 \text{ atm} = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 760 \text{ torr} = 14.7 \text{ lb/in.}^2. \]
The Celsius and Fahrenheit Scales

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

18.06 Convert a temperature between any two (linear) temperature scales, including the Celsius, Fahrenheit, and Kelvin scales.

18.07 Identify that a change of one degree is the same on the Celsius and Kelvin scales.

Key Idea

- The Celsius temperature scale is defined by
  \[ T_C = T - 273.15^\circ, \]

- with \( T \) in kelvins. The Fahrenheit temperature scale is defined by
  \[ T_F = \frac{9}{5} T_C + 32^\circ. \]

The Celsius and Fahrenheit Scales

So far, we have discussed only the Kelvin scale, used in basic scientific work. In nearly all countries of the world, the Celsius scale (formerly called the centigrade scale) is the scale of choice for popular and commercial use and much scientific use. Celsius temperatures are measured in degrees, and the Celsius degree has the same size as the kelvin. However, the zero of the Celsius scale is shifted to a more convenient value than absolute zero. If \( T_C \) represents a Celsius temperature and \( T \) a Kelvin temperature, then

\[ T_C = T - 273.15^\circ. \]  \hspace{1cm} (18-7)

In expressing temperatures on the Celsius scale, the degree symbol is commonly used. Thus, we write 20.00°C for a Celsius reading but 293.15 K for a Kelvin reading.

The Fahrenheit scale, used in the United States, employs a smaller degree than the Celsius scale and a different zero of temperature. You can easily verify both these differences by examining an ordinary room thermometer on which both scales are marked. The relation between the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales is

\[ T_F = \frac{9}{5} T_C + 32^\circ, \]  \hspace{1cm} (18-8)

where \( T_F \) is Fahrenheit temperature. Converting between these two scales can be done easily by remembering a few corresponding points, such as the freezing and boiling points of water (Table 18-1). Figure 18-7 compares the Kelvin, Celsius, and Fahrenheit scales.

Table 18-1 Some Corresponding Temperatures

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<tr>
<th>Temperature</th>
<th>°C</th>
<th>°F</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Boiling point of water(^a)</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Normal body temperature</td>
<td>37.0</td>
<td>98.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accepted comfort level</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Freezing point of water(^a)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zero of Fahrenheit scale</td>
<td>( \approx -18 )</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scales coincide</td>
<td>-40</td>
<td>-40</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^a\)Strictly, the boiling point of water on the Celsius scale is 99.975°C, and the freezing point is 0.00°C. Thus, there is slightly less than 100°C between those two points.
We use the letters C and F to distinguish measurements and degrees on the two scales. Thus,

\[ 0^\circ C = 32^\circ F \]

means that 0° on the Celsius scale measures the same temperature as 32° on the Fahrenheit scale, whereas

\[ 5^\circ C = 9^\circ F \]

means that a temperature difference of 5 Celsius degrees (note the degree symbol appears after C) is equivalent to a temperature difference of 9 Fahrenheit degrees.

**Checkpoint 1**

The figure here shows three linear temperature scales with the freezing and boiling points of water indicated.

(a) Rank the degrees on these scales by size, greatest first. (b) Rank the following temperatures, highest first: 50°X, 50°W, and 50°Y.

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**Sample Problem 18.01 Conversion between two temperature scales**

Suppose you come across old scientific notes that describe a temperature scale called Z on which the boiling point of water is 65.0°Z and the freezing point is −14.0°Z. To what temperature on the Fahrenheit scale would a temperature of \( T = -98.0^\circ Z \) correspond? Assume that the Z scale is linear; that is, the size of a Z degree is the same everywhere on the Z scale.

**KEY IDEA**

A conversion factor between two (linear) temperature scales can be calculated by using two known (benchmark) temperatures, such as the boiling and freezing points of water. The number of degrees between the known temperatures on one scale is equivalent to the number of degrees between them on the other scale.

**Calculations:** We begin by relating the given temperature \( T \) to either known temperature on the Z scale. Since \( T = -98.0^\circ Z \) is closer to the freezing point \((-14.0^\circ Z\) than to the boiling point \(65.0^\circ Z\)), we use the freezing point. Then we note that the \( T \) we seek is below this point by \(-14.0^\circ Z - (-98.0^\circ Z) = 84.0^\circ Z\) (Fig. 18-8). (Read this difference as “84.0° Z degrees”.)

Next, we set up a conversion factor between the Z and Fahrenheit scales to convert this difference. To do so, we use both known temperatures on the Z scale and the corresponding temperatures on the Fahrenheit scale. On the Z scale, the difference between the boiling and freezing points is \(65.0^\circ Z - (-14.0^\circ Z) = 79.0^\circ Z\). On the Fahrenheit scale, it is \(212^\circ F - 32.0^\circ F = 180^\circ F\). Thus, a temperature difference of \(79.0^\circ Z\) is equivalent to a temperature difference of 180° (Fig. 18-8), and we can use the ratio \((180^\circ F)/(79.0^\circ Z)\) as our conversion factor.

Now, since \( T \) is below the freezing point by 84.0°Z, it must also be below the freezing point by

\[
\frac{(84.0^\circ Z)}{79.0^\circ Z} \cdot 180^\circ F = 191^\circ F
\]

Because the freezing point is at 32.0°F, this means that

\[
T = 32.0^\circ F - 191^\circ F = -159^\circ F
\]

(Answer)
18-3 THERMAL EXPANSION

Learning Objectives
After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

18.08 For one-dimensional thermal expansion, apply the relationship between the temperature change $\Delta T$, the length change $\Delta L$, the initial length $L$, and the coefficient of linear expansion $\alpha$.

18.09 For two-dimensional thermal expansion, use one-dimensional thermal expansion to find the change in area.

18.10 For three-dimensional thermal expansion, apply the relationship between the temperature change $\Delta T$, the volume change $\Delta V$, the initial volume $V$, and the coefficient of volume expansion $\beta$.

Key Ideas
- All objects change size with changes in temperature. For a temperature change $\Delta T$, a change $\Delta L$ in any linear dimension $L$ is given by
  \[ \Delta L = L \alpha \Delta T, \]
  in which $\alpha$ is the coefficient of linear expansion.

Thermal Expansion

You can often loosen a tight metal jar lid by holding it under a stream of hot water. Both the metal of the lid and the glass of the jar expand as the hot water adds energy to their atoms. (With the added energy, the atoms can move a bit farther from one another than usual, against the spring-like interatomic forces that hold every solid together.) However, because the atoms in the metal move farther apart than those in the glass, the lid expands more than the jar and thus is loosened.

Such thermal expansion of materials with an increase in temperature must be anticipated in many common situations. When a bridge is subject to large seasonal changes in temperature, for example, sections of the bridge are separated by expansion slots so that the sections have room to expand on hot days without the bridge buckling. When a dental cavity is filled, the filling material must have the same thermal expansion properties as the surrounding tooth; otherwise, consuming cold ice cream and then hot coffee would be very painful.

When the Concorde aircraft (Fig. 18-9) was built, the design had to allow for the thermal expansion of the fuselage during supersonic flight because of frictional heating by the passing air.

The thermal expansion properties of some materials can be put to common use. Thermometers and thermostats may be based on the differences in expansion between the components of a bimetal strip (Fig. 18-10). Also, the familiar liquid-in-glass thermometers are based on the fact that liquids such as mercury and alcohol expand to a different (greater) extent than their glass containers.

Linear Expansion
If the temperature of a metal rod of length $L$ is raised by an amount $\Delta T$, its length is found to increase by an amount

\[ \Delta L = L \alpha \Delta T, \]  

(18-9)
in which \( \alpha \) is a constant called the **coefficient of linear expansion**. The coefficient \( \alpha \) has the unit “per degree” or “per kelvin” and depends on the material. Although \( \alpha \) varies somewhat with temperature, for most practical purposes it can be taken as constant for a particular material. Table 18-2 shows some coefficients of linear expansion. Note that the unit \( \text{C}^\circ \) there could be replaced with the unit \( K \).

The thermal expansion of a solid is like photographic enlargement except it is in three dimensions. Figure 18-11b shows the (exaggerated) thermal expansion of a steel ruler. Equation 18-9 applies to every linear dimension of the ruler, including its edge, thickness, diagonals, and the diameters of the circle etched on it and the circular hole cut in it. If the disk cut from that hole originally fits snugly in the hole, it will continue to fit snugly if it undergoes the same temperature increase as the ruler.

### Volume Expansion

If all dimensions of a solid expand with temperature, the volume of that solid must also expand. For liquids, volume expansion is the only meaningful expansion parameter. If the temperature of a solid or liquid whose volume is \( V \) is increased by an amount \( \Delta T \), the increase in volume is found to be

\[
\Delta V = V \beta \Delta T, \tag{18-10}
\]

where \( \beta \) is the **coefficient of volume expansion** of the solid or liquid. The coefficients of volume expansion and linear expansion for a solid are related by

\[
\beta = 3 \alpha. \tag{18-11}
\]

The most common liquid, water, does not behave like other liquids. Above about 4°C, water expands as the temperature rises, as we would expect. Between 0 and about 4°C, however, water contracts with increasing temperature. Thus, at about 4°C, the density of water passes through a maximum. At all other temperatures, the density of water is less than this maximum value.

This behavior of water is the reason lakes freeze from the top down rather than from the bottom up. As water on the surface is cooled from, say, 10°C toward the freezing point, it becomes denser (“heavier”) than lower water and sinks to the bottom. Below 4°C, however, further cooling makes the water then on the surface less dense (“lighter”) than the lower water, so it stays on the surface until it freezes. Thus the surface freezes while the lower water is still liquid. If lakes froze from the bottom up, the ice so formed would tend not to melt completely during the summer, because it would be insulated by the water above. After a few years, many bodies of open water in the temperate zones of Earth would be frozen solid all year round—and aquatic life could not exist.

### Table 18-2 Some Coefficients of Linear Expansion

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<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
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<td>Ice (at 0°C)</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>Lead</td>
<td>29</td>
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<td>Aluminum</td>
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\(^b\)Room temperature values except for the listing for ice.

\(^b\)This alloy was designed to have a low coefficient of expansion. The word is a shortened form of “invariable.”

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**Checkpoint 2**

The figure here shows four rectangular metal plates, with sides of \( L \), \( 2L \), or \( 3L \). They are all made of the same material, and their temperature is to be increased by the same amount. Rank the plates according to the expected increase in (a) their vertical heights and (b) their areas, greatest first.
Sample Problem 18.02  Thermal expansion of a volume

On a hot day in Las Vegas, an oil trucker loaded 37,000 L of diesel fuel. He encountered cold weather on the way to Payson, Utah, where the temperature was 23.0 K lower than in Las Vegas, and where he delivered his entire load. How many liters did he deliver? The coefficient of volume expansion for diesel fuel is \(9.50 \times 10^{-4}/\text{C}^\circ\), and the coefficient of linear expansion for his steel truck tank is \(11 \times 10^{-6}/\text{C}^\circ\).

Calculations: We find
\[
\Delta V = (37,000 \text{ L})(9.50 \times 10^{-4}/\text{C}^\circ)(-23.0 \text{ K}) = -808 \text{ L.}
\]
Thus, the amount delivered was
\[
V_{\text{del}} = V + \Delta V = 37,000 \text{ L} - 808 \text{ L} = 36,192 \text{ L.}
\]
(Answer)

Note that the thermal expansion of the steel tank has nothing to do with the problem. Question: Who paid for the “missing” diesel fuel?

18-4 ABSORPTION OF HEAT

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

18.11 Identify that thermal energy is associated with the random motions of the microscopic bodies in an object.
18.12 Identify that heat \(Q\) is the amount of transferred energy (either to or from an object’s thermal energy) due to a temperature difference between the object and its environment.
18.13 Convert energy units between various measurement systems.
18.14 Convert between mechanical or electrical energy and thermal energy.
18.15 For a temperature change \(\Delta T\) of a substance, relate the change to the heat transfer \(Q\) and the substance’s heat capacity \(C\).
18.16 For a temperature change \(\Delta T\) of a substance, relate the change to the heat transfer \(Q\) and the substance’s specific heat \(c\) and mass \(m\).
18.17 Identify the three phases of matter.
18.18 For a phase change of a substance, relate the heat transfer \(Q\), the heat of transformation \(L\), and the amount of mass \(m\) transformed.
18.19 Identify that if a heat transfer \(Q\) takes a substance across a phase-change temperature, the transfer must be calculated in steps: (a) a temperature change to reach the phase-change temperature, (b) the phase change, and then (c) any temperature change that moves the substance away from the phase-change temperature.

Key Ideas

- Heat \(Q\) is energy that is transferred between a system and its environment because of a temperature difference between them. It can be measured in joules (J), calories (cal), kilocalories (Cal or kcal), or British thermal units (Btu), with
  
  \[
  1 \text{ cal} = 3.968 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Btu} = 4.1868 \text{ J.}
  \]

- If heat \(Q\) is absorbed by an object, the object’s temperature change \(T_f - T_i\) is related to \(Q\) by
  
  \[
  Q = C(T_f - T_i),
  \]
  in which \(C\) is the heat capacity of the object. If the object has mass \(m\), then
  
  \[
  Q = cm(T_f - T_i),
  \]
  where \(c\) is the specific heat of the material making up the object.

- The molar specific heat of a material is the heat capacity per mole, which means per 6.02 \(\times\) \(10^{23}\) elementary units of the material.

- Heat absorbed by a material may change the material’s physical state—for example, from solid to liquid or from liquid to gas. The amount of energy required per unit mass to change the state (but not the temperature) of a particular material is its heat of transformation \(L\). Thus,
  
  \[
  Q = Lm.
  \]

- The heat of vaporization \(L_v\) is the amount of energy per unit mass that must be added to vaporize a liquid or that must be removed to condense a gas.

- The heat of fusion \(L_f\) is the amount of energy per unit mass that must be added to melt a solid or that must be removed to freeze a liquid.
Temperature and Heat

If you take a can of cola from the refrigerator and leave it on the kitchen table, its temperature will rise—rapidly at first but then more slowly—until the temperature of the cola equals that of the room (the two are then in thermal equilibrium). In the same way, the temperature of a cup of hot coffee, left sitting on the table, will fall until it also reaches room temperature.

In generalizing this situation, we describe the cola or the coffee as a system (with temperature $T_S$) and the relevant parts of the kitchen as the environment (with temperature $T_E$) of that system. Our observation is that if $T_S$ is not equal to $T_E$, then $T_S$ will change ($T_E$ can also change some) until the two temperatures are equal and thus thermal equilibrium is reached.

Such a change in temperature is due to a change in the thermal energy of the system because of a transfer of energy between the system and the system’s environment. (Recall that thermal energy is an internal energy that consists of the kinetic and potential energies associated with the random motions of the atoms, molecules, and other microscopic bodies within an object.) The transferred energy is called heat and is symbolized $Q$. Heat is positive when energy is transferred to a system’s thermal energy from its environment (we say that heat is absorbed by the system). Heat is negative when energy is transferred from a system’s thermal energy to its environment (we say that heat is released or lost by the system).

This transfer of energy is shown in Fig. 18-12. In the situation of Fig. 18-12a, in which $T_S > T_E$, energy is transferred from the system to the environment, so $Q$ is negative. In Fig. 18-12b, in which $T_S = T_E$, there is no such transfer, $Q$ is zero, and heat is neither released nor absorbed. In Fig. 18-12c, in which $T_S < T_E$, the transfer is to the system from the environment; so $Q$ is positive.

![Diagram](image_url)

**Figure 18-12** If the temperature of a system exceeds that of its environment as in (a), heat $Q$ is lost by the system to the environment until thermal equilibrium (b) is established. (c) If the temperature of the system is below that of the environment, heat is absorbed by the system until thermal equilibrium is established.
We are led then to this definition of heat:

- **Heat** is the energy transferred between a system and its environment because of a temperature difference that exists between them.

**Language.** Recall that energy can also be transferred between a system and its environment as work \( W \) via a force acting on a system. Heat and work, unlike temperature, pressure, and volume, are not intrinsic properties of a system. They have meaning only as they describe the transfer of energy into or out of a system. Similarly, the phrase “a $600 transfer” has meaning if it describes the transfer to or from an account, not what is in the account, because the account holds money, not a transfer.

**Units.** Before scientists realized that heat is transferred energy, heat was measured in terms of its ability to raise the temperature of water. Thus, the calorie (cal) was defined as the amount of heat that would raise the temperature of 1 g of water from 14.5°C to 15.5°C. In the British system, the corresponding unit of heat was the **British thermal unit** (Btu), defined as the amount of heat that would raise the temperature of 1 lb of water from 63°F to 64°F.

In 1948, the scientific community decided that since heat (like work) is transferred energy, the SI unit for heat should be the one we use for energy — namely, the **joule**. The calorie is now defined to be 4.1868 J (exactly), with no reference to the heating of water. (The “calorie” used in nutrition, sometimes called the Calorie (Cal), is really a kilocalorie.) The relations among the various heat units are

\[
1 \text{ cal} = 3.968 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Btu} = 4.1868 \text{ J.} \tag{18-12}
\]

**The Absorption of Heat by Solids and Liquids**

**Heat Capacity**

The **heat capacity** \( C \) of an object is the proportionality constant between the heat \( Q \) that the object absorbs or loses and the resulting temperature change \( \Delta T \) of the object; that is,

\[
Q = C \Delta T = C(T_f - T_i), \tag{18-13}
\]

in which \( T_i \) and \( T_f \) are the initial and final temperatures of the object. Heat capacity \( C \) has the unit of energy per degree or energy per kelvin. The heat capacity \( C \) of, say, a marble slab used in a bun warmer might be 179 cal/C°, which we can also write as 179 cal/K or as 749 J/K.

The word “capacity” in this context is really misleading in that it suggests analogy with the capacity of a bucket to hold water. That analogy is false, and you should not think of the object as “containing” heat or being limited in its ability to absorb heat. Heat transfer can proceed without limit as long as the necessary temperature difference is maintained. The object may, of course, melt or vaporize during the process.

**Specific Heat**

Two objects made of the same material—say, marble—will have heat capacities proportional to their masses. It is therefore convenient to define a “heat capacity per unit mass” or **specific heat** \( c \) that refers not to an object but to a unit mass of the material of which the object is made. Equation 18-13 then becomes

\[
Q = cm \Delta T = cm(T_f - T_i). \tag{18-14}
\]

Through experiment we would find that although the heat capacity of a particular marble slab might be 179 cal/C° (or 749 J/K), the specific heat of marble itself (in that slab or in any other marble object) is 0.21 cal/g · C° (or 880 J/kg · K).
From the way the calorie and the British thermal unit were initially defined, the specific heat of water is
\[ c = 1 \text{ cal/g} \cdot \text{C}^\circ = 1 \text{ Btu/lb} \cdot \text{F}^\circ = 4186.8 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{K}. \] (18-15)

Table 18-3 shows the specific heats of some substances at room temperature. Note that the value for water is relatively high. The specific heat of any substance actually depends somewhat on temperature, but the values in Table 18-3 apply reasonably well in a range of temperatures near room temperature.

**Checkpoint 3**
A certain amount of heat \( Q \) will warm 1 g of material \( A \) by 3 \( \text{C}^\circ \) and 1 g of material \( B \) by 4 \( \text{C}^\circ \). Which material has the greater specific heat?

**Molar Specific Heat**
In many instances the most convenient unit for specifying the amount of a substance is the mole (mol), where
\[ 1 \text{ mol} = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ elementary units} \]
of any substance. Thus 1 mol of aluminum means \( 6.02 \times 10^{23} \) atoms (the atom is the elementary unit), and 1 mol of aluminum oxide means \( 6.02 \times 10^{23} \) molecules (the molecule is the elementary unit of the compound).

When quantities are expressed in moles, specific heats must also involve moles (rather than a mass unit); they are then called **molar specific heats**. Table 18-3 shows the values for some elemental solids (each consisting of a single element) at room temperature.

**An Important Point**
In determining and then using the specific heat of any substance, we need to know the conditions under which energy is transferred as heat. For solids and liquids, we usually assume that the sample is under constant pressure (usually atmospheric) during the transfer. It is also conceivable that the sample is held at constant volume while the heat is absorbed. This means that thermal expansion of the sample is prevented by applying external pressure. For solids and liquids, this is very hard to arrange experimentally, but the effect can be calculated, and it turns out that the specific heats under constant pressure and constant volume for any solid or liquid differ usually by no more than a few percent. Gases, as you will see, have quite different values for their specific heats under constant-pressure conditions and under constant-volume conditions.

**Heats of Transformation**
When energy is absorbed as heat by a solid or liquid, the temperature of the sample does not necessarily rise. Instead, the sample may change from one **phase**, or **state**, to another. Matter can exist in three common states: In the **solid state**, the molecules of a sample are locked into a fairly rigid structure by their mutual attraction. In the **liquid state**, the molecules have more energy and move about more. They may form brief clusters, but the sample does not have a rigid structure and can flow or settle into a container. In the **gas**, or **vapor**, **state**, the molecules have even more energy, are free of one another, and can fill up the full volume of a container.

**Melting.** To **melt** a solid means to change it from the solid state to the liquid state. The process requires energy because the molecules of the solid must be freed from their rigid structure. Melting an ice cube to form liquid water is a common example. To **freeze** a liquid to form a solid is the reverse of melting and requires that energy be removed from the liquid, so that the molecules can settle into a rigid structure.
Table 18-4 Some Heats of Transformation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
<th>Melting Point (K)</th>
<th>Heat of Fusion $L_F$ (kJ/kg)</th>
<th>Boiling Point (K)</th>
<th>Heat of Vaporization $L_V$ (kJ/kg)</th>
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<td>Mercury</td>
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Vaporizing. To vaporize a liquid means to change it from the liquid state to the vapor (gas) state. This process, like melting, requires energy because the molecules must be freed from their clusters. Boiling liquid water to transfer it to water vapor (or steam—a gas of individual water molecules) is a common example. Condensing a gas to form a liquid is the reverse of vaporizing; it requires that energy be removed from the gas, so that the molecules can cluster instead of flying away from one another.

The amount of energy per unit mass that must be transferred as heat when a sample completely undergoes a phase change is called the heat of transformation $L$. Thus, when a sample of mass $m$ completely undergoes a phase change, the total energy transferred is

$$Q = Lm.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-16)

When the phase change is from liquid to gas (then the sample must absorb heat) or from gas to liquid (then the sample must release heat), the heat of transformation is called the heat of vaporization $L_V$. For water at its normal boiling or condensation temperature,

$$L_V = 539 \text{ cal/g} = 40.7 \text{ kJ/mol} = 2256 \text{ kJ/kg}. \hspace{1cm} (18-17)$$

When the phase change is from solid to liquid (then the sample must absorb heat) or from liquid to solid (then the sample must release heat), the heat of transformation is called the heat of fusion $L_F$. For water at its normal freezing or melting temperature,

$$L_F = 79.5 \text{ cal/g} = 6.01 \text{ kJ/mol} = 333 \text{ kJ/kg}. \hspace{1cm} (18-18)$$

Table 18-4 shows the heats of transformation for some substances.

Sample Problem 18.03 Hot slug in water, coming to equilibrium

A copper slug whose mass $m_c$ is 75 g is heated in a laboratory oven to a temperature $T$ of 312°C. The slug is then dropped into a glass beaker containing a mass $m_w$ of 220 g of water. The heat capacity $C_b$ of the beaker is 45 cal/K. The initial temperature $T_i$ of the water and the beaker is 12°C. Assuming that the slug, beaker, and water are an isolated system and the water does not vaporize, find the final temperature $T_f$ of the system at thermal equilibrium.

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) Because the system is isolated, the system’s total energy cannot change and only internal transfers of thermal energy can occur. (2) Because nothing in the system undergoes a phase change, the thermal energy transfers can only change the temperatures.

**Calculations:** To relate the transfers to the temperature changes, we can use Eqs. 18-13 and 18-14 to write

- for the water: $Q_w = c_w m_w (T_f - T_i)$; \hspace{1cm} (18-19)
- for the beaker: $Q_b = C_b (T_f - T_i)$; \hspace{1cm} (18-20)
- for the copper: $Q_c = c_c m_c (T_f - T_i)$. \hspace{1cm} (18-21)

Because the total energy of the system cannot change, the sum of these three energy transfers is zero:

$$Q_w + Q_b + Q_c = 0.$$ \hspace{1cm} (18-22)
Substituting Eqs. 18-19 through 18-21 into Eq. 18-22 yields
\[ c_w m_w(T_f - T_i) + C_b(T_f - T_i) + c_m(T_f - T) = 0. \] (18-23)

Temperatures are contained in Eq. 18-23 only as differences. Thus, because the differences on the Celsius and Kelvin scales are identical, we can use either of those scales in this equation. Solving it for \( T_f \), we obtain
\[ T_f = \frac{c_m m T + C_b T_i + c_w m_w T_i}{c_w m_w + C_b + c_m}. \]

Using Celsius temperatures and taking values for \( c_c \) and \( c_w \) from Table 18-3, we find the numerator to be
\[
(0.0923 \text{ cal/g } \cdot \text{K})(75 \text{ g})(312^\circ \text{C}) + (45 \text{ cal/K})(12^\circ \text{C}) \]
\[ + (1.00 \text{ cal/g } \cdot \text{K})(220 \text{ g})(12^\circ \text{C}) = 5339.8 \text{ cal}, \]
and the denominator to be
\[
(1.00 \text{ cal/g } \cdot \text{K})(220 \text{ g}) + 45 \text{ cal/K} \]
\[ + (0.0923 \text{ cal/g } \cdot \text{K})(75 \text{ g}) = 271.9 \text{ cal}/^\circ \text{C}. \]

We then have
\[ T_f = \frac{5339.8 \text{ cal}}{271.9 \text{ cal}/^\circ \text{C}} = 19.6^\circ \text{C} \approx 20^\circ \text{C}. \] (Answer)

From the given data you can show that
\[ Q_w \approx 1670 \text{ cal}, \quad Q_b \approx 342 \text{ cal}, \quad Q_c \approx -2020 \text{ cal}. \]

Apart from rounding errors, the algebraic sum of these three heat transfers is indeed zero, as required by the conservation of energy (Eq. 18-22).

**Sample Problem 18.04  Heat to change temperature and state**

(a) How much heat must be absorbed by ice of mass \( m = 720 \text{ g} \) at \(-10^\circ \text{C}\) to take it to the liquid state at \(15^\circ \text{C}\)?

**KEY IDEAS**

The heating process is accomplished in three steps: (1) The ice cannot melt at a temperature below the freezing point—so initially, any energy transferred to the ice as heat can only increase the temperature of the ice, until \(0^\circ \text{C}\) is reached. (2) The temperature then cannot increase until all the ice melts—so any energy transferred to the ice as heat now can only change ice to liquid water, until all the ice melts. (3) Now the energy transferred to the liquid water as heat can only increase the temperature of the liquid water.

**Warming the ice:** The heat \( Q_1 \) needed to take the ice from the initial \( T_i = -10^\circ \text{C} \) to the final \( T_f = 0^\circ \text{C} \) (so that the ice can then melt) is given by Eq. 18-14 \( (Q = cm \Delta T) \). Using the specific heat of ice \( c_{\text{ice}} \) in Table 18-3 gives us
\[
Q_1 = c_{\text{ice}} m (T_f - T_i) \]
\[ = (2220 \text{ J/kg } \cdot \text{K})(0.720 \text{ kg})(0^\circ \text{C} - (-10^\circ \text{C})) \]
\[ = 15 \text{,}984 \text{ J} \approx 15.98 \text{ kJ}. \]

**Melting the ice:** The heat \( Q_2 \) needed to melt all the ice is given by Eq. 18-16 \( (Q = Lm) \). Here \( L \) is the heat of fusion \( L_F \), with the value given in Eq. 18-18 and Table 18-4. We find
\[
Q_2 = L_F m = (333 \text{ kJ/kg})(0.720 \text{ kg}) \approx 239.8 \text{ kJ}. \]

**Warming the liquid:** The heat \( Q_3 \) needed to increase the temperature of the water from the initial value \( T_i = 0^\circ \text{C} \) to the final value \( T_f = 15^\circ \text{C} \) is given by Eq. 18-14 (with the specific heat of liquid water \( c_{\text{liq}} \)):
\[
Q_3 = c_{\text{liq}} m (T_f - T_i) \]
\[ = (4186.8 \text{ J/kg } \cdot \text{K})(0.720 \text{ kg})(15^\circ \text{C} - 0^\circ \text{C}) \]
\[ = 45 \text{,}217 \text{ J} = 45.22 \text{ kJ}. \]

**Total:** The total required heat \( Q_{\text{tot}} \) is the sum of the amounts required in the three steps:
\[
Q_{\text{tot}} = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 \]
\[ = 15.98 \text{ kJ} + 239.8 \text{ kJ} + 45.22 \text{ kJ} \]
\[ \approx 300 \text{ kJ}. \] (Answer)

Note that most of the energy goes into melting the ice rather than raising the temperature.

(b) If we supply the ice with a total energy of only 210 kJ (as heat), what are the final state and temperature of the water?

**KEY IDEA**

From step 1, we know that 15.98 kJ is needed to raise the temperature of the ice to the melting point. The remaining heat \( Q_{\text{rem}} \) is then 210 kJ – 15.98 kJ, or about 194 kJ. From step 2, we can see that this amount of heat is insufficient to melt all the ice. Because the melting of the ice is incomplete, we must end up with a mixture of ice and liquid; the temperature of the mixture must be the freezing point, \(0^\circ \text{C}\).

**Calculations:** We can find the mass \( m \) of ice that is melted by the available energy \( Q_{\text{rem}} \) by using Eq. 18-16 with \( L_F \):
\[
m = \frac{Q_{\text{rem}}}{L_F} = \frac{194 \text{ kJ}}{333 \text{ kJ/kg}} = 0.583 \text{ kg} \approx 580 \text{ g}. \]

Thus, the mass of the ice that remains is 720 g – 580 g, or 140 g, and we have
\[
580 \text{ g water and 140 g ice, at } 0^\circ \text{C}. \] (Answer)
18-5 THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

18.20 If an enclosed gas expands or contracts, calculate the work \( W \) done by the gas by integrating the gas pressure with respect to the volume of the enclosure.

18.21 Identify the algebraic sign of work \( W \) associated with expansion and contraction of a gas.

18.22 Given a \( p-V \) graph of pressure versus volume for a process, identify the starting point (the initial state) and the final point (the final state) and calculate the work by using graphical integration.

18.23 On a \( p-V \) graph of pressure versus volume for a gas, identify the algebraic sign of the work associated with a right-going process and a left-going process.

18.24 Apply the first law of thermodynamics to relate the change in the internal energy \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) of a gas, the energy \( Q \) transferred as heat to or from the gas, and the work \( W \) done on or by the gas.

Key Ideas

- A gas may exchange energy with its surroundings through work. The amount of work \( W \) done by a gas as it expands or contracts from an initial volume \( V_i \) to a final volume \( V_f \) is given by

\[
W = \int dW = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p \, dV.
\]

The integration is necessary because the pressure \( p \) may vary during the volume change.

- The principle of conservation of energy for a thermodynamic process is expressed in the first law of thermodynamics, which may assume either of the forms

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{int},f} - E_{\text{int},i} = Q - W \quad \text{(first law)}
\]

or

\[
dE_{\text{int}} = dQ - dW \quad \text{(first law)}.
\]

\( E_{\text{int}} \) represents the internal energy of the material, which depends only on the material’s state (temperature, pressure, and volume). \( Q \) represents the energy exchanged as heat between the system and its surroundings; \( Q \) is positive if the system absorbs heat and negative if the system loses heat. \( W \) is the work done by the system; \( W \) is positive if the system expands against an external force from the surroundings and negative if the system contracts because of an external force.

- \( Q \) and \( W \) are path dependent; \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) is path independent.

- The first law of thermodynamics finds application in several special cases:

  - adiabatic processes: \( Q = 0, \quad \Delta E_{\text{int}} = -W \)
  - constant-volume processes: \( W = 0, \quad \Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q \)
  - cyclical processes: \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0, \quad Q = W \)
  - free expansions: \( Q = W = \Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0 \)

A Closer Look at Heat and Work

Here we look in some detail at how energy can be transferred as heat and work between a system and its environment. Let us take as our system a gas confined to a cylinder with a movable piston, as in Fig. 18-13. The upward force on the piston due to the pressure of the confined gas is equal to the weight of lead shot loaded onto the top of the piston. The walls of the cylinder are made of insulating material that does not allow any transfer of energy as heat. The bottom of the cylinder rests on a reservoir for thermal energy, a thermal reservoir (perhaps a hot plate) whose temperature \( T \) you can control by turning a knob.

The system (the gas) starts from an initial state \( i \), described by a pressure \( p_i \), a volume \( V_i \), and a temperature \( T_i \). You want to change the system to a final state \( f \), described by a pressure \( p_f \), a volume \( V_f \), and a temperature \( T_f \). The procedure by which you change the system from its initial state to its final state is called a thermodynamic process. During such a process, energy may be trans-
ferred into the system from the thermal reservoir (positive heat) or vice versa (negative heat). Also, work can be done by the system to raise the loaded piston (positive work) or lower it (negative work). We assume that all such changes occur slowly, with the result that the system is always in (approximate) thermal equilibrium (every part is always in thermal equilibrium).

Suppose that you remove a few lead shot from the piston of Fig. 18-13, allowing the gas to push the piston and remaining shot upward through a differential displacement \(d\). With an upward force \(\vec{F}\). Since the displacement is tiny, we can assume that \(\vec{F}\) is constant during the displacement. Then \(\vec{F}\) has a magnitude that is equal to \(pA\), where \(p\) is the pressure of the gas and \(A\) is the face area of the piston. The differential work \(dW\) done by the gas during the displacement is

\[
dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = (pA)(ds) = p(A\, ds)
\]

in which \(dV\) is the differential change in the volume of the gas due to the movement of the piston. When you have removed enough shot to allow the gas to change its volume from \(V_i\) to \(V_f\), the total work done by the gas is

\[
W = \int dW = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p\, dV.
\]  

(18-25)

During the volume change, the pressure and temperature may also change. To evaluate Eq. 18-25 directly, we would need to know how pressure varies with volume for the actual process by which the system changes from state \(i\) to state \(f\).

**One Path.** There are actually many ways to take the gas from state \(i\) to state \(f\). One way is shown in Fig. 18-14(a), which is a plot of the pressure of the gas versus its volume and which is called a \(p-V\) diagram. In Fig. 18-14(a), the curve indicates that the

![Figure 18-13](image-url) A gas is confined to a cylinder with a movable piston. Heat \(Q\) can be added to or withdrawn from the gas by regulating the temperature \(T\) of the adjustable thermal reservoir. Work \(W\) can be done by the gas by raising or lowering the piston.

**Figure 18-14** (a) The shaded area represents the work \(W\) done by a system as it goes from an initial state \(i\) to a final state \(f\). Work \(W\) is positive because the system’s volume increases. (b) \(W\) is still positive, but now greater. (c) \(W\) is still positive, but now smaller. (d) \(W\) can be even smaller (path \(icdf\)) or larger (path \(ighf\)). (e) Here the system goes from state \(f\) to state \(i\) as the gas is compressed to less volume by an external force. The work \(W\) done by the system is now negative. (f) The net work \(W_{\text{net}}\) done by the system during a complete cycle is represented by the shaded area.
pressure decreases as the volume increases. The integral in Eq. 18-25 (and thus the work \( W \) done by the gas) is represented by the shaded area under the curve between points \( i \) and \( f \). Regardless of what exactly we do to take the gas along the curve, that work is positive, due to the fact that the gas increases its volume by forcing the piston upward.

**Another Path.** Another way to get from state \( i \) to state \( f \) is shown in Fig. 18-14b. There the change takes place in two steps—the first from state \( i \) to state \( a \), and the second from state \( a \) to state \( f \).

Step \( ia \) of this process is carried out at constant pressure, which means that you leave undisturbed the lead shot that ride on top of the piston in Fig. 18-13. You cause the volume to increase (from \( V_i \) to \( V_f \)) by slowly turning up the temperature control knob, raising the temperature of the gas to some higher value \( T_a \). (Increasing the temperature increases the force from the gas on the piston, moving it upward.) During this step, positive work is done by the expanding gas (to lift the loaded piston) and heat is absorbed by the system from the thermal reservoir (in response to the arbitrarily small temperature differences that you create as you turn up the temperature). This heat is positive because it is added to the system.

Step \( af \) of the process of Fig. 18-14b is carried out at constant volume, so you must wedge the piston, preventing it from moving. Then as you use the control knob to decrease the temperature, you find that the pressure drops from \( p_a \) to its final value \( p_f \). During this step, heat is lost by the system to the thermal reservoir.

For the overall process \( iaf \), the work \( W \), which is positive and is carried out only during step \( ia \), is represented by the shaded area under the curve. Energy is transferred as heat during both steps \( ia \) and \( af \), with a net energy transfer \( Q \).

**Reversed Steps.** Figure 18-14c shows a process in which the previous two steps are carried out in reverse order. The work \( W \) in this case is smaller than for Fig. 18-14b, as is the net heat absorbed. Figure 18-14d suggests that you can make the work done by the gas as small as you want (by following a path like \( icdf \)) or as large as you want (by following a path like \( ighf \)).

To sum up: A system can be taken from a given initial state to a given final state by an infinite number of processes. Heat may or may not be involved, and in general, the work \( W \) and the heat \( Q \) will have different values for different processes. We say that heat and work are **path-dependent** quantities.

**Negative Work.** Figure 18-14e shows an example in which negative work is done by a system as some external force compresses the system, reducing its volume. The absolute value of the work done is still equal to the area beneath the curve, but because the gas is compressed, the work done by the gas is negative.

**Cycle.** Figure 18-14f shows a **thermodynamic cycle** in which the system is taken from some initial state \( i \) to some other state \( f \) and then back to \( i \). The net work done by the system during the cycle is the sum of the positive work done during the expansion and the negative work done during the compression. In Fig. 18-14f, the net work is positive because the area under the expansion curve (\( i \) to \( f \)) is greater than the area under the compression curve (\( f \) to \( i \)).

**Checkpoint 4**

The \( p-V \) diagram here shows six curved paths (connected by vertical paths) that can be followed by a gas. Which two of the curved paths should be part of a closed cycle (those curved paths plus connecting vertical paths) if the net work done by the gas during the cycle is to be at its maximum positive value?
The First Law of Thermodynamics

You have just seen that when a system changes from a given initial state to a given final state, both the work \( W \) and the heat \( Q \) depend on the nature of the process. Experimentally, however, we find a surprising thing. The quantity \( Q - W \) is the same for all processes. It depends only on the initial and final states and does not depend at all on how the system gets from one to the other. All other combinations of \( Q \) and \( W \), including \( Q \) alone, \( W \) alone, \( Q + W \), and \( Q - 2W \), are path dependent; only the quantity \( Q - W \) is not.

The quantity \( Q - W \) must represent a change in some intrinsic property of the system. We call this property the internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) and we write

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{int},f} - E_{\text{int},i} = Q - W \quad \text{(first law).} \tag{18-26}
\]

Equation 18-26 is the first law of thermodynamics. If the thermodynamic system undergoes only a differential change, we can write the first law as*

\[
dE_{\text{int}} = dQ - dW \quad \text{(first law).} \tag{18-27}
\]

The internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) of a system tends to increase if energy is added as heat \( Q \) and tends to decrease if energy is lost as work \( W \) done by the system.

