

Homework No. 02 (Spring 2022)

PHYS 205A-001: University Physics

Due date: Wednesday, 2022 Jan 26, Noon, on D2L

Instructions

- To the extent to which you depend on resources to complete this homework is a measure of how much extra work you need to put in to master the related concepts. Solutions are available at <http://sphics.com/tc/202101-SIU-P205A/>.
- Describe your thought process in detail and organize it clearly. Make sure your answer has the correct units and the right number of significant digits.
- After completion, scan the pages as a single PDF file, and submit the file on D2L (under Assesments → Assignments).

Problems

1. (10 points.) Motion of an object moving with uniform velocity is described by the equation

$$x = vt, \tag{1}$$

where x is the position of the object, v is the velocity of the object, and t is time.

- (a) Plot x versus t for $v = 3.0 \text{ m/s}$. Give a real life example that is described by this scenario.
 - (b) Plot x versus t for $v = -3.0 \text{ m/s}$. Give a real life example that is described by this scenario.
 - (c) What is the acceleration of the object for these cases?
2. (10 points.) Motion of an object moving with uniform acceleration, with initial velocity v_0 , is described by the equation

$$x = v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2, \tag{2}$$

where x is the position of the object, a is the acceleration of the object, and t is time.

- (a) Plot x versus t for $v_0 = 0$ and $a = 2.0 \text{ m/s}^2$.
- (b) Plot x versus t for $v_0 = 0$ and $a = -2.0 \text{ m/s}^2$.
- (c) Plot x versus t for $v_0 = +1.0 \text{ m/s}$ and $a = 2.0 \text{ m/s}^2$.
- (d) Plot x versus t for $v_0 = +1.0 \text{ m/s}$ and $a = -2.0 \text{ m/s}^2$.

- (e) Plot x versus t for $v_0 = -1.0$ m/s and $a = 2.0$ m/s².
(f) Plot x versus t for $v_0 = -1.0$ m/s and $a = -2.0$ m/s².

3. (10 points.) A particle's velocity is given by

$$v(t) = v_0 + a_0t + \frac{1}{2}b_0t^2. \quad (3)$$

- (a) Determine the particle's acceleration as a function of time.
(b) Determine the particle's rate of change of acceleration as a function of time.
(c) Given the particle starts from rest at $t = 0$, determine the velocity of the particle when the instantaneous acceleration of the particle is zero.
4. (10 points.) While standing on a 50.0 m tall building you throw a stone straight upwards at a speed of 15 m/s.
- (a) How long does the stone take to reach the ground?
(b) How high above the building does the stone reach?
5. (10 points.) A fish is dropped by a pelican that is rising steadily at a speed 4.0 m/s. Determine the time taken for the fish to reach the water 15.0 m below. How high above the water is the pelican when the fish reaches the water?
6. (10 points.) A car is traveling at 10.0 m/s, and the driver sees a traffic light turn