In Chapter 8, we discussed the principle of energy conservation as it applies to isolated systems— that is, to systems in which no energy enters or leaves the system. The first law of thermodynamics is an extension of that principle to systems that are not isolated. In such cases, energy may be transferred into or out of the system as either work \( W \) or heat \( Q \). In our statement of the first law of thermodynamics above, we assume that there are no changes in the kinetic energy or the potential energy of the system as a whole; that is, \( \Delta K = \Delta U = 0 \).

Rules. Before this chapter, the term work and the symbol \( W \) always meant the work done on a system. However, starting with Eq. 18-24 and continuing through the next two chapters about thermodynamics, we focus on the work done by a system, such as the gas in Fig. 18-13.

The work done on a system is always the negative of the work done by the system, so if we rewrite Eq. 18-26 in terms of the work \( W_{\text{on}} \) done on the system, we have \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q + W_{\text{on}} \). This tells us the following: The internal energy of a system tends to increase if heat is absorbed by the system or if positive work is done on the system. Conversely, the internal energy tends to decrease if heat is lost by the system or if negative work is done on the system.

**Checkpoint 5**

The figure here shows four paths on a \( p-V \) diagram along which a gas can be taken from state \( i \) to state \( f \). Rank the paths according to (a) the change \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) in the internal energy of the gas, (b) the work \( W \) done by the gas, and (c) the magnitude of the energy transferred as heat \( Q \) between the gas and its environment, greatest first.

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*Here \( dQ \) and \( dW \), unlike \( dE_{\text{int}} \), are not true differentials; that is, there are no such functions as \( Q(p, V) \) and \( W(p, V) \) that depend only on the state of the system. The quantities \( dQ \) and \( dW \) are called inexact differentials and are usually represented by the symbols \( d\bar{Q} \) and \( d\bar{W} \). For our purposes, we can treat them simply as infinitesimally small energy transfers.*
Some Special Cases of the First Law of Thermodynamics

Here are four thermodynamic processes as summarized in Table 18-5.

1. **Adiabatic processes.** An adiabatic process is one that occurs so rapidly or occurs in a system that is so well insulated that no transfer of energy as heat occurs between the system and its environment. Putting $Q = 0$ in the first law (Eq. 18-26) yields

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = -W \quad \text{(adiabatic process).} \quad \text{(18-28)}$$

This tells us that if work is done by the system (that is, if $W$ is positive), the internal energy of the system decreases by the amount of work. Conversely, if work is done on the system (that is, if $W$ is negative), the internal energy of the system increases by that amount.

Figure 18-15 shows an idealized adiabatic process. Heat cannot enter or leave the system because of the insulation. Thus, the only way energy can be transferred between the system and its environment is by work. If we remove shot from the piston and allow the gas to expand, the work done by the system (the gas) is positive and the internal energy of the gas decreases. If, instead, we add shot and compress the gas, the work done by the system is negative and the internal energy of the gas increases.

2. **Constant-volume processes.** If the volume of a system (such as a gas) is held constant, that system can do no work. Putting $W = 0$ in the first law (Eq. 18-26) yields

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q \quad \text{(constant-volume process).} \quad \text{(18-29)}$$

Thus, if heat is absorbed by a system (that is, if $Q$ is positive), the internal energy of the system increases. Conversely, if heat is lost during the process (that is, if $Q$ is negative), the internal energy of the system must decrease.

3. **Cyclical processes.** There are processes in which, after certain interchanges of heat and work, the system is restored to its initial state. In that case, no intrinsic property of the system—including its internal energy—can possibly change. Putting $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$ in the first law (Eq. 18-26) yields

$$Q = W \quad \text{(cyclical process).} \quad \text{(18-30)}$$

Thus, the net work done during the process must exactly equal the net amount of energy transferred as heat; the store of internal energy of the system remains unchanged. Cyclical processes form a closed loop on a $p-V$ plot, as shown in Fig. 18-14. We discuss such processes in detail in Chapter 20.

4. **Free expansions.** These are adiabatic processes in which no transfer of heat occurs between the system and its environment and no work is done on or by the system. Thus, $Q = W = 0$, and the first law requires that

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0 \quad \text{(free expansion).} \quad \text{(18-31)}$$

Figure 18-16 shows how such an expansion can be carried out. A gas, which is in thermal equilibrium within itself, is initially confined by a closed stopcock to one half of an insulated double chamber; the other half is evacuated. The stopcock is opened, and the gas expands freely to fill both halves of the chamber. No heat is

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transferred to or from the gas because of the insulation. No work is done by the gas because it rushes into a vacuum and thus does not meet any pressure.

A free expansion differs from all other processes we have considered because it cannot be done slowly and in a controlled way. As a result, at any given instant during the sudden expansion, the gas is not in thermal equilibrium and its pressure is not uniform. Thus, although we can plot the initial and final states on a $p$-$V$ diagram, we cannot plot the expansion itself.

**Checkpoint 6**

For one complete cycle as shown in the $p$-$V$ diagram here, are (a) $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ for the gas and (b) the net energy transferred as heat $Q$ positive, negative, or zero?

**Sample Problem 18.05  First law of thermodynamics: work, heat, internal energy change**

Let 1.00 kg of liquid water at 100°C be converted to steam at 100°C by boiling at standard atmospheric pressure (which is 1.00 atm or $1.01 \times 10^5$ Pa) in the arrangement of Fig. 18-17. The volume of that water changes from an initial value of $1.00 \times 10^{-3}$ m$^3$ as a liquid to 1.671 m$^3$ as steam.

(a) How much work is done by the system during this process?

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) The system must do positive work because the volume increases. (2) We calculate the work $W$ done by integrating the pressure with respect to the volume (Eq. 18-25).

**Calculation:** Because here the pressure is constant at $1.01 \times 10^5$ Pa, we can take $p$ outside the integral. Thus,

$$W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p \, dV = p \int_{V_i}^{V_f} dV = p(V_f - V_i)$$

$$= (1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa})(1.671 \text{ m}^3 - 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3)$$

$$= 1.69 \times 10^5 \text{ J} = 169 \text{ kJ}. \quad (\text{Answer})$$

(b) How much energy is transferred as heat during the process?

**KEY IDEA**

Because the heat causes only a phase change and not a change in temperature, it is given fully by Eq. 18-16 ($Q = Lm$).

**Calculation:** Because the change is from liquid to gaseous phase, $L$ is the heat of vaporization $L_v$, with the value given in Eq. 18-17 and Table 18-4. We find

$$Q = L_v m = (2256 \text{ kJ/kg})(1.00 \text{ kg})$$

$$= 2256 \text{ kJ} \approx 2260 \text{ kJ}. \quad (\text{Answer})$$

(c) What is the change in the system’s internal energy during the process?

**KEY IDEA**

The change in the system’s internal energy is related to the heat (here, this is energy transferred into the system) and the work (here, this is energy transferred out of the system) by the first law of thermodynamics (Eq. 18-26).

**Calculation:** We write the first law as

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W = 2256 \text{ kJ} - 169 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\approx 2090 \text{ kJ} = 2.09 \text{ MJ}. \quad (\text{Answer})$$

This quantity is positive, indicating that the internal energy of the system has increased during the boiling process. The added energy goes into separating the H$_2$O molecules, which strongly attract one another in the liquid state. We see that, when water is boiled, about 7.5% ($= 169 \text{ kJ}/2260 \text{ kJ}$) of the heat goes into the work of pushing back the atmosphere. The rest of the heat goes into the internal energy of the system.
18-6 HEAT TRANSFER MECHANISMS

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

18.31 For thermal conduction through a layer, apply the relationship between the energy-transfer rate $P_{\text{cond}}$ and the layer’s area $A$, thermal conductivity $k$, thickness $L$, and temperature difference $\Delta T$ (between its two sides).
18.32 For a composite slab (two or more layers) that has reached the steady state in which temperatures are no longer changing, identify that (by the conservation of energy) the rates of thermal conduction $P_{\text{cond}}$ through the layers must be equal.
18.33 For thermal conduction through a layer, apply the relationship between thermal resistance $R$, thickness $L$, and thermal conductivity $k$.
18.34 Identify that thermal energy can be transferred by convection, in which a warmer fluid (gas or liquid) tends to rise in a cooler fluid.
18.35 In the emission of thermal radiation by an object, apply the relationship between the energy-transfer rate $P_{\text{rad}}$ and the object’s surface area $A$, emissivity $\varepsilon$, and surface temperature $T$ (in kelvins).
18.36 In the absorption of thermal radiation by an object, apply the relationship between the energy-transfer rate $P_{\text{abs}}$ and the object’s surface area $A$ and emissivity $\varepsilon$, and the environmental temperature $T$ (in kelvins).
18.37 Calculate the net energy-transfer rate $P_{\text{net}}$ of an object emitting radiation to its environment and absorbing radiation from that environment.

Key Ideas

- The rate $P_{\text{cond}}$ at which energy is conducted through a slab for which one face is maintained at the higher temperature $T_H$ and the other face is maintained at the lower temperature $T_C$ is
  \[ P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{Q}{t} = kA \frac{T_H - T_C}{L}. \]
  Here each face of the slab has area $A$, the length of the slab (the distance between the faces) is $L$, and $k$ is the thermal conductivity of the material.
- Convection occurs when temperature differences cause an energy transfer by motion within a fluid.

- Radiation is an energy transfer via the emission of electromagnetic energy. The rate $P_{\text{rad}}$ at which an object emits energy via thermal radiation is
  \[ P_{\text{rad}} = \alpha \varepsilon AT^4, \]
  where $\alpha (= 5.6704 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}^4)$ is the Stefan–Boltzmann constant, $\varepsilon$ is the emissivity of the object’s surface, $A$ is its surface area, and $T$ is its surface temperature (in kelvins). The rate $P_{\text{abs}}$ at which an object absorbs energy via thermal radiation from its environment, which is at the uniform temperature $T_{\text{env}}$ (in kelvins), is
  \[ P_{\text{abs}} = \alpha \varepsilon AT_{\text{env}}^4. \]

Heat Transfer Mechanisms

We have discussed the transfer of energy as heat between a system and its environment, but we have not yet described how that transfer takes place. There are three transfer mechanisms: conduction, convection, and radiation. Let’s next examine these mechanisms in turn.

Conduction

If you leave the end of a metal poker in a fire for enough time, its handle will get hot. Energy is transferred from the fire to the handle by (thermal) conduction along the length of the poker. The vibration amplitudes of the atoms and electrons of the metal at the fire end of the poker become relatively large because of the high temperature of their environment. These increased vibrational amplitudes, and thus the associated energy, are passed along the poker, from atom to atom, during collisions between adjacent atoms. In this way, a region of rising temperature extends itself along the poker to the handle.

Consider a slab of face area $A$ and thickness $L$, whose faces are maintained at temperatures $T_H$ and $T_C$ by a hot reservoir and a cold reservoir, as in Fig. 18-18. Let $Q$ be the energy that is transferred as heat through the slab, from its hot face to its cold face, in time $t$. Experiment shows that the conduction rate $P_{\text{cond}}$ (the
amount of energy transferred per unit time) is

\[
P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{Q}{t} = kA \frac{T_H - T_C}{L}, \quad (18-32)
\]

in which \( k \), called the \textit{thermal conductivity}, is a constant that depends on the material of which the slab is made. A material that readily transfers energy by conduction is a \textit{good thermal conductor} and has a high value of \( k \). Table 18-6 gives the thermal conductivities of some common metals, gases, and building materials.

**Thermal Resistance to Conduction (R-Value)**

If you are interested in insulating your house or in keeping cola cans cold on a picnic, you are more concerned with poor heat conductors than with good ones. For this reason, the concept of thermal resistance \( R \) has been introduced into engineering practice. The \( R \)-value of a slab of thickness \( L \) is defined as

\[
R = \frac{L}{k}. \quad (18-33)
\]

The lower the thermal conductivity of the material of which a slab is made, the higher the \( R \)-value of the slab; so something that has a high \( R \)-value is a \textit{poor thermal conductor} and thus a \textit{good thermal insulator}.

Note that \( R \) is a property attributed to a slab of a specified thickness, not to a material. The commonly used unit for \( R \) (which, in the United States at least, is almost never stated) is the square foot–Fahrenheit degree–hour per British thermal unit (ft\(^2\)·°F·h/Btu). (Now you know why the unit is rarely stated.)

### Conduction Through a Composite Slab

Figure 18-19 shows a composite slab, consisting of two materials having different thicknesses \( L_1 \) and \( L_2 \) and different thermal conductivities \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \). The temperatures of the outer surfaces of the slab are \( T_H \) and \( T_C \). Each face of the slab has area \( A \). Let us derive an expression for the conduction rate through the slab under the assumption that the transfer is a \textit{steady-state} process; that is, the temperatures everywhere in the slab and the rate of energy transfer do not change with time.

In the steady state, the conduction rates through the two materials must be equal. This is the same as saying that the energy transferred through one material in a certain time must be equal to that transferred through the other material in the same time. If this were not true, temperatures in the slab would be changing and we would not have a steady-state situation. Letting \( T_X \) be the temperature of the interface between the two materials, we can now use Eq. 18-32 to write

\[
P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{k_2A(T_H - T_X)}{L_2} = \frac{k_1A(T_X - T_C)}{L_1}. \quad (18-34)
\]

Solving Eq. 18-34 for \( T_X \) yields, after a little algebra,

\[
T_X = \frac{k_1L_2T_C + k_2L_1T_H}{k_1L_2 + k_2L_1}. \quad (18-35)
\]

Substituting this expression for \( T_X \) into either equality of Eq. 18-34 yields

\[
P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{A(T_H - T_C)}{L_1/k_1 + L_2/k_2}. \quad (18-36)
\]

We can extend Eq. 18-36 to apply to any number \( n \) of materials making up a slab:

\[
P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{A(T_H - T_C)}{\sum (L/k)}. \quad (18-37)
\]

The summation sign in the denominator tells us to add the values of \( L/k \) for all the materials.

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Convection

When you look at the flame of a candle or a match, you are watching thermal energy being transported upward by convection. Such energy transfer occurs when a fluid, such as air or water, comes in contact with an object whose temperature is higher than that of the fluid. The temperature of the part of the fluid that is in contact with the hot object increases, and (in most cases) that fluid expands and thus becomes less dense. Because this expanded fluid is now lighter than the surrounding cooler fluid, buoyant forces cause it to rise. Some of the surrounding cooler fluid then flows so as to take the place of the rising warmer fluid, and the process can then continue.

Convection is part of many natural processes. Atmospheric convection plays a fundamental role in determining global climate patterns and daily weather variations. Glider pilots and birds alike seek rising thermals (convection currents of warm air) that keep them aloft. Huge energy transfers take place within the oceans by the same process. Finally, energy is transported to the surface of the Sun from the nuclear furnace at its core by enormous cells of convection, in which hot gas rises to the surface along the cell core and cooler gas around the core descends below the surface.

Radiation

The third method by which an object and its environment can exchange energy as heat is via electromagnetic waves (visible light is one kind of electromagnetic wave). Energy transferred in this way is often called thermal radiation to distinguish it from electromagnetic signals (as in, say, television broadcasts) and from nuclear radiation (energy and particles emitted by nuclei). (To “radiate” generally means to emit.) When you stand in front of a big fire, you are warmed by absorbing thermal radiation from the fire; that is, your thermal energy increases as the fire’s thermal energy decreases. No medium is required for heat transfer via radiation—the radiation can travel through vacuum from, say, the Sun to you.

The rate $P_{\text{rad}}$ at which an object emits energy via electromagnetic radiation depends on the object’s surface area $A$ and the temperature $T$ of that area in kelvins and is given by

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \sigma \varepsilon A T^4.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-38)

Here $\sigma = 5.6704 \times 10^{-8}$ W/m$^2$·K$^4$ is called the Stefan–Boltzmann constant after Josef Stefan (who discovered Eq. 18-38 experimentally in 1879) and Ludwig Boltzmann (who derived it theoretically soon after). The symbol $\varepsilon$ represents the emissivity of the object’s surface, which has a value between 0 and 1, depending on the composition of the surface. A surface with the maximum emissivity of 1.0 is said to be a blackbody radiator, but such a surface is an ideal limit and does not occur in nature. Note again that the temperature in Eq. 18-38 must be in kelvins so that a temperature of absolute zero corresponds to no radiation. Note also that every object whose temperature is above 0 K—including you—emits thermal radiation. (See Fig. 18-20.)
The rate $P_{\text{abs}}$ at which an object absorbs energy via thermal radiation from its environment, which we take to be at uniform temperature $T_{\text{env}}$ (in kelvins), is

$$P_{\text{abs}} = \sigma \varepsilon A T_{\text{env}}^4.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-39)

The emissivity $\varepsilon$ in Eq. 18-39 is the same as that in Eq. 18-38. An idealized blackbody radiator, with $\varepsilon = 1$, will absorb all the radiated energy it intercepts (rather than sending a portion back away from itself through reflection or scattering).

Because an object both emits and absorbs thermal radiation, its net rate $P_{\text{net}}$ of energy exchange due to thermal radiation is

$$P_{\text{net}} = P_{\text{abs}} - P_{\text{rad}} = \sigma \varepsilon A (T_{\text{env}}^4 - T^4).$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-40)

$P_{\text{net}}$ is positive if net energy is being absorbed via radiation and negative if it is being lost via radiation.

Thermal radiation is involved in the numerous medical cases of a dead rattlesnake striking a hand reaching toward it. Pits between each eye and nostril of a rattlesnake (Fig. 18-21) serve as sensors of thermal radiation. When, say, a mouse moves close to a rattlesnake’s head, the thermal radiation from the mouse triggers these sensors, causing a reflex action in which the snake strikes the mouse with its fangs and injects its venom. The thermal radiation from a reaching hand can cause the same reflex action even if the snake has been dead for as long as 30 min because the snake’s nervous system continues to function. As one snake expert advised, if you must remove a recently killed rattlesnake, use a long stick rather than your hand.

Sample Problem 18.06  Thermal conduction through a layered wall

Figure 18-22 shows the cross section of a wall made of white pine of thickness $L_a$ and brick of thickness $L_d$ (\(\approx 2.0L_a\)), sandwiching two layers of unknown material with identical thicknesses and thermal conductivities. The thermal conductivity of the pine is $k_a$ and that of the brick is $k_d$ (\(\approx 5.0k_a\)). The face area $A$ of the wall is unknown. Thermal conduction through the wall has reached the steady state; the only known interface temperatures are $T_1 = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $T_2 = 20^\circ\text{C}$, and $T_5 = -10^\circ\text{C}$. What is interface temperature $T_4$?

The energy transfer per second is the same in each layer.

\hspace{1cm} Figure 18-22  Steady-state heat transfer through a wall.

KEY IDEAS

(1) Temperature $T_4$ helps determine the rate $P_d$ at which energy is conducted through the brick, as given by Eq. 18-32. However, we lack enough data to solve Eq. 18-32 for $T_4$.

(2) Because the conduction is steady, the conduction rate $P_d$ through the brick must equal the conduction rate $P_a$ through the pine. That gets us going.

Calculations: From Eq. 18-32 and Fig. 18-22, we can write

$$P_a = k_aA \frac{T_1 - T_2}{L_a} \quad \text{and} \quad P_d = k_dA \frac{T_4 - T_5}{L_d}.$$  

Setting $P_a = P_d$ and solving for $T_4$ yield

$$T_4 = \frac{k_dL_d}{k_aL_a}(T_1 - T_2) + T_5.$$  

Letting $L_d = 2.0L_a$ and $k_d = 5.0k_a$, and inserting the known temperatures, we find

$$T_4 = \frac{k_d(2.0L_a)}{(5.0k_a)L_a}(25^\circ\text{C} - 20^\circ\text{C}) + (-10^\circ\text{C}) = -8.0^\circ\text{C}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$

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Sample Problem 18.07  Thermal radiation by a skunk cabbage can melt surrounding snow

Unlike most other plants, a skunk cabbage can regulate its internal temperature (set at $T = 22^\circ C$) by altering the rate at which it produces energy. If it becomes covered with snow, it can increase that production so that its thermal radiation melts the snow in order to re-expose the plant to sunlight. Let’s model a skunk cabbage with a cylinder of height $h = 5.0$ cm and radius $R = 1.5$ cm and assume it is surrounded by a snow wall at temperature $T_{env} = -3.0^\circ C$ (Fig. 18-23). If the emissivity $\varepsilon$ is 0.80, what is the net rate of energy exchange via thermal radiation between the plant’s curved side and the snow?

**Figure 18-23** Model of skunk cabbage that has melted snow to uncover itself.

**KEY IDEAS**

1. In a steady-state situation, a surface with area $A$, emissivity $\varepsilon$, and temperature $T$ loses energy to thermal radiation at the rate given by Eq. 18-38 ($P_{rad} = \varepsilon \sigma A T^4$). (2) Simultaneously, it gains energy by thermal radiation from its environment at temperature $T_{env}$ at the rate given by Eq. 18-39 ($P_{env} = \varepsilon \sigma A T_{env}^4$).

**Calculations:** To find the net rate of energy exchange, we subtract Eq. 18-38 from Eq. 18-39 to write

$$P_{net} = P_{abs} - P_{rad} = \varepsilon \sigma A (T_{env}^4 - T^4).$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-41)

We need the area of the curved surface of the cylinder, which is $A = h(2\pi R)$. We also need the temperatures in kelvins: $T_{env} = 273$ K, $T = 273 + 22 = 295$ K. Substituting in Eq. 18-41 for $A$ and then substituting known values in SI units (which are not displayed here), we find

$$P_{net} = (5.67 \times 10^{-8})(0.80)(0.050)(2\pi)(0.015)(270^4 - 295^4) = -0.48 \text{ W.}$$  \hspace{1cm} (Answer)

Thus, the plant has a net loss of energy via thermal radiation of 0.48 W. The plant’s energy production rate is comparable to that of a hummingbird in flight.

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**Review & Summary**

**Temperature; Thermometers** Temperature is an SI base quantity related to our sense of hot and cold. It is measured with a thermometer, which contains a working substance with a measurable property, such as length or pressure, that changes in a regular way as the substance becomes hotter or colder.

**Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics** When a thermometer and some other object are placed in contact with each other, they eventually reach thermal equilibrium. The reading of the thermometer is then taken to be the temperature of the other object. The process provides consistent and useful temperature measurements because of the zeroth law of thermodynamics: If bodies $A$ and $B$ are each in thermal equilibrium with a third body $C$ (the thermometer), then $A$ and $B$ are in thermal equilibrium with each other.

**The Kelvin Temperature Scale** In the SI system, temperature is measured on the **Kelvin scale**, which is based on the **triple point** of water (273.16 K). Other temperatures are then defined by use of a constant-volume gas thermometer, in which a sample of gas is maintained at constant volume so its pressure is proportional to its temperature. We define the **temperature** $T$ as measured with a gas thermometer to be

$$T = (273.16 \text{ K}) \left( \lim_{\text{gas} \to \theta} \frac{p}{p_3} \right).$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-6)

Here $T$ is in kelvins, and $p_3$ and $p$ are the pressures of the gas at 273.16 K and the measured temperature, respectively.

**Celsius and Fahrenheit Scales** The Celsius temperature scale is defined by

$$T_C = T - 273.15^\circ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-7)

with $T$ in kelvins. The Fahrenheit temperature scale is defined by

$$T_F = \frac{9}{5} T_C + 32^\circ.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-8)
Thermal Expansion  All objects change size with changes in temperature. For a temperature change $\Delta T$, a change $\Delta L$ in any linear dimension $L$ is given by

$$\Delta L = L\alpha \Delta T,$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-9)

in which $\alpha$ is the coefficient of linear expansion. The change $\Delta V$ in the volume $V$ of a solid or liquid is

$$\Delta V = V\beta \Delta T.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-10)

Here $\beta = 3\alpha$ is the material’s coefficient of volume expansion.

Heat  Heat $Q$ is energy that is transferred between a system and its environment because of a temperature difference between them. It can be measured in joules (J), calories (cal), kilocalories (Cal or kcal), or British thermal units (Btu), with

$$1 \text{ cal} = 3.968 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Btu} = 4.1868 \text{ J}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-12)

Heat Capacity and Specific Heat  If heat $Q$ is absorbed by an object, the object’s temperature change $T_f - T_i$ is related to $Q$ by

$$Q = C(T_f - T_i),$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-13)

in which $C$ is the heat capacity of the object. If the object has mass $m$, then

$$Q = cm(T_f - T_i),$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-14)

where $c$ is the specific heat of the material making up the object. The molar specific heat of a material is the heat capacity per mole, which means per $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ elementary units of the material.

Heat of Transformation  Matter can exist in three common states: solid, liquid, and vapor. Heat absorbed by a material may change the material’s physical state—for example, from solid to liquid or from liquid to gas. The amount of energy required per unit mass to change the state (but not the temperature) of a particular material is its heat of transformation $L$. Thus,

$$Q = Lm.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-16)

The heat of vaporization $L_v$ is the amount of energy per unit mass that must be added to vaporize a liquid or that must be removed to condense a gas. The heat of fusion $L_f$ is the amount of energy per unit mass that must be added to melt a solid or that must be removed to freeze a liquid.

Work Associated with Volume Change  A gas may exchange energy with its surroundings through work. The amount of work $W$ done by a gas as it expands or contracts from an initial volume $V_i$ to a final volume $V_f$ is given by

$$W = \int dW = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p \, dV.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-25)

The integration is necessary because the pressure $p$ may vary during the volume change.

First Law of Thermodynamics  The principle of conservation of energy for a thermodynamic process is expressed in the first law of thermodynamics, which may assume either of the forms

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{int},f} - E_{\text{int},i} = Q - W$$  \hspace{1cm} (first law) \hspace{1cm} (18-26)

or

$$dE_{\text{int}} = dQ - dW$$  \hspace{1cm} (first law). \hspace{1cm} (18-27)

$E_{\text{int}}$ represents the internal energy of the material, which depends only on the material's state (temperature, pressure, and volume). $Q$ represents the energy exchanged as heat between the system and its surroundings; $W$ is positive if the system absorbs heat and negative if the system loses heat. $W$ is the work done by the system; $W$ is positive if the system expands against an external force from the surroundings and negative if the system contracts because of an external force. $Q$ and $W$ are path dependent; $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ is path independent.

Applications of the First Law  The first law of thermodynamics finds application in several special cases:

- adiabatic processes: $Q = 0$, $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = -W$
- constant-volume processes: $W = 0$, $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q$
- cyclical processes: $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$, $Q = W$
- free expansions: $Q = W = \Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$

Conduction, Convection, and Radiation  The rate $P_{\text{cond}}$ at which energy is conducted through a slab for which one face is maintained at the higher temperature $T_H$ and the other face is maintained at the lower temperature $T_C$ is

$$P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{Q}{I} = kA \frac{T_H - T_C}{L}$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-32)

Here each face of the slab has area $A$, the length of the slab (the distance between the faces) is $L$, and $k$ is the thermal conductivity of the material.

Convection occurs when temperature differences cause an energy transfer by motion within a fluid.

Radiation is an energy transfer via the emission of electromagnetic energy. The rate $P_{\text{rad}}$ at which an object emits energy via thermal radiation is

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \sigma \varepsilon AT^4,$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-38)

where $\sigma = 5.6704 \times 10^{-8}$ W/m$^2$·K$^4$ is the Stefan–Boltzmann constant, $\varepsilon$ is the emissivity of the object’s surface, $A$ is its surface area, and $T$ is its surface temperature (in kelvins). The rate $P_{\text{abs}}$ at which an object absorbs energy via thermal radiation from its environment, which is at the uniform temperature $T_{\text{env}}$ (in kelvins), is

$$P_{\text{abs}} = \sigma \varepsilon AT_{\text{env}}^4.$$  \hspace{1cm} (18-39)
1. The initial length $L$, change in temperature $\Delta T$, and change in length $\Delta L$ of four rods are given in the following table. Rank the rods according to their coefficients of thermal expansion, greatest first.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rod</th>
<th>$L$ (m)</th>
<th>$\Delta T$ ($^\circ$C)</th>
<th>$\Delta L$ (m)</th>
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<tr>
<td>$a$</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>$b$</td>
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<td>$c$</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>$8 \times 10^{-4}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$d$</td>
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<td>$4 \times 10^{-4}$</td>
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2. Figure 18-24 shows three linear temperature scales, with the freezing and boiling points of water indicated. Rank the three scales according to the size of one degree on them, greatest first.

3. Materials $A$, $B$, and $C$ are solids that are at their melting temperatures. Material $A$ requires 200 J to melt 4 kg, material $B$ requires 300 J to melt 5 kg, and material $C$ requires 300 J to melt 6 kg. Rank the materials according to their heats of fusion, greatest first.

4. A sample $A$ of liquid water and a sample $B$ of ice, of identical mass, are placed in a thermally insulated container and allowed to come to thermal equilibrium. Figure 18-25a is a sketch of the temperature $T$ of the samples versus time $t$. (a) Is the equilibrium temperature above, below, or at the freezing point of water? (b) In reaching equilibrium, does the liquid partly freeze, fully freeze, or undergo no freezing? (c) Does the ice partly melt, fully melt, or undergo no melting?

5. Question 4 continued: Graphs $b$ through $f$ of Fig. 18-25 are additional sketches of $T$ versus $t$, of which one or more are impossible to produce. (a) Which is impossible and why? (b) In the possible ones, is the equilibrium temperature above, below, or at the freezing point of water? (c) As the possible situations reach equilibrium, does the liquid partly freeze, fully freeze, or undergo no freezing? Does the ice partly melt, fully melt, or undergo no melting?

6. Figure 18-26 shows three different arrangements of materials 1, 2, and 3 to form a wall. The thermal conductivities are $k_1 > k_2 > k_3$. The left side of the wall is 20 $^\circ$C higher than the right side. Rank the arrangements according to (a) the (steady state) rate of energy conduction through the wall and (b) the temperature difference across material 1, greatest first.

7. Figure 18-27 shows two closed cycles on $p$-$V$ diagrams for a gas. The three parts of cycle 1 are of the same length and shape as those of cycle 2. For each cycle, should the cycle be traversed clockwise or counterclockwise if (a) the net work $W$ done by the gas is to be positive and (b) the net energy transferred by the gas as heat $Q$ is to be positive?

8. For which cycle in Fig. 18-27, traversed clockwise, is (a) $W$ greater and (b) $Q$ greater?

9. Three different materials of identical mass are placed at a time in a special freezer that can extract energy from a material at a certain constant rate. During the cooling process, each material begins in the liquid state and ends in the solid state; Fig. 18-28 shows the temperature $T$ versus time $t$. (a) For material 1, is the specific heat for the liquid state greater than or less than that for the solid state? Rank the materials according to (b) freezing-point temperature, (c) specific heat in the liquid state, (d) specific heat in the solid state, and (e) heat of fusion, all greatest first.

10. A solid cube of edge length $r$, a solid sphere of radius $r$, and a solid hemisphere of radius $r$, all made of the same material, are maintained at temperature 300 K in an environment at temperature 350 K. Rank the objects according to the net rate at which thermal radiation is exchanged with the environment, greatest first.

11. A hot object is dropped into a thermally insulated container of water, and the object and water are then allowed to come to thermal equilibrium. The experiment is repeated twice, with different hot objects. All three objects have the same mass and initial temperature, and the mass and initial temperature of the water are the same in the three experiments. For each of the experiments, Fig. 18-29 gives graphs of the temperatures $T$ of the object and the water versus time $t$. Rank the graphs according to the specific heats of the objects, greatest first.
Module 18-1 Temperature

1. Suppose the temperature of a gas is 373 K when it is at the freezing point of water. What is the limiting value of the ratio of the pressure of the gas at that boiling point to its pressure at the triple point of water? (Assume the volume of the gas is the same at both temperatures.)

2. Two constant-volume gas thermometers are assembled, one with nitrogen and the other with hydrogen. Both contain enough gas so that \( p_1 = 80 \text{ kPa} \). (a) What is the difference between the pressures in the two thermometers if both bulbs are in boiling water? (Hint: See Fig. 18-6.) (b) Which gas is at higher pressure?

3. A gas thermometer is constructed of two gas-containing bulbs, each in a water bath, as shown in Fig. 18-30. The pressure difference between the two bulbs is measured by a mercury manometer as shown. Appropriate reservoirs, not shown in the diagram, maintain constant gas volume in the two bulbs. There is no difference in pressure when both baths are at the triple point of water. The pressure difference is 120 torr when one bath is at the triple point and the other is at the boiling point of water. It is 90.0 torr when one bath is at the triple point and the other is at an unknown temperature to be measured. What is the unknown temperature?

Module 18-2 The Celsius and Fahrenheit Scales

4. (a) In 1964, the temperature in the Siberian village of Oymyakon reached \(-71^\circ\text{C}\). What temperature is this on the Fahrenheit scale? (b) The highest officially recorded temperature in the continental United States was 134°F in Death Valley, California. What is this temperature on the Celsius scale?

5. At what temperature is the Fahrenheit scale reading equal to (a) twice that of the Celsius scale and (b) half that of the Celsius scale?

6. On a linear X temperature scale, water freezes at \(-125.0^\circ\text{X}\) and boils at 375.0^\circ\text{X}. On a linear Y temperature scale, water freezes at \(-70.0^\circ\text{Y}\) and boils at \(-30.0^\circ\text{Y}\). A temperature of 50.00^\circ\text{Y} corresponds to what temperature on the X scale?

7. Suppose that on a linear temperature scale X, water boils at \(-53.5^\circ\text{X}\) and freezes at \(-170^\circ\text{X}\). What is the temperature of 340 K on the X scale? (Approximate water’s boiling point as 373 K.)

Module 18-3 Thermal Expansion

8. At 20°C, a brass cube has edge length 30 cm. What is the increase in the surface area when it is heated from 20°C to 75°C?

9. A circular hole in an aluminum plate is 2.725 cm in diameter at 0.000°C. What is its diameter when the temperature of the plate is raised to 100.0°C?

10. An aluminum flagpole is 33 m high. By how much does its length increase as the temperature increases by 15°C?

11. What is the volume of a lead ball at 30.00°C if the ball’s volume at 50.00°C is 50.00 cm³?

12. An aluminum-alloy rod has a length of 10.000 cm at 20.000°C and a length of 10.015 cm at the boiling point of water. (a) What is the length of the rod at the freezing point of water? (b) What is the temperature if the length of the rod is 10.009 cm?

13. SSM Find the change in volume of an aluminum sphere with an initial radius of 10 cm when the sphere is heated from 0.0°C to 100°C.

14. When the temperature of a copper coin is raised by 100°C, its diameter increases by 0.18%. To two significant figures, give the percent increase in (a) the area of a face, (b) the thickness, (c) the volume, and (d) the mass of the coin. (e) Calculate the coefficient of linear expansion of the coin.

15. ILW A steel rod is 3.000 cm in diameter at 25.00°C. A brass ring has an interior diameter of 2.992 cm at 25.00°C. At what common temperature will the ring just slide onto the rod?

16. When the temperature of a metal cylinder is raised from 0.0°C to 100°C, its length increases by 0.23%. To two significant figures, give the percent increase in the density. (b) What is the metal? Use Table 18-2.

17. SSM WWW An aluminum cup of 100 cm³ capacity is completely filled with glycerin at 22°C. How much glycerin, if any, will spill out of the cup if the temperature of both the cup and the glycerin is increased to 28°C? (The coefficient of volume expansion of glycerin is 5.1 × 10⁻⁴°C⁻¹.)

18. At 20°C, a rod is exactly 20.05 cm long on a steel ruler. Both are placed in an oven at 270°C, where the rod now measures 20.11 cm on the same ruler. What is the coefficient of linear expansion for the material of which the rod is made?

19. A vertical glass tube of length \( L = 1.280 \text{ m} \) is half filled with a liquid at 20,000 °C. How much will the height of the liquid column change when the tube and liquid are heated to 30,000 °C? Use coefficients \( \alpha_{\text{glass}} = 1.000 \times 10^{-5}/\text{K} \) and \( \beta_{\text{liquid}} = 4.000 \times 10^{-5}/\text{K} \).

20. In a certain experiment, a small radioactive source must move at selected, extremely slow speeds. This motion is accomplished by fastening the source to one end of an aluminum rod and heating the central section of the rod in a controlled way. If the effective heated section of the rod in Fig. 18-31 has length \( d = 2.00 \text{ cm} \), at what constant rate must the temperature of the rod be changed if the source is to move at a constant speed of 100 nm/s?

21. SSM ILW As a result of a temperature rise of 32°C, a bar with a crack at its center buckles upward (Fig. 18-32). The fixed distance \( L_0 \) is 3.77 m and the coefficient of linear expansion of the bar is 25 × 10⁻⁴°C⁻¹. Find the rise \( x \) of the center.
Module 18-4  Absorption of Heat

•22 One way to keep the contents of a garage from becoming too cold on a night when a severe subfreezing temperature is forecast is to put a tub of water in the garage. If the mass of the water is 125 kg and its initial temperature is 20°C, (a) how much energy must the water transfer to its surroundings in order to freeze completely and (b) what is the lowest possible temperature of the water and its surroundings until that happens?

•23 SSM A small electric immersion heater is used to heat 100 g of water for a cup of instant coffee. The heater is labeled “200 watts” (it converts electrical energy to thermal energy at this rate). Calculate the time required to bring all this water from 23.0°C to 100°C, ignoring any heat losses.

•24 A certain substance has a mass per mole of 50.0 g/mol. When 314 J is added as heat to a 30.0 g sample, the sample’s temperature rises from 25.0°C to 45.0°C. What are the (a) specific heat and (b) molar specific heat of this substance? (c) How many moles are there in the sample?

•25 A certain diet doctor encourages people to diet by drinking ice water. His theory is that the body must burn off enough fat to raise the temperature of the water from 0.00°C to the body temperature of 37.0°C. How many liters of ice water would have to be consumed to burn off 454 g (about 1 lb) of fat, assuming that burning this much fat requires 3500 Cal be transferred to the ice water? Why is it not advisable to follow this diet? (One liter = 10³ cm³. The density of water is 1.00 g/cm³.)

•26 What mass of butter, which has a usable energy content of 6.0 Cal/g (= 6000 cal/g), would be equivalent to the change in gravitational potential energy of a 73.0 kg man who ascends from sea level to the top of Mt. Everest, at elevation 8.84 km? Assume that the average g for the ascent is 9.80 m/s².

•27 SSM Calculate the minimum amount of energy, in joules, required to completely melt 130 g of silver initially at 15.0°C.

•28 How much water remains unfrozen after 50.2 kJ is transferred as heat from 260 g of liquid water initially at its freezing point?

•29 In a solar water heater, energy from the Sun is gathered by water that circulates through tubes in a rooftop collector. The solar radiation enters the collector through a transparent cover and warms the water in the tubes; this water is pumped into a holding tank. Assume that the efficiency of the overall system is 20% (that is, 80% of the incident solar energy is lost from the system). What collector area is necessary to raise the temperature of 200 L of water in the tank from 20°C to 40°C in 1.0 h when the intensity of incident sunlight is 700 W/m²?

•30 A 0.400 kg sample is placed in a cooling apparatus that removes energy as heat at a constant rate. Figure 18-33 gives the temperature T of the sample versus time t; the horizontal scale is set by t₀ = 80.0 min. The sample freezes during the energy removal. The specific heat of the sample in its initial liquid phase is 3000 J/kg·K. What are (a) the sample’s heat of fusion and (b) its specific heat in the frozen phase?

•31 ILW What mass of steam at 100°C must be mixed with 150 g of ice at its melting point, in a thermally insulated container, to produce liquid water at 50°C?

•32 The specific heat of a substance varies with temperature according to the function \( c = 0.20 + 0.14T + 0.023T^2 \), with \( T \) in °C and \( c \) in cal/g·K. Find the energy required to raise the temperature of 2.0 g of this substance from 5.0°C to 15°C.

•33 Nonmetric version: (a) How long does a 2.0 × 10⁵ Btu/h water heater take to raise the temperature of 40 gal of water from 70°F to 100°F? Metric version: (b) How long does a 59 kW water heater take to raise the temperature of 150 L of water from 21°C to 38°C?

•34 Samples A and B are at different initial temperatures when they are placed in a thermally insulated container and allowed to come to thermal equilibrium. Figure 18-34a gives their temperatures \( T \) versus time \( t \). Sample A has a mass of 5.0 kg; sample B has a mass of 1.5 kg. Figure 18-34b is a general plot for the material of sample B. It shows the temperature change \( \Delta T \) that the material undergoes when energy is transferred to it as heat \( Q \). The change \( \Delta T \) is plotted versus the energy \( Q \) per unit mass of the material, and the scale of the vertical axis is set by \( \Delta T = 4.0 \) °C. What is the specific heat of sample A?

•35 An insulated Thermos contains 130 cm³ of hot coffee at 80.0°C. You put in a 12.0 g ice cube at its melting point to cool the coffee. By how many degrees has your coffee cooled once the ice has melted and equilibrium is reached? Treat the coffee as though it were pure water and neglect energy exchanges with the environment.

•36 A 150 g copper bowl contains 220 g of water, both at 20.0°C. A very hot 300 g copper cylinder is dropped into the water, causing the water to boil, with 5.00 g being converted to steam. The final temperature of the system is 100°C. Neglect energy transfers with the environment. (a) How much energy (in calories) is transferred to the water as heat? (b) How much to the bowl? (c) What is the original temperature of the cylinder?

•37 A person makes a quantity of iced tea by mixing 500 g of hot tea (essentially water) with an equal mass of ice at its melting point. Assume the mixture has negligible energy exchanges with its environment. If the tea’s initial temperature is \( T_t = 90°C \), when thermal equilibrium is reached what are (a) the mixture’s temperature \( T_f \) and (b) the remaining mass \( m_f \) of ice? If \( T_t = 70°C \), when thermal equilibrium is reached what are (c) \( T_f \) and (d) \( m_f \)?

•38 A 0.530 kg sample of liquid water and a sample of ice are placed in a thermally insulated container. The container also contains a device that transfers energy as heat from the liquid water to the ice at a constant rate \( P \), until thermal equilibrium is reached. Find the final temperature of the system. What is the specific heat of sample A?
reached. The temperatures $T$ of the liquid water and the ice are given in Fig. 18-35 as functions of time $t$; the horizontal scale is set by $t = 80.0$ min. (a) What is rate $P$? (b) What is the initial mass of the ice in the container? (c) When thermal equilibrium is reached, what is the mass of the ice produced in this process?

**Problem 38.**

![Figure 18-35 Problem 38.](image)

**Problem 39.** Ethyl alcohol has a boiling point of 78.0°C, a freezing point of −114°C, a heat of vaporization of 879 kJ/kg, a heat of fusion of 109 kJ/kg, and a specific heat of 2.43 kJ/kg·K. How much energy must be removed from 0.510 kg of ethyl alcohol that is initially at 78.0°C so that it becomes a solid at −114°C?

**Problem 40.** Calculate the specific heat of a metal from the following data. A container made of the metal has a mass of 3.6 kg and contains 14 kg of water. A 1.8 kg piece of the metal initially at a temperature of 180°C is dropped into the water. The container and water initially have a temperature of 16.0°C, and the final temperature of the entire (insulated) system is 18.0°C.

**Problem 41.** (a) Two 50 g ice cubes are dropped into 200 g of water in a thermally insulated container. If the water is initially at 25°C, and the ice cream comes directly from a freezer at −15°C, what is the final temperature at thermal equilibrium? (b) What is the final temperature if only one ice cube is used?

**Problem 42.** A 20.0 g copper ring at 0.000°C has an inner diameter of $D = 2.54000$ cm. An aluminum sphere at 100.0°C has a diameter of $d = 2.545$ cm. The sphere is put on top of the ring (Fig. 18-36), and the two are allowed to come to thermal equilibrium, with no heat lost to the surroundings. The sphere just passes through the ring at the equilibrium temperature. What is the mass of the sphere?

**Problem 43.** In Fig. 18-37, a gas sample expands from $V_o$ to $4.0V_o$ while its pressure decreases from $p_o$ to $p_0/4.0$. If $V_o = 1.0$ m³ and $p_o = 40$ Pa, how much work is done by the gas if its pressure changes with volume via (a) path $A$, (b) path $B$, and (c) path $C$?

**Problem 44.** A thermodynamic system is taken from state $A$ to state $B$ to

**Module 18-5 The First Law of Thermodynamics**

**Problem 45.** Ethyl alcohol has a boiling point of 78.0°C, a freezing point of −114°C, a heat of vaporization of 879 kJ/kg, a heat of fusion of 109 kJ/kg, and a specific heat of 2.43 kJ/kg·K. How much energy must be removed from 0.510 kg of ethyl alcohol that is initially at 78.0°C so that it becomes a solid at −114°C?

**Problem 46.** Calculate the specific heat of a metal from the following data. A container made of the metal has a mass of 3.6 kg and contains 14 kg of water. A 1.8 kg piece of the metal initially at a temperature of 180°C is dropped into the water. The container and water initially have a temperature of 16.0°C, and the final temperature of the entire (insulated) system is 18.0°C.

**Problem 47.** Two 50 g ice cubes are dropped into 200 g of water in a thermally insulated container. If the water is initially at 25°C, and the ice cream comes directly from a freezer at −15°C, what is the final temperature at thermal equilibrium? (b) What is the final temperature if only one ice cube is used?

**Problem 48.** A 20.0 g copper ring at 0.000°C has an inner diameter of $D = 2.54000$ cm. An aluminum sphere at 100.0°C has a diameter of $d = 2.545$ cm. The sphere is put on top of the ring (Fig. 18-36), and the two are allowed to come to thermal equilibrium, with no heat lost to the surroundings. The sphere just passes through the ring at the equilibrium temperature. What is the mass of the sphere?

**Problem 49.** In Fig. 18-37, a gas sample expands from $V_o$ to $4.0V_o$ while its pressure decreases from $p_o$ to $p_0/4.0$. If $V_o = 1.0$ m³ and $p_o = 40$ Pa, how much work is done by the gas if its pressure changes with volume via (a) path $A$, (b) path $B$, and (c) path $C$?

**Problem 50.** A thermodynamic system is taken from state $A$ to state $B$ to
Figure 18-42 represents a closed cycle for a gas (the figure is not drawn to scale). The change in the internal energy of the gas as it moves from \( a \) to \( c \) along the path \( abc \) is \(-200\) J. As it moves from \( c \) to \( d \), \( 180 \) J must be transferred to it as heat. An additional transfer of \( 80 \) J to it as heat is needed as it moves from \( d \) to \( a \). How much work is done on the gas as it moves from \( c \) to \( d \)?

A lab sample of gas is taken ••50

Consider the slab shown in Fig. 18-18. Suppose that the change in the internal energy is \(+3.0\) J and the magnitude of the work done is \(5.0\) J. Along path \( ca \), the energy transferred to the gas as heat is \(+2.5\) J. How much energy is transferred as heat along (a) path \( ab \) and (b) path \( bc \)?

Module 18-6 Heat Transfer Mechanisms

A sphere of radius \(0.500\) m, temperature \(27.0°C\), and emissivity \(0.850\) is located in an environment of temperature \(77.0°C\). At what rate does the sphere (a) emit and (b) absorb thermal radiation? (c) What is the sphere’s net rate of energy exchange?

The ceiling of a single-family dwelling in a cold climate should have an \( R \)-value of \(30\). To give such insulation, how thick would a layer of (a) polyurethane foam and (b) silver have to be?

Consider the slab shown in Fig. 18-18. Suppose that \(L = 25.0\) cm, \(A = 90.0\) cm\(^2\), and the material is copper. If \(T_H = 125°C\), \(T_C = 10.0°C\), and a steady state is reached, find the conduction rate through the slab.

If you were to walk briefly in space without a spacesuit while far from the Sun (as an astronaut does in the movie 2001, A Space Odyssey), you would feel the cold of space — while you radiated energy, you would absorb almost none from your environment. (a) At what rate would you lose energy? (b) How much energy would you lose in 30 s? Assume that your emissivity is 0.90, and estimate other data needed in the calculations.

A cylindrical copper rod of length \(1.2\) m and cross-sectional area \(4.8\) cm\(^2\) is insulated along its side. The ends are held at a temperature difference of \(100°C\) by having one end in a water – ice mixture and the other in a mixture of boiling water and steam. At what rate (a) is energy conducted by the rod and (b) does the ice melt?

The giant hornet Vespa mandarinia japonica preys on Japanese bees. However, if one of the hornets attempts to invade a beehive, several hundred of the bees quickly form a compact ball around the hornet to stop it. They don’t sting, bite, crush, or suffocate it. Rather they overheat it by quickly raising their body temperatures from the normal \(35°C\) to \(47°C\) or \(48°C\), which is lethal to the hornet but not to the bees (Fig. 18-44). Assume the following: 500 bees form a ball of radius \(R = 2.0\) cm for a time \(t = 20\) min, the primary loss of energy by the ball is by thermal radiation, the ball’s surface has emissivity \(e = 0.80\), and the ball has a uniform temperature. On average, how much additional energy must each bee produce during the 20 min to maintain \(47°C\)?

(a) What is the rate of energy loss in watts per square meter through a glass window \(3.0\) mm thick if the outside temperature is \(-20°F\) and the inside temperature is \(+72°F\)? (b) A storm window having the same thickness of glass is installed parallel to the first window, with an air gap of \(7.5\) cm between the two windows. What now is the rate of energy loss if conduction is the only important energy-loss mechanism?

A solid cylinder of radius \(r_1 = 2.5\) cm, length \(h_1 = 5.0\) cm, emissivity 0.85, and temperature \(30°C\) is suspended in an environment of temperature \(50°C\). (a) What is the cylinder’s net thermal radiation transfer rate \(P_1\)? (b) If the cylinder is stretched until its radius is \(r_2 = 0.50\) cm, its net thermal radiation transfer rate becomes \(P_2\). What is the ratio \(P_2/P_1\)?

In Fig. 18-45a, two identical rectangular rods of metal are welded end to end, with a temperature of \(T_1 = 0°C\) on the left side and a temperature of \(T_2 = 100°C\) on the right side. In 2.0 min, \(10\) J is conducted at a constant rate from the right side to the left side. How much time would be required to conduct \(10\) J if the rods were welded side to side as in Fig. 18-45b?

Figure 18-46 shows the cross section of a wall made of three layers. The layer thicknesses are \(L_1\), \(L_2\), and \(L_3\). The thermal conductivities are \(k_1\), \(k_2\), and \(k_3\). The temperatures at the left side and right side of the wall are \(T_H = 30.0°C\) and \(T_C = -15.0°C\), respectively. Thermal conduction is steady. (a) What is the temperature difference \(\Delta T_1\) across layer 2 (between the left and right sides of the layer)? If \(k_2\) were, instead, equal to \(1.1k_1\), (b) would the rate at which energy is conducted through the wall be greater than, less than, or the same as previously, and (c) what would be the value of \(\Delta T_1\)?

A 5.0 cm slab has formed on an outdoor tank of water (Fig. 18-47). The air is at \(-10°C\). Find the rate of ice formation (centimeters per hour). The ice has thermal conductivity \(0.0040\) cal/s·cm·°C and density \(0.92\) g/cm\(^3\). Assume there is no energy transfer through the walls or bottom.
**Problem 62**  Leidenfrost effect. A water drop will last about 1 s on a hot skillet with a temperature between 100°C and about 200°C. However, if the skillet is much hotter, the drop can last several minutes, an effect named after an early investigator. The longer lifetime is due to the support of a thin layer of air and water vapor that separates the drop from the metal (by distance L in Fig. 18-48). Let L = 0.100 mm, and assume that the drop is flat with height h = 1.50 mm and bottom face area A = 4.00 × 10⁻⁶ m². Also assume that the skillet has a constant temperature \( T_s = 300°C \) and the drop has a temperature of 100°C. Water has density \( \rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \), and the supporting layer has thermal conductivity \( k = 0.026 \text{ W/m} \cdot \text{K} \). (a) At what rate is energy conducted from the skillet to the drop through the drop’s bottom surface? (b) If conduction is the primary way energy moves from the skillet to the drop, how long will the drop last?

**Problem 63**  Penguin huddling. To withstand the harsh weather of the Antarctic, emperor penguins huddle in groups (Fig. 18-50). Assume that a penguin is a circular cylinder with a top surface area \( a = 0.34 \text{ m}^2 \) and height \( h = 1.1 \text{ m} \). Let \( P \) be the rate at which an individual penguin radiates energy to the environment (through the top and the sides); thus \( NP \) is the rate at which \( N \) identical, well-separated penguins radiate. If the penguins huddle closely to form a huddled cylinder with top surface area \( Na \) and height \( h \), the cylinder radiates at the rate \( P_N \). If \( N = 1000 \), (a) what is the value of the fraction \( P_N/P \), and (b) by what percentage does huddling reduce the total radiation loss?

**Problem 64**  Icebergs in the North Atlantic present hazards to shipping, causing the lengths of shipping routes to be increased by about 30% during the iceberg season. Attempts to destroy icebergs include planting explosives, bombing, torpedoing, shelling, ramming, and coating with black soot. Suppose that direct melting of the iceberg, by planting heat sources in the ice, is tried. How much energy as heat is required to melt 10% of an iceberg that has a mass of 200,000 metric tons? (Use 1 metric ton = 1000 kg.)

**Problem 65**  Ice has formed on a shallow pond, and a steady state has been reached, with the air above the ice at −5.0°C and the bottom of the pond at 4.0°C. If the total depth of ice + water is 1.4 m, how thick is the ice? (Assume that the thermal conductivities of ice and water are 0.40 and 0.12 cal/m · °C · s, respectively.)

**Problem 66**  Evaporative cooling of beverages. A cold beverage can be kept cold even on a warm day if it is slipped into a porous ceramic container that has been soaked in water. Assume that energy lost to evaporation matches the net energy gained via the radiation exchange through the top and side surfaces. The container and beverage have temperature \( T = 15°C \), the environment has temperature \( T_{env} = 32°C \), and the container is a cylinder with radius \( r = 2.2 \text{ cm} \) and height 10 cm. Approximate the emissivity as \( \varepsilon = 1 \), and neglect other energy exchanges. At what rate \( dm/dt \) is the container losing water mass?

**Additional Problems**

**Problem 67**  In the extrusion of cold chocolate from a tube, work is done on the chocolate by the pressure applied by a ram forcing the chocolate through the tube. The work per unit mass of extruded chocolate is equal to \( p/\rho \), where \( p \) is the difference between the applied pressure and the pressure where the chocolate emerges from the tube, and \( \rho \) is the density of the chocolate. Rather than increasing the temperature of the chocolate, this work melts cocoa fats in the chocolate. These fats have a heat of fusion of 150 kJ/kg. Assume that all of the work goes into that melting and that these fats make up 30% of the chocolate’s mass. What percentage of the fats melt during the extrusion if \( p = 5.5 \text{ MPa} \) and \( \rho = 1200 \text{ kg/m}^3 \)?

**Problem 68**  A 0.300 kg sample is placed in a cooling apparatus that removes energy as heat at a constant rate of 2.81 W. Figure 18-52 gives the temperature \( T \) of the sam-
The average rate at which energy is conducted outward through the ground surface in North America is 54.0 mW/m², and the average thermal conductivity of the near-surface rocks is 2.50 W/m·K. Assuming a surface temperature of 10.0°C, find the temperature at a depth of 35.0 km (near the base of the crust). Ignore the heat generated by the presence of radioactive elements.

What is the volume increase of an aluminum cube 5.00 cm on an edge when heated from 10.0°C to 60.0°C?

In a series of experiments, block B is to be placed in a thermally insulated container with block A, which has the same mass as block B. In each experiment, block B is initially at a certain temperature $T_B$, but temperature $T_A$ of block A is changed from experiment to experiment. Let $T_f$ represent the final temperature of the two blocks when they reach thermal equilibrium in any of the experiments. Figure 18-53 gives temperature $T_f$ versus the initial temperature $T_A$ for a range of possible values of $T_A$, from $T_{A1} = 0$ K to $T_{A2} = 500$ K. The vertical axis scale is set by $T_{fB} = 400$ K. What are (a) temperature $T_B$ and (b) the ratio $c_B/c_A$ of the specific heats of the blocks?

Figure 18-54 displays a closed cycle for a gas. From $c$ to $b$, 40 J is transferred from the gas as heat. From $b$ to $a$, 130 J is transferred from the gas as heat, and the magnitude of the work done by the gas is 80 J. From $a$ to $c$, 400 J is transferred to the gas as heat. What is the work done by the gas from $a$ to $c$? (Hint: You need to supply the plus and minus signs for the given data.)

Three equal-length straight rods, of aluminum, Invar, and steel, all at 20.0°C, form an equilateral triangle with hinge pins at the vertices. At what temperature will the angle opposite the Invar rod be 59.95°? See Appendix E for needed trigonometric formulas and Table 18-2 for needed data.

The temperature of a 0.700 kg cube of ice is decreased to −150°C. Then energy is gradually transferred to the cube as heat while it is otherwise thermally isolated from its environment. The total transfer is 0.6993 MJ. Assume the value of $c_{ic}$ given in Table 18-3 is valid for temperatures from −150°C to 0°C. What is the final temperature of the water?

Ice coats an active (growing) icicle and extends up a short, narrow tube along the central axis (Fig. 18-55). Because the water–ice interface must have a temperature of 0°C, the water in the tube cannot lose energy through the sides of the icicle or down through the tip because there is no temperature change in those directions. It can lose energy and freeze only by sending energy up (through distance $L$) to the top of the icicle, where the temperature $T_r$ can be below 0°C. Take $L = 0.12$ m and $T_r = -5$°C. Assume that the central tube and the upward conduction path both have cross-sectional area $A$. In terms of $A$, what rate is (a) energy conducted upward and (b) mass converted from liquid to ice at the top of the central tube? (c) At what rate does the top of the tube move downward because of water freezing there? The thermal conductivity of ice is 0.400 W/m·K, and the density of liquid water is 1000 kg/m³.

A sample of gas expands from an initial pressure and volume of 10 Pa and 1.0 m³ to a final volume of 2.0 m³. During the expansion, the pressure and volume are related by the equation $p = aV^2$, where $a = 10$ N/m³. Determine the work done by the gas during this expansion.

Figure 18-56a shows a cylinder containing gas and closed by a movable piston. The cylinder is kept submerged in an ice–water mixture. The piston is quickly pushed down from position 1 to position 2 and then held at position 2 until the gas is again at the temperature of the ice–water mixture; it then is slowly raised back to position 1. Figure 18-56b is a $p$-$V$ diagram for the process. If 100 g of ice is melted during the cycle, how much work has been done on the gas?

A sample of gas undergoes a transition from an initial state $a$ to a final state $b$ by three different paths (processes), as shown in the $p$-$V$ diagram in Fig. 18-57, where $V_b = 5.000V_a$. The energy transferred to the gas as heat in process 1 is $10pV_a$. In terms of $p_aV_a$, what are (a) the energy transferred to the gas as heat in process 2 and (b) the change in internal energy that the gas undergoes in process 3?

A copper rod, an aluminum rod, and a brass rod, each of 6.00 m length and 1.00 cm diameter, are placed end to end with the aluminum rod between the other two. The free end of the copper rod is maintained at water’s boiling point, and the free end of the brass rod is maintained at water’s freezing point. What is the steady-state temperature of (a) the copper–aluminum junction and (b) the aluminum–brass junction?

The temperature of a Pyrex disk is changed from 10.0°C to 60.0°C. Its initial radius is 8.00 cm; its initial thickness is 0.500 cm. Take these data as being exact. What is the change in the volume of the disk? (See Table 18-2.)
84 (a) Calculate the rate at which body heat is conducted through the clothing of a skier in a steady-state process, given the following data: the body surface area is 1.8 m$^2$ and the clothing is 1.0 cm thick; the skin surface temperature is 33°C and the outer surface of the clothing is at 1.0°C; the thermal conductivity of the clothing is 0.040 W/m·K. (b) If, after a fall, the skier’s clothes became soaked with water of thermal conductivity 0.60 W/m·K, by how much is the rate of conduction multiplied?

85 SSM A 2.50 kg lump of aluminum is heated to 92.0°C and then dropped into 8.00 kg of water at 5.00°C. Assuming that the lump–water system is thermally isolated, what is the system’s equilibrium temperature?

86 A glass window pane is exactly 20 cm by 30 cm at 10°C. By how much has its area increased when its temperature is 40°C, assuming that it can expand freely?

87 A recruit can join the semi-secret “300 F” club at the Amundsen–Scott South Pole Station only when the outside temperature is below –70°C. On such a day, the recruit first basks in a hot sauna and then runs outside wearing only shoes. (This is, of course, extremely dangerous, but the rite is effectively a protest against the constant danger of the cold.)

Assume that upon stepping out of the sauna, the recruit’s skin temperature is 102°F and the walls, ceiling, and floor of the sauna room have a temperature of 30°C. Estimate the recruit’s surface area, and take the skin emissivity to be 0.80. (a) What is the approximate net rate $P_{net}$ at which the recruit loses energy via thermal radiation exchanges with the room? Next, assume that when outdoors, half the recruit’s surface area exchanges thermal radiation with the sky at a temperature of –25°C and the other half exchanges thermal radiation with the snow and ground at a temperature of –80°C. What is the approximate net rate at which the recruit loses energy via thermal radiation exchanges with (b) the sky and (c) the snow and ground?

88 A steel rod at 25.0°C is bolted at both ends and then cooled. At what temperature will it rupture? Use Table 12-1.

89 An athlete needs to lose weight and decides to do it by “pumping iron.” (a) How many times must an 80.0 kg weight be lifted a distance of 1.00 m in order to burn off 1.00 lb of fat, assuming that much fat is equivalent to 3500 Cal? (b) If the weight is lifted once every 2.00 s, how long does the task take?

90 Soon after Earth was formed, heat released by the decay of radioactive elements raised the average internal temperature from 300 to 3000 K, at about which value it remains today. Assuming an average coefficient of volume expansion of 3.0 $\times$ 10$^{-5}$ K$^{-1}$, by how much has the radius of Earth increased since the planet was formed?

91 It is possible to melt ice by rubbing one block of it against another. How much work, in joules, would you have to do to get 1.00 g of ice to melt?

92 A rectangular plate of glass initially has the dimensions 0.200 m by 0.300 m. The coefficient of linear expansion for the glass is 9.00 $\times$ 10$^{-6}$/K. What is the change in the plate’s area if its temperature is increased by 20.0 K?

93 Suppose that you intercept 5.0 $\times$ 10$^{-3}$ of the energy radiated by a hot sphere that has a radius of 0.020 m, an emissivity of 0.80, and a surface temperature of 500 K. How much energy do you intercept in 2.0 min?

94 A thermometer of mass 0.0550 kg and of specific heat 0.837 kJ/kg·K reads 15.0°C. It is then completely immersed in 0.300 kg of water, and it comes to the same final temperature as the water. If the thermometer then reads 44.4°C, what was the temperature of the water before insertion of the thermometer?

95 A sample of gas expands from $V_1 = 1.0$ m$^3$ and $p_1 = 40$ Pa to $V_2 = 4.0$ m$^3$ and $p_2 = 10$ Pa along path B in the $p$-$V$ diagram in Fig. 18-58. It is then compressed back to $V_1$ along either path A or path C. Compute the net work done by the gas for the complete cycle along (a) path BA and (b) path BC.

96 Figure 18-59 shows a composite bar of length $L = L_1 + L_2$ and consisting of two materials. One material has length $L_1$ and coefficient of linear expansion $a_1$; the other has length $L_2$ and coefficient of linear expansion $a_2$. (a) What is the coefficient of linear expansion $a$ for the composite bar? For a particular composite bar, $L$ is 52.4 cm, material 1 is steel, and material 2 is brass. If $a = 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$/°C, what are the lengths (b) $L_1$ and (c) $L_2$?

97 On finding your stove out of order, you decide to boil the water for a cup of tea by shaking it in a thermos flask. Suppose that you use tap water at 19°C, the water falls 32 cm each shake, and you make 27 shakes each minute. Neglecting any loss of thermal energy by the flask, how long (in minutes) must you shake the flask until the water reaches 100°C?

98 The $p$-$V$ diagram in Fig. 18-60 shows two paths along which a sample of gas can be taken from state $a$ to state $b$, where $V_b = 3.0V_a$. Path 1 requires that energy equal to 5.0$p_aV_a$ be transferred to the gas as heat. Path 2 requires that energy equal to 5.5$p_aV_a$ be transferred to the gas as heat. What is the ratio $p_2/p_1$?

99 A cube of edge length 6.0 $\times$ 10$^{-6}$ m, emissivity 0.75, and temperature –100°C floats in an environment at –150°C. What is the cube’s net thermal radiation transfer rate?

100 A flow calorimeter is a device used to measure the specific heat of a liquid. Energy is added as heat at a known rate to a stream of the liquid as it passes through the calorimeter at a known rate. Measurement of the resulting temperature difference between the inflow and the outflow points of the liquid stream enables us to compute the specific heat of the liquid. Suppose a liquid of density 0.85 g/cm$^3$ flows through a calorimeter at the rate of 8.0 cm$^3$/s. When energy is added at the rate of 250 W by means of an electric heating coil, a temperature difference of 15°C is established in steady-state conditions between the inflow and the outflow points. What is the specific heat of the liquid?

101 An object of mass 6.00 kg falls through a height of 50.0 m and, by means of a mechanical linkage, rotates a paddle wheel that stirs 0.600 kg of water. Assume that the initial gravitational potential energy of the object is fully transferred to thermal energy of the water, which is initially at 15.0°C. What is the temperature rise of the water?
The Pyrex glass mirror in a telescope has a diameter of 170 in. The temperature ranges from $-16^\circ C$ to $32^\circ C$ on the location of the telescope. What is the maximum change in the diameter of the mirror, assuming that the glass can freely expand and contract?

The area $A$ of a rectangular plate is $ab = 1.4$ m$^2$. Its coefficient of linear expansion is $a = 32 \times 10^{-6}/C$. After a temperature rise $\Delta T = 89^\circ C$, side $a$ is longer by $\Delta a$ and side $b$ is longer by $\Delta b$ (Fig. 18-61). Neglecting the small quantity $(\Delta a \Delta b)/ab$, find $\Delta A$.

Consider the liquid in a barometer whose coefficient of volume expansion is $6.6 \times 10^{-4}/C$. Find the relative change in the liquid's height if the temperature changes by $12^\circ C$ while the pressure remains constant. Neglect the expansion of the glass tube.

A pendulum clock with a pendulum made of brass is designed to keep accurate time at $23^\circ C$. Assume it is a simple pendulum consisting of a bob at one end of a brass rod of negligible mass that is pivoted about the other end. If the clock operates at $0.0^\circ C$, (a) does it run too fast or too slow, and (b) what is the magnitude of its error in seconds per hour?

A room is lighted by four 100 W incandescent lightbulbs. (The power of 100 W is the rate at which a bulb converts electrical energy to heat and the energy of visible light.) Assuming that 73% of the energy is converted to heat, how much heat does the room receive in 6.9 h?

An energetic athlete can use up all the energy from a diet of 4000 Cal/day. If he were to use up this energy at a steady rate, what is the ratio of the rate of energy use compared to that of a 100 W bulb? (The power of 100 W is the rate at which the bulb converts electrical energy to heat and the energy of visible light.)

A 1700 kg Buick moving at 83 km/h brakes to a stop, at uniform deceleration and without skidding, over a distance of 93 m. At what average rate is mechanical energy transferred to thermal energy in the brake system?
CHAPTER 19
The Kinetic Theory of Gases

19-1 AVOGADRO’S NUMBER

Learning Objectives
After reading this module, you should be able to . . .
19.01 Identify Avogadro’s number \(N_A\).
19.02 Apply the relationship between the number of moles \(n\), the number of molecules \(N\), and Avogadro’s number \(N_A\).
19.03 Apply the relationships between the mass \(m\) of a sample, the molar mass \(M\) of the molecules in the sample, the number of moles \(n\) in the sample, and Avogadro’s number \(N_A\).

Key Ideas
- The kinetic theory of gases relates the macroscopic properties of gases (for example, pressure and temperature) to the microscopic properties of gas molecules (for example, speed and kinetic energy).
- One mole of a substance contains \(N_A\) (Avogadro’s number) elementary units (usually atoms or molecules), where \(N_A\) is found experimentally to be
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  N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}
  \]  (Avogadro’s number).
One molar mass \(M\) of any substance is the mass of one mole of the substance.
- A mole is related to the mass \(m\) of the individual molecules of the substance by
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  M = mN_A.
  \]
- The number of moles \(n\) contained in a sample of mass \(M_{\text{sam}}\), consisting of \(N\) molecules, is related to the molar mass \(M\) of the molecules and to Avogadro’s number \(N_A\) as given by
  \[
  n = \frac{N}{N_A} = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{M} = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{mN_A}.
  \]

What Is Physics?
One of the main subjects in thermodynamics is the physics of gases. A gas consists of atoms (either individually or bound together as molecules) that fill their container’s volume and exert pressure on the container’s walls. We can usually assign a temperature to such a contained gas. These three variables associated with a gas—volume, pressure, and temperature—are all a consequence of the motion of the atoms. The volume is a result of the freedom the atoms have to spread throughout the container, the pressure is a result of the collisions of the atoms with the container’s walls, and the temperature has to do with the kinetic energy of the atoms. The kinetic theory of gases, the focus of this chapter, relates the motion of the atoms to the volume, pressure, and temperature of the gas.

Applications of the kinetic theory of gases are countless. Automobile engineers are concerned with the combustion of vaporized fuel (a gas) in the automobile engines. Food engineers are concerned with the production rate of the fermentation gas that causes bread to rise as it bakes. Beverage engineers are concerned with how gas can produce the head in a glass of beer or shoot a cork from a champagne bottle. Medical engineers and physiologists are concerned with calculating how long a scuba diver must pause during ascent to eliminate nitrogen gas from the bloodstream (to avoid the bends). Environmental scientists are concerned with how heat exchanges between the oceans and the atmosphere can affect weather conditions.

The first step in our discussion of the kinetic theory of gases deals with measuring the amount of a gas present in a sample, for which we use Avogadro’s number.
Avogadro’s Number

When our thinking is slanted toward atoms and molecules, it makes sense to measure the sizes of our samples in moles. If we do so, we can be certain that we are comparing samples that contain the same number of atoms or molecules. The mole is one of the seven SI base units and is defined as follows:

One mole is the number of atoms in a 12 g sample of carbon-12.

The obvious question now is: “How many atoms or molecules are there in a mole?” The answer is determined experimentally and, as you saw in Chapter 18, is

\[ N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \]  
(Avogadro’s number), \hspace{1cm} (19-1)

where \( \text{mol}^{-1} \) represents the inverse mole or “per mole,” and mol is the abbreviation for mole. The number \( N_A \) is called Avogadro’s number after Italian scientist Amedeo Avogadro (1776–1856), who suggested that all gases occupying the same volume under the same conditions of temperature and pressure contain the same number of atoms or molecules.

The number of moles \( n \) contained in a sample of any substance is equal to the ratio of the number of molecules \( N \) in the sample to the number of molecules \( N_A \) in 1 mol:

\[ n = \frac{N}{N_A}. \]  
(19-2)

(Caution: The three symbols in this equation can easily be confused with one another, so you should sort them with their meanings now, before you end in “N-confusion.”) We can find the number of moles \( n \) in a sample from the mass \( M_{\text{sam}} \) of the sample and either the molar mass \( M \) (the mass of 1 mol) or the molecular mass \( m \) (the mass of one molecule):

\[ n = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{M} = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{mN_A}. \]  
(19-3)

In Eq. 19-3, we used the fact that the mass \( M \) of 1 mol is the product of the mass \( m \) of one molecule and the number of molecules \( N_A \) in 1 mol:

\[ M = mN_A. \]  
(19-4)

19-2 IDEAL GASES

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

19.04 Identify why an ideal gas is said to be ideal.
19.05 Apply either of the two forms of the ideal gas law, written in terms of the number of moles \( n \) or the number of molecules \( N \).
19.06 Relate the ideal gas constant \( R \) and the Boltzmann constant \( k \).
19.07 Identify that the temperature in the ideal gas law must be in kelvins.
19.08 Sketch \( p-V \) diagrams for a constant-temperature expansion of a gas and a constant-temperature contraction.
19.09 Identify the term isotherm.

19.10 Calculate the work done by a gas, including the algebraic sign, for an expansion and a contraction along an isotherm.
19.11 For an isothermal process, identify that the change in internal energy \( \Delta E \) is zero and that the energy \( Q \) transferred as heat is equal to the work \( W \) done.
19.12 On a \( p-V \) diagram, sketch a constant-volume process and identify the amount of work done in terms of area on the diagram.
19.13 On a \( p-V \) diagram, sketch a constant-pressure process and determine the work done in terms of area on the diagram.
Key Ideas

- An ideal gas is one for which the pressure $p$, volume $V$, and temperature $T$ are related by
  \[ pV = nRT \] (ideal gas law).
  Here $n$ is the number of moles of the gas present and $R$ is a constant ($8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$) called the gas constant.

- The ideal gas law can also be written as
  \[ pV = NkT, \]
  where the Boltzmann constant $k$ is
  \[ k = \frac{R}{N_A} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}. \]

- The work done by an ideal gas during an isothermal (constant-temperature) change from volume $V_i$ to volume $V_f$ is
  \[ W = nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} \] (ideal gas, isothermal process).

Ideal Gases

Our goal in this chapter is to explain the macroscopic properties of a gas—such as its pressure and its temperature—in terms of the behavior of the molecules that make it up. However, there is an immediate problem: which gas? Should it be hydrogen, oxygen, or methane, or perhaps uranium hexafluoride? They are all different. Experimenters have found, though, that if we confine 1 mol samples of various gases in boxes of identical volume and hold the gases at the same temperature, then their measured pressures are almost the same, and at lower densities the differences tend to disappear. Further experiments show that, at low enough densities, all real gases tend to obey the relation

\[ pV = nRT \] (ideal gas law), \hspace{1cm} (19-5)

in which $p$ is the absolute (not gauge) pressure, $n$ is the number of moles of gas present, and $T$ is the temperature in kelvins. The symbol $R$ is a constant called the gas constant that has the same value for all gases—namely,

\[ R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}. \] \hspace{1cm} (19-6)

Equation 19-5 is called the ideal gas law. Provided the gas density is low, this law holds for any single gas or for any mixture of different gases. (For a mixture, $n$ is the total number of moles in the mixture.)

We can rewrite Eq. 19-5 in an alternative form, in terms of a constant called the Boltzmann constant $k$, which is defined as

\[ k = \frac{R}{N_A} = \frac{8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}. \] \hspace{1cm} (19-7)

This allows us to write $R = kN_A$. Then, with Eq. 19-2 ($n = N/N_A$), we see that

\[ nR = Nk. \] \hspace{1cm} (19-8)

Substituting this into Eq. 19-5 gives a second expression for the ideal gas law:

\[ pV = NkT \] (ideal gas law). \hspace{1cm} (19-9)

(Caution: Note the difference between the two expressions for the ideal gas law—Eq. 19-5 involves the number of moles $n$, and Eq. 19-9 involves the number of molecules $N$.)

You may well ask, “What is an ideal gas, and what is so ‘ideal’ about it?” The answer lies in the simplicity of the law (Eqs. 19-5 and 19-9) that governs its macroscopic properties. Using this law—as you will see—we can deduce many properties of the ideal gas in a simple way. Although there is no such thing in nature as a truly ideal gas, all real gases approach the ideal state at low enough densities—that is, under conditions in which their molecules are far enough apart that they do not interact with one another. Thus, the ideal gas concept allows us to gain useful insights into the limiting behavior of real gases.
Figure 19-1 gives a dramatic example of the ideal gas law. A stainless-steel tank with a volume of 18 m$^3$ was filled with steam at a temperature of 110°C through a valve at one end. The steam supply was then turned off and the valve closed, so that the steam was trapped inside the tank (Fig. 19-1a). Water from a fire hose was then poured onto the tank to rapidly cool it. Within less than a minute, the enormously sturdy tank was crushed (Fig. 19-1b), as if some giant invisible creature from a grade B science fiction movie had stepped on it during a rampage.

Actually, it was the atmosphere that crushed the tank. As the tank was cooled by the water steam, the steam cooled and much of it condensed, which means that the number $N$ of gas molecules and the temperature $T$ of the gas inside the tank both decreased. Thus, the right side of Eq. 19-9 decreased, and because volume $V$ was constant, the gas pressure $p$ on the left side also decreased. The gas pressure decreased so much that the external atmospheric pressure was able to crush the tank’s steel wall. Figure 19-1 was staged, but this type of crushing sometimes occurs in industrial accidents (photos and videos can be found on the web).

**Work Done by an Ideal Gas at Constant Temperature**

Suppose we put an ideal gas in a piston–cylinder arrangement like those in Chapter 18. Suppose also that we allow the gas to expand from an initial volume $V_i$ to a final volume $V_f$ while we keep the temperature $T$ of the gas constant. Such a process, at constant temperature, is called an **isothermal expansion** (and the reverse is called an **isothermal compression**).

On a $p$-$V$ diagram, an **isotherm** is a curve that connects points that have the same temperature. Thus, it is a graph of pressure versus volume for a gas whose temperature $T$ is held constant. For $n$ moles of an ideal gas, it is a graph of the equation

$$p = nRT \frac{1}{V} = \text{(a constant)} \frac{1}{V}. \quad (19-10)$$

Figure 19-2 shows three isotherms, each corresponding to a different (constant) value of $T$. (Note that the values of $T$ for the isotherms increase upward to the right.) Superimposed on the middle isotherm is the path followed by a gas during an isothermal expansion from state $i$ to state $f$ at a constant temperature of 310 K.

To find the work done by an ideal gas during an isothermal expansion, we start with Eq. 18-25,

$$W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p \, dV. \quad (19-11)$$

This is a general expression for the work done during any change in volume of any gas. For an ideal gas, we can use Eq. 19-5 ($pV = nRT$) to substitute for $p$, obtaining

$$W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} \frac{nRT}{V} \, dV. \quad (19-12)$$

Because we are considering an isothermal expansion, $T$ is constant, so we can move it in front of the integral sign to write

$$W = nRT \int_{V_i}^{V_f} \frac{dV}{V} = nRT \left[ \ln V \right]_{V_i}^{V_f}. \quad (19-13)$$

By evaluating the expression in brackets at the limits and then using the relationship $\ln a - \ln b = \ln(a/b)$, we find that

$$W = nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} \quad (\text{ideal gas, isothermal process}). \quad (19-14)$$

Recall that the symbol $\ln$ specifies a **natural** logarithm, which has base $e$. 

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**Figure 19-1** (a) Before and (b) after images of a large steel tank crushed by atmospheric pressure after internal steam cooled and condensed.

**Figure 19-2** Three isotherms on a $p$-$V$ diagram. The path shown along the middle isotherm represents an isothermal expansion of a gas from an initial state $i$ to a final state $f$. The path from $f$ to $i$ along the isotherm would represent the reverse process—that is, an isothermal compression.
For an expansion, $V_f$ is greater than $V_i$, so the ratio $V_f/V_i$ in Eq. 19-14 is greater than unity. The natural logarithm of a quantity greater than unity is positive, and so the work $W$ done by an ideal gas during an isothermal expansion is positive, as we expect. For a compression, $V_f$ is less than $V_i$, so the ratio of volumes in Eq. 19-14 is less than unity. The natural logarithm in that equation—hence the work $W$—is negative, again as we expect.

**Work Done at Constant Volume and at Constant Pressure**

Equation 19-14 does not give the work $W$ done by an ideal gas during *every* thermodynamic process. Instead, it gives the work only for a process in which the temperature is held constant. If the temperature varies, then the symbol $T$ in Eq. 19-12 cannot be moved in front of the integral symbol as in Eq. 19-13, and thus we do not end up with Eq. 19-14.

However, we can always go back to Eq. 19-11 to find the work $W$ done by an ideal gas (or any other gas) during any process, such as a constant-volume process and a constant-pressure process. If the volume of the gas is constant, then Eq. 19-11 yields

$$W = 0 \quad \text{(constant-volume process).} \quad (19-15)$$

If, instead, the volume changes while the pressure $p$ of the gas is held constant, then Eq. 19-11 becomes

$$W = p(V_f - V_i) = p \Delta V \quad \text{(constant-pressure process).} \quad (19-16)$$

### Checkpoint 1

An ideal gas has an initial pressure of 3 pressure units and an initial volume of 4 volume units. The table gives the final pressure and volume of the gas (in those same units) in five processes. Which processes start and end on the same isotherm?

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### Sample Problem 19.01  Ideal gas and changes of temperature, volume, and pressure

A cylinder contains 12 L of oxygen at 20°C and 15 atm. The temperature is raised to 35°C, and the volume is reduced to 8.5 L. What is the final pressure of the gas in atmospheres? Assume that the gas is ideal.

**KEY IDEA**

Because the gas is ideal, we can use the ideal gas law to relate its parameters, both in the initial state $i$ and in the final state $f$.

**Calculations:** From Eq. 19-5 we can write

$$p_iV_i = nRT_i \quad \text{and} \quad p_fV_f = nRT_f.$$

Dividing the second equation by the first equation and solving for $p_f$ yields

$$p_f = \frac{p_iT_iV_i}{T_fV_f}. \quad (19-17)$$

Note here that if we converted the given initial and final volumes from liters to the proper units of cubic meters, the multiplying conversion factors would cancel out of Eq. 19-17. The same would be true for conversion factors that convert the pressures from atmospheres to the proper pascals. However, to convert the given temperatures to kelvins requires the addition of an amount that would not cancel and thus must be included. Hence, we must write

$$T_i = (273 + 20) \, \text{K} = 293 \, \text{K}$$

and

$$T_f = (273 + 35) \, \text{K} = 308 \, \text{K}.$$

Inserting the given data into Eq. 19-17 then yields

$$p_f = \frac{(15 \, \text{atm})(308 \, \text{K})(12 \, \text{L})}{(293 \, \text{K})(8.5 \, \text{L})} = 22 \, \text{atm.} \quad \text{(Answer)}$$
Sample Problem 19.02  Work by an ideal gas

One mole of oxygen (assume it to be an ideal gas) expands at a constant temperature \( T \) of 310 K from an initial volume \( V_i \) of 12 L to a final volume \( V_f \) of 19 L. How much work is done by the gas during the expansion?

**KEY IDEA**

Generally we find the work by integrating the gas pressure with respect to the gas volume, using Eq. 19-11. However, because the gas here is ideal and the expansion is isothermal, that integration leads to Eq. 19-14.

**Calculation:** Therefore, we can write

\[
W = nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}
\]

\[
= (1 \text{ mol})(8.31 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K})(310 \text{ K}) \ln \frac{19 \text{ L}}{12 \text{ L}}
\]

\[
= 1180 \text{ J. (Answer)}
\]

The expansion is graphed in the \( p-V \) diagram of Fig. 19-3. The work done by the gas during the expansion is represented by the area beneath the curve \( if \).

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19-3 PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE, AND RMS SPEED

**Learning Objectives**

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

19.14 Identify that the pressure on the interior walls of a gas container is due to the molecular collisions with the walls.

19.15 Relate the pressure on a container wall to the momentum of the gas molecules and the time intervals between their collisions with the wall.

19.16 For the molecules of an ideal gas, relate the root-mean-square speed \( v_{rms} \) and the average speed \( v_{avg} \).

19.17 Relate the pressure of an ideal gas to the rms speed \( v_{rms} \) of the molecules.

19.18 For an ideal gas, apply the relationship between the gas temperature \( T \) and the rms speed \( v_{rms} \) and molar mass \( M \) of the molecules.

**Key Ideas**

- In terms of the speed of the gas molecules, the pressure exerted by \( n \) moles of an ideal gas is

\[
p = \frac{nMv_{rms}^2}{3V},
\]

where \( v_{rms} = \sqrt{(v^2)_{avg}} \) is the root-mean-square speed of the molecules, \( M \) is the molar mass, and \( V \) is the volume.

- The rms speed can be written in terms of the temperature as

\[
v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}.
\]

**Pressure, Temperature, and RMS Speed**

Here is our first kinetic theory problem. Let \( n \) moles of an ideal gas be confined in a cubical box of volume \( V \), as in Fig. 19-4. The walls of the box are held at temperature \( T \). What is the connection between the pressure \( p \) exerted by the gas on the walls and the speeds of the molecules?
The molecules of gas in the box are moving in all directions and with various speeds, bumping into one another and bouncing from the walls of the box like balls in a racquetball court. We ignore (for the time being) collisions of the molecules with one another and consider only elastic collisions with the walls.

Figure 19-4 shows a typical gas molecule, of mass \( m \) and velocity \( \vec{v} \), that is about to collide with the shaded wall. Because we assume that any collision of a molecule with a wall is elastic, when this molecule collides with the shaded wall, the only component of its velocity that is changed is the \( x \) component, and that component is reversed. This means that the only change in the particle’s momentum is along the \( x \) axis, and that change is

\[
\Delta p_x = (-mv_x) - (mv_x) = -2mv_x.
\]

Hence, the momentum \( \Delta p_x \) delivered to the wall by the molecule during the collision is \(+2mv_x\). (Because in this book the symbol \( p \) represents both momentum and pressure, we must be careful to note that here \( p \) represents momentum and is a vector quantity.)

The molecule of Fig. 19-4 will hit the shaded wall repeatedly. The time \( \Delta t \) between collisions is the time the molecule takes to travel to the opposite wall and back again (a distance \( 2L \)) at speed \( v_x \). Thus, \( \Delta t \) is equal to \( 2L/v_x \). (Note that this result holds even if the molecule bounces off any of the other walls along the way, because those walls are parallel to \( x \) and so cannot change \( v_x \).) Therefore, the average rate at which momentum is delivered to the shaded wall by this single molecule is

\[
\frac{\Delta p_x}{\Delta t} = \frac{2mv_x}{2L/v_x} = \frac{mv_x^2}{L}.
\]

From Newton’s second law \((\vec{F} = \frac{dp}{dt})\), the rate at which momentum is delivered to the wall is the force acting on that wall. To find the total force, we must add up the contributions of all the molecules that strike the wall, allowing for the possibility that they all have different speeds. Dividing the magnitude of the total force \( F_x \) by the area of the wall \((= L^2)\) then gives the pressure \( p \) on that wall, where now and in the rest of this discussion, \( p \) represents pressure. Thus, using the expression for \( \Delta p_x/\Delta t \), we can write this pressure as

\[
p = \frac{F_x}{L^2} = \frac{mv_x^2}{L} + \frac{mv_y^2}{L} + \cdots + \frac{mv_N^2}{L} = \left( \frac{m}{L^2} \right) (v_{x1}^2 + v_{x2}^2 + \cdots + v_{xN}^2),
\]

where \( N \) is the number of molecules in the box.

Since \( N = nN_A \), there are \( nN_A \) terms in the second set of parentheses of Eq. 19-18. We can replace that quantity by \( nN_A(v_x^2)_{\text{avg}} \), where \( (v_x^2)_{\text{avg}} \) is the average value of the square of the \( x \) components of all the molecular speeds. Equation 19-18 then becomes

\[
p = \frac{nmN_A}{L^3} (v_x^2)_{\text{avg}}.
\]

However, \( mN_A \) is the molar mass \( M \) of the gas (that is, the mass of 1 mol of the gas). Also, \( L^3 \) is the volume of the box, so

\[
p = \frac{nM(v_x^2)_{\text{avg}}}{V}.
\]

(19-19)

For any molecule, \( v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2 \). Because there are many molecules and because they are all moving in random directions, the average values of the squares of their velocity components are equal, so that \( v_x^2 = \frac{1}{3} v^2 \). Thus, Eq. 19-19 becomes

\[
p = \frac{nM(v^2)_{\text{avg}}}{3V}.
\]

(19-20)
The square root of \((v^2)_{\text{avg}}\) is a kind of average speed, called the \textbf{root-mean-square speed} of the molecules and symbolized by \(v_{\text{rms}}\). Its name describes it rather well: You \textit{square} each speed, you find the \textit{mean} (that is, the average) of all these squared speeds, and then you take the square \textit{root} of that mean. With \(\sqrt{(v^2)_{\text{avg}}} = v_{\text{rms}}\), we can then write Eq. 19-20 as

\[
p = \frac{nMv_{\text{rms}}^2}{3V}.
\]  

(19-21)

This tells us how the pressure of the gas (a purely macroscopic quantity) depends on the speed of the molecules (a purely microscopic quantity).

We can turn Eq. 19-21 around and use it to calculate \(v_{\text{rms}}\). Combining Eq. 19-21 with the ideal gas law \(pV = nRT\) leads to

\[
v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}.
\]  

(19-22)

Table 19-1 shows some rms speeds calculated from Eq. 19-22. The speeds are surprisingly high. For hydrogen molecules at room temperature (300 K), the rms speed is 1920 m/s, or 4300 mi/h — faster than a speeding bullet! On the surface of the Sun, where the temperature is \(2 \times 10^6\) K, the rms speed of hydrogen molecules would be 82 times greater than at room temperature were it not for the fact that at such high speeds, the molecules cannot survive collisions among themselves. Remember too that the rms speed is only a kind of average speed; many molecules move much faster than this, and some much slower.

The speed of sound in a gas is closely related to the rms speed of the molecules of that gas. In a sound wave, the disturbance is passed on from molecule to molecule by means of collisions. The wave cannot move any faster than the “average” speed of the molecules. In fact, the speed of sound must be somewhat less than this “average” molecular speed because not all molecules are moving in exactly the same direction as the wave. As examples, at room temperature, the rms speeds of hydrogen and nitrogen molecules are 1920 m/s and 517 m/s, respectively. The speeds of sound in these two gases at this temperature are 1350 m/s and 350 m/s, respectively.

A question often arises: If molecules move so fast, why does it take as long as a minute or so before you can smell perfume when someone opens a bottle across a room? The answer is that, as we shall discuss in Module 19-5, each perfume molecule may have a high speed but it moves away from the bottle only very slowly because its repeated collisions with other molecules prevent it from moving directly across the room to you.

### Table 19-1 Some RMS Speeds at Room Temperature \((T = 300 \text{ K})^a\)

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<tr>
<th>Gas</th>
<th>Molar Mass ((10^{-3} \text{ kg/mol}))</th>
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<td>Hydrogen (H(_2))</td>
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<td>Helium (He)</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>1370</td>
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<td>Water vapor (H(_2)O)</td>
<td>18.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nitrogen (N(_2))</td>
<td>28.0</td>
<td>517</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oxygen (O(_2))</td>
<td>32.0</td>
<td>483</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carbon dioxide (CO(_2))</td>
<td>44.0</td>
<td>412</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sulfur dioxide (SO(_2))</td>
<td>64.1</td>
<td>342</td>
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\(^a\)For convenience, we often set room temperature equal to 300 K even though (at 27°C or 81°F) that represents a fairly warm room.

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**Sample Problem 19.03 Average and rms values**

Here are five numbers: 5, 11, 32, 67, and 89.

(a) What is the average value \(n_{\text{avg}}\) of these numbers?

\[n_{\text{avg}} = \frac{5 + 11 + 32 + 67 + 89}{5} = 40.8.\]  

\((\text{Answer})\)

(b) What is the rms value \(n_{\text{rms}}\) of these numbers?

\[n_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{5^2 + 11^2 + 32^2 + 67^2 + 89^2}{5}} = 52.1.\]  

\((\text{Answer})\)

The rms value is greater than the average value because the larger numbers — being squared — are relatively more important in forming the rms value.

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19-4 TRANSLATIONAL KINETIC ENERGY

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

19.19 For an ideal gas, relate the average kinetic energy of the molecules to their rms speed.
19.20 Apply the relationship between the average kinetic energy and the temperature of the gas.
19.21 Identify that a measurement of a gas temperature is effectively a measurement of the average kinetic energy of the gas molecules.

Key Ideas

- The average translational kinetic energy per molecule in an ideal gas is

\[ K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{rms}}^2. \]

- The average translational kinetic energy is related to the temperature of the gas:

\[ K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} kT. \]

Translational Kinetic Energy

We again consider a single molecule of an ideal gas as it moves around in the box of Fig. 19-4, but we now assume that its speed changes when it collides with other molecules. Its translational kinetic energy at any instant is \( \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \). Its average translational kinetic energy over the time that we watch it is

\[ K_{\text{avg}} = \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} m (v^2)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{rms}}^2, \quad (19-23) \]

in which we make the assumption that the average speed of the molecule during our observation is the same as the average speed of all the molecules at any given time. (Provided the total energy of the gas is not changing and provided we observe our molecule for long enough, this assumption is appropriate.) Substituting for \( v_{\text{rms}} \) from Eq. 19-22 leads to

\[ K_{\text{avg}} = \left( \frac{1}{2} m \right) \frac{3RT}{M}. \]

However, \( M/m \), the molar mass divided by the mass of a molecule, is simply Avogadro’s number. Thus,

\[ K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{3RT}{2N_A}. \]

Using Eq. 19-7 (\( k = R/N_A \)), we can then write

\[ K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{3}{2} kT. \quad (19-24) \]

This equation tells us something unexpected:

\[
\text{At a given temperature } T, \text{ all ideal gas molecules—no matter what their mass—have the same average translational kinetic energy—namely, } \frac{3}{2} kT. \text{ When we measure the temperature of a gas, we are also measuring the average translational kinetic energy of its molecules.}
\]

\[
\text{Checkpoint 2}
\]

A gas mixture consists of molecules of types 1, 2, and 3, with molecular masses \( m_1 > m_2 > m_3 \). Rank the three types according to (a) average kinetic energy and (b) rms speed, greatest first.
Mean Free Path

We continue to examine the motion of molecules in an ideal gas. Figure 19-5 shows the path of a typical molecule as it moves through the gas, changing both speed and direction abruptly as it collides elastically with other molecules. Between collisions, the molecule moves in a straight line at constant speed. Although the figure shows the other molecules as stationary, they are (of course) also moving.

One useful parameter to describe this random motion is the mean free path \( l \) of the molecules. As its name implies, \( l \) is the average distance traversed by a molecule between collisions. We expect \( l \) to vary inversely with \( N/V \), the number of molecules per unit volume (or density of molecules). The larger \( N/V \) is, the more collisions there should be and the smaller the mean free path. We also expect \( l \) to vary inversely with the size of the molecules — with their diameter \( d \), say. (If the molecules were points, as we have assumed them to be, they would never collide and the mean free path would be infinite.) Thus, the larger the molecules are, the smaller the mean free path. We can even predict that \( l \) should vary (inversely) as the square of the molecular diameter because the cross section of a molecule — not its diameter — determines its effective target area.

The expression for the mean free path does, in fact, turn out to be

\[
l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi d^2 N/V}}.
\]

where \( N/V \) is the number of molecules per unit volume and \( d \) is the molecular diameter.

### Key Idea
- The mean free path \( \lambda \) of a gas molecule is its average path length between collisions and is given by

\[
\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi d^2 N/V}}.
\]

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\[
\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi d^2 N/V}} \quad \text{(mean free path).} \tag{19-25}
\]

To justify Eq. 19-25, we focus attention on a single molecule and assume — as Fig. 19-5 suggests — that our molecule is traveling with a constant speed \( v \) and that all the other molecules are at rest. Later, we shall relax this assumption.

We assume further that the molecules are spheres of diameter \( d \). A collision will then take place if the centers of two molecules come within a distance \( d \) of each other, as in Fig. 19-6a. Another, more helpful way to look at the situation is...
to consider our single molecule to have a radius of \( d \) and all the other molecules to be points, as in Fig. 19-6b. This does not change our criterion for a collision.

As our single molecule zigzags through the gas, it sweeps out a short cylinder of cross-sectional area \( \pi d^2 \) between successive collisions. If we watch this molecule for a time interval \( \Delta t \), it moves a distance \( v \Delta t \), where \( v \) is its assumed speed. Thus, if we align all the short cylinders swept out in interval \( \Delta t \), we form a composite cylinder (Fig. 19-7) of length \( v \Delta t \) and volume \( (\pi d^2)(v \Delta t) \). The number of collisions that occur in time \( \Delta t \) is then equal to the number of (point) molecules that lie within this cylinder.

Since \( N/V \) is the number of molecules per unit volume, the number of molecules in the cylinder is \( N/V \) times the volume of the cylinder, or \((N/V)(\pi d^2 v \Delta t)\). This is also the number of collisions in time \( \Delta t \). The mean free path is the length of the path (and of the cylinder) divided by this number:

\[
\lambda = \frac{\text{length of path during } \Delta t}{\text{number of collisions in } \Delta t} = \frac{v \Delta t}{\pi d^2 N/V}
\]

This equation is only approximate because it is based on the assumption that all the molecules except one are at rest. In fact, all the molecules are moving; when this is taken properly into account, Eq. 19-25 results. Note that it differs from the (approximate) Eq. 19-26 only by a factor of \( 1/\sqrt{2} \).

The approximation in Eq. 19-26 involves the two \( v \) symbols we canceled. The \( v \) in the numerator is \( v_{\text{avg}} \), the mean speed of the molecules relative to the container. The \( v \) in the denominator is \( v_{\text{rel}} \), the mean speed of our single molecule relative to the other molecules, which are moving. It is this latter average speed that determines the number of collisions. A detailed calculation, taking into account the actual speed distribution of the molecules, gives \( v_{\text{rel}} = \sqrt{2} v_{\text{avg}} \) and thus the factor \( \sqrt{2} \).

The mean free path of air molecules at sea level is about 0.1 \( \mu \text{m} \). At an altitude of 100 km, the density of air has dropped to such an extent that the mean free path rises to about 16 cm. At 300 km, the mean free path is about 20 km. A problem faced by those who would study the physics and chemistry of the upper atmosphere in the laboratory is the unavailability of containers large enough to hold gas samples (of Freon, carbon dioxide, and ozone) that simulate upper atmospheric conditions.

**Checkpoint 3**

One mole of gas \( A \), with molecular diameter \( 2d_0 \) and average molecular speed \( v_0 \), is placed inside a certain container. One mole of gas \( B \), with molecular diameter \( d_0 \) and average molecular speed \( 2v_0 \) (the molecules of \( B \) are smaller but faster), is placed in an identical container. Which gas has the greater average collision rate within its container?
Sample Problem 19.04  Mean free path, average speed, collision frequency

(a) What is the mean free path \( \lambda \) for oxygen molecules at temperature \( T = 300 \text{ K} \) and pressure \( p = 1.0 \text{ atm} \)? Assume that the molecular diameter is \( d = 290 \text{ pm} \) and the gas is ideal.

**KEY IDEA**

Each oxygen molecule moves among other moving oxygen molecules in a zigzag path due to the resulting collisions. Thus, we use Eq. 19-25 for the mean free path.

**Calculation:** We first need the number of molecules per unit volume, \( N/V \). Because we assume the gas is ideal, we can use the ideal gas law of Eq. 19-9 \( (pV = NkT) \) to write \( N/V = p/kT \). Substituting this into Eq. 19-25, we find

\[
\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{N/V}{V} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{kT}{(1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K})(300 \text{ K})} = 1.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}.
\]

This is about 380 molecular diameters.

(b) Assume the average speed of the oxygen molecules is \( v = 450 \text{ m/s} \). What is the average time \( t \) between successive collisions for any given molecule? At what rate does the molecule collide; that is, what is the frequency \( f \) of its collisions?

**KEY IDEAS**

1. Between collisions, the molecule travels, on average, the mean free path \( \lambda \) at speed \( v \).
2. The average rate or frequency at which the collisions occur is the inverse of the time \( t \) between collisions.

**Calculations:** From the first key idea, the average time between collisions is

\[
t = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{speed}} = \frac{\lambda}{v} = \frac{1.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}}{450 \text{ m/s}} = 2.44 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s} = 0.24 \text{ ns}.
\]

This tells us that, on average, any given oxygen molecule has less than a nanosecond between collisions.

From the second key idea, the collision frequency is

\[
f = \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1}{2.44 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}} = 4.1 \times 10^{9} \text{ s}^{-1}.
\]

This tells us that, on average, any given oxygen molecule makes about 4 billion collisions per second.
The Distribution of Molecular Speeds

The root-mean-square speed \( v_{\text{rms}} \) gives us a general idea of molecular speeds in a gas at a given temperature. We often want to know more. For example, what fraction of the molecules have speeds greater than the rms value? What fraction have speeds greater than twice the rms value? To answer such questions, we need to know how the possible values of speed are distributed among the molecules. Figure 19-8a shows this distribution for oxygen molecules at room temperature \( (T = 300 \text{ K}) \); Fig. 19-8b compares it with the distribution at \( T = 80 \text{ K} \).

In 1852, Scottish physicist James Clerk Maxwell first solved the problem of finding the speed distribution of gas molecules. His result, known as Maxwell's speed distribution law, is

\[
P(v) = 4\pi \left( \frac{M}{2\pi RT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-Mv^2/2RT}.
\]  

(19-27)

Here \( M \) is the molar mass of the gas, \( R \) is the gas constant, \( T \) is the gas temperature, and \( v \) is the molecular speed. It is this equation that is plotted in Fig. 19-8a, b. The quantity \( P(v) \) in Eq. 19-27 and Fig. 19-8 is a probability distribution function: For any speed \( v \), the product \( P(v) \, dv \) (a dimensionless quantity) is the fraction of molecules with speeds in the interval \( dv \) centered on speed \( v \).

As Fig. 19-8a shows, this fraction is equal to the area of a strip with height \( P(v) \) and width \( dv \). The total area under the distribution curve corresponds to the fraction of the molecules whose speeds lie between zero and infinity. All molecules fall into this category, so the value of this total area is unity; that is,

\[
\int_{0}^{\infty} P(v) \, dv = 1.
\]  

(19-28)

The fraction (frac) of molecules with speeds in an interval of, say, \( v_1 \) to \( v_2 \) is then

\[
\text{frac} = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} P(v) \, dv.
\]  

(19-29)

Average, RMS, and Most Probable Speeds

In principle, we can find the average speed \( v_{\text{avg}} \) of the molecules in a gas with the following procedure: We weight each value of \( v \) in the distribution; that is, we multiply it
by the fraction \( P(v) \, dv \) of molecules with speeds in a differential interval \( dv \) centered on \( v \). Then we add up all these values of \( v \, P(v) \, dv \). The result is \( v_{\text{avg}} \). In practice, we do all this by evaluating

\[
v_{\text{avg}} = \int_0^\infty v \, P(v) \, dv.
\]  

(19-30)

Substituting for \( P(v) \) from Eq. 19-27 and using generic integral 20 from the list of integrals in Appendix E, we find

\[
v_{\text{avg}} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}} \quad \text{(average speed).}
\]

(19-31)

Similarly, we can find the average of the square of the speeds \( (v^2)_{\text{avg}} \) with

\[
(v^2)_{\text{avg}} = \int_0^\infty v^2 \, P(v) \, dv.
\]

(19-32)

Substituting for \( P(v) \) from Eq. 19-27 and using generic integral 16 from the list of integrals in Appendix E, we find

\[
(v^2)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{3RT}{M}.
\]

(19-33)

The square root of \( (v^2)_{\text{avg}} \) is the root-mean-square speed \( v_{\text{rms}} \). Thus,

\[
v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} \quad \text{(rms speed).}
\]

(19-34)

which agrees with Eq. 19-22.

The most probable speed \( v_p \) is the speed at which \( P(v) \) is maximum (see Fig. 19-8a). To calculate \( v_p \), we set \( dP/dv = 0 \) (the slope of the curve in Fig. 19-8a is zero at the maximum of the curve) and then solve for \( v \). Doing so, we find

\[
v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}} \quad \text{(most probable speed).}
\]

(19-35)

A molecule is more likely to have speed \( v_p \) than any other speed, but some molecules will have speeds that are many times \( v_p \). These molecules lie in the high-speed tail of a distribution curve like that in Fig. 19-8a. Such higher speed molecules make possible both rain and sunshine (without which we could not exist):

**Rain** The speed distribution of water molecules in, say, a pond at summertime temperatures can be represented by a curve similar to that of Fig. 19-8a. Most of the molecules lack the energy to escape from the surface. However, a few of the molecules in the high-speed tail of the curve can do so. It is these water molecules that evaporate, making clouds and rain possible.

As the fast water molecules leave the surface, carrying energy with them, the temperature of the remaining water is maintained by heat transfer from the surroundings. Other fast molecules—produced in particularly favorable collisions—quickly take the place of those that have left, and the speed distribution is maintained.

**Sunshine** Let the distribution function of Eq. 19-27 now refer to protons in the core of the Sun. The Sun’s energy is supplied by a nuclear fusion process that starts with the merging of two protons. However, protons repel each other because of their electrical charges, and protons of average speed do not have enough kinetic energy to overcome the repulsion and get close enough to merge. Very fast protons with speeds in the high-speed tail of the distribution curve can do so, however, and for that reason the Sun can shine.
Sample Problem 19.05  Speed distribution in a gas

In oxygen (molar mass \(M = 0.0320 \text{ kg/mol}\) at room temperature (300 K), what fraction of the molecules have speeds in the interval 599 to 601 m/s?

**KEY IDEAS**

1. The speeds of the molecules are distributed over a wide range of values, with the distribution \(P(v)\) of Eq. 19-27.
2. The fraction of molecules with speeds in a differential interval \(dv\) is \(P(v) \, dv\).
3. For a larger interval, the fraction is found by integrating \(P(v)\) over the interval.
4. However, the interval \(\Delta v = 2 \text{ m/s}\) here is small compared to the speed \(v = 600 \text{ m/s}\) on which it is centered.

**Calculations:** Because \(\Delta v\) is small, we can avoid the integration by approximating the fraction as

\[
\text{frac} = P(v) \, \Delta v = 4\pi \left(\frac{M}{2\pi RT}\right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-Mv^2/2RT} \Delta v.
\]

Sample Problem 19.06  Average speed, rms speed, most probable speed

The molar mass \(M\) of oxygen is 0.0320 kg/mol.

(a) What is the average speed \(v_{\text{avg}}\) of oxygen gas molecules at \(T = 300 \text{ K}\)?

**KEY IDEA**

To find the average speed, we must weight speed \(v\) with the distribution function \(P(v)\) of Eq. 19-27 and then integrate the resulting expression over the range of possible speeds (from zero to the limit of an infinite speed).

**Calculation:** We end up with Eq. 19-31, which gives us

\[
v_{\text{avg}} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}} = \sqrt{\frac{8(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})(300 \text{ K})}{\pi(0.0320 \text{ kg/mol})}} = 445 \text{ m/s}.
\]

This result is plotted in Fig. 19-8a.

(b) What is the root-mean-square speed \(v_{\text{rms}}\) at 300 K?

**KEY IDEA**

To find \(v_{\text{rms}}\), we must first find \((v^2)_{\text{avg}}\) by weighting \(v^2\) with the distribution function \(P(v)\) of Eq. 19-27 and then integrating the expression over the range of possible speeds. Then we must take the square root of the result.

**Calculation:** We end up with Eq. 19-34, which gives us

\[
v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})(300 \text{ K})}{0.0320 \text{ kg/mol}}} = 483 \text{ m/s}.
\]

This result, plotted in Fig. 19-8a, is greater than \(v_{\text{avg}}\) because the greater speed values influence the calculation more when we integrate the \(v^2\) values than when we integrate the \(v\) values.

(c) What is the most probable speed \(v_p\) at 300 K?

**KEY IDEA**

Speed \(v_p\) corresponds to the maximum of the distribution function \(P(v)\), which we obtain by setting the derivative \(dP/dv = 0\) and solving the result for \(v\).

**Calculation:** We end up with Eq. 19-35, which gives us

\[
v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})(300 \text{ K})}{0.0320 \text{ kg/mol}}} = 395 \text{ m/s}.
\]

This result is also plotted in Fig. 19-8a.
19-7 THE MOLAR SPECIFIC HEATS OF AN IDEAL GAS

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

19.28 Identify that the internal energy of an ideal monatomic gas is the sum of the translational kinetic energies of its atoms.
19.29 Apply the relationship between the internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) of a monatomic ideal gas, the number of moles \( n \), and the gas temperature \( T \).
19.30 Distinguish between monatomic, diatomic, and polyatomic ideal gases.
19.31 For monatomic, diatomic, and polyatomic ideal gases, evaluate the molar specific heats for a constant-volume process and a constant-pressure process.
19.32 Calculate a molar specific heat at constant pressure \( C_p \) by adding \( R \) to the molar specific heat at constant volume \( C_V \), and explain why (physically) \( C_p \) is greater.
19.33 Identify that the energy transferred to an ideal gas as heat in a constant-volume process goes entirely into the internal energy (the random translational motion) but that in a constant-pressure process energy also goes into the work done to expand the gas.
19.34 Identify that for a given change in temperature, the change in the internal energy of an ideal gas is the same for any process and is most easily calculated by assuming a constant-volume process.
19.35 For an ideal gas, apply the relationship between heat \( Q \), number of moles \( n \), and temperature change \( \Delta T \), using the appropriate molar specific heat.
19.36 Between two isotherms on a \( p-V \) diagram, sketch a constant-volume process and a constant-pressure process, and for each identify the work done in terms of area on the graph.
19.37 Calculate the work done by an ideal gas for a constant-pressure process.
19.38 Identify that work is zero for constant volume.

Key Ideas

- The molar specific heat \( C_V \) of a gas at constant volume is defined as

\[
C_V = \frac{Q}{n \Delta T} = \frac{\Delta E_{\text{int}}}{n \Delta T},
\]

in which \( Q \) is the energy transferred as heat to or from a sample of \( n \) moles of the gas, \( \Delta T \) is the resulting temperature change of the gas, and \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) is the resulting change in the internal energy of the gas.
- For an ideal monatomic gas,

\[
C_V = \frac{3}{2}R = 12.5 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}.
\]
- The molar specific heat \( C_p \) of a gas at constant pressure is defined to be

\[
C_p = \frac{Q}{n \Delta T},
\]

in which \( Q, n, \) and \( \Delta T \) are defined as above. \( C_p \) is also given by

\[
C_p = C_V + R.
\]
- For \( n \) moles of an ideal gas,

\[
E_{\text{int}} = nC_V T \quad \text{(ideal gas)}.
\]
- If \( n \) moles of a confined ideal gas undergo a temperature change \( \Delta T \) due to any process, the change in the internal energy of the gas is

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V \Delta T \quad \text{(ideal gas, any process)}.
\]

The Molar Specific Heats of an Ideal Gas

In this module, we want to derive from molecular considerations an expression for the internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) of an ideal gas. In other words, we want an expression for the energy associated with the random motions of the atoms or molecules in the gas. We shall then use that expression to derive the molar specific heats of an ideal gas.

Internal Energy \( E_{\text{int}} \)

Let us first assume that our ideal gas is a monatomic gas (individual atoms rather than molecules), such as helium, neon, or argon. Let us also assume that the internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) is the sum of the translational kinetic energies of the atoms. (Quantum theory disallows rotational kinetic energy for individual atoms.)

The average translational kinetic energy of a single atom depends only on the gas temperature and is given by Eq. 19-24 as \( K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2}kT \). A sample of \( n \) moles of such a gas contains \( nN_A \) atoms. The internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) of the sample is then

\[
E_{\text{int}} = (nN_A)K_{\text{avg}} = (nN_A)(\frac{1}{2}kT). \quad (19-37)
\]
Using Eq. 19-7 \((k = \frac{R}{N_A})\), we can rewrite this as

\[
E_{\text{int}} = \frac{3}{2} nRT \quad \text{(monatomic ideal gas).} \quad (19-38)
\]

The internal energy \(E_{\text{int}}\) of an ideal gas is a function of the gas temperature only; it does not depend on any other variable.

With Eq. 19-38 in hand, we are now able to derive an expression for the molar specific heat of an ideal gas. Actually, we shall derive two expressions. One is for the case in which the volume of the gas remains constant as energy is transferred to or from it as heat. The other is for the case in which the pressure of the gas remains constant as energy is transferred to or from it as heat. The symbols for these two molar specific heats are \(C_V\) and \(C_p\), respectively. (By convention, the capital letter \(C\) is used in both cases, even though \(C_V\) and \(C_p\) represent types of specific heat and not heat capacities.)

### Molar Specific Heat at Constant Volume

Figure 19-9a shows \(n\) moles of an ideal gas at pressure \(p\) and temperature \(T\), confined to a cylinder of fixed volume \(V\). This initial state \(i\) of the gas is marked on the \(p-V\) diagram of Fig. 19-9b. Suppose now that you add a small amount of energy to the gas as heat \(Q\) by slowly turning up the temperature of the thermal reservoir. The gas temperature rises a small amount to \(T + \Delta T\), and its pressure rises to \(p + \Delta p\), bringing the gas to final state \(f\). In such experiments, we would find that the heat \(Q\) is related to the temperature change \(\Delta T\) by

\[
Q = nC_V \Delta T \quad \text{(constant volume),} \quad (19-39)
\]

where \(C_V\) is a constant called the **molar specific heat at constant volume**. Substituting this expression for \(Q\) into the first law of thermodynamics as given by Eq. 18-26 \((\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W)\) yields

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V \Delta T - W. \quad (19-40)
\]

With the volume held constant, the gas cannot expand and thus cannot do any work. Therefore, \(W = 0\), and Eq. 19-40 gives us

\[
C_V = \frac{\Delta E_{\text{int}}}{n \Delta T}. \quad (19-41)
\]

From Eq. 19-38, the change in internal energy must be

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = \frac{3}{2} nR \Delta T. \quad (19-42)
\]

Substituting this result into Eq. 19-41 yields

\[
C_V = \frac{\frac{3}{2} R}{n} = 12.5 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K} \quad \text{(monatomic gas).} \quad (19-43)
\]

As Table 19-2 shows, this prediction of the kinetic theory (for ideal gases) agrees very well with experiment for real monatomic gases, the case that we have assumed. The (predicted and) experimental values of \(C_V\) for diatomic gases (which have molecules with two atoms) and polyatomic gases (which have molecules with more than two atoms) are greater than those for monatomic gases for reasons that will be suggested in Module 19-8. Here we make the preliminary assumption that the \(C_V\) values for diatomic and polyatomic gases are greater than for monatomic gases because the more complex molecules can rotate and thus have rotational kinetic energy. So, when \(Q\) is transferred to a diatomic or polyatomic gas, only part of it goes into the translational kinetic energy, increasing the

### Table 19-2 Molar Specific Heats at Constant Volume

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<th>Molecule</th>
<th>Example</th>
<th>(C_V) (J/mol·K)</th>
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<td>Monatomic</td>
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<td>(\frac{3}{2} R) = 12.5</td>
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<td>Ar</td>
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<td>Ideal</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(O_2)</td>
<td>20.8</td>
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<td>Ideal</td>
<td>(3R) = 24.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Real</td>
<td>(NH_4)</td>
<td>29.0</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(CO_2)</td>
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temperature. (For now we neglect the possibility of also putting energy into oscillations of the molecules.)

We can now generalize Eq. 19-38 for the internal energy of any ideal gas by substituting \( C_V \) for \( \frac{3}{2}R \); we get

\[
E_{\text{int}} = nC_V T \quad \text{(any ideal gas).} \tag{19-44}
\]

This equation applies not only to an ideal monatomic gas but also to diatomic and polyatomic ideal gases, provided the appropriate value of \( C_V \) is used. Just as with Eq. 19-38, we see that the internal energy of a gas depends on the temperature of the gas but not on its pressure or density.

When a confined ideal gas undergoes temperature change \( \Delta T \), then from either Eq. 19-41 or Eq. 19-44 the resulting change in its internal energy is

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V \Delta T \quad \text{(ideal gas, any process).} \tag{19-45}
\]

This equation tells us:

\[\star\]

A change in the internal energy \( E_{\text{int}} \) of a confined ideal gas depends on only the change in the temperature, not on what type of process produces the change.

As examples, consider the three paths between the two isotherms in the \( p-V \) diagram of Fig. 19-10. Path 1 represents a constant-volume process. Path 2 represents a constant-pressure process (we examine it next). Path 3 represents a process in which no heat is exchanged with the system’s environment (we discuss this in Module 19-9). Although the values of heat \( Q \) and work \( W \) associated with these three paths differ, as do \( p_i \) and \( V_f \), the values of \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) associated with the three paths are identical and are all given by Eq. 19-45, because they all involve the same temperature change \( \Delta T \). Therefore, no matter what path is actually taken between \( T \) and \( T + \Delta T \), we can always use path 1 and Eq. 19-45 to compute \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) easily.

### Molar Specific Heat at Constant Pressure

We now assume that the temperature of our ideal gas is increased by the same small amount \( \Delta T \) as previously but now the necessary energy (heat \( Q \)) is added with the gas under constant pressure. An experiment for doing this is shown in Fig. 19-11a; the \( p-V \) diagram for the process is plotted in Fig. 19-11b. From such experiments we find that the heat \( Q \) is related to the temperature change \( \Delta T \) by

\[
Q = nC_p \Delta T \quad \text{(constant pressure),} \tag{19-46}
\]

where \( C_p \) is a constant called the **molar specific heat at constant pressure**. This \( C_p \) is greater than the molar specific heat at constant volume \( C_V \), because energy must now be supplied not only to raise the temperature of the gas but also for the gas to do work — that is, to lift the weighted piston of Fig. 19-11a.

To relate molar specific heats \( C_p \) and \( C_V \), we start with the first law of thermodynamics (Eq. 18-26):

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W. \tag{19-47}
\]

We next replace each term in Eq. 19-47. For \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \), we substitute from Eq. 19-45. For \( Q \), we substitute from Eq. 19-46. To replace \( W \), we first note that since the pressure remains constant, Eq. 19-16 tells us that \( W = p \Delta V \). Then we note that, using the ideal gas equation \( pV = nRT \), we can write

\[
W = p \Delta V = nR \Delta T. \tag{19-48}
\]

Making these substitutions in Eq. 19-47 and then dividing through by \( n \Delta T \), we find

\[
C_V = C_p - R
\]
This prediction of kinetic theory agrees well with experiment, not only for monatomic gases but also for gases in general, as long as their density is low enough so that we may treat them as ideal.

The left side of Fig. 19-12 shows the relative values of $Q$ for a monatomic gas undergoing either a constant-volume process ($Q = \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T$) or a constant-pressure process ($Q = \frac{5}{2}nR\Delta T$). Note that for the latter, the value of $Q$ is higher by the amount $W$, the work done by the gas in the expansion. Note also that for the constant-volume process, the energy added as $Q$ goes entirely into the change in internal energy $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ and for the constant-pressure process, the energy added as $Q$ goes into both $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ and the work $W$.

**Sample Problem 19.07  Monatomic gas, heat, internal energy, and work**

A bubble of 5.00 mol of helium is submerged at a certain depth in liquid water when the water (and thus the helium) undergoes a temperature increase $\Delta T$ of 20.0°C at constant pressure. As a result, the bubble expands. The helium is monatomic and ideal.

(a) How much energy is added to the helium as heat during the increase and expansion?

**KEY IDEA**

Heat $Q$ is related to the temperature change $\Delta T$ by a molar specific heat of the gas.

**Calculations:** Because the pressure $p$ is held constant during the addition of energy, we use the molar specific heat at constant pressure $C_p$ and Eq. 19-46,

$$Q = nC_p\Delta T,$$

(19-50)

to find $Q$. To evaluate $C_p$ we go to Eq. 19-49, which tells us that for any ideal gas, $C_p = C_V + R$. Then from Eq. 19-43, we know that for any monatomic gas (like the helium here), $C_V = \frac{3}{2}R$. Thus, Eq. 19-50 gives us

$$Q = n(C_V + R)\Delta T = n\left(\frac{3}{2}R + R\right)\Delta T = n\left(\frac{5}{2}R\right)\Delta T$$

$$= (5.00 \text{ mol})(2.5)(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})(20.0 \text{ C}°)$$

$$= 2077.5 \text{ J} = 2080 \text{ J}.$$  (Answer)
As Table 19-2 shows, the prediction that \( C_V = \frac{3}{2} R \) agrees with experiment for monatomic gases but fails for diatomic and polyatomic gases. Let us try to explain the discrepancy by considering the possibility that molecules with more than one atom can store internal energy in forms other than translational kinetic energy.

Figure 19-13 shows common models of helium (a monatomic molecule, containing a single atom), oxygen (a diatomic molecule, containing two atoms), and...
Every kind of molecule has a certain number \( f \) of degrees of freedom, which are independent ways in which the molecule can store energy. Each such degree of freedom has associated with it — on average — an energy of \( \frac{kT}{2} \) per molecule (or \( \frac{1}{2}RT \) per mole).1

\[ \text{Figure 19-13} \quad \text{Models of molecules as used in kinetic theory: (a) helium, a typical monatomic molecule; (b) oxygen, a typical diatomic molecule; and (c) methane, a typical polyatomic molecule. The spheres represent atoms, and the lines between them represent bonds. Two rotation axes are shown for the oxygen molecule.} \]

Let us apply the theorem to the translational and rotational motions of the molecules in Fig. 19-13. (We discuss oscillatory motion below.) For the translational motion, superimpose an \( xyz \) coordinate system on any gas. The molecules will, in general, have velocity components along all three axes. Thus, gas molecules of all types have three degrees of translational freedom (three ways to move in translation) and, on average, an associated energy of \( \frac{3}{2}kT \) per molecule.

For the rotational motion, imagine the origin of our \( xyz \) coordinate system at the center of each molecule in Fig. 19-13. In a gas, each molecule should be able to rotate with an angular velocity component along each of the three axes, so each gas should have three degrees of rotational freedom and, on average, an additional energy of \( 3\left(\frac{1}{2}kT\right) \) per molecule. However, experiment shows this is true only for the polyatomic molecules. According to quantum theory, the physics dealing with the allowed motions and energies of molecules and atoms, a monatomic gas molecule does not rotate and so has no rotational energy (a single atom cannot rotate like a top). A diatomic molecule can rotate like a top only about axes perpendicular to the line connecting the atoms (the axes are shown in Fig. 19-13b) and not about that line itself. Therefore, a diatomic molecule can have only two degrees of rotational freedom and a rotational energy of only \( 2\left(\frac{1}{2}kT\right) \) per molecule.

To extend our analysis of molar specific heats (\( C_v \) and \( C \) in Module 19-7) to ideal diatomic and polyatomic gases, it is necessary to retrace the derivations of that analysis in detail. First, we replace Eq. 19-38 (\( E_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2}nRT \)) with \( E_{\text{int}} = \left(\frac{f}{2}\right)nRT \), where \( f \) is the number of degrees of freedom listed in Table 19-3. Doing so leads to the prediction

\[ C_v = \left(\frac{f}{2}\right)R = 4.16f \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}, \quad (19-51) \]

which agrees — as it must — with Eq. 19-43 for monatomic gases (\( f = 3 \)). As Table 19-2 shows, this prediction also agrees with experiment for diatomic gases (\( f = 5 \)), but it is too low for polyatomic gases (\( f = 6 \) for molecules comparable to \( \text{CH}_4 \)).

**Sample Problem 19.08**  
**Diatomic gas, heat, temperature, internal energy**

We transfer 1000 J as heat \( Q \) to a diatomic gas, allowing the gas to expand with the pressure held constant. The gas molecules each rotate around an internal axis but do not oscillate. How much of the 1000 J goes into the increase of the gas's internal energy?
energy? Of that amount, how much goes into \( \Delta K_{\text{tran}} \) (the kinetic energy of the translational motion of the molecules) and \( \Delta K_{\text{rot}} \) (the kinetic energy of their rotational motion)?

**KEY IDEAS**

1. The transfer of energy as heat \( Q \) to a gas under constant pressure is related to the resulting temperature increase \( \Delta T \) via Eq. 19-46 (\( Q = nC_p \Delta T \)).

2. Because the gas is diatomic with molecules undergoing rotation but not oscillation, the molar specific heat is, from Fig. 19-12 and Table 19-3, \( C_p = \frac{5}{2}R \).

3. The increase \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) in the internal energy is the same as would occur with a constant-volume process resulting in the same \( \Delta T \). Thus, from Eq. 19-45, \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V \Delta T \). From Fig. 19-12 and Table 19-3, we see that \( C_V = \frac{3}{2}R \).

4. For the same \( n \) and \( \Delta T \), \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) is greater for a diatomic gas than for a monatomic gas because additional energy is required for rotation.

**Increase in \( E_{\text{int}} \):** Let’s first get the temperature change \( \Delta T \) due to the transfer of energy as heat. From Eq. 19-46, substituting \( \frac{5}{2}R \) for \( C_p \), we have

\[
\Delta T = \frac{Q}{nR}.
\]  

(19-52)

We next find \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) from Eq. 19-45, substituting the molar specific heat \( C_V (= \frac{3}{2}R) \) for a constant-volume process and using the same \( \Delta T \). Because we are dealing with a diatomic gas, let’s call this change \( \Delta E_{\text{int, dia}} \). Equation 19-45 gives us

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int, dia}} = nC_V \Delta T = n\frac{3}{2}R \left( \frac{Q}{nR} \right) = \frac{3}{2}Q
\]

\[
= 0.71428Q = 714.3 \text{ J}.
\]

(Answer)

In words, about 71% of the energy transferred to the gas goes into the internal energy. The rest goes into the work required to increase the volume of the gas, as the gas pushes the walls of its container outward.

**Increases in \( K \):** If we were to increase the temperature of a monatomic gas (with the same value of \( n \)) by the amount given in Eq. 19-52, the internal energy would change by a smaller amount, call it \( \Delta E_{\text{int, mon}} \), because rotational motion is not involved. To calculate that smaller amount, we still use Eq. 19-45 but now we substitute the value of \( C_V \) for a monatomic gas — namely, \( C_V = \frac{1}{2}R \). So,

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int, mon}} = n\frac{1}{2}R \Delta T.
\]

Substituting for \( \Delta T \) from Eq. 19-52 leads us to

\[
\Delta E_{\text{int, mon}} = n^2R \frac{Q}{n^2R} = \frac{1}{2}Q
\]

\[
= 0.42857Q = 428.6 \text{ J}.
\]

For the monatomic gas, all this energy would go into the kinetic energy of the translational motion of the atoms. The important point here is that for a diatomic gas with the same values of \( n \) and \( \Delta T \), the same amount of energy goes into the kinetic energy of the translational motion of the molecules.

The rest of \( \Delta E_{\text{int, dia}} \) (that is, the additional 285.7 J) goes into the rotational motion of the molecules. Thus, for the diatomic gas,

\[
\Delta K_{\text{tran}} = 428.6 \text{ J} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta K_{\text{rot}} = 285.7 \text{ J}.
\]

(Answer)

**A Hint of Quantum Theory**

We can improve the agreement of kinetic theory with experiment by including the oscillations of the atoms in a gas of diatomic or polyatomic molecules. For example, the two atoms in the \( \text{O}_2 \) molecule of Fig. 19-13b can oscillate toward and away from each other, with the interconnecting bond acting like a spring. However, experiment shows that such oscillations occur only at relatively high temperatures of the gas — the motion is “turned on” only when the gas molecules have relatively large energies. Rotational motion is also subject to such “turning on,” but at a lower temperature.

Figure 19-14 is of help in seeing this turning on of rotational motion and oscillatory motion. The ratio \( C_V/R \) for diatomic hydrogen gas (\( \text{H}_2 \)) is plotted there against temperature, with the temperature scale logarithmic to cover several orders of magnitude. Below about 80 K, we find that \( C_V/R = 1.5 \). This result implies that only the three translational degrees of freedom of hydrogen are involved in the specific heat.
As the temperature increases, the value of $C_v/R$ gradually increases to 2.5, implying that two additional degrees of freedom have become involved. Quantum theory shows that these two degrees of freedom are associated with the rotational motion of the hydrogen molecules and that this motion requires a certain minimum amount of energy. At very low temperatures (below 80 K), the molecules do not have enough energy to rotate. As the temperature increases from 80 K, first a few molecules and then more and more of them obtain enough energy to rotate, and the value of $C_v/R$ increases, until all of the molecules are rotating and $C_v/R = 2.5$.

Similarly, quantum theory shows that oscillatory motion of the molecules requires a certain (higher) minimum amount of energy. This minimum amount is not met until the molecules reach a temperature of about 1000 K, as shown in Fig. 19-14. As the temperature increases beyond 1000 K, more and more molecules have enough energy to oscillate and the value of $C_v/R$ increases, until all of the molecules are oscillating and $C_v/R = 3.5$. (In Fig. 19-14, the plotted curve stops at 3200 K because there the atoms of a hydrogen molecule oscillate so much that they overwhelm their bond, and the molecule then dissociates into two separate atoms.)

The turning on of the rotation and vibration of the diatomic and polyatomic molecules is due to the fact that the energies of these motions are quantized, that is, restricted to certain values. There is a lowest allowed value for each type of motion. Unless the thermal agitation of the surrounding molecules provides those lowest amounts, a molecule simply cannot rotate or vibrate.

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19-9 THE ADIABATIC EXPANSION OF AN IDEAL GAS

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

19.44 On a $p-V$ diagram, sketch an adiabatic expansion (or contraction) and identify that there is no heat exchange $Q$ with the environment.

19.45 Identify that in an adiabatic expansion, the gas does work on the environment, decreasing the gas’s internal energy, and that in an adiabatic contraction, work is done on the gas, increasing the internal energy.

19.46 In an adiabatic expansion or contraction, relate the initial pressure and volume to the final pressure and volume.

19.47 In an adiabatic expansion or contraction, relate the initial temperature and volume to the final temperature and volume.

19.48 Calculate the work done in an adiabatic process by integrating the pressure with respect to volume.

19.49 Identify that a free expansion of a gas into a vacuum is adiabatic but no work is done and thus, by the first law of thermodynamics, the internal energy and temperature of the gas do not change.

Key Ideas

- When an ideal gas undergoes a slow adiabatic volume change (a change for which $Q = 0$),
  \[ pV^\gamma = \text{a constant} \]  
  (adiabatic process),

  in which $\gamma = C_p/C_v$ is the ratio of molar specific heats for the gas.

- For a free expansion, $pV = \text{a constant}$.

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The Adiabatic Expansion of an Ideal Gas

We saw in Module 17-2 that sound waves are propagated through air and other gases as a series of compressions and expansions; these variations in the transmission medium take place so rapidly that there is no time for energy to be transferred from one part of the medium to another as heat. As we saw in Module 18-5, a process for which $Q = 0$ is an adiabatic process. We can ensure that $Q = 0$ either by carrying out the process very quickly (as in sound waves) or by doing it (at any rate) in a well-insulated container.
Figure 19-15a shows our usual insulated cylinder, now containing an ideal gas and resting on an insulating stand. By removing mass from the piston, we can allow the gas to expand adiabatically. As the volume increases, both the pressure and the temperature drop. We shall prove next that the relation between the pressure and the volume during such an adiabatic process is

\[ pV^\gamma = \text{a constant (adiabatic process)}, \]  

(19-53)

in which \( \gamma = C_p/C_v \), the ratio of the molar specific heats for the gas. On a \( p-V \) diagram such as that in Fig. 19-15b, the process occurs along a line (called an adiabat) that has the equation \( p = (\text{a constant})/V^\gamma \). Since the gas goes from an initial state \( i \) to a final state \( f \), we can rewrite Eq. 19-53 as

\[ p_iV_i^\gamma = p_fV_f^\gamma \quad \text{(adiabatic process)}. \]  

(19-54)

To write an equation for an adiabatic process in terms of \( T \) and \( V \), we use the ideal gas equation \( (pV = nRT) \) to eliminate \( p \) from Eq. 19-53, finding

\[ \left( \frac{nRT}{V} \right)V^\gamma = \text{a constant}. \]

Because \( n \) and \( R \) are constants, we can rewrite this in the alternative form

\[ TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{a constant (adiabatic process)}, \]  

(19-55)

in which the constant is different from that in Eq. 19-53. When the gas goes from an initial state \( i \) to a final state \( f \), we can rewrite Eq. 19-55 as

\[ T_iV_i^{\gamma-1} = T_fV_f^{\gamma-1} \quad \text{(adiabatic process)}. \]  

(19-56)

Understanding adiabatic processes allows you to understand why popping the cork on a cold bottle of champagne or the tab on a cold can of soda causes a slight fog to form at the opening of the container. At the top of any unopened carbonated drink sits a gas of carbon dioxide and water vapor. Because the pressure of that gas is much greater than atmospheric pressure, the gas expands out into the atmosphere when the container is opened. Thus, the gas volume increases, but that means the gas must do work pushing against the atmosphere. Because the expansion is rapid, it is adiabatic, and the only source of energy for the work is the internal energy of the gas. Because the internal energy decreases,
the temperature of the gas also decreases and so does the number of water molecules that can remain as a vapor. So, lots of the water molecules condense into tiny drops of fog.

**Proof of Eq. 19-53**

Suppose that you remove some shot from the piston of Fig. 19-15a, allowing the ideal gas to push the piston and the remaining shot upward and thus to increase the volume by a differential amount \(dV\). Since the volume change is tiny, we may assume that the pressure \(p\) of the gas on the piston is constant during the change. This assumption allows us to say that the work \(dW\) done by the gas during the volume increase is equal to \(p\ dV\). From Eq. 18-27, the first law of thermodynamics can then be written as

\[
dE_{\text{int}} = Q - p\ dV. \quad (19-57)
\]

Since the gas is thermally insulated (and thus the expansion is adiabatic), we substitute 0 for \(Q\). Then we use Eq. 19-45 to substitute \(nC_V\ dT\) for \(dE_{\text{int}}\). With these substitutions, and after some rearranging, we have

\[
n\ dT = -\left(\frac{p}{C_V}\right)\ dV. \quad (19-58)
\]

Now from the ideal gas law \((pV = nRT)\) we have

\[
p\ dV + V\ dp = nR\ dT. \quad (19-59)
\]

Replacing \(R\) with its equal, \(C_p - C_V\), in Eq. 19-59 yields

\[
n\ dT = \frac{p\ dV + V\ dp}{C_p - C_V}. \quad (19-60)
\]

Equating Eqs. 19-58 and 19-60 and rearranging then give

\[
\frac{dp}{p} + \left(\frac{C_p}{C_V}\right)\ \frac{dV}{V} = 0.
\]

Replacing the ratio of the molar specific heats with \(\gamma\) and integrating (see integral 5 in Appendix E) yield

\[
\ln p + \gamma\ln V = \text{a constant}.
\]

Rewriting the left side as \(\ln pV^\gamma\) and then taking the antilog of both sides, we find

\[
pV^\gamma = \text{a constant}. \quad (19-61)
\]

**Free Expansions**

Recall from Module 18-5 that a free expansion of a gas is an adiabatic process with no work or change in internal energy. Thus, a free expansion differs from the adiabatic process described by Eqs. 19-53 through 19-61, in which work is done and the internal energy changes. Those equations then do not apply to a free expansion, even though such an expansion is adiabatic.

Also recall that in a free expansion, a gas is in equilibrium only at its initial and final points; thus, we can plot only those points, but not the expansion itself, on a \(p\-V\) diagram. In addition, because \(\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0\), the temperature of the final state must be that of the initial state. Thus, the initial and final points on a \(p\-V\) diagram must be on the same isotherm, and instead of Eq. 19-56 we have

\[
T_i = T_f \quad \text{(free expansion)}.
\]
If we next assume that the gas is ideal (so that \( pV = nRT \)), then because there is no change in temperature, there can be no change in the product \( pV \). Thus, instead of Eq. 19-53 a free expansion involves the relation
\[
p_iV_i = p_fV_f \quad \text{(free expansion)}.
\] (19-63)

**Sample Problem 19.09  Work done by a gas in an adiabatic expansion**

Initially an ideal diatomic gas has pressure \( p_i = 2.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} \) and volume \( V_i = 4.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \). How much work \( W \) does it do, and what is the change \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) in its internal energy if it expands adiabatically to volume \( V_f = 8.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \)? Throughout the process, the molecules have rotation but not oscillation.

**KEY IDEA**

1. In an adiabatic expansion, no heat is exchanged between the gas and its environment, and the energy for the work done by the gas comes from the internal energy.
2. The final pressure and volume are related to the initial pressure and volume by Eq. 19-54 \( (p_iV_i^\gamma = p_fV_f^\gamma) \).
3. The work done by a gas in any process can be calculated by integrating the pressure with respect to the volume (the work done by the gas comes from the internal energy).

**Calculations:** We want to calculate the work by filling out this integration,
\[
W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p \, dV,
\] (19-64)
but we first need an expression for the pressure as a function of volume (so that we integrate the expression with respect to volume). So, let’s rewrite Eq. 19-54 with indefinite symbols (dropping the subscripts \( f \)) as
\[
p = \frac{1}{V^\gamma} p_i V_i^\gamma = V^{-\gamma} p_i V_i^\gamma.
\] (19-65)

The initial quantities are given constants but the pressure \( p \) is a function of the variable volume \( V \). Substituting this expression into Eq. 19-64 and integrating lead us to
\[
W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p \, dV = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} V^{-\gamma} p_i V_i^\gamma \, dV = \frac{1}{-\gamma + 1} p_i V_i^\gamma \left[ V_f^{-\gamma + 1} - V_i^{-\gamma + 1} \right].
\] (19-66)

Before we substitute in given data, we must determine the ratio \( \gamma \) of molar specific heats for a gas of diatomic molecules with rotation but no oscillation. From Table 19-3 we find
\[
\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_V} = \frac{7R}{5R} = 1.4.
\] (19-67)

We can now write the work done by the gas as the following (with volume in cubic meters and pressure in pascals):
\[
W = \frac{1}{-1.4 + 1} (2.00 \times 10^5)(4.00 \times 10^{-6})^{1.4} \times [(8.00 \times 10^{-6})^{-1.4+1} - (4.00 \times 10^{-6})^{-1.4+1}]
\]
\[
= 0.48 \text{ J}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

The first law of thermodynamics (Eq. 18-26) tells us that \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W \). Because \( Q = 0 \) in the adiabatic expansion, we see that
\[
\Delta E_{\text{int}} = -0.48 \text{ J}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

With this decrease in internal energy, the gas temperature must also decrease because of the expansion.

**Sample Problem 19.10  Adiabatic expansion, free expansion**

Initially, 1 mol of oxygen (assumed to be an ideal gas) has temperature 310 K and volume 12 L. We will allow it to expand to volume 19 L.

(a) What would be the final temperature if the gas expands adiabatically? Oxygen (\( O_2 \)) is diatomic and here has rotation but not oscillation.

**KEY IDEAS**

1. When a gas expands against the pressure of its environment, it must do work.
2. When the process is adiabatic (no energy is transferred as heat), then the energy required for the work can come only from the internal energy of the gas.
3. Because the internal energy decreases, the temperature \( T \) must also decrease.

**Calculations:** We can relate the initial and final temperatures and volumes with Eq. 19-56:
\[
T_i V_i^{\gamma -1} = T_f V_f^{\gamma -1}.
\] (19-68)

Because the molecules are diatomic and have rotation but not oscillation, we can take the molar specific heats from...
In this chapter we have discussed four special processes that an ideal gas can undergo. An example of each (for a monatomic ideal gas) is shown in Fig. 19-16, and some associated characteristics are given in Table 19-4, including two process names (isobaric and isochoric) that we have not used but that you might see in other courses.

Checkpoint 5
Rank paths 1, 2, and 3 in Fig. 19-16 according to the energy transfer to the gas as heat, greatest first.

Table 19-4 Four Special Processes

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<th>Constant Quantity</th>
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<th>Some Special Results</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>( p )</td>
<td>Isobaric</td>
<td>( Q = nC_p \Delta T; W = p \Delta V )</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>( T )</td>
<td>Isothermal</td>
<td>( Q = W = nRT \ln(V_f/V_i); \Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0 )</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>( pV^\gamma, TV^\gamma^{-1} )</td>
<td>Adiabatic</td>
<td>( Q = 0; W = -\Delta E_{\text{int}} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>( V )</td>
<td>Isochoric</td>
<td>( Q = \Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V \Delta T; W = 0 )</td>
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Figure 19-16 A p-V diagram representing four special processes for an ideal monatomic gas.

Table 19-3. Thus,
\[
\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_V} = \frac{\frac{7}{2}R}{\frac{5}{2}R} = 1.40.
\]

Solving Eq. 19-68 for \( T_f \) and inserting known data then yield
\[
T_f = \frac{T_i V_0^{\gamma-1}}{V_f^{\gamma-1}} = \frac{(310 \text{ K})(12 \text{ L})^{1.40-1}}{(19 \text{ L})^{1.40-1}} = (310 \text{ K})^{12(10)^{0.40}} = 258 \text{ K}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

(b) What would be the final temperature and pressure if, instead, the gas expands freely to the new volume, from an initial pressure of 2.0 Pa?

The temperature does not change in a free expansion because there is nothing to change the kinetic energy of the molecules.

**Calculation:** Thus, the temperature is
\[
T_f = T_i = 310 \text{ K}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

We find the new pressure using Eq. 19-63, which gives us
\[
p_f = p_i \frac{V_i}{V_f} = (2.0 \text{ Pa}) \frac{12 \text{ L}}{19 \text{ L}} = 1.3 \text{ Pa}. \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]

**KEY IDEA**

The temperature does not change in a free expansion because there is nothing to change the kinetic energy of the molecules.

### Kinetic Theory of Gases

The kinetic theory of gases relates the macroscopic properties of gases (for example, pressure and temperature) to the microscopic properties of gas molecules (for example, speed and kinetic energy).

**Avogadro’s Number**

One mole of a substance contains \( N_A \) (Avogadro’s number) elementary units (usually atoms or molecules), where \( N_A \) is found experimentally to be
\[
N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \quad \text{(Avogadro’s number)}. \quad (19-1)
\]

One molar mass \( M \) of any substance is the mass of one mole of the substance. It is related to the mass \( m \) of the individual molecules of the substance by
\[
M = mN_A. \quad (19-4)
\]

The number of moles \( n \) contained in a sample of mass \( M_{\text{sam}} \), consisting of \( N \) molecules, is given by
\[
n = \frac{N}{N_A} = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{M} = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{mN_A}. \quad (19-2, 19-3)
\]
Ideal Gas  An ideal gas is one for which the pressure $p$, volume $V$, and temperature $T$ are related by

$$pV = nRT \quad \text{(ideal gas law).} \tag{19-5}$$

Here $n$ is the number of moles of the gas present and $R$ is a constant $(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})$ called the gas constant. The ideal gas law can also be written as

$$pV = NkT, \quad \text{(19-9)}$$

where the Boltzmann constant $k$ is

$$k = \frac{R}{N_A} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}. \tag{19-7}$$

Work in an Isothermal Volume Change  The work done by an ideal gas during an isothermal (constant-temperature) change from volume $V_i$ to volume $V_f$ is

$$W = nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} \quad \text{(ideal gas, isothermal process).} \tag{19-14}$$

Pressure, Temperature, and Molecular Speed  The pressure exerted by $n$ moles of an ideal gas, in terms of the speed of its molecules, is

$$p = \frac{nMv_{\text{rms}}^2}{3V}, \tag{19-21}$$

where $v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle_{\text{avg}}}$ is the root-mean-square speed of the molecules of the gas. With Eq. 19-5 this gives

$$v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}. \tag{19-22}$$

Temperature and Kinetic Energy  The average translational kinetic energy $K_{\text{avg}}$ per molecule of an ideal gas is

$$K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2}kT. \tag{19-24}$$

Mean Free Path  The mean free path $\lambda$ of a gas molecule is its average path length between collisions and is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi d^2 N/V}}, \tag{19-25}$$

where $N/V$ is the number of molecules per unit volume and $d$ is the molecular diameter.

Maxwell Speed Distribution  The Maxwell speed distribution $P(v)$ is a function such that $P(v) \, dv$ gives the fraction of molecules with speeds in the interval $dv$ at speed $v$:

$$P(v) = 4\pi \left( \frac{M}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-Mv^2/2kT}. \tag{19-27}$$

Three measures of the distribution of speeds among the molecules of a gas are

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}} \quad \text{(average speed),} \tag{19-31}$$

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}} \quad \text{(most probable speed).} \tag{19-35}$$

and the rms speed defined above in Eq. 19-22.

Molar Specific Heats  The molar specific heat $C_V$ of a gas at constant volume is defined as

$$C_V = \frac{Q}{n \Delta T} = \frac{\Delta E_{\text{int}}}{n \Delta T}, \tag{19-39, 19-41}$$

in which $Q$ is the energy transferred as heat to or from a sample of $n$ moles of the gas, $\Delta T$ is the resulting temperature change of the gas, and $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ is the resulting change in the internal energy of the gas. For an ideal monatomic gas,

$$C_V = \frac{3}{2}R = 12.5 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}. \tag{19-43}$$

The molar specific heat $C_p$ of a gas at constant pressure is defined to be

$$C_p = \frac{Q}{n \Delta T}, \tag{19-46}$$

in which $Q, n,$ and $\Delta T$ are defined as above. $C_p$ is also given by

$$C_p = C_V + R. \tag{19-49}$$

For $n$ moles of an ideal gas,

$$E_{\text{int}} = nC_V T \quad \text{(ideal gas).} \tag{19-44}$$

If $n$ moles of a confined ideal gas undergo a temperature change $\Delta T$ due to any process, the change in the internal energy of the gas is

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V \Delta T \quad \text{(ideal gas, any process).} \tag{19-45}$$

Degrees of Freedom and $C_V$  The equipartition of energy theorem states that every degree of freedom of a molecule has an energy $\frac{1}{2}kT$ per molecule ($= \frac{1}{2}RT$ per mole). If $f$ is the number of degrees of freedom, then $E_{\text{int}} = (f/2)nRT$ and

$$C_V = \left( \frac{f}{2} \right) R = 4.16f \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}. \tag{19-51}$$

For monatomic gases $f = 3$ (three translational degrees); for diatomic gases $f = 5$ (three translational and two rotational degrees).

Adiabatic Process  When an ideal gas undergoes an adiabatic volume change (a change for which $Q = 0$),

$$pV^\gamma = \text{a constant} \quad \text{(adiabatic process).} \tag{19-53}$$

in which $\gamma (= C_p/C_V)$ is the ratio of molar specific heats for the gas. For a free expansion, however, $pV = \text{a constant.}$

Questions

1  For four situations for an ideal gas, the table gives the energy transferred to or from the gas as heat $Q$ and either the work $W$ done by the gas or the work $W_{\text{on}}$ done on the gas, all in joules. Rank the four situations in terms of the temperature change of the gas, most positive first.

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2  In the $p-V$ diagram of Fig. 19-17, the gas does 5 J of work when taken along isotherm $ab$ and 4 J when taken along adiabat $bc$. What is the change in the internal energy of the gas?
in the internal energy of the gas when it is taken along the straight path from \(a\) to \(c\)?

3 For a temperature increase of \(\Delta T\), a certain amount of an ideal gas requires 30 J when heated at constant volume and 50 J when heated at constant pressure. How much work is done by the gas in the second situation?

4 The dot in Fig. 19-18a represents the initial state of a gas, and the vertical line through the dot divides the \(p-V\) diagram into regions 1 and 2. For the following processes, determine whether the net work done by the gas is positive, negative, or zero: (a) the gas moves up along the vertical line, (b) it moves down along the vertical line, (c) it moves to anywhere in region 1, and (d) it moves to anywhere in region 2.

5 A certain amount of energy is to be transferred as heat to 1 mol of a monatomic gas (a) at constant pressure and (b) at constant volume, and to 1 mol of a diatomic gas (c) at constant pressure and (d) at constant volume. Figure 19-19 shows four paths from an initial point to four final points on a \(p-V\) diagram for the two gases. Which path goes with which process? (e) Are the molecules of the diatomic gas rotating?

6 The dot in Fig. 19-18b represents the initial state of a gas, and the isotherm through the dot divides the \(p-V\) diagram into regions 1 and 2. For the following processes, determine whether the change \(\Delta E_{\text{int}}\) in the internal energy of the gas is positive, negative, or zero: (a) the gas moves up along the isotherm, (b) it moves down along the isotherm, (c) it moves anywhere in region 1, and (d) it moves anywhere in region 2.

7 (a) Rank the four paths of Fig. 19-16 according to the work done by the gas, greatest first. (b) Rank paths 1, 2, and 3 according to the change in the internal energy of the gas, most positive first and most negative last.

8 The dot in Fig. 19-18c represents the initial state of a gas, and the adiabat through the dot divides the \(p-V\) diagram into regions 1 and 2. For the following processes, determine whether the corresponding heat \(Q\) is positive, negative, or zero: (a) the gas moves up along the adiabat, (b) it moves down along the adiabat, (c) it moves anywhere in region 1, and (d) it moves anywhere in region 2.

9 An ideal diatomic gas, with molecular rotation but without any molecular oscillation, loses a certain amount of energy as heat \(Q\). Is the resulting decrease in the internal energy of the gas greater if the loss occurs in a constant-volume process or in a constant-pressure process?

10 Does the temperature of an ideal gas increase, decrease, or stay the same during (a) an isothermal expansion, (b) an expansion at constant pressure, (c) an adiabatic expansion, and (d) an increase in pressure at constant volume?

Module 19-1 Avogadro’s Number

•1 Find the mass in kilograms of \(7.50 \times 10^{24}\) atoms of arsenic, which has a molar mass of 74.9 g/mol.

•2 Gold has a molar mass of 197 g/mol. (a) How many moles of gold are in a 2.50 g sample of pure gold? (b) How many atoms are in the sample?

Module 19-2 Ideal Gases

•3 SSM Oxygen gas having a volume of 1000 cm\(^3\) at 40.0°C and 1.01 \(\times\) 10\(^5\) Pa expands until its volume is 1500 cm\(^3\) and its pressure is 1.06 \(\times\) 10\(^5\) Pa. Find (a) the number of moles of oxygen present and (b) the final temperature of the sample.

•4 A quantity of ideal gas at 10.0°C and 100 kPa occupies a volume of 2.50 m\(^3\). (a) How many moles of the gas are present? (b) If the pressure is now raised to 300 kPa and the temperature is raised to 30.0°C, how much volume does the gas occupy? Assume no leaks.

•5 The best laboratory vacuum has a pressure of about 1.00 \(\times\) 10\(^{-8}\) atm, or 1.01 \(\times\) 10\(^{-13}\) Pa. How many gas molecules are there per cubic centimeter in such a vacuum at 293 K?
the vertical axis is set by \( V_0 = 0.30 \text{ m}^3 \), and the scale of the horizontal axis is set by \( Q_s = 1200 \text{ J} \).

**Figure 19-21** Problem 15.

**16** An air bubble of volume 20 cm\(^3\) is at the bottom of a lake 40 m deep, where the temperature is 4.0°C. The bubble rises to the surface, which is at a temperature of 20°C. Take the temperature of the bubble’s air to be the same as that of the surrounding water. Just as the bubble reaches the surface, what is its volume?

**Module 19-3 Pressure, Temperature, and RMS Speed**

**18** The temperature and pressure in the Sun’s atmosphere are 2.00 \( \times 10^4 \) K and 0.0300 Pa. Calculate the rms speed of free electrons (mass 9.11 \( \times 10^{-31} \) kg) there, assuming they are an ideal gas.

**19** (a) Compute the rms speed of a nitrogen molecule at 20.0°C. The molar mass of nitrogen molecules (N\(_2\)) is given in Table 19-1. At what temperatures will the rms speed be (b) half that value and (c) twice that value?

**20** Calculate the rms speed of helium atoms at 1000 K. See Appendix F for the molar mass of helium atoms.

**21** **SSM** The lowest possible temperature in outer space is 2.7 K. What is the rms speed of hydrogen molecules at this temperature? (The molar mass is given in Table 19-1.)

**22** Find the rms speed of argon atoms at 313 K. See Appendix F for the molar mass of argon atoms.

**23** A beam of hydrogen molecules (H\(_2\)) is directed toward a wall, at an angle of 55° with the normal to the wall. Each molecule in the beam has a speed of 1.0 km/s and a mass of 3.3 \( \times 10^{-24} \) g. The beam strikes the wall over an area of 2.0 cm\(^2\), at the rate of 10\(^5\) molecules per second. What is the beam’s pressure on the wall?

**24** At 273 K and 1.00 \( \times 10^{-2} \) atm, the density of a gas is 1.24 \( \times 10^{-3} \) g/cm\(^3\). (a) Find \( v_{rms} \) for the gas molecules. (b) Find the molar mass of the gas and (c) identify the gas. See Table 19-1.

**Module 19-4 Translational Kinetic Energy**

**25** Determine the average value of the translational kinetic energy of the molecules of an ideal gas at temperatures (a) 0.00°C
and (b) 100°C. What is the translational kinetic energy per mole of an ideal gas at (c) 0.00°C and (d) 100°C?

**26** What is the average translational kinetic energy of nitrogen molecules at 1600 K?

**27** Water standing in the open at 32.0°C evaporates because of the escape of some of the surface molecules. The heat of vaporization (539 cal/g) is approximately equal to \( kT \), where \( k \) is the average energy of the escaping molecules and \( n \) is the number of molecules per gram. (a) Find \( k \). (b) What is the ratio of \( k \) to the average kinetic energy of \( H_2O \) molecules, assuming the latter is related to temperature in the same way as it is for gases?

**Module 19-5 Mean Free Path**

**28** At what frequency would the wavelength of sound in air be equal to the mean free path of oxygen molecules at 1.0 atm pressure and 0.00°C? The molecular diameter is \( 3.0 \times 10^{-8} \) cm.

**29** SSM The atmospheric density at an altitude of 2500 km is about 1 molecule/cm\(^3\). (a) Assuming the molecular diameter of 2.0 \( \times \) 10\(^{-8} \) cm, find the mean free path predicted by Eq. 19-25. (b) Explain whether the predicted value is meaningful.

**30** The mean free path of nitrogen molecules at 0.0°C and 1.0 atm is 0.80 \( \times \) 10\(^{-5} \) cm. At this temperature and pressure there are 2.7 \( \times \) 10\(^{19} \) molecules/cm\(^3\). What is the molecular diameter?

**31** In a certain particle accelerator, protons travel around a circular path of diameter 23.0 m in an evacuated chamber, whose residual gas is at 295 K and 1.00 \( \times \) 10\(^{-8} \) torr pressure. (a) Calculate the number of gas molecules per cubic centimeter at this pressure. (b) What is the mean free path of the gas molecules if the molecular diameter is 2.00 \( \times \) 10\(^{-8} \) cm?

**Module 19-6 The Distribution of Molecular Speeds**

**33** SSM The speeds of 10 molecules are 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, . . . , 11 km/s. What are their (a) average speed and (b) rms speed?

**34** The speeds of 22 particles are as follows (\( N \), represents the number of particles that have speed \( v \)):

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What are (a) \( v_{avg} \), (b) \( v_{rms} \), and (c) \( v_p \)?

**35** Ten particles are moving with the following speeds: four at 200 m/s, two at 500 m/s, and four at 600 m/s. Calculate their (a) average and (b) rms speeds. (c) Is \( v_{rms} > v_{avg} \)?

**36** The most probable speed of the molecules in a gas at temperature \( T_2 \) is equal to the rms speed of the molecules at temperature \( T_1 \). Find \( T_2/T_1 \).

**37** SSM WWW Figure 19-23 shows a hypothetical speed distribution for a sample of \( N \) gas particles (note that \( P(v) = 0 \) for speed \( v > 2v_0 \)). What are the values of (a) \( av_0 \), (b) \( v_{avg}/v_0 \), and (c) \( v_{rms}/v_0 \)? (d) What fraction of the particles has a speed between 1.5\( v_0 \) and 2.0\( v_0 \)?

**38** Figure 19-24 gives the probability distribution for nitrogen gas. The scale of the horizontal axis is set by \( v_c = 1200 \) m/s. What are the (a) gas temperature and (b) rms speed of the molecules?

**39** At what temperature does the rms speed of (a) \( H_2 \) (molecular hydrogen) and (b) \( O_2 \) (molecular oxygen) equal the escape speed from Earth (Table 13-2)? At what temperature does the rms speed of (c) \( H_2 \) and (d) \( O_2 \) equal the escape speed from the Moon (where the gravitational acceleration at the surface has magnitude 0.16 g)? Considering the answers to parts (a) and (b), should there be much (e) hydrogen and (f) oxygen high in Earth’s upper atmosphere, where the temperature is about 1000 K?

**40** Two containers are at the same temperature. The first contains gas with pressure \( p_1 \), molecular mass \( m_1 \), and rms speed \( v_{rms1} \). The second contains gas with pressure \( 2.0p_1 \), molecular mass \( m_2 \), and average speed \( v_{avg2} = 2.0v_{rms2} \). Find the mass ratio \( m_1/m_2 \).

**41** A hydrogen molecule (diameter 1.0 \( \times \) 10\(^{-8} \) cm), traveling at the rms speed, escapes from a 4000 K furnace into a chamber containing cold argon atoms (diameter 3.0 \( \times \) 10\(^{-8} \) cm) at a density of 4.0 \( \times \) 10\(^{19} \) atoms/cm\(^3\). (a) What is the speed of the hydrogen molecule? (b) If it collides with an argon atom, what is the closest their centers can be, considering each as spherical? (c) What is the initial number of collisions per second experienced by the hydrogen molecule? (Hint: Assume that the argon atoms are stationary. Then the mean free path of the hydrogen molecule is given by Eq. 19-26 and not Eq. 19-25.)

**Module 19-7 The Molar Specific Heats of an Ideal Gas**

**42** What is the internal energy of 1.0 mol of an ideal monatomic gas at 273 K?

**43** The temperature of 3.00 mol of an ideal diatomic gas is increased by 40.0°C without the pressure of the gas changing. The molecules in the gas rotate but do not oscillate. (a) How much energy is transferred to the gas as heat? (b) What is the change in the internal energy of the gas? (c) How much work is done by the gas? (d) By how much does the rotational kinetic energy of the gas increase?

**44** One mole of an ideal diatomic gas goes from \( a \) to \( c \) along the diagonal path in Fig. 19-25. The scale of the vertical axis is set by \( p_{ab} = 5.0 \) kPa and \( p_c = 2.0 \) kPa, and the scale of the horizontal axis is set by \( V_{bc} = 4.0 \) m\(^3\) and \( V_a = 2.0 \) m\(^3\). During the transition, (a) what is the change in internal energy of the gas, and (b) how
much energy is added to the gas as heat? (c) How much heat is required if the gas goes from a to c along the indirect path abc?

**45** ILW The mass of a gas molecule can be computed from its specific heat at constant volume \(c_V\). (Note that this is not \(C_V\).) Take \(c_V = 0.075 \text{ cal/g \cdot C}^\circ\) for argon and calculate (a) the mass of an argon atom and (b) the molar mass of argon.

**46** Under constant pressure, the temperature of 2.00 mol of an ideal monatomic gas is raised 15.0 K. What are (a) the work \(W\) done by the gas, (b) the energy transferred as heat \(Q\), (c) the change \(\Delta E_{\text{int}}\) in the internal energy of the gas, and (d) the change \(\Delta K\) in the average kinetic energy per atom?

**47** The temperature of 2.00 mol of an ideal monatomic gas is raised 15.0 K at constant volume. What are (a) the work \(W\) done by the gas, (b) the energy transferred as heat \(Q\), (c) the change \(\Delta E_{\text{int}}\) in the internal energy of the gas, and (d) the change \(\Delta K\) in the average kinetic energy per atom?

**48** When 20.9 J was added as heat to a particular ideal gas, the volume of the gas changed from 50.0 cm\(^3\) to 100 cm\(^3\) while the pressure remained at 1.00 atm. (a) By how much did the internal energy of the gas change? If the quantity of gas present was 2.00 \(\times 10^{-3}\) mol, find (b) \(C_p\) and (c) \(C_V\).

**49** SSM A container holds a mixture of three nonreacting gases: 2.40 mol of gas 1 with \(C_{V1} = 12.0\) J/mol-\(K\), 1.50 mol of gas 2 with \(C_{V2} = 12.8\) J/mol-\(K\), and 3.20 mol of gas 3 with \(C_{V3} = 20.0\) J/mol-\(K\). What is \(C_V\) of the mixture?

**Module 19-8 Degrees of Freedom and Molar Specific Heats**

**50** We give 70 J as heat to a diatomic gas, which then expands at constant pressure. The gas molecules rotate but do not oscillate. By how much does the internal energy of the gas increase?

**51** ILW When 1.0 mol of oxygen \((O_2)\) gas is heated at constant pressure starting at 0\(^\circ\)C, how much energy must be added to the gas as heat to double its volume? (The molecules rotate but do not oscillate.)

**52** Suppose 12.0 g of oxygen \((O_2)\) gas is heated at constant atmospheric pressure from 25.0\(^\circ\)C to 125\(^\circ\)C. (a) How many moles of oxygen are present? (See Table 19-1 for the molar mass.) (b) How much energy is transferred to the oxygen as heat? (The molecules rotate but do not oscillate.) (c) What fraction of the heat is used to raise the internal energy of the oxygen?

**53** SSM WWW Suppose 4.00 mol of an ideal diatomic gas, with molecular rotation but not oscillation, experienced a temperature increase of 60.0 K under constant-pressure conditions. What are (a) the energy transferred as heat \(Q\), (b) the change \(\Delta E_{\text{int}}\) in internal energy of the gas, (c) the work \(W\) done by the gas, and (d) the change \(\Delta K\) in the total translational kinetic energy of the gas?

**Module 19-9 The Adiabatic Expansion of an Ideal Gas**

**54** We know that for an adiabatic process \(pV^n = C\) is a constant. Evaluate “a constant” for an adiabatic process involving exactly 2.0 mol of an ideal gas passing through the state having exactly \(p = 1.0\) atm and \(T = 300\) K. Assume a diatomic gas whose molecules rotate but do not oscillate.

**55** A certain gas occupies a volume of 4.3 L at a pressure of 1.2 atm and a temperature of 310 K. It is compressed adiabatically to a volume of 0.76 L. Determine (a) the final pressure and (b) the final temperature, assuming the gas to be an ideal gas for which \(\gamma = 1.4\).

**56** Suppose 1.00 L of a gas with \(\gamma = 1.30\), initially at 273 K and 1.00 atm, is suddenly compressed adiabatically to half its initial volume. Find its final (a) pressure and (b) temperature. (c) If the gas is then cooled to 273 K at constant pressure, what is its final volume?

**57** The volume of an ideal gas is adiabatically reduced from 200 L to 74.3 L. The initial pressure and temperature are 1.00 atm and 300 K. The final pressure is 4.00 atm. (a) Is the gas monatomic, diatomic, or polyatomic? (b) What is the final temperature? (c) How many moles are in the gas?

**58** Opening champagne. In a bottle of champagne, the pocket of gas (primarily carbon dioxide) between the liquid and the cork is at pressure of \(p_i = 5.00\) atm. When the cork is pulled from the bottle, the gas undergoes an adiabatic expansion until its pressure matches the ambient air pressure of 1.00 atm. Assume that the ratio of the molar specific heats is \(\gamma = \frac{5}{3}\). If the gas has initial temperature \(T_i = 5.00^\circ\)C, what is its temperature at the end of the adiabatic expansion?

**59** Figure 19-26 shows two paths that may be taken by a gas from an initial point \(i\) to a final point \(f\). Path 1 consists of an isothermal expansion (work is 50 J in magnitude), an adiabatic expansion (work is 40 J in magnitude), an isothermal compression (work is 30 J in magnitude), and then an adiabatic compression (work is 25 J in magnitude). What is the change in the internal energy of the gas if the gas goes from point \(i\) to point \(f\) along path 2?

![Figure 19-26](chart.png)

**60** Adiabatic wind. The normal airflow over the Rocky Mountains is west to east. The air loses much of its moisture content and is chilled as it climbs the western side of the mountains. When it descends on the eastern side, the increase in pressure toward lower altitudes causes the temperature to increase. The flow, then called a chinook wind, can rapidly raise the air temperature at the base of the mountains. Assume that the air pressure \(p\) depends on altitude \(y\) according to \(p = p_0 \exp(-ay)\), where \(p_0 = 1.00\) atm and \(a = 1.16 \times 10^{-4}\) m\(^{-1}\). Also assume that the ratio of the molar specific heats is \(\gamma = \frac{5}{3}\). A parcel of air with an initial temperature of \(-5.00^\circ\)C descends adiabatically from \(y_i = 4267\) m to \(y = 1567\) m. What is its temperature at the end of the descent?

**61** A gas is to be expanded from initial state \(i\) to final state \(f\) along either path 1 or path 2 on a \(p-V\) diagram. Path 1 consists of three steps: an isothermal expansion (work is 40 J in magnitude), an adiabatic expansion (work is 20 J in magnitude), and another isothermal expansion (work is 30 J in magnitude). Path 2 consists of two steps: a pressure reduction at constant volume and an expansion at constant pressure. What is the change in the internal energy of the gas along path 2?

**62** An ideal diatomic gas, with rotation but no oscillation, undergoes an adiabatic compression. Its initial pressure and volume are
1.20 atm and 0.200 m³. Its final pressure is 2.40 atm. How much work is done by the gas?

Figure 19-27 shows a cycle undergone by 1.00 mol of an ideal monatomic gas. The temperatures are $T_1 = 300$ K, $T_2 = 600$ K, and $T_3 = 455$ K. For $1 \rightarrow 2$, what are (a) $Q$, (b) the change in internal energy $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$, and (c) the work done $W$? For $2 \rightarrow 3$, what are (d) $Q$, (e) $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$, and (f) $W$? For $3 \rightarrow 1$, what are (g) $Q$, (h) $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$, and (i) $W$? For the full cycle, what are (j) $Q$, (k) $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$, and (l) $W$? The initial pressure at point 1 is 1.00 atm ($= 1.013 \times 10^5$ Pa). What are the (m) volume and (n) pressure at point 2 and the (o) volume and (p) pressure at point 3?

Additional Problems

64 Calculate the work done by an external agent during an isothermal compression of 1.00 mol of oxygen from a volume of 22.4 L at 0°C and 1.00 atm to a volume of 16.8 L.

65 An ideal gas undergoes an adiabatic compression from $p = 1.0$ atm, $V = 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ L, $T = 0.0°C$ to $p = 1.0 \times 10^3$ atm, $V = 1.0 \times 10^3$ L. (a) Is the gas monatomic, diatomic, or polyatomic? (b) What is its final temperature? (c) How many moles of gas are present? What is the total translational kinetic energy per mole (d) before and (e) after the compression? (f) What is the ratio of the squares of the rms speeds before and after the compression?

66 An ideal gas consists of 1.50 mol of diatomic molecules that rotate but do not oscillate. The molecular diameter is 250 pm. The gas is expanded at a constant pressure of $1.50 \times 10^5$ Pa, with a transfer of 200 J as heat. What is the change in the mean free path of the molecules?

67 An ideal monatomic gas initially has a temperature of 330 K and a pressure of 6.00 atm. It is to expand from volume 500 cm³ to volume 1500 cm³. If the expansion is isothermal, what are (a) the final pressure and (b) the work done by the gas? If, instead, the expansion is adiabatic, what are (c) the final pressure and (d) the work done by the gas?

68 In an interstellar gas cloud at 50.0 K, the pressure is $1.00 \times 10^{-9}$ Pa. Assuming that the molecular diameters of the gases in the clouds are all 20 nm, what is their mean free path?

69 SSM The envelope and basket of a hot-air balloon have a combined weight of 2.45 kN, and the envelope has a capacity (volume) of $2.18 \times 10^3$ m³. When it is fully inflated, what should be the temperature of the enclosed air to give the balloon a lifting capacity (force) of 2.67 kN (in addition to the balloon’s weight)? Assume that the surrounding air, at 20.0°C, has a weight per unit volume of 11.9 N/m³ and a molecular mass of 0.028 kg/mol, and is at a pressure of 1.0 atm.

70 An ideal gas, at initial temperature $T_1$ and initial volume 2.0 m³, is expanded adiabatically to a volume of 4.0 m³, then expanded isothermally to a volume of 10 m³, and then compressed adiabatically back to $T_1$. What is its final volume?

71 SSM The temperature of 2.00 mol of an ideal monatomic gas is raised 15.0 K in an adiabatic process. What are (a) the work $W$ done by the gas, (b) the energy transferred as heat $Q$, (c) the change $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ in internal energy of the gas, and (d) the change $\Delta K$ in the average kinetic energy per atom?

72 At what temperature do atoms of helium gas have the same rms speed as molecules of hydrogen gas at 20.0°C? (The molar masses are given in Table 19.1.)

73 SSM At what frequency do molecules (diameter 290 pm) collide in (an ideal) oxygen gas ($O_2$) at temperature 400 K and pressure 2.00 atm?

74 (a) What is the number of molecules per cubic meter in air at 20°C and at a pressure of 1.0 atm ($= 1.01 \times 10^5$ Pa)? (b) What is the mass of 1.0 m³ of this air? Assume that 75% of the molecules are nitrogen ($N_2$) and 25% are oxygen ($O_2$).

75 The temperature of 3.00 mol of a gas with $C_v = 6.00 \text{ cal/mol} \cdot \text{K}$ is to be raised 50.0 K. If the process is at constant volume, what are (a) the energy transferred as heat $Q$, (b) the work done by the gas, (c) the change $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ in internal energy of the gas, and (d) the change $\Delta K$ in the total translational kinetic energy? If the process is at constant pressure, what are (e) $Q$, (f) $W$, (g) $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$, and (h) $\Delta K$? If the process is adiabatic, what are (i) $Q$, (j) $W$, (k) $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$, and (l) $\Delta K$?

76 During a compression at a constant pressure of 250 Pa, the volume of an ideal gas decreases from 0.80 m³ to 0.20 m³. The initial temperature is 360 K, and the gas loses 210 J as heat. What are (a) the change in the internal energy of the gas and (b) the final temperature of the gas?

77 SSM Figure 19-28 shows a hypothetical speed distribution for particles of a certain gas: $P(v) = C v^2$ for $0 < v \leq v_0$ and $P(v) = 0$ for $v > v_0$. Find (a) an expression for $C$ in terms of $v_0$, (b) the average speed of the particles, and (c) their rms speed.

78 (a) An ideal gas initially at pressure $p_0$ undergoes a free expansion until its volume is 3.00 times its initial volume. What is the ratio of its pressure to $p_0$? (b) The gas is next slowly and adiabatically compressed back to its original volume. The pressure after compression is $(3.00)^{1/3} p_0$. Is the gas monatomic, diatomic, or polyatomic? (c) What is the ratio of the average kinetic energy per molecule in this final state to that in the initial state?

79 SSM An ideal gas undergoes isothermal compression from an initial volume of 4.00 m³ to a final volume of 3.00 m³. There is 3.50 mol of the gas, and its temperature is 10.0°C. (a) How much work is done by the gas? (b) How much energy is transferred as heat between the gas and its environment?

80 Oxygen ($O_2$) gas at 273 K and 1.0 atm is confined to a cubical container 10 cm on a side. Calculate $\Delta U/K_{\text{avg}}$, where $\Delta U$ is the change in the gravitational potential energy of an oxygen molecule falling the height of the box and $K_{\text{avg}}$ is the molecule’s average translational kinetic energy.

81 An ideal gas is taken through a complete cycle in three steps: adiabatic expansion with work equal to 125 J, isothermal contraction at 325 K, and increase in pressure at constant volume. (a) Draw a $p$-$V$ diagram for the three steps. (b) How much energy is transferred as heat in step 3, and (c) is it transferred to or from the gas?

82 (a) What is the volume occupied by 1.00 mol of an ideal gas at standard conditions—that is, 1.00 atm ($= 1.01 \times 10^5$ Pa) and 273 K? (b) Show that the number of molecules per cubic centimeter (the Loschmidt number) at standard conditions is $2.69 \times 10^9$.

83 SSM A sample of ideal gas expands from an initial pressure
and volume of 32 atm and 1.0 L to a final volume of 4.0 L. The initial temperature is 300 K. If the gas is monatomic and the expansion isothermal, what are the (a) final pressure $p_f$, (b) final temperature $T_f$, and (c) work $W$ done by the gas? If the gas is monatomic and the expansion adiabatic, what are (d) $p_f$, (e) $T_f$, and (f) $W$? If the gas is diatomic and the expansion adiabatic, what are (g) $p_f$, (h) $T_f$, and (i) $W$?

84 An ideal gas with 3.00 mol is initially in state 1 with pressure $p_1 = 20.0$ atm and volume $V_1 = 1500$ cm$^3$. First it is taken to state 2 with pressure $p_2 = 1.50p_1$ and volume $V_2 = 2.00V_1$. Then it is taken to state 3 with pressure $p_3 = 2.00p_1$ and volume $V_3 = 0.500V_1$. What is the temperature of the gas in (a) state 1 and (b) state 2? (c) What is the net change in internal energy from state 1 to state 3?

85 A steel tank contains 300 g of ammonia gas (NH$_3$) at a pressure of 1.35 x 10$^6$ Pa and a temperature of 77°C. (a) What is the volume of the tank in liters? (b) Later the temperature is 22°C and the pressure is 8.7 x 10$^5$ Pa. How many grams of gas have leaked out of the tank?

86 In an industrial process the volume of 25.0 mol of a monatomic ideal gas is reduced at a uniform rate from 0.616 m$^3$ to 0.308 m$^3$ in 2.00 h while its temperature is increased at a uniform rate from 27.0°C to 450°C. Throughout the process, the gas passes through thermodynamic equilibrium states. What are (a) the cumulative work done on the gas, (b) the cumulative energy absorbed by the gas as heat, and (c) the molar specific heat for the process? (Hint: To evaluate the integral for the work, you might use 
\[
\int \frac{a + bx}{A + Bx} \, dx = \frac{bx}{B} - \frac{A - aB}{B^2} \ln(A + Bx),
\]
an indefinite integral.) Suppose the process is replaced with a two-step process that reaches the same final state. In step 1, the gas volume is reduced at constant temperature, and in step 2 the temperature is increased at constant volume. For this process, what are (d) the cumulative work done on the gas, (e) the cumulative energy absorbed by the gas as heat, and (f) the molar specific heat for the process?

87 Figure 19-29 shows a cycle consisting of five paths: $AB$ is isothermal at 300 K, $BC$ is adiabatic with work $W = 5.0$ J, $CD$ is at a constant pressure of 5 atm, $DE$ is isothermal, and $EA$ is adiabatic with a change in internal energy of 8.0 J. What is the change in internal energy of the gas along path $CD$?

88 An ideal gas initially at 300 K is compressed at a constant pressure of 25 N/m$^2$ from a volume of 3.0 m$^3$ to a volume of 1.8 m$^3$. In the process, 75 J is lost by the gas as heat. What are (a) the change in internal energy of the gas and (b) the final temperature of the gas?

89 A pipe of length $L = 25.0$ m that is open at one end contains air at atmospheric pressure. It is thrust vertically into a freshwater lake until the water rises halfway up in the pipe (Fig. 19-30). What is the depth $h$ of the lower end of the pipe? Assume that the temperature is the same everywhere and does not change.

90 In a motorcycle engine, a piston is forced down toward the crankshaft when the fuel in the top of the piston’s cylinder undergoes combustion. The mixture of gaseous combustion products then expands adiabatically as the piston descends. Find the average power in (a) watts and (b) horsepower that is involved in this expansion when the engine is running at 4000 rpm, assuming that the gauge pressure immediately after combustion is 15 atm, the initial volume is 50 cm$^3$, and the volume of the mixture at the bottom of the stroke is 250 cm$^3$. Assume that the gases are diatomic and that the time involved in the expansion is one-half that of the total cycle.

91 For adiabatic processes in an ideal gas, show that (a) the bulk modulus is given by 
\[
B = -\frac{\rho}{V} \frac{d\rho}{dV} = \gamma p,
\]
where $\gamma = C_p/C_V$. (See Eq. 17-2.) (b) Then show that the speed of sound in the gas is 
\[
v_s = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma RT}{M}},
\]
where $\rho$ is the density, $T$ is the temperature, and $M$ is the molar mass. (See Eq. 17-3.)

92 Air at 0.000°C and 1.00 atm pressure has a density of 1.29 x 10$^{-3}$ g/cm$^3$, and the speed of sound is 331 m/s at that temperature. Compute the ratio $\gamma$ of the molar specific heats of air. (Hint: See Problem 91.)

93 The speed of sound in different gases at a certain temperature $T$ depends on the molar mass of the gases. Show that 
\[
\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}},
\]
where $v_1$ is the speed of sound in a gas of molar mass $M_1$ and $v_2$ is the speed of sound in a gas of molar mass $M_2$. (Hint: See Problem 91.)

94 From the knowledge that $C_V$, the molar specific heat at constant volume, for a gas in a container is 5.0$R$, calculate the ratio of the speed of sound in that gas to the rms speed of the molecules, for gas temperature $T$. (Hint: See Problem 91.)

95 The molar mass of iodine is 127 g/mol. When sound at frequency 1000 Hz is introduced to a tube of iodine gas at 400 K, an internal acoustic standing wave is set up with nodes separated by 9.57 cm. What is $\gamma$ for the gas? (Hint: See Problem 91.)

96 For air near 0°C, by how much does the speed of sound increase for each increase in air temperature by 1°C? (Hint: See Problem 91.)

97 Two containers are at the same temperature. The gas in the first container is at pressure $p_1$ and has molecules with mass $m_1$ and root-mean-square speed $v_{rms1}$. The gas in the second is at pressure $p_2$ and has molecules with mass $m_2$ and average speed $v_{avg2} = 2v_{rms1}$. Find the ratio $m_1/m_2$ of the masses of their molecules.
20-1 ENTROPY

Learning Objectives
After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

20.01 Identify the second law of thermodynamics: If a process occurs in a closed system, the entropy of the system increases for irreversible processes and remains constant for reversible processes; it never decreases.

20.02 Identify that entropy is a state function (the value for a particular state of the system does not depend on how that state is reached).

20.03 Calculate the change in entropy for a process by integrating the inverse of the temperature (in kelvins) with respect to the heat $Q$ transferred during the process.

20.04 For a phase change with a constant temperature process, apply the relationship between the entropy change $\Delta S$, the total transferred heat $Q$, and the temperature $T$ (in kelvins).

20.05 For a temperature change $\Delta T$ that is small relative to the temperature $T$, apply the relationship between the entropy change $\Delta S$, the transferred heat $Q$, and the average temperature $T_{avg}$ (in kelvins).

20.06 For an ideal gas, apply the relationship between the entropy change $\Delta S$ and the initial and final values of the pressure and volume.

20.07 Identify that if a process is an irreversible one, the integration for the entropy change must be done for a reversible process that takes the system between the same initial and final states as the irreversible process.

20.08 For stretched rubber, relate the elastic force to the rate at which the rubber’s entropy changes with the change in the stretching distance.

Key Ideas

- An irreversible process is one that cannot be reversed by means of small changes in the environment. The direction in which an irreversible process proceeds is set by the change in entropy $\Delta S$ of the system undergoing the process. Entropy $S$ is a state property (or state function) of the system; that is, it depends only on the state of the system and not on the way in which the system reached that state. The entropy postulate states (in part): If an irreversible process occurs in a closed system, the entropy of the system always increases.

- The entropy change $\Delta S$ for an irreversible process that takes a system from an initial state $i$ to a final state $f$ is exactly equal to the entropy change $\Delta S$ for any reversible process that takes the system between those same two states. We can compute the latter (but not the former) with

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \int_i^f \frac{dQ}{T}.$$ 

Here $Q$ is the energy transferred as heat to or from the system during the process, and $T$ is the temperature of the system in kelvins during the process.

- For a reversible isothermal process, the expression for an entropy change reduces to

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \frac{Q}{T_{avg}}.$$ 

- When the temperature change $\Delta T$ of a system is small relative to the temperature (in kelvins) before and after the process, the entropy change can be approximated as

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i \approx \frac{Q}{T_{avg}},$$

where $T_{avg}$ is the system’s average temperature during the process.

- When an ideal gas changes reversibly from an initial state with temperature $T_i$ and volume $V_i$ to a final state with temperature $T_f$ and volume $V_f$, the change $\Delta S$ in the entropy of the gas is

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} + nC_v \ln \frac{T_f}{T_i}.$$ 

- The second law of thermodynamics, which is an extension of the entropy postulate, states: If a process occurs in a closed system, the entropy of the system increases for irreversible processes and remains constant for reversible processes. It never decreases. In equation form,

$$\Delta S \geq 0.$$
What Is Physics?

Time has direction, the direction in which we age. We are accustomed to many one-way processes—that is, processes that can occur only in a certain sequence (the right way) and never in the reverse sequence (the wrong way). An egg is dropped onto a floor, a pizza is baked, a car is driven into a lamppost, large waves erode a sandy beach—these one-way processes are irreversible, meaning that they cannot be reversed by means of only small changes in their environment.

One goal of physics is to understand why time has direction and why one-way processes are irreversible. Although this physics might seem disconnected from the practical issues of everyday life, it is in fact at the heart of any engine, such as a car engine, because it determines how well an engine can run.

The key to understanding why one-way processes cannot be reversed involves a quantity known as entropy.

Irreversible Processes and Entropy

The one-way character of irreversible processes is so pervasive that we take it for granted. If these processes were to occur spontaneously (on their own) in the wrong way, we would be astonished. Yet none of these wrong-way events would violate the law of conservation of energy.

For example, if you were to wrap your hands around a cup of hot coffee, you would be astonished if your hands got cooler and the cup got warmer. That is obviously the wrong way for the energy transfer, but the total energy of the closed system (hands + cup of coffee) would be the same as the total energy if the process had run in the right way. For another example, if you popped a helium balloon, you would be astonished if, later, all the helium molecules were to gather together in the original shape of the balloon. That is obviously the wrong way for molecules to spread, but the total energy of the closed system (molecules + room) would be the same as for the right way.

Thus, changes in energy within a closed system do not set the direction of irreversible processes. Rather, that direction is set by another property that we shall discuss in this chapter—the change in entropy $\Delta S$ of the system. The change in entropy of a system is defined later in this module, but we can here state its central property, often called the entropy postulate:

> If an irreversible process occurs in a closed system, the entropy $S$ of the system always increases; it never decreases.

Entropy differs from energy in that entropy does not obey a conservation law. The energy of a closed system is conserved; it always remains constant. For irreversible processes, the entropy of a closed system always increases. Because of this property, the change in entropy is sometimes called “the arrow of time.” For example, we associate the explosion of a popcorn kernel with the forward direction of time and with an increase in entropy. The backward direction of time (a videotape run backwards) would correspond to the exploded popcorn reforming the original kernel. Because this backward process would result in an entropy decrease, it never happens.

There are two equivalent ways to define the change in entropy of a system: (1) in terms of the system’s temperature and the energy the system gains or loses as heat, and (2) by counting the ways in which the atoms or molecules that make up the system can be arranged. We use the first approach in this module and the second in Module 20-4.
Change in Entropy

Let’s approach this definition of change in entropy by looking again at a process that we described in Modules 18-5 and 19-9: the free expansion of an ideal gas. Figure 20-1a shows the gas in its initial equilibrium state \( i \), confined by a closed stopcock to the left half of a thermally insulated container. If we open the stopcock, the gas rushes to fill the entire container, eventually reaching the final equilibrium state \( f \) shown in Fig. 20-1b. This is an irreversible process; all the molecules of the gas will never return to the left half of the container.

The \( p-V \) plot of the process, in Fig. 20-2, shows the pressure and volume of the gas in its initial state \( i \) and final state \( f \). Pressure and volume are state properties, properties that depend only on the state of the gas and not on how it reached that state. Other state properties are temperature and energy. We now assume that the gas has still another state property—its entropy. Furthermore, we define the change in entropy \( S_f - S_i \) of a system during a process that takes the system from an initial state \( i \) to a final state \( f \) as

\[
\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \int_i^f \frac{dQ}{T} \quad \text{(change in entropy defined).} \tag{20-1}
\]

Here \( Q \) is the energy transferred as heat to or from the system during the process, and \( T \) is the temperature of the system in kelvins. Thus, an entropy change depends not only on the energy transferred as heat but also on the temperature at which the transfer takes place. Because \( T \) is always positive, the sign of \( \Delta S \) is the same as that of \( Q \). We see from Eq. 20-1 that the SI unit for entropy and entropy change is the joule per kelvin.

There is a problem, however, in applying Eq. 20-1 to the free expansion of Fig. 20-1. As the gas rushes to fill the entire container, the pressure, temperature, and volume of the gas fluctuate unpredictably. In other words, they do not have a sequence of well-defined equilibrium values during the intermediate stages of the change from initial state \( i \) to final state \( f \). Thus, we cannot trace a pressure–volume path for the free expansion on the \( p-V \) plot of Fig. 20-2, and we cannot find a relation between \( Q \) and \( T \) that allows us to integrate as Eq. 20-1 requires.

However, if entropy is truly a state property, the difference in entropy between states \( i \) and \( f \) must depend only on those states and not at all on the way the system went from one state to the other. Suppose, then, that we replace the irreversible free expansion of Fig. 20-1 with a reversible process that connects states \( i \) and \( f \). With a reversible process we can trace a pressure–volume path on a \( p-V \) plot, and we can find a relation between \( Q \) and \( T \) that allows us to use Eq. 20-1 to obtain the entropy change.

We saw in Module 19-9 that the temperature of an ideal gas does not change during a free expansion: \( T_i = T_f = T \). Thus, points \( i \) and \( f \) in Fig. 20-2 must be on the same isotherm. A convenient replacement process is then a reversible isothermal expansion from state \( i \) to state \( f \), which actually proceeds along that isotherm. Furthermore, because \( T \) is constant throughout a reversible isothermal expansion, the integral of Eq. 20-1 is greatly simplified.

Figure 20-3 shows how to produce such a reversible isothermal expansion. We confine the gas to an insulated cylinder that rests on a thermal reservoir maintained at the temperature \( T \). We begin by placing just enough lead shot on the movable piston so that the pressure and volume of the gas are those of the initial state \( i \) of Fig. 20-1a. We then remove shot slowly (piece by piece) until the pressure and volume of the gas are those of the final state \( f \) of Fig. 20-1b. The temperature of the gas does not change because the gas remains in thermal contact with the reservoir throughout the process.

The reversible isothermal expansion of Fig. 20-3 is physically quite different from the irreversible free expansion of Fig. 20-1. However, both processes have the same initial state and the same final state and thus must have the same change in
Because we removed the lead shot slowly, the intermediate states of the gas are equilibrium states, so we can plot them on a $p-V$ diagram (Fig. 20-4).

To apply Eq. 20-1 to the isothermal expansion, we take the constant temperature $T$ outside the integral, obtaining

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \frac{1}{T} \int_{i}^{f} dQ.$$  

Because $\int dQ = Q$, where $Q$ is the total energy transferred as heat during the process, we have

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \frac{Q}{T} \quad \text{(change in entropy, isothermal process).} \quad (20-2)$$

To keep the temperature $T$ of the gas constant during the isothermal expansion of Fig. 20-3, heat $Q$ must have been energy transferred from the reservoir to the gas. Thus, $Q$ is positive and the entropy of the gas increases during the isothermal process and during the free expansion of Fig. 20-1.

To summarize:

To find the entropy change for an irreversible process, replace that process with any reversible process that connects the same initial and final states. Calculate the entropy change for this reversible process with Eq. 20-1.

When the temperature change $\Delta T$ of a system is small relative to the temperature (in kelvins) before and after the process, the entropy change can be approximated as

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \frac{Q}{T_{\text{avg}}}, \quad (20-3)$$

where $T_{\text{avg}}$ is the average temperature of the system in kelvins during the process.

**Checkpoint 1**

Water is heated on a stove. Rank the entropy changes of the water as its temperature rises (a) from $20^\circ C$ to $30^\circ C$, (b) from $30^\circ C$ to $35^\circ C$, and (c) from $80^\circ C$ to $85^\circ C$, greatest first.

**Entropy as a State Function**

We have assumed that entropy, like pressure, energy, and temperature, is a property of the state of a system and is independent of how that state is reached. That entropy is indeed a *state function* (as state properties are usually called) can be deduced only by experiment. However, we can prove it is a state function for the special and important case in which an ideal gas is taken through a reversible process.

To make the process reversible, it is done slowly in a series of small steps, with the gas in an equilibrium state at the end of each step. For each small step, the energy transferred as heat to or from the gas is $dQ$, the work done by the gas is $dW$, and the change in internal energy is $dE_{\text{int}}$. These are related by the first law of thermodynamics in differential form (Eq. 18-27):

$$dE_{\text{int}} = dQ - dW.$$  

Because the steps are reversible, with the gas in equilibrium states, we can use Eq. 18-24 to replace $dW$ with $p\,dV$ and Eq. 19-45 to replace $dE_{\text{int}}$ with $nC_v\,dT$. Solving for $dQ$ then leads to

$$dQ = p\,dV + nC_v\,dT.$$  

Using the ideal gas law, we replace $p$ in this equation with $nRT/V$. Then we divide each term in the resulting equation by $T$, obtaining

$$\frac{dQ}{T} = nR\frac{dV}{V} + nC_v\frac{dT}{T}.$$
Now let us integrate each term of this equation between an arbitrary initial state $i$ and an arbitrary final state $f$ to get

$$\int_{i}^{f} \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_{i}^{f} nR \frac{dV}{V} + \int_{i}^{f} nC_v \frac{dT}{T}.$$ 

The quantity on the left is the entropy change $\Delta S (= S_f - S_i)$ defined by Eq. 20-1. Substituting this and integrating the quantities on the right yield

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} + nC_v \ln \frac{T_f}{T_i}. \quad (20-4)$$

Note that we did not have to specify a particular reversible process when we integrated. Therefore, the integration must hold for all reversible processes that take the gas from state $i$ to state $f$. Thus, the change in entropy $\Delta S$ between the initial and final states of an ideal gas depends only on properties of the initial state ($V_i$ and $T_i$) and properties of the final state ($V_f$ and $T_f$); $\Delta S$ does not depend on how the gas changes between the two states.

### Checkpoint 2

An ideal gas has temperature $T_i$ at the initial state $i$ shown in the $p$-$V$ diagram here. The gas has a higher temperature $T_f$ at final states $a$ and $b$, which it can reach along the paths shown. Is the entropy change along the path to state $a$ larger than, smaller than, or the same as that along the path to state $b$?

### Sample Problem 20.01  Entropy change of two blocks coming to thermal equilibrium

Figure 20-5a shows two identical copper blocks of mass $m = 1.5$ kg: block $L$ at temperature $T_{iL} = 60^\circ$C and block $R$ at temperature $T_{iR} = 20^\circ$C. The blocks are in a thermally insulated box and are separated by an insulating shutter. When we lift the shutter, the blocks eventually come to the equilibrium temperature $T_f = 40^\circ$C (Fig. 20-5b). What is the net entropy change of the two-block system during this irreversible process? The specific heat of copper is 386 J/kg $\cdot$ K.

#### KEY IDEA

To calculate the entropy change, we must find a reversible process that takes the system from the initial state of Fig. 20-5a to the final state of Fig. 20-5b. We can calculate the net entropy change $\Delta S_{rev}$ of the reversible process using Eq. 20-1, and then the entropy change for the irreversible process is equal to $\Delta S_{rev}$.

#### Calculations:

For the reversible process, we need a thermal reservoir whose temperature can be changed slowly (say, by turning a knob). We then take the blocks through the following two steps, illustrated in Fig. 20-6.

**Step 1:** With the reservoir’s temperature set at 60°C, put block $L$ on the reservoir. (Since block and reservoir are at the same temperature, they are already in thermal equilib-

**Step 2:** When we lift the shutter, the blocks exchange energy as heat and come to a final state, both with the same temperature $T_f$. When the shutter is removed, the blocks exchange energy as heat and come to a final state, both with the same temperature $T_f$.

Figure 20-5 (a) In the initial state, two copper blocks $L$ and $R$, identical except for their temperatures, are in an insulating box and are separated by an insulating shutter. (b) When the shutter is removed, the blocks exchange energy as heat and come to a final state, both with the same temperature $T_f$.

Figure 20-6 The blocks of Fig. 20-5 can proceed from their initial state to their final state in a reversible way if we use a reservoir with a controllable temperature (a) to extract heat reversibly from block $L$ and (b) to add heat reversively to block $R$. 
rium.) Then slowly lower the temperature of the reservoir and the block to 40°C. As the block’s temperature changes by each increment $dT$ during this process, energy $dQ$ is transferred as heat from the block to the reservoir. Using Eq. 18-14, we can write this transferred energy as $dQ = mc\,dT$, where $c$ is the specific heat of copper. According to Eq. 20-1, the entropy change $\Delta S_L$ of block $L$ during the full temperature change from initial temperature $T_{il}$ ($= 60°C = 333 \text{ K}$) to final temperature $T_f$ ($= 40°C = 313 \text{ K}$) is

$$\Delta S_L = mc \int_{T_{il}}^{T_f} \frac{dT}{T} = mc \ln \frac{T_f}{T_{il}}.$$  

Inserting the given data yields

$$\Delta S_L = (1.5 \text{ kg})(386 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{K}) \ln \frac{313 \text{ K}}{333 \text{ K}} = -35.86 \text{ J/K}.$$  

**Step 2:** With the reservoir’s temperature now set at 20°C, put block $R$ on the reservoir. Then slowly raise the temperature of the reservoir and the block to 40°C. With the same reasoning used to find $\Delta S_L$, you can show that the entropy change $\Delta S_R$ of block $R$ during this process is

$$\Delta S_R = (1.5 \text{ kg})(386 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{K}) \ln \frac{313 \text{ K}}{293 \text{ K}} = +38.23 \text{ J/K}.$$  

The net entropy change $\Delta S_{\text{rev}}$ of the two-block system undergoing this two-step reversible process is then

$$\Delta S_{\text{rev}} = \Delta S_L + \Delta S_R = -35.86 \text{ J/K} + 38.23 \text{ J/K} = 2.4 \text{ J/K}.$$  

Thus, the net entropy change $\Delta S_{\text{irrev}}$ for the two-block system undergoing the actual irreversible process is

$$\Delta S_{\text{irrev}} = \Delta S_{\text{rev}} = 2.4 \text{ J/K}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$  

This result is positive, in accordance with the entropy postulate.

### Sample Problem 20.02  Entropy change of a free expansion of a gas

Suppose 1.0 mol of nitrogen gas is confined to the left side of the container of Fig. 20-1a. You open the stopcock, and the volume of the gas doubles. What is the entropy change of the gas for this irreversible process? Treat the gas as ideal.

**KEY IDEAS**

(1) We can determine the entropy change for the irreversible process by calculating it for a reversible process that provides the same change in volume. (2) The temperature of the gas does not change in the free expansion. Thus, the reversible process should be an isothermal expansion—namely, the one of Figs. 20-3 and 20-4.

**Calculations:** From Table 19-4, the energy $Q$ added as heat to the gas as it expands isothermally at temperature $T$ from an initial volume $V_i$ to a final volume $V_f$ is

$$Q = nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i},$$  

in which $n$ is the number of moles of gas present. From Eq. 20-2 the entropy change for this reversible process in which the temperature is held constant is

$$\Delta S_{\text{rev}} = \frac{Q}{T} = \frac{nRT \ln(V_f/V_i)}{T} = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}.$$  

Substituting $n = 1.00 \text{ mol}$ and $V_f/V_i = 2$, we find

$$\Delta S_{\text{rev}} = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} = (1.00 \text{ mol})(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})(\ln 2) = +5.76 \text{ J/K}.$$  

Thus, the entropy change for the free expansion (and for all other processes that connect the initial and final states shown in Fig. 20-2) is

$$\Delta S_{\text{irrev}} = \Delta S_{\text{rev}} = +5.76 \text{ J/K}. \quad \text{(Answer)}$$  

Because $\Delta S$ is positive, the entropy increases, in accordance with the entropy postulate.

**The Second Law of Thermodynamics**

Here is a puzzle. In the process of going from (a) to (b) in Fig. 20-3, the entropy change of the gas (our system) is positive. However, because the process is reversible, we can also go from (b) to (a) by, say, gradually adding lead shot to the piston, to restore the initial gas volume. To maintain a constant temperature, we need to remove energy as heat, but that means $Q$ is negative and thus the entropy change is also. Doesn’t this entropy decrease violate the entropy postulate: en-
tropy always increases? No, because the postulate holds only for irreversible processes in closed systems. Here, the process is not irreversible and the system is not closed (because of the energy transferred to and from the reservoir as heat). However, if we include the reservoir, along with the gas, as part of the system, then we do have a closed system. Let’s check the change in entropy of the enlarged system gas + reservoir for the process that takes it from (b) to (a) in Fig. 20-3. During this reversible process, energy is transferred as heat from the gas to the reservoir — that is, from one part of the enlarged system to another. Let |\(Q|\) represent the absolute value (or magnitude) of this heat. With Eq. 20-2, we can then calculate separately the entropy changes for the gas (which loses |\(Q|\)) and the reservoir (which gains |\(Q|\)). We get

\[
\Delta S_{\text{gas}} = -\frac{|Q|}{T} \\
\Delta S_{\text{res}} = +\frac{|Q|}{T}.
\]

The entropy change of the closed system is the sum of these two quantities: 0.

With this result, we can modify the entropy postulate to include both reversible and irreversible processes:

If a process occurs in a closed system, the entropy of the system increases for irreversible processes and remains constant for reversible processes. It never decreases.

Although entropy may decrease in part of a closed system, there will always be an equal or larger entropy increase in another part of the system, so that the entropy of the system as a whole never decreases. This fact is one form of the second law of thermodynamics and can be written as

\[
\Delta S \geq 0 \quad \text{(second law of thermodynamics).} \tag{20-5}
\]

where the greater-than sign applies to irreversible processes and the equals sign to reversible processes. Equation 20-5 applies only to closed systems.

In the real world almost all processes are irreversible to some extent because of friction, turbulence, and other factors, so the entropy of real closed systems undergoing real processes always increases. Processes in which the system’s entropy remains constant are always idealizations.

**Force Due to Entropy**

To understand why rubber resists being stretched, let’s write the first law of thermodynamics

\[
dE = dQ - dW
\]

for a rubber band undergoing a small increase in length dx as we stretch it between our hands. The force from the rubber band has magnitude \(F\), is directed inward, and does work \(dW = -F \, dx\) during length increase \(dx\). From Eq. 20-2 (\(\Delta S = Q/T\)), small changes in \(Q\) and \(S\) at constant temperature are related by \(dS = dQ/T\), or \(dQ = T \, dS\). So, now we can rewrite the first law as

\[
dE = T \, dS + F \, dx. \tag{20-6}
\]

To good approximation, the change \(dE\) in the internal energy of rubber is 0 if the total stretch of the rubber band is not very much. Substituting 0 for \(dE\) in Eq. 20-6 leads us to an expression for the force from the rubber band:

\[
F = -T \frac{dS}{dx}. \tag{20-7}
\]
20-2 ENTROPY IN THE REAL WORLD: ENGINES

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

20.09 Identify that a heat engine is a device that extracts energy from its environment in the form of heat and does useful work and that in an ideal heat engine, all processes are reversible, with no wasteful energy transfers.

20.10 Sketch a p-V diagram for the cycle of a Carnot engine, indicating the direction of cycling, the nature of the processes involved, the work done during each process (including algebraic sign), the net work done in the cycle, and the heat transferred during each process (including algebraic sign).

20.11 Sketch a Carnot cycle on a temperature–entropy diagram, indicating the heat transfers.

20.12 Determine the net entropy change around a Carnot cycle.

20.13 Calculate the efficiency \( \varepsilon_C \) of a Carnot engine in terms of the heat transfers and also in terms of the temperatures of the reservoirs.

20.14 Identify that there are no perfect engines in which the energy transferred as heat \( Q \) from a high temperature reservoir goes entirely into the work \( W \) done by the engine.

20.15 Sketch a p-V diagram for the cycle of a Stirling engine, indicating the direction of cycling, the nature of the processes involved, the work done during each process (including algebraic sign), the net work done in the cycle, and the heat transfers during each process.

Key Ideas

- An engine is a device that, operating in a cycle, extracts energy as heat \( |Q_L| \) from a high-temperature reservoir and does a certain amount of work \( |W| \). The efficiency \( \varepsilon \) of any engine is defined as

\[
\varepsilon = \frac{\text{energy we get}}{\text{energy we pay for}} = \frac{|W|}{|Q_H|},
\]

- In an ideal engine, all processes are reversible and no wasteful energy transfers occur due to, say, friction and turbulence.

- A Carnot engine is an ideal engine that follows the cycle of Fig. 20-9. Its efficiency is

\[
\varepsilon_C = 1 - \frac{|Q_L|}{|Q_H|} = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H},
\]

in which \( T_H \) and \( T_L \) are the temperatures of the high- and low-temperature reservoirs, respectively. Real engines always have an efficiency lower than that of a Carnot engine. Ideal engines that are not Carnot engines also have efficiencies lower than that of a Carnot engine.

- A perfect engine is an imaginary engine in which energy extracted as heat from the high-temperature reservoir is converted completely to work. Such an engine violates the second law of thermodynamics, which can be restated as follows: No series of processes is possible whose sole result is the absorption of energy as heat from a thermal reservoir and the complete conversion of this energy to work.

Entropy in the Real World: Engines

A heat engine, or more simply, an engine, is a device that extracts energy from its environment in the form of heat and does useful work. At the heart of every engine is a working substance. In a steam engine, the working substance is water,
in both its vapor and its liquid form. In an automobile engine the working substance is a gasoline–air mixture. If an engine is to do work on a sustained basis, the working substance must operate in a cycle; that is, the working substance must pass through a closed series of thermodynamic processes, called strokes, returning again and again to each state in its cycle. Let us see what the laws of thermodynamics can tell us about the operation of engines.

A Carnot Engine

We have seen that we can learn much about real gases by analyzing an ideal gas, which obeys the simple law $pV = nRT$. Although an ideal gas does not exist, any real gas approaches ideal behavior if its density is low enough. Similarly, we can study real engines by analyzing the behavior of an ideal engine.

In an ideal engine, all processes are reversible and no wasteful energy transfers occur due to, say, friction and turbulence.

We shall focus on a particular ideal engine called a Carnot engine after the French scientist and engineer N. L. Sadi Carnot (pronounced “car-no”), who first proposed the engine’s concept in 1824. This ideal engine turns out to be the best (in principle) at using energy as heat to do useful work. Surprisingly, Carnot was able to analyze the performance of this engine before the first law of thermodynamics and the concept of entropy had been discovered.

Figure 20-8 shows schematically the operation of a Carnot engine. During each cycle of the engine, the working substance absorbs energy $Q_H$ as heat from a thermal reservoir at constant temperature $T_H$ and discharges energy $Q_L$ as heat to a second thermal reservoir at a constant lower temperature $T_L$.

Figure 20-9 shows a $p$-$V$ plot of the Carnot cycle—the cycle followed by the working substance. As indicated by the arrows, the cycle is traversed in the clockwise direction. Imagine the working substance to be a gas, confined to an insulating cylinder with a weighted, movable piston. The cylinder may be placed at will on either of the two thermal reservoirs, as in Fig. 20-6, or on an insulating slab. Figure 20-9a shows that, if we place the cylinder in contact with the high-temperature reservoir at temperature $T_H$, heat $Q_H$ is transferred to the working substance from this reservoir as the gas undergoes an isothermal expansion from volume $V_a$ to volume $V_b$. Similarly, with the working substance in contact with the low-temperature reservoir at temperature $T_L$, heat $Q_L$ is transferred from the working substance to the low-temperature reservoir at temperature $T_L$. Work $W$ is done by the engine (actually by the working substance) on something in the environment.
the working substance to the low-temperature reservoir as the gas undergoes an isothermal compression from volume \( V_a \) to volume \( V_d \) (Fig. 20-9b).

In the engine of Fig. 20-8, we assume that heat transfers to or from the working substance can take place only during the isothermal processes \( ab \) and \( cd \) of Fig. 20-9. Therefore, processes \( bc \) and \( da \) in that figure, which connect the two isotherms at temperatures \( T_H \) and \( T_L \), must be (reversible) adiabatic processes; that is, they must be processes in which no energy is transferred as heat. To ensure this, during processes \( bc \) and \( da \) the cylinder is placed on an insulating slab as the volume of the working substance is changed.

During the processes \( ab \) and \( bc \) of Fig. 20-9a, the working substance is expanding and thus doing positive work as it raises the weighted piston. This work is represented in Fig. 20-9a by the area under curve \( abc \). During the processes \( cd \) and \( da \) (Fig. 20-9b), the working substance is being compressed, which means that it is doing negative work on its environment or, equivalently, that its environment is doing work on it as the loaded piston descends. This work is represented by the area under curve \( cda \). The net work per cycle, which is represented by \( W \) in both Figs. 20-8 and 20-9, is the difference between these two areas and is a positive quantity equal to the area enclosed by cycle \( abcd \) in Fig. 20-9. This work \( W \) is performed on some outside object, such as a load to be lifted.

Equation 20-1 \( (\Delta S = \int \frac{dQ}{T}) \) tells us that any energy transfer as heat must involve a change in entropy. To see this for a Carnot engine, we can plot the Carnot cycle on a temperature–entropy \((T-S)\) diagram as in Fig. 20-10. The lettered points \( a, b, c, \) and \( d \) there correspond to the lettered points in the \( p-V \) diagram in Fig. 20-9. The two horizontal lines in Fig. 20-10 correspond to the two isothermal processes of the cycle. Process \( ab \) is the isothermal expansion of the cycle. As the working substance (reversibly) absorbs energy \( |Q_H| \) as heat at constant temperature \( T_H \) during the expansion, its entropy increases. Similarly, during the isothermal compression \( cd \), the working substance (reversibly) loses energy \( |Q_L| \) as heat at constant temperature \( T_L \), and its entropy decreases.

The two vertical lines in Fig. 20-10 correspond to the two adiabatic processes of the Carnot cycle. Because no energy is transferred as heat during the two processes, the entropy of the working substance is constant during them.

**The Work** To calculate the net work done by a Carnot engine during a cycle, let us apply Eq. 18-26, the first law of thermodynamics \( (\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W) \), to the working substance. That substance must return again and again to any arbitrarily selected state in the cycle. Thus, if \( X \) represents any state property of the working substance, such as pressure, temperature, volume, internal energy, or entropy, we must have \( \Delta X = 0 \) for every cycle. It follows that \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0 \) for a complete cycle of the working substance. Recalling that \( Q \) in Eq. 18-26 is the net heat transfer per cycle and \( W \) is the net work, we can write the first law of thermodynamics for the Carnot cycle as

\[
W = |Q_H| - |Q_L| \tag{20-8}
\]

**Entropy Changes** In a Carnot engine, there are two (and only two) reversible energy transfers as heat, and thus two changes in the entropy of the working substance — one at temperature \( T_H \) and one at \( T_L \). The net entropy change per cycle is then

\[
\Delta S = \Delta S_H + \Delta S_L = \frac{|Q_H|}{T_H} - \frac{|Q_L|}{T_L} \tag{20-9}
\]

Here \( \Delta S_H \) is positive because energy \( |Q_H| \) is added to the working substance as heat (an increase in entropy) and \( \Delta S_L \) is negative because energy \( |Q_L| \) is removed from the working substance as heat (a decrease in entropy). Because entropy is a state function, we must have \( \Delta S = 0 \) for a complete cycle. Putting \( \Delta S = 0 \) in Eq. 20-9 requires that

\[
\frac{|Q_H|}{T_H} = -\frac{|Q_L|}{T_L} \tag{20-10}
\]

Note that, because \( T_H > T_L \), we must have \( |Q_H| > |Q_L| \); that is, more energy is
extracted as heat from the high-temperature reservoir than is delivered to the low-temperature reservoir.

We shall now derive an expression for the efficiency of a Carnot engine.

### Efficiency of a Carnot Engine

The purpose of any engine is to transform as much of the extracted energy $Q_H$ into work as possible. We measure its success in doing so by its **thermal efficiency** $\varepsilon$, defined as the work the engine does per cycle (“energy we get”) divided by the energy it absorbs as heat per cycle (“energy we pay for”):

$$
\varepsilon = \frac{\text{energy we get}}{\text{energy we pay for}} = \frac{|W|}{|Q_H|} \quad \text{(efficiency, any engine).}
$$

(20-11)

For a Carnot engine we can substitute for $W$ from Eq. 20-8 to write Eq. 20-11 as

$$
\varepsilon_C = \frac{|Q_H| - |Q_L|}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{|Q_L|}{|Q_H|}.
$$

(20-12)

Using Eq. 20-10 we can write this as

$$
\varepsilon_C = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H} \quad \text{(efficiency, Carnot engine).}
$$

(20-13)

where the temperatures $T_L$ and $T_H$ are in kelvins. Because $T_L < T_H$, the Carnot engine necessarily has a thermal efficiency less than unity—that is, less than 100%. This is indicated in Fig. 20-8, which shows that only part of the energy extracted as heat from the high-temperature reservoir is available to do work, and the rest is delivered to the low-temperature reservoir. We shall show in Module 20-3 that no real engine can have a thermal efficiency greater than that calculated from Eq. 20-13.

Inventors continually try to improve engine efficiency by reducing the energy $|Q_L|$ that is “thrown away” during each cycle. The inventor’s dream is to produce the **perfect engine**, diagrammed in Fig. 20-11, in which $|Q_L|$ is reduced to zero and $|Q_H|$ is converted completely into work. Such an engine on an ocean liner, for example, could extract energy as heat from the water and use it to drive the propellers, with no fuel cost. An automobile fitted with such an engine could extract energy as heat from the surrounding air and use it to drive the car, again with no fuel cost. Alas, a perfect engine is only a dream: Inspection of Eq. 20-13 shows that we can achieve 100% engine efficiency (that is, $\varepsilon = 1$) only if $T_L = 0$ or $T_H \to \infty$, impossible requirements. Instead, experience gives the following alternative version of the second law of thermodynamics, which says in short, there are no perfect engines:

No series of processes is possible whose sole result is the transfer of energy as heat from a thermal reservoir and the complete conversion of this energy to work.

To summarize: The thermal efficiency given by Eq. 20-13 applies only to Carnot engines. Real engines, in which the processes that form the engine cycle are not reversible, have lower efficiencies. If your car were powered by a Carnot engine, it would have an efficiency of about 55% according to Eq. 20-13; its actual efficiency is probably about 25%. A nuclear power plant (Fig. 20-12), taken in its entirety, is an engine. It extracts energy as heat from a reactor core, does work by means of a turbine, and discharges energy as heat to a nearby river. If the power plant operated as a Carnot engine, its efficiency would be about 40%; its actual efficiency is about 30%. In designing engines of any type, there is simply no way to beat the efficiency limitation imposed by Eq. 20-13.
Stirling Engine

Equation 20-13 applies not to all ideal engines but only to those that can be represented as in Fig. 20-9—that is, to Carnot engines. For example, Fig. 20-13 shows the operating cycle of an ideal Stirling engine. Comparison with the Carnot cycle of Fig. 20-9 shows that each engine has isothermal heat transfers at temperatures $T_H$ and $T_L$. However, the two isotherms of the Stirling engine cycle are connected, not by adiabatic processes as for the Carnot engine but by constant-volume processes. To increase the temperature of a gas at constant volume reversibly from $T_L$ to $T_H$ (process $da$ of Fig. 20-13) requires a transfer of energy as heat to the working substance from a thermal reservoir whose temperature can be varied smoothly between those limits. Also, a reverse transfer is required in process $bc$. Thus, reversible heat transfers (and corresponding entropy changes) occur in all four of the processes that form the cycle of a Stirling engine, not just two processes as in a Carnot engine. Thus, the derivation that led to Eq. 20-13 does not apply to an ideal Stirling engine. More important, the efficiency of an ideal Stirling engine is lower than that of a Carnot engine operating between the same two temperatures. Real Stirling engines have even lower efficiencies.

The Stirling engine was developed in 1816 by Robert Stirling. This engine, long neglected, is now being developed for use in automobiles and spacecraft. A Stirling engine delivering 5000 hp (3.7 MW) has been built. Because they are quiet, Stirling engines are used on some military submarines.

Sample Problem 20.03  Carnot engine, efficiency, power, entropy changes

Imagine a Carnot engine that operates between the temperatures $T_H = 850$ K and $T_L = 300$ K. The engine performs 1200 J of work each cycle, which takes 0.25 s.

(a) What is the efficiency of this engine?

**KEY IDEA**

The efficiency $\varepsilon$ of a Carnot engine depends only on the ratio $T_L/T_H$ of the temperatures (in kelvins) of the thermal reservoirs to which it is connected.

**Calculation:** Thus, from Eq. 20-13, we have

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H} = 1 - \frac{300 \text{ K}}{850 \text{ K}} = 0.647 \approx 65\%.$$  \quad (Answer)

(b) What is the average power of this engine?

**KEY IDEA**

The average power $P$ of an engine is the ratio of the work $W$ it does per cycle to the time $t$ that each cycle takes.

**Calculation:** For this Carnot engine, we find

$$P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{1200 \text{ J}}{0.25 \text{ s}} = 4800 \text{ W} = 4.8 \text{ kW}. \quad (Answer)$$

(c) How much energy $|Q_H|$ is extracted as heat from the high-temperature reservoir every cycle?

**KEY IDEA**

The efficiency $\varepsilon$ is the ratio of the work $W$ that is done per cycle to the energy $|Q_H|$ that is extracted as heat from the high-temperature reservoir per cycle ($\varepsilon = W/|Q_H|$).

**Calculation:** Here we have

$$|Q_H| = \frac{W}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1200 \text{ J}}{0.647} = 1855 \text{ J}. \quad (Answer)$$

(d) How much energy $|Q_L|$ is delivered as heat to the low-temperature reservoir every cycle?

**KEY IDEA**

For a Carnot engine, the work $W$ done per cycle is equal to the difference in the energy transfers as heat: $|Q_H| - |Q_L|$, as in Eq. 20-8.

**Calculation:** Thus, we have

$$|Q_L| = |Q_H| - W = 1855 \text{ J} - 1200 \text{ J} = 655 \text{ J}. \quad (Answer)$$
(e) By how much does the entropy of the working substance change as a result of the energy transferred to it from the high-temperature reservoir? From it to the low-temperature reservoir?

**KEY IDEA**

The entropy change $\Delta S$ during a transfer of energy as heat $Q$ at constant temperature $T$ is given by Eq. 20-2 (\(\Delta S = Q/T\)).

**Calculations:** Thus, for the positive transfer of energy $Q_H$ from the high-temperature reservoir at $T_H$, the change in the entropy of the working substance is

\[
\Delta S_H = \frac{Q_H}{T_H} = \frac{1855 \text{ J}}{850 \text{ K}} = +2.18 \text{ J/K}. \quad \text{Answer}
\]

Similarly, for the negative transfer of energy $Q_L$ to the low-temperature reservoir at $T_L$, we have

\[
\Delta S_L = \frac{Q_L}{T_L} = \frac{-655 \text{ J}}{300 \text{ K}} = -2.18 \text{ J/K}. \quad \text{Answer}
\]

Note that the net entropy change of the working substance for one cycle is zero, as we discussed in deriving Eq. 20-10.

### Sample Problem 20.04  Impossibly efficient engine

An inventor claims to have constructed an engine that has an efficiency of 75% when operated between the boiling and freezing points of water. Is this possible?

**KEY IDEA**

The efficiency of a real engine must be less than the efficiency of a Carnot engine operating between the same two temperatures.

**Calculation:** From Eq. 20-13, we find that the efficiency of a Carnot engine operating between the boiling and freezing points of water is

\[
\varepsilon = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H} = 1 - \frac{(0 + 273) \text{ K}}{(100 + 273) \text{ K}} = 0.268 \approx 27\%.
\]

Thus, for the given temperatures, the claimed efficiency of 75% for a real engine (with its irreversible processes and wasteful energy transfers) is impossible.
Entropy in the Real World: Refrigerators

A **refrigerator** is a device that uses work in order to transfer energy from a low-temperature reservoir to a high-temperature reservoir as the device continuously repeats a set series of thermodynamic processes. In a household refrigerator, for example, work is done by an electrical compressor to transfer energy from the food storage compartment (a low-temperature reservoir) to the room (a high-temperature reservoir).

Air conditioners and heat pumps are also refrigerators. For an air conditioner, the low-temperature reservoir is the room that is to be cooled and the high-temperature reservoir is the warmer outdoors. A heat pump is an air conditioner that can be operated in reverse to heat a room; the room is the high-temperature reservoir, and heat is transferred to it from the cooler outdoors.

Let us consider an **ideal refrigerator**:

In an ideal refrigerator, all processes are reversible and no wasteful energy transfers occur as a result of, say, friction and turbulence.

Figure 20-14 shows the basic elements of an ideal refrigerator. Note that its operation is the reverse of how the Carnot engine of Fig. 20-8 operates. In other words, all the energy transfers, as either heat or work, are reversed from those of a Carnot engine. We can call such an ideal refrigerator a **Carnot refrigerator**.

The designer of a refrigerator would like to extract as much energy \( |Q_L| \) as possible from the low-temperature reservoir (what we want) for the least amount of work \( |W| \) (what we pay for). A measure of the efficiency of a refrigerator, then, is

\[
K = \frac{\text{what we want}}{\text{what we pay for}} = \frac{|Q_L|}{|W|} \quad \text{(coefficient of performance, any refrigerator),} \tag{20-14}
\]

where \( K \) is called the **coefficient of performance**. For a Carnot refrigerator, the first law of thermodynamics gives \( |W| = |Q_H| - |Q_L| \), where \( |Q_H| \) is the magnitude of the energy transferred as heat to the high-temperature reservoir. Equation 20-14 then becomes

\[
K_C = \frac{|Q_L|}{|Q_H| - |Q_L|}. \tag{20-15}
\]

Because a Carnot refrigerator is a Carnot engine operating in reverse, we can combine Eq. 20-10 with Eq. 20-15; after some algebra we find

\[
K_C = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L} \quad \text{(coefficient of performance, Carnot refrigerator).} \tag{20-16}
\]

For typical room air conditioners, \( K \approx 2.5 \). For household refrigerators, \( K \approx 5 \). Perversely, the value of \( K \) is higher the closer the temperatures of the two reservoirs are to each other. That is why heat pumps are more effective in temperate climates than in very cold climates.

It would be nice to own a refrigerator that did not require some input of work—that is, one that would run without being plugged in. Figure 20-15 represents another “inventor’s dream,” a **perfect refrigerator** that transfers energy as heat \( Q \) from a cold reservoir to a warm reservoir without the need for work. Because the unit operates in cycles, the entropy of the working substance does not change during a complete cycle. The entropies of the two reservoirs, however, do change: The entropy change for the cold reservoir is \(-|Q|/T_L\), and that for the warm reservoir is \(+|Q|/T_H\). Thus, the net entropy change for the entire system is

\[
\Delta S = -\frac{|Q|}{T_L} + \frac{|Q|}{T_H}.
\]
Because \( T_H > T_L \), the right side of this equation is negative and thus the net change in entropy per cycle for the closed system refrigeration + reservoirs is also negative. Because such a decrease in entropy violates the second law of thermodynamics (Eq. 20-5), a perfect refrigerator does not exist. (If you want your refrigerator to operate, you must plug it in.)

Here, then, is another way to state the second law of thermodynamics:

No series of processes is possible whose sole result is the transfer of energy as heat from a reservoir at a given temperature to a reservoir at a higher temperature.

In short, there are no perfect refrigerators.

**Checkpoint 4**

You wish to increase the coefficient of performance of an ideal refrigerator. You can do so by (a) running the cold chamber at a slightly higher temperature, (b) running the cold chamber at a slightly lower temperature, (c) moving the unit to a slightly warmer room, or (d) moving it to a slightly cooler room. The magnitudes of the temperature changes are to be the same in all four cases. List the changes according to the resulting coefficients of performance, greatest first.

The Efficiencies of Real Engines

Let \( \varepsilon_C \) be the efficiency of a Carnot engine operating between two given temperatures. Here we prove that no real engine operating between those temperatures can have an efficiency greater than \( \varepsilon_C \). If it could, the engine would violate the second law of thermodynamics.

Let us assume that an inventor, working in her garage, has constructed an engine \( X \), which she claims has an efficiency \( \varepsilon_X \) that is greater than \( \varepsilon_C \):

\[
\varepsilon_X > \varepsilon_C \quad \text{(a claim)}.
\]

Let us couple engine \( X \) to a Carnot refrigerator, as in Fig. 20-16a. We adjust the strokes of the Carnot refrigerator so that the work it requires per cycle is just equal to that provided by engine \( X \). Thus, no (external) work is performed on or by the combination engine + refrigerator of Fig. 20-16a, which we take as our system.

If Eq. 20-17 is true, from the definition of efficiency (Eq. 20-11), we must have

\[
\frac{|W|}{|Q_H|} > \frac{|W|}{|Q_H'|},
\]

where the prime refers to engine \( X \) and the right side of the inequality is the efficiency of the Carnot refrigerator when it operates as an engine. This inequality requires that

\[
|Q_H| > |Q_H'|.
\]

**Figure 20-16** (a) Engine \( X \) drives a Carnot refrigerator. (b) If, as claimed, engine \( X \) is more efficient than a Carnot engine, then the combination shown in (a) is equivalent to the perfect refrigerator shown here. This violates the second law of thermodynamics, so we conclude that engine \( X \) cannot be more efficient than a Carnot engine.
Because the work done by engine \( X \) is equal to the work done on the Carnot refrigerator, we have, from the first law of thermodynamics as given by Eq. 20-8,

\[
|Q_H| - |Q_L| = |Q_H| - |Q_L|,
\]

which we can write as

\[
|Q_H| - |Q_H'| = |Q_L| - |Q_L'| = Q. \tag{20-19}
\]

Because of Eq. 20-18, the quantity \( Q \) in Eq. 20-19 must be positive.

Comparison of Eq. 20-19 with Fig. 20-16 shows that the net effect of engine \( X \) and the Carnot refrigerator working in combination is to transfer energy \( Q \) as heat from a low-temperature reservoir to a high-temperature reservoir without the requirement of work. Thus, the combination acts like the perfect refrigerator of Fig. 20-15, whose existence is a violation of the second law of thermodynamics.

Something must be wrong with one or more of our assumptions, and it can only be Eq. 20-17. We conclude that no real engine can have an efficiency greater than that of a Carnot engine when both engines work between the same two temperatures. At most, the real engine can have an efficiency equal to that of a Carnot engine. In that case, the real engine is a Carnot engine.

20-4 A STATISTICAL VIEW OF ENTROPY

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

20.21 Explain what is meant by the configurations of a system of molecules.
20.22 Calculate the multiplicity of a given configuration.
20.23 Identify that all microstates are equally probable but the configurations with more microstates are more probable than the other configurations.
20.24 Apply Boltzmann’s entropy equation to calculate the entropy associated with a multiplicity.

Key Ideas

- The entropy of a system can be defined in terms of the possible distributions of its molecules. For identical molecules, each possible distribution of molecules is called a microstate of the system. All equivalent microstates are grouped into a configuration of the system. The number of microstates in a configuration is the multiplicity \( W \) of the configuration.
- For a system of \( N \) molecules that may be distributed between the two halves of a box, the multiplicity is given by

\[
W = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2!},
\]

in which \( n_1 \) is the number of molecules in one half of the box and \( n_2 \) is the number in the other half. A basic assumption of statistical mechanics is that all the microstates are equally probable.

Thus, configurations with a large multiplicity occur most often. When \( N \) is very large (say, \( N = 10^{22} \) molecules or more), the molecules are nearly always in the configuration in which \( n_1 = n_2 \).

- The multiplicity \( W \) of a configuration of a system and the entropy \( S \) of the system in that configuration are related by Boltzmann’s entropy equation:

\[
S = k \ln W,
\]

where \( k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \) J/K is the Boltzmann constant.

- When \( N \) is very large (the usual case), we can approximate \( \ln N! \) with Stirling’s approximation:

\[
\ln N! \approx N(\ln N) - N.
\]

A Statistical View of Entropy

In Chapter 19 we saw that the macroscopic properties of gases can be explained in terms of their microscopic, or molecular, behavior. Such explanations are part of a study called statistical mechanics. Here we shall focus our attention on a single problem, one involving the distribution of gas molecules between the two halves of an insulated box. This problem is reasonably simple to analyze, and it allows us to use statistical mechanics to calculate the entropy change for the free expansion of an ideal gas. You will see that statistical mechanics leads to the same entropy change as we would find using thermodynamics.
Figure 20-17 shows a box that contains six identical (and thus indistinguishable) molecules of a gas. At any instant, a given molecule will be in either the left or the right half of the box; because the two halves have equal volumes, the molecule has the same likelihood, or probability, of being in either half.

Table 20-1 shows the seven possible configurations of the six molecules, each configuration labeled with a Roman numeral. For example, in configuration I, all six molecules are in the left half of the box \((n_1 = 6)\) and none are in the right half \((n_2 = 0)\). We see that, in general, a given configuration can be achieved in a number of different ways. We call these different arrangements of the molecules microstates. Let us see how to calculate the number of microstates that correspond to a given configuration.

Suppose we have \(N\) molecules, distributed with \(n_1\) molecules in one half of the box and \(n_2\) in the other. (Thus \(n_1 + n_2 = N\).) Let us imagine that we distribute the molecules “by hand,” one at a time. If \(N = 6\), we can select the first molecule in six independent ways; that is, we can pick any one of the six molecules. We pick the second molecule in five ways, by picking any one of the remaining five molecules; and so on. The total number of ways in which we can select all six molecules is the product of these independent ways, or \(6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 720\). In mathematical shorthand we write this product as \(6!\), where 6! is pronounced “six factorial.” Your hand calculator can probably calculate factorials. For later use you will need to know that \(0! = 1\). (Check this on your calculator.)

However, because the molecules are indistinguishable, these 720 arrangements are not all different. In the case that \(n_1 = 4\) and \(n_2 = 2\) (which is configuration III in Table 20-1), for example, the order in which you put four molecules in one half of the box does not matter, because after you have put all four in, there is no way that you can tell the order in which you did so. The number of ways in which you can order the four molecules is \(4! = 24\). Similarly, the number of ways in which you can order two molecules for the other half of the box is simply \(2! = 2\). To get the number of different arrangements that lead to the (4, 2) split of configuration III, we must divide 720 by 24 and also by 2. We call the resulting quantity, which is the number of microstates that correspond to a given configuration, the multiplicity \(W\) of that configuration. Thus, for configuration III,

\[
W_{III} = \frac{6!}{4! \cdot 2!} = \frac{720}{24 \times 2} = 15.
\]

Thus, Table 20-1 tells us there are 15 independent microstates that correspond to configuration III. Note that, as the table also tells us, the total number of microstates for six molecules distributed over the seven configurations is 64.

Extrapolating from six molecules to the general case of \(N\) molecules, we have

\[
W = \frac{N!}{n_1! \cdot n_2!} \quad \text{(multiplicity of configuration)}. \tag{20-20}
\]

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Total = 64
All microstates are equally probable.

In other words, if we were to take a great many snapshots of the six molecules as they jostle around in the box of Fig. 20-17 and then count the number of times each microstate occurred, we would find that all 64 microstates would occur equally often. Thus the system will spend, on average, the same amount of time in each of the 64 microstates.

Because all microstates are equally probable but different configurations have different numbers of microstates, the configurations are not all equally probable. In Table 20-1 configuration IV, with 20 microstates, is the most probable configuration, with a probability of \( \frac{20}{64} = 0.313 \). This result means that the system is in configuration IV 31.3% of the time. Configurations I and VII, in which all the molecules are in one half of the box, are the least probable, each with a probability of \( \frac{1}{64} = 0.016 \) or 1.6%. It is not surprising that the most probable configuration is the one in which the molecules are evenly divided between the two halves of the box, because that is what we expect at thermal equilibrium. However, it is surprising that there is any probability, however small, of finding all six molecules clustered in half of the box, with the other half empty.

For large values of \( N \) there are extremely large numbers of microstates, but nearly all the microstates belong to the configuration in which the molecules are divided equally between the two halves of the box, as Fig. 20-18 indicates. Even though the measured temperature and pressure of the gas remain constant, the gas is churning away endlessly as its molecules “visit” all probable microstates with equal probability. However, because so few microstates lie outside the very narrow central configuration peak of Fig. 20-18, we might as well assume that the gas molecules are always divided equally between the two halves of the box. As we shall see, this is the configuration with the greatest entropy.

**Sample Problem 20.05  Microstates and multiplicity**

Suppose that there are 100 indistinguishable molecules in the box of Fig. 20-17. How many microstates are associated with the configuration \( n_1 = 50 \) and \( n_2 = 50 \), and with the configuration \( n_1 = 100 \) and \( n_2 = 0 \)? Interpret the results in terms of the relative probabilities of the two configurations.

**KEY IDEA**

The multiplicity \( W \) of a configuration of indistinguishable molecules in a closed box is the number of independent microstates with that configuration, as given by Eq. 20-20.

**Calculations:** Thus, for the \((n_1, n_2)\) configuration \((50, 50)\),

\[
W = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2!} = \frac{100!}{50! 50!} = \frac{9.33 \times 10^{57}}{(3.04 \times 10^{64})(3.04 \times 10^{64})} = 1.01 \times 10^{29}. \tag{Answer}
\]

Similarly, for the configuration \((100, 0)\), we have

\[
W = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2!} = \frac{100!}{100! 0!} = \frac{1}{0!} = 1. \tag{Answer}
\]

**The meaning:** Thus, a 50–50 distribution is more likely than a 100–0 distribution by the enormous factor of about \( 1 \times 10^{29} \). If you could count, at one per nanosecond, the number of microstates that correspond to the 50–50 distribution, it would take you about \( 3 \times 10^{12} \) years, which is about 200 times longer than the age of the universe. Keep in mind that the 100 molecules used in this sample problem is a very small number. Imagine what these calculated probabilities would be like for a mole of molecules, say about \( N = 10^{24} \). Thus, you need never worry about suddenly finding all the air molecules clustering in one corner of your room, with you gasping for air in another corner. So, you can breathe easy because of the physics of entropy.
## Probability and Entropy

In 1877, Austrian physicist Ludwig Boltzmann (the Boltzmann of Boltzmann’s constant $k$) derived a relationship between the entropy $S$ of a configuration of a gas and the multiplicity $W$ of that configuration. That relationship is

$$S = k \ln W \quad \text{(Boltzmann's entropy equation).} \quad (20-21)$$

This famous formula is engraved on Boltzmann’s tombstone.

It is natural that $S$ and $W$ should be related by a logarithmic function. The total entropy of two systems is the sum of their separate entropies. The probability of occurrence of two independent systems is the product of their separate probabilities. Because $\ln ab = \ln a + \ln b$, the logarithm seems the logical way to connect these quantities.

Table 20-1 displays the entropies of the configurations of the six-molecule system of Fig. 20-17, computed using Eq. 20-21. Configuration IV, which has the greatest multiplicity, also has the greatest entropy.

When you use Eq. 20-20 to calculate $W$, your calculator may signal “OVERFLOW” if you try to find the factorial of a number greater than a few hundred. Instead, you can use Stirling’s approximation for $\ln N!$:

$$\ln N! \approx N(\ln N) - N \quad \text{(Stirling’s approximation).} \quad (20-22)$$

The Stirling of this approximation was an English mathematician and not the Robert Stirling of engine fame.

### Checkpoint 5

A box contains 1 mol of a gas. Consider two configurations: (a) each half of the box contains half the molecules and (b) each third of the box contains one-third of the molecules. Which configuration has more microstates?

### Sample Problem 20.06  Entropy change of free expansion using microstates

In Sample Problem 20.01, we showed that when $n$ moles of an ideal gas doubles its volume in a free expansion, the entropy increase from the initial state $i$ to the final state $f$ is $S_f - S_i = nR \ln 2$. Derive this increase in entropy by using statistical mechanics.

**KEY IDEA**

We can relate the entropy $S$ of any given configuration of the molecules in the gas to the multiplicity $W$ of microstates for that configuration, using Eq. 20-21 ($S = k \ln W$).

**Calculations:** We are interested in two configurations: the final configuration $f$ (with the molecules occupying the full volume of their container in Fig. 20-1b) and the initial configuration $i$ (with the molecules occupying the left half of the container). Because the molecules are in a closed container, we can calculate the multiplicity $W$ of their microstates with Eq. 20-20. Here we have $N$ molecules in the $n$ moles of the gas. Initially, with the molecules all in the left half of the container, their $(n_1, n_2)$ configuration is $(N, 0)$. Then, Eq. 20-20 gives their multiplicity as

$$W_i = \frac{N!}{N! 0!} = 1.$$ 

Finally, with the molecules spread through the full volume, their $(n_1, n_2)$ configuration is $(N/2, N/2)$. Then, Eq. 20-20 gives their multiplicity as

$$W_f = \frac{N!}{(N/2)! (N/2)!}.$$ 

From Eq. 20-21, the initial and final entropies are

$$S_i = k \ln W_i = k \ln 1 = 0$$

and

$$S_f = k \ln W_f = k \ln(N!) - 2k \ln[(N/2)!]. \quad (20-23)$$

In writing Eq. 20-23, we have used the relation

$$\ln \frac{a}{b^2} = \ln a - 2 \ln b.$$
Now, applying Eq. 20-22 to evaluate Eq. 20-23, we find that
\[
S_f = k \ln(N) - 2k \ln((N/2)!) \\
= k[N(\ln N) - N] - 2k[(N/2) \ln(N/2) - (N/2)] \\
= k[N(\ln N) - N - N \ln(N/2) + N] \\
= k[N(\ln N) - N(\ln N - \ln 2)] = nk \ln 2. \quad (20-24)
\]
From Eq. 19-8 we can substitute \( nR \) for \( nk \), where \( R \) is the universal gas constant. Equation 20-24 then becomes
\[
S_f = nR \ln 2.
\]
The change in entropy from the initial state to the final is thus
\[
S_f - S_i = nR \ln 2 - 0 \\
= nR \ln 2, \quad \text{(Answer)}
\]
which is what we set out to show. In the first sample problem of this chapter we calculated this entropy increase for a free expansion with thermodynamics by finding an equivalent reversible process and calculating the entropy change for that process in terms of temperature and heat transfer. In this sample problem, we calculate the same increase in entropy with statistical mechanics using the fact that the system consists of molecules. In short, the two, very different approaches give the same answer.

### Review & Summary

#### One-Way Processes
An irreversible process is one that cannot be reversed by means of small changes in the environment. The direction in which an irreversible process proceeds is set by the change in entropy \( \Delta S \) of the system undergoing the process. Entropy \( S \) is a state property (or state function) of the system; that is, it depends only on the state of the system and not on the way in which the system reached that state. The entropy postulate states (in part): If an irreversible process occurs in a closed system, the entropy of the system always increases.

#### Calculating Entropy Change
The entropy change \( \Delta S \) for an irreversible process that takes a system from an initial state \( i \) to a final state \( f \) is exactly equal to the entropy change \( \Delta S \) for any reversible process that takes the system between those same two states. We can compute the latter (but not the former) with
\[
\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \int_i^f \frac{Q}{T} \, dT. \quad (20-1)
\]
Here \( Q \) is the energy transferred as heat to or from the system during the process, and \( T \) is the temperature of the system in kelvins during the process.

For a reversible isothermal process, Eq. 20-1 reduces to
\[
\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \frac{Q}{T}. \quad (20-2)
\]
When the temperature change \( \Delta T \) of a system is small relative to the temperature (in kelvins) before and after the process, the entropy change can be approximated as
\[
\Delta S = S_f - S_i \approx \frac{Q}{T_{\text{avg}}}, \quad (20-3)
\]
where \( T_{\text{avg}} \) is the system’s average temperature during the process.

When an ideal gas changes reversibly from an initial state with temperature \( T_i \) and volume \( V_i \) to a final state with temperature \( T_f \) and volume \( V_f \), the change \( \Delta S \) in the entropy of the gas is
\[
\Delta S = S_f - S_i = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} + nC_v \ln \frac{T_f}{T_i}. \quad (20-4)
\]

#### The Second Law of Thermodynamics
This law, which is an extension of the entropy postulate, states: If a process occurs in a closed system, the entropy of the system increases for irreversible processes and remains constant for reversible processes. It never decreases. In equation form,
\[
\Delta S \geq 0. \quad (20-5)
\]

#### Engines
An engine is a device that, operating in a cycle, extracts energy as heat \( |Q_L| \) from a high-temperature reservoir and does a certain amount of work \( |W| \). The efficiency \( e \) of any engine is defined as
\[
e = \frac{\text{energy we get}}{\text{energy we pay for}} = \frac{|W|}{|Q_L|}. \quad (20-11)
\]
In an ideal engine, all processes are reversible and no wasteful energy transfers occur due to, say, friction and turbulence. A Carnot engine is an ideal engine that follows the cycle of Fig. 20-9. Its efficiency is
\[
e_C = 1 - \frac{|Q_L|}{|Q_H|} = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}. \quad (20-12, 20-13)
\]
in which \( T_H \) and \( T_L \) are the temperatures of the high- and low-temperature reservoirs, respectively. Real engines always have an efficiency lower than that given by Eq. 20-13. Ideal engines that are not Carnot engines also have lower efficiencies.

A perfect engine is an imaginary engine in which energy extracted as heat from the high-temperature reservoir is converted completely to work. Such an engine would violate the second law of thermodynamics, which can be restated as follows: No series of processes is possible whose sole result is the absorption of energy as heat from a thermal reservoir and the complete conversion of this energy to work.

#### Refrigerators
A refrigerator is a device that, operating in a cycle, has work \( W \) done on it as it extracts energy \( |Q_L| \) as heat from a low-temperature reservoir. The coefficient of performance \( K \) of a refrigerator is defined as
\[
K = \frac{\text{what we want}}{\text{what we pay for}} = \frac{|Q_L|}{|W|}. \quad (20-14)
\]
A Carnot refrigerator is a Carnot engine operating in reverse.
For a Carnot refrigerator, Eq. 20-14 becomes

$$K_c = \frac{|Q_H|}{|Q_L|} = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L}.$$  (20-15, 20-16)

A perfect refrigerator is an imaginary refrigerator in which energy extracted as heat from the low-temperature reservoir is converted completely to heat discharged to the high-temperature reservoir, without any need for work. Such a refrigerator would violate the second law of thermodynamics, which can be restated as follows: No series of processes is possible whose sole result is the transfer of energy as heat from a reservoir at a given temperature to a reservoir at a higher temperature.

**Entropy from a Statistical View** The entropy of a system can be defined in terms of the possible distributions of its molecules. For identical molecules, each possible distribution of molecules is called a microstate of the system. All equivalent microstates are grouped into a configuration of the system. The number of microstates in a configuration is the multiplicity $W$ of the configuration.

For a system of $N$ molecules that may be distributed between the two halves of a box, the multiplicity is given by

$$W = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2!},$$  (20-20)

in which $n_1$ is the number of molecules in one half of the box and $n_2$ is the number in the other half. A basic assumption of statistical mechanics is that all the microstates are equally probable. Thus, configurations with a large multiplicity occur most often.

The multiplicity $W$ of a configuration of a system and the entropy $S$ of the system in that configuration are related by Boltzmann’s entropy equation:

$$S = k \ln W,$$  (20-21)

where $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K is the Boltzmann constant.

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**Questions**

1. Point $i$ in Fig. 20-19 represents the initial state of an ideal gas at temperature $T$. Taking algebraic signs into account, rank the entropy changes that the gas undergoes as it moves, successively and reversibly, from point $i$ to points $a$, $b$, $c$, and $d$, greatest first.

2. In four experiments, blocks $A$ and $B$, starting at different initial temperatures, were brought together in an insulating box and allowed to reach a common final temperature. The entropy changes for the blocks in the four experiments had the following values (in joules per kelvin), but not necessarily in the order given. Determine which values for $A$ go with which values for $B$.

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<td>$B$</td>
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3. A gas, confined to an insulated cylinder, is compressed adiabatically to half its volume. Does the entropy of the gas increase, decrease, or remain unchanged during this process?

4. An ideal monatomic gas at initial temperature $T_0$ (in kelvins) expands from initial volume $V_0$ to volume $2V_0$ by each of the five processes indicated in the $T$-$V$ diagram of Fig. 20-20. In which process is the expansion (a) isothermal, (b) isobaric (constant pressure), and (c) adiabatic? Explain your answers. (d) In which processes does the entropy of the gas decrease?

5. In four experiments, 2.5 mol of hydrogen gas undergoes reversible isothermal expansions, starting from the same volume but at different temperatures. The corresponding $p$-$V$ plots are shown in Fig. 20-21. Rank the situations according to the change in the entropy of the gas, greatest first.

6. A box contains 100 atoms in a configuration that has 50 atoms in each half of the box. Suppose that you could count the different microstates associated with this configuration at the rate of 100 billion states per second, using a supercomputer. Without written calculation, guess how much computing time you would need: a day, a year, or much more than a year.

7. Does the entropy per cycle increase, decrease, or remain the same for (a) a Carnot engine, (b) a real engine, and (c) a perfect engine (which is, of course, impossible to build)?

8. Three Carnot engines operate between temperature limits of (a) 400 and 500 K, (b) 500 and 600 K, and (c) 400 and 600 K. Each engine extracts the same amount of energy per cycle from the high-temperature reservoir. Rank the magnitudes of the work done by the engines per cycle, greatest first.

9. An inventor claims to have invented four engines, each of which operates between constant-temperature reservoirs at 400 and 300 K. Data on each engine, per cycle of operation, are: engine A, $Q_H = 200$ J, $Q_L = -175$ J, and $W = 40$ J; engine B, $Q_H = 300$ J, $Q_L = -200$ J, and $W = 400$ J; engine C, $Q_H = 400$ J, $Q_L = -300$ J, and $W = 100$ J; and engine D, $Q_H = 100$ J, $Q_L = -90$ J, and $W = 10$ J. Of the first and second laws of thermodynamics, which (if either) does each engine violate?

10. Does the entropy per cycle increase, decrease, or remain the same for (a) a Carnot refrigerator, (b) a real refrigerator, and (c) a perfect refrigerator (which is, of course, impossible to build)?
Module 20-1 Entropy

1. SSM Suppose 4.00 mol of an ideal gas undergoes a reversible isothermal expansion from volume \( V_i \) to volume \( V_f \), at temperature \( T = 400 \) K. Find (a) the work done by the gas and (b) the entropy change of the gas. (c) If the expansion is reversible and adiabatic instead of isothermal, what is the entropy change of the gas?

2. An ideal gas undergoes a reversible isothermal expansion at 77.0°C, increasing its volume from 1.30 L to 3.40 L. The entropy change of the gas is 22.0 J/K. How many moles of gas are present?

3. ILW A 2.50 mol sample of an ideal gas expands reversibly and isothermally at 360 K until its volume is doubled. What is the increase in entropy of the gas?

4. How much energy must be transferred as heat for a reversible isothermal expansion of an ideal gas at 132°C if the entropy of the gas increases by 46.0 J/K?

5. ILW Find (a) the energy absorbed as heat and (b) the change in entropy of a 2.00 kg block of copper whose temperature is increased reversibly from 25.0°C to 100°C. The specific heat of copper is 386 J/kg·K.

6. (a) What is the entropy change of a 12.0 g ice cube that melts completely in a bucket of water whose temperature is just above the freezing point of water? (b) What is the entropy change of a 5.00 g spoonful of water that evaporates completely on a hot plate whose temperature is slightly above the boiling point of water?

7. ILW A 50.0 g block of copper whose temperature is 400 K is placed in an insulating box with a 100 g block of lead whose temperature is 200 K. (a) What is the equilibrium temperature of the two-block system? (b) What is the change in the internal energy of the system between the initial state and the equilibrium state? (c) What is the change in the entropy of the system? (See Table 18-3.)

8. At very low temperatures, the molar specific heat \( C_V \) of many solids is approximately \( C_V = AT^3 \), where \( A \) depends on the particular substance. For aluminum, \( A = 3.15 \times 10^{-5} \) J/mol·K. Find the entropy change for 4.00 mol of aluminum when its temperature is raised from 5.00 K to 10.0 K.

9. A 10 g ice cube at \(-10°C\) is placed in a lake whose temperature is \(15°C\). Calculate the change in entropy of the cube–lake system as the ice cube comes to thermal equilibrium with the lake. The specific heat of ice is 2220 J/kg·K. (Hint: Will the ice cube affect the lake temperature?)

10. A 364 g block is put in contact with a thermal reservoir. The block is initially at a lower temperature than the reservoir. Assume that the consequent transfer of energy as heat from the reservoir to the block is reversible. Figure 20-22 gives the change in entropy \( \Delta S \) of the block until thermal equilibrium is reached. The scale of the horizontal axis is set by \( T_a = 280 \) K and \( T_b = 380 \) K. What is the specific heat of the block?

11. SSM WWW In an experiment, 200 g of aluminum (with a specific heat of 900 J/kg · K) at 100°C is mixed with 50.0 g of water at 20.0°C, with the mixture thermally isolated. (a) What is the equilibrium temperature? What are the entropy changes of (b) the aluminum, (c) the water, and (d) the aluminum–water system?

12. A gas sample undergoes a reversible isothermal expansion. Figure 20-23 gives the change \( \Delta S \) in entropy of the gas versus the final volume \( V_f \) of the gas. The scale of the vertical axis is set by \( \Delta S = 64 \) J/K. How many moles are in the sample?

13. In the irreversible process of Fig. 20-5, let the initial temperatures of the identical blocks \( L \) and \( R \) be 305.5 and 294.5 K, respectively; and let 215 J be the energy that must be transferred between the blocks in order to reach equilibrium. For the reversible processes of Fig. 20-6, what is \( \Delta S \) for (a) block \( L \), (b) its reservoir, (c) block \( R \), (d) its reservoir, (e) the two-block system, and (f) the system of the two blocks and the two reservoirs?

14. (a) For 1.0 mol of a monatomic ideal gas taken through the cycle in Fig. 20-24, where \( V_1 = 4.00V_o \), what is \( W/pV_o \) as the gas goes from state \( a \) to state \( c \) along path \( abc \)? What is \( \Delta E_{int} + pV_o \) in going (b) from \( b \) to \( c \) and (c) through one full cycle? What is \( \Delta S \) in going (d) from \( b \) to \( c \) and (e) through one full cycle?

15. A mixture of 1773 g of water and 227 g of ice is in an initial equilibrium state at 0.000°C. The mixture is then, in a reversible process, brought to a second equilibrium state where the water–ice ratio, by mass, is 1.00:1.00 at 0.000°C. (a) Calculate the entropy change of the system during this process. (The heat of fusion for water is 333 kJ/kg.) (b) The system is then returned to the initial equilibrium state in an irreversible process (say, by using a Bunsen burner). Calculate the entropy change of the system during this process. (c) Are your answers consistent with the second law of thermodynamics?
16 A 8.0 g ice cube at $-10^\circ C$ is put into a Thermos flask containing 100 cm$^3$ of water at $20^\circ C$. By how much has the entropy of the cube–water system changed when equilibrium is reached? The specific heat of ice is 2220 J/kg·K.

17 In Fig. 20-25, where $V_{23} = 3.00V_i$, $n$ moles of a diatomic ideal gas are taken through the cycle with the molecules rotating but not oscillating. What are (a) $p_2/p_1$, (b) $p_3/p_1$, and (c) $T_3/T_1$? For path 1 → 2, what are (d) $W_{nRT_1}$, (e) $Q/nRT_1$, (f) $\Delta E_{int}/nRT_1$, and (g) $\Delta S/nR$? For path 2 → 3, what are (h) $W_{nRT_1}$, (i) $Q/nRT_1$, (j) $\Delta E_{int}/nRT_1$, (k) $\Delta S/nR$? For path 3 → 1, what are (l) $W_{nRT_1}$, (m) $Q/nRT_1$, (n) $\Delta E_{int}/nRT_1$, and (o) $\Delta S/nR$?

18 A 2.0 mol sample of an ideal monatomic gas undergoes the reversible process shown in Fig. 20-26. The scale of the vertical axis is set by $T_s = 400.0$ K and the scale of the horizontal axis is set by $S_i = 20.0$ J/K·K. (a) How much energy is absorbed as heat by the gas? (b) What is the change in the internal energy of the gas? (c) How much work is done by the gas?

19 Suppose 1.00 mol of a monatomic ideal gas is taken from initial pressure $p_i$ and volume $V_i$ through two steps: (1) an isothermal expansion to volume $2.00V_i$ and (2) a pressure increase to 2.00$p_i$ at constant volume. What is $Q/p_iV_i$ for (a) step 1 and (b) step 2? What is $W/p_iV_i$ for (c) step 1 and (d) step 2? For the full process, what are (e) $\Delta E_{int}/p_iV_i$ and (f) $\Delta S$? The gas is returned to its initial state and again taken to the same final state but now through these two steps: (1) an isothermal compression to pressure 2.00$p_i$, and (2) a volume increase to $2.00V_i$ at constant pressure. What is $Q/p_iV_i$ for (g) step 1 and (h) step 2? What is $W/p_iV_i$ for (i) step 1 and (j) step 2? For the full process, what are (k) $\Delta E_{int}/p_iV_i$ and (l) $\Delta S$?

20 Expand 1.00 mol of an monatomic gas initially at 5.00 kPa and 600 K from initial volume $V_i = 1.00$ m$^3$ to final volume $V_f = 2.00$ m$^3$. At any instant during the expansion, the pressure $p$ and volume $V$ of the gas are related by $p = 5.00 \exp[(V_i - V)/a]$, with $p$ in kilopascals, $V_i$ and $V$ in cubic meters, and $a = 1.00$ m$^3$. What are the final (a) pressure and (b) temperature of the gas? (c) How much work is done by the gas during the expansion? (d) What is $\Delta S$ for the expansion? (Hint: Use two simple reversible processes to find $\Delta S$.)

21 Energy can be removed from water as heat at and even below the normal freezing point (0.0°C at atmospheric pressure) without causing the water to freeze; the water is then said to be supercooled. Suppose a 1.00 g water drop is supercooled until its temperature is that of the surrounding air, which is at $-5.00^\circ C$. The drop then suddenly and irreversibly freezes, transferring energy to the air as heat. What is the entropy change for the drop? (Hint: Use a three-step reversible process as if the water were taken through the normal freezing point.) The specific heat of ice is 2220 J/kg·K.

22 An insulated Thermos contains 130 g of water at 80.0°C. You put in a 12.0 g ice cube at 0°C to form a system of ice + original water. (a) What is the equilibrium temperature of the system? What are the entropy changes of the water that was originally the ice cube (b) as it melts and (c) as it warms to the equilibrium temperature? (d) What is the entropy change of the original water as it cools to the equilibrium temperature? (e) What is the net entropy change of the ice + original water system as it reaches the equilibrium temperature?

Module 20-2 Entropy in the Real World: Engines

23 A Carnot engine whose low-temperature reservoir is at 17°C has an efficiency of 40%. By how much should the temperature of the high-temperature reservoir be increased to increase the efficiency to 50%?

24 A Carnot engine absorbs 52 kJ as heat and exhausts 36 kJ as heat in each cycle. Calculate (a) the engine’s efficiency and (b) the work done per cycle in kilojoules.

25 A Carnot engine has an efficiency of 22.0%. It operates between constant-temperature reservoirs differing in temperature by 75.0°C. What is the temperature of the (a) lower-temperature and (b) higher-temperature reservoir?

26 In a hypothetical nuclear fusion reactor, the fuel is deuterium gas at a temperature of $7 \times 10^9$ K. If this gas could be used to operate a Carnot engine with $T_1 = 100$°C, what would be the engine’s efficiency? Take both temperatures to be exact and report your answer to seven significant figures.

27 SM A Carnot engine operates between 235°C and 115°C, absorbing $6.30 \times 10^4$ J per cycle at the higher temperature. (a) What is the efficiency of the engine? (b) How much work per cycle is this engine capable of performing?

28 In the first stage of a two-stage Carnot engine, energy is absorbed as heat $Q_1$ at temperature $T_1$, work $W_1$ is done, and energy is expelled as heat $Q_2$ at a lower temperature $T_2$. The second stage absorbs that energy as heat $Q_2$, does work $W_2$, and expels energy as heat $Q_3$ at a still lower temperature $T_3$. Prove that the efficiency of the engine is $(T_1 - T_3)/T_1$.

29 Figure 20-27 shows a reversible cycle through which 1.00 mol of a monatomic ideal gas is taken. Assume that $p = 2p_0$, $V = 2V_0$, $p_0 = 1.01 \times 10^5$ Pa, and $V_0 = 0.0225$ m$^3$. Calculate (a) the work done during the cycle, (b) the energy added as heat during stroke abc, and (c) the efficiency of the cycle. (d) What is the efficiency of a Carnot engine operating between the highest and lowest temperatures that occur in the cycle? (e) Is this greater than or less than the efficiency calculated in (c)?

30 A 500 W Carnot engine operates between constant-temperature reservoirs at 100°C and 60.0°C. What is the rate at which energy is absorbed by the engine as heat and (b) exhausted by the engine as heat?

31 The efficiency of a particular car engine is 25% when the engine does 8.2 kJ of work per cycle. Assume the process is reversible. What are (a) the energy the engine gains per cycle as heat $Q_{gain}$ from the fuel combustion and (b) the energy the engine loses per cycle as heat $Q_{lost}$? If a tune-up increases the efficiency to 31%, what are (c) $Q_{gain}$ and (d) $Q_{lost}$ at the same work value?
A Carnot engine is set up to produce a certain work $W$ per cycle. In each cycle, energy in the form of heat $Q_H$ is transferred to the working substance of the engine from the higher-temperature thermal reservoir, which is at an adjustable temperature $T_H$. The lower-temperature thermal reservoir is maintained at temperature $T_L = 250$ K. Figure 20-28 gives $Q_H$ for a range of $T_H$. The scale of the vertical axis is set by $Q_H = 6.0$ kJ. If $T_H$ is set at 550 K, what is $Q_H$?

![Figure 20-28](Problem 32)

An ideal gas (1.0 mol) is taken. Volume $V_c = 8.00V_a$. Process $bc$ is an adiabatic expansion, with $p_b = 10.0$ atm and $V_b = 1.00 \times 10^{-3}$ m$^3$. For the cycle, find (a) the energy added to the gas as heat, (b) the energy leaving the gas as heat, (c) the net work done by the gas, and (d) the efficiency of the cycle.

![Figure 20-29](Problem 33)

An ideal gas (1.0 mol) is the working substance in an engine that operates on the cycle shown in Fig. 20-30. Processes $BC$ and $DA$ are reversible and adiabatic. (a) Is the gas monatomic, diatomic, or polyatomic? (b) What is the engine efficiency?

![Figure 20-30](Problem 34)

The cycle in Fig. 20-31 represents the operation of a gasoline internal combustion engine. Volume $V_1 = 4.00V_t$. Assume the gasoline–air intake mixture is an ideal gas with $\gamma = 1.30$. What are the ratios (a) $T_3/T_1$, (b) $T_4/T_1$, (c) $T_2/T_1$, (d) $p_3/p_1$, and (e) $p_4/p_1$? (f) What is the engine efficiency?

![Figure 20-31](Problem 35)

To make ice, a freezer that is a reverse Carnot engine extracts 42 kJ as heat at −15°C during each cycle, with coefficient of performance 5.7. The room temperature is 30.3°C. How much (a) energy per cycle is delivered as heat to the room and (b) work per cycle is required to run the freezer?

![Figure 20-32](Problem 43)

A heat pump is used to heat a building. The external temperature is less than the internal temperature. The pump's coefficient of performance is 3.8, and the heat pump delivers 7.54 MJ as heat to the building each hour. If the heat pump is a Carnot engine working in reverse, at what rate must work be done to run it?

![Figure 20-33](Problem 37)

The electric motor of a heat pump transfers energy as heat from the outdoors, which is at $−5.0^\circ$C to a room that is at 17°C. If the heat pump were a Carnot heat pump (a Carnot engine working in reverse), how much energy would be transferred as heat to the room for each joule of electric energy consumed?

![Figure 20-34](Problem 39)

A Carnot air conditioner takes energy from the thermal energy of a room at 70°F and transfers it as heat to the outdoors, which is at 96°F. For each joule of electric energy required to operate the air conditioner, how many joules are removed from the room?

![Figure 20-35](Problem 40)

An air conditioner operating between 93°F and 70°F is rated at 4000 Btu/h cooling capacity. Its coefficient of performance is 27% of that of a Carnot refrigerator operating between the same two temperatures. What horsepower is required of the air conditioner motor?

![Figure 20-36](Problem 42)

The motor in a refrigerator has a power of 200 W. If the freezing compartment is at 270 K and the outside air is at 300 K, and assuming the efficiency of a Carnot refrigerator, what is the maximum amount of energy that can be extracted as heat from the freezing compartment in 10.0 min?

![Figure 20-37](Problem 43)

A Carnot engine that works between temperatures $T_1 = 400$ K and $T_2 = 150$ K and drives a Carnot refrigerator that works between temperatures $T_3 = 325$ K and $T_4 = 225$ K. What is the ratio $Q_3/Q_4$?

![Figure 20-38](Problem 44)

(a) During each cycle, a Carnot engine absorbs 750 J as heat from a high-temperature reservoir at 360 K, with the low-temperature reservoir at 280 K. How much work is done per cycle? (b) The engine is then made to work in reverse to function as a Carnot refrigerator between those same two reservoirs. During each cycle, how much work is required to remove 1200 J as heat from the low-temperature reservoir?

Module 20-4 A Statistical View of Entropy

Construct a table like Table 20-1 for eight molecules.

A box contains $N$ identical gas molecules equally divided between its two halves. For $N = 50$, what are (a) the multiplicity $W$ of the central configuration, (b) the total number of microstates, and (c) the percentage of the time the system spends in the central configuration? For $N = 100$, what are (d) $W$ of the central configuration?
tion, (e) the total number of microstates, and (f) the percentage of the time the system spends in the central configuration? For \( N = 200 \), what are (g) \( W \) of the central configuration, (h) the total number of microstates, and (i) the percentage of the time the system spends in the central configuration? (j) Does the time spent in the central configuration increase or decrease with an increase in \( N \)?

\[ \text{Additional Problems} \]

47 A box contains \( N \) gas molecules. Consider the box to be divided into three equal parts. (a) By extension of Eq. 20-20, write a formula for the multiplicity of any given configuration. (b) Consider two configurations: configuration \( A \) with equal numbers of molecules in all three thirds of the box, and configuration \( B \) with equal numbers of molecules in each half of the box divided into two equal parts rather than three. What is the ratio \( W_A/W_B \) of the multiplicity of configuration \( A \) to that of configuration \( B \)? (c) Evaluate \( W_A/W_B \) for \( N = 100 \). (Because 100 is not evenly divisible by 3, put 34 molecules into one of the three box parts of configuration \( A \) and 33 in each of the other two parts.)

50 Suppose 0.550 mol of an ideal gas is isothermally and reversibly expanded in the four situations given below. What is the change in the entropy of the gas for each situation?

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<td>Initial volume (cm(^3))</td>
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<td>Final volume (cm(^3))</td>
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51 As a sample of nitrogen gas (\( N_2 \)) undergoes a temperature increase at constant volume, the distribution of molecular speeds increases. That is, the probability distribution function \( P(v) \) for the molecules spreads to higher speed values, as suggested in Fig. 19-8b. One way to report the spread in \( P(v) \) is to measure the difference \( \Delta v \) between the most probable speed \( v_p \) and the rms speed \( v_{rms} \). When \( P(v) \) spreads to higher speeds, \( \Delta v \) increases. Assume that the gas is ideal and the \( N_2 \) molecules rotate but do not oscillate. For 1.5 mol, an initial temperature of 250 K, and a final temperature of 500 K, what are (a) the initial difference \( \Delta v_p \), (b) the final difference \( \Delta v_f \), and (c) the entropy change \( \Delta S \) for the gas?

52 Suppose 1.0 mol of a monatomic ideal gas initially at 10 L and 300 K is heated at constant volume to 600 K, allowed to expand isothermally to its initial pressure, and finally compressed at constant pressure to its original volume, pressure, and temperature. During the cycle, what are (a) the net energy entering the system (the gas) as heat and (b) the net work done by the gas? (c) What is the efficiency of the cycle?

53 Suppose a deep shaft were drilled in Earth’s crust near one of the poles, where the surface temperature is \( -40^\circ \text{C} \), to a depth where the temperature is 800°C. (a) What is the theoretical limit to the efficiency of an engine operating between these temperatures? (b) If all the energy released as heat into the low-temperature reservoir were used to melt ice that was initially at \( -40^\circ \text{C} \), at what rate could liquid water at 0°C be produced by a 100 MW power plant (treat it as an engine)? The specific heat of ice is 2220 J/kg·K; water’s heat of fusion is 333 kJ/kg. (Note that the engine can operate only between 0°C and 800°C in this case. Energy exhausted at \( -40^\circ \text{C} \) cannot warm anything above \( -40^\circ \text{C} \).)

54 What is the entropy change for 3.20 mol of an ideal monatomic gas undergoing a reversible increase in temperature from 380 K to 425 K at constant volume?

55 A 600 g lump of copper at 80.0°C is placed in 70.0 g of water at 10.0°C in an insulated container. (See Table 18-3 for specific heats.) (a) What is the equilibrium temperature of the copper–water system? What entropy changes do (b) the copper, (c) the water, and (d) the copper–water system undergo in reaching the equilibrium temperature?

56 Figure 20-33 gives the force magnitude \( F \) versus stretch distance \( x \) for a rubber band, with the scale of the \( F \) axis set by \( F_s = 1.50 \text{ N} \) and the scale of the \( x \) axis set by \( x_s = 3.50 \text{ cm} \). The temperature is 2.00°C. When the rubber band is stretched by \( x = 1.70 \text{ cm} \), at what rate does the entropy of the rubber band change during a small additional stretch?

57 The temperature of 1.00 mol of a monatomic ideal gas is raised reversibly from 300 K to 400 K, with its volume kept constant. What is the entropy change of the gas?

58 Repeat Problem 57, with the pressure now kept constant.

59 A 0.600 kg sample of water is initially ice at temperature \( -20^\circ \text{C} \). What is the sample’s entropy change if its temperature is increased to \( 40^\circ \text{C} \)?

60 A three-step cycle is undergone by 3.4 mol of an ideal diatomic gas: (1) the temperature of the gas is increased from 200 K to 500 K at constant volume; (2) the gas is then isothermally expanded to its original pressure; (3) the gas is then contracted at constant pressure back to its original volume. Throughout the cycle, the molecules rotate but do not oscillate. What is the efficiency of the cycle?

61 An inventor has built an engine \( X \) and claims that its efficiency \( \eta_X \) is greater than the efficiency \( \epsilon \) of an ideal engine operating between the same two temperatures. Suppose you couple engine \( X \) to an ideal refrigerator (Fig. 20-34a) and adjust the cycle

![Figure 20-34 Problem 61.](image-url)
of engine X so that the work per cycle it provides equals the work per cycle required by the ideal refrigerator. Treat this combination as a single unit and show that if the inventor’s claim were true (if \( e_x > e \)), the combined unit would act as a perfect refrigerator (Fig. 20-34b), transferring energy as heat from the low-temperature reservoir to the high-temperature reservoir without the need for work.

62 Suppose 2.00 mol of a diatomic gas is taken reversibly around the cycle shown in the \( T \)-\( S \) diagram of Fig. 20-35, where \( S_1 = 6.00 \text{ J/K} \) and \( S_2 = 8.00 \text{ J/K} \). The molecules do not rotate or oscillate. What is the energy transferred as heat \( Q \) for (a) path 1 \( \rightarrow \) 2, (b) path 2 \( \rightarrow \) 3, and (c) the full cycle? (d) What is the work \( W \) for the isothermal process? The volume \( V_1 \) in state 1 is 0.200 m\(^3\). What is the volume in (e) state 2 and (f) state 3?

What is the change \( \Delta E_{\text{int}} \) for (g) path 1 \( \rightarrow \) 2, (h) path 2 \( \rightarrow \) 3, and (i) the full cycle? (Hint: \( b \) can be done with one or two lines of calculation using Module 19-7 or with a page of calculation using Module 19-9.) (j) What is the work \( W \) for the adiabatic process?

63 A three-step cycle is undergone reversibly by 4.00 mol of an ideal gas: (1) an adiabatic expansion that gives the gas 2.00 times its initial volume, (2) a constant-volume process, (3) an isothermal compression back to the initial state of the gas. We do not know whether the gas is monatomic or diatomic; if it is diatomic, we do not know whether the molecules are rotating or oscillating. What are the entropy changes for (a) the cycle, (b) process 1, (c) process 3, and (d) process 2?

64 (a) A Carnot engine operates between a hot reservoir at 320 K and a cold one at 260 K. If the engine absorbs 500 J as heat per cycle at the hot reservoir, how much work per cycle does it deliver? (b) If the engine working in reverse functions as a refrigerator between the same two reservoirs, how much work per cycle must be supplied to remove 1000 J as heat from the cold reservoir?

65 A 2.00 mol diatomic gas initially at 300 K undergoes this cycle: It is (1) heated at constant volume to 800 K, (2) then allowed to expand isothermally to its initial pressure, (3) then compressed at constant pressure to its initial state. Assuming the gas molecules neither rotate nor oscillate, find (a) the net energy transferred as heat to the gas, (b) the net work done by the gas, and (c) the efficiency of the cycle.

66 An ideal refrigerator does 150 J of work to remove 560 J as heat from its cold compartment. (a) What is the refrigerator’s coefficient of efficiency? (b) How much heat per cycle is exhausted to the kitchen?

67 Suppose that 260 J is conducted from a constant-temperature reservoir at 400 K to one at (a) 100 K, (b) 200 K, (c) 300 K, and (d) 360 K. What is the net change in entropy \( \Delta S_{\text{net}} \) of the reservoirs in each case? (e) As the temperature difference of the two reservoirs decreases, does \( \Delta S_{\text{net}} \) increase, decrease, or remain the same?

68 An apparatus that liquefies helium is in a room maintained at 300 K. If the helium in the apparatus is at 4.0 K, what is the minimum ratio \( Q_0/Q_{\text{cond}} \) where \( Q_0 \) is the energy delivered as heat to the room and \( Q_{\text{cond}} \) is the energy removed as heat from the helium?

69 A brass rod is in thermal contact with a constant-temperature reservoir at 130°C at one end and a constant-temperature reservoir at 24.0°C at the other end. (a) Compute the total change in entropy of the rod—reservoirs system when 5030 J of energy is conducted through the rod, from one reservoir to the other. (b) Does the entropy of the rod change?

70 A 45.0 g block of tungsten at 30.0°C and a 25.0 g block of silver at 70°C are placed together in an insulated container. (See Table 18-3 for specific heats.) (a) What is the equilibrium temperature? What entropy changes do (b) the tungsten, (c) the silver, and (d) the tungsten–silver system undergo in reaching the equilibrium temperature?

71 A box contains \( N \) molecules. Consider two configurations: configuration A with an equal division of the molecules between the two halves of the box, and configuration B with 60.0% of the molecules in the left half of the box and 40.0% in the right half. For \( N = 50 \), what are (a) the multiplicity \( W_A \) of configuration \( A \), (b) the multiplicity \( W_B \) of configuration \( B \), and (c) the ratio \( W_A/W_B \) of the time the system spends in configuration \( B \) to the time it spends in configuration \( A \)? For \( N = 100 \), what are (d) \( W_A \), (e) \( W_B \), and (f) \( W_A/W_B \)? For \( N = 200 \), what are (g) \( W_A \), (h) \( W_B \), and (i) \( W_A/W_B \)? (j) With increasing \( N \), does \( f \) increase, decrease, or remain the same?

72 Calculate the efficiency of a fossil-fuel power plant that consumes 380 metric tons of coal each hour to produce useful work at the rate of 750 MW. The heat of combustion of coal (the heat due to burning it) is 28 MJ/kg.

73 SSM A Carnot refrigerator extracts 35.0 kJ as heat during each cycle, operating with a coefficient of performance of 4.60. What are (a) the energy per cycle transferred as heat to the room and (b) the work done per cycle?

74 A Carnot engine whose high-temperature reservoir is at 400 K has an efficiency of 30.0%. By how much should the temperature of the low-temperature reservoir be changed to increase the efficiency to 40.0%?

75 SSM System \( A \) of three particles and system \( B \) of five particles are in insulated boxes like that in Fig. 20-17. What is the least multiplicity \( W_A \) of (a) system \( A \) and (b) system \( B \)? What is the greatest multiplicity \( W \) of (c) \( A \) and (d) \( B \)? What is the greatest entropy of (e) \( A \) and (f) \( B \)?

76 Figure 20-36 shows a Carnot cycle on a \( T\)-\( S \) diagram, with a scale set by \( S_1 = 0.60 \text{ J/K} \). For a full cycle, find (a) the net heat transfer and (b) the net work done by the system.

77 Find the relation between the efficiency of a reversible ideal heat engine and the coefficient of performance of the reversible refrigerator obtained by running the engine backwards.

78 A Carnot engine has a power of 500 W. It operates between heat reservoirs at 100°C and 60.0°C. Calculate (a) the rate of heat input and (b) the rate of exhaust heat output.

79 In a real refrigerator, the low-temperature coils are at \(-13^\circ\text{C}\), and the compressed gas in the condenser is at 26°C. What is the theoretical coefficient of performance?
CHAPTER 21

Coulomb’s Law

21-1 COULOMB’S LAW

Learning Objectives

After reading this module, you should be able to . . .

21.01 Distinguish between being electrically neutral, negatively charged, and positively charged and identify excess charge.
21.02 Distinguish between conductors, nonconductors (insulators), semiconductors, and superconductors.
21.03 Describe the electrical properties of the particles inside an atom.
21.04 Identify conduction electrons and explain their role in making a conducting object negatively or positively charged.
21.05 Identify what is meant by “electrically isolated” and by “grounding.”
21.06 Explain how a charged object can set up induced charge in a second object.
21.07 Identify that charges with the same electrical sign repel each other and those with opposite electrical signs attract each other.
21.08 For either of the particles in a pair of charged particles, draw a free-body diagram, showing the electrostatic force (Coulomb force) on it and anchoring the tail of the force vector on that particle.
21.09 For either of the particles in a pair of charged particles, apply Coulomb’s law to relate the magnitude of the electrostatic force, the charge magnitudes of the particles, and the separation between the particles.

Key Ideas

- The strength of a particle’s electrical interaction with objects around it depends on its electric charge (usually represented as $q$), which can be either positive or negative. Particles with the same sign of charge repel each other, and particles with opposite signs of charge attract each other.
- An object with equal amounts of the two kinds of charge is electrically neutral, whereas one with an imbalance is electrically charged and has an excess charge.
- Conductors are materials in which a significant number of electrons are free to move. The charged particles in nonconductors (insulators) are not free to move.
- Electric current $i$ is the rate $dq/dt$ at which charge passes a point:

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

- Coulomb’s law describes the electrostatic force (or electric force) between two charged particles. If the particles have charges $q_1$ and $q_2$, are separated by distance $r$, and are at rest (or moving only slowly) relative to each other, then the magnitude of the force acting on each due to the other is given by

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2} \quad \text{(Coulomb’s law)},$$

where $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$ is the permittivity constant. The ratio $1/4\pi\varepsilon_0$ is often replaced with the electrostatic constant (or Coulomb constant) $k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$.
- The electrostatic force vector acting on a charged particle due to a second charged particle is either directly toward the second particle (opposite signs of charge) or directly away from it (same sign of charge).
- If multiple electrostatic forces act on a particle, the net force is the vector sum (not scalar sum) of the individual forces.
What Is Physics?

You are surrounded by devices that depend on the physics of electromagnetism, which is the combination of electric and magnetic phenomena. This physics is at the root of computers, television, radio, telecommunications, household lighting, and even the ability of food wrap to cling to a container. This physics is also the basis of the natural world. Not only does it hold together all the atoms and molecules in the world, it also produces lightning, auroras, and rainbows.

The physics of electromagnetism was first studied by the early Greek philosophers, who discovered that if a piece of amber is rubbed and then brought near bits of straw, the straw will jump to the amber. We now know that the attraction between amber and straw is due to an electric force. The Greek philosophers also discovered that if a certain type of stone (a naturally occurring magnet) is brought near bits of iron, the iron will jump to the stone. We now know that the attraction between magnet and iron is due to a magnetic force.

From these modest origins with the Greek philosophers, the sciences of electricity and magnetism developed separately for centuries—until 1820, in fact, when Hans Christian Oersted found a connection between them: an electric current in a wire can deflect a magnetic compass needle. Interestingly enough, Oersted made this discovery, a big surprise, while preparing a lecture demonstration for his physics students.

The new science of electromagnetism was developed further by workers in many countries. One of the best was Michael Faraday, a truly gifted experimenter with a talent for physical intuition and visualization. That talent is attested to by the fact that his collected laboratory notebooks do not contain a single equation. In the mid-nineteenth century, James Clerk Maxwell put Faraday’s ideas into mathematical form, introduced many new ideas of his own, and put electromagnetism on a sound theoretical basis.

Our discussion of electromagnetism is spread through the next 16 chapters. We begin with electrical phenomena, and our first step is to discuss the nature of electric charge and electric force.

Electric Charge

Here are two demonstrations that seem to be magic, but our job here is to make sense of them. After rubbing a glass rod with a silk cloth (on a day when the humidity is low), we hang the rod by means of a thread tied around its center (Fig. 21-1a). Then we rub a second glass rod with the silk cloth and bring it near the hanging rod. The hanging rod magically moves away. We can see that a force repels it from the second rod, but how? There is no contact with that rod, no breeze to push on it, and no sound wave to disturb it.

In the second demonstration we replace the second rod with a plastic rod that has been rubbed with fur. This time, the hanging rod moves toward the nearby rod (Fig. 21-1b). Like the repulsion, this attraction occurs without any contact or obvious communication between the rods.

In the next chapter we shall discuss how the hanging rod knows of the presence of the other rods, but in this chapter let’s focus on just the forces that are involved. In the first demonstration, the force on the hanging rod was repulsive, and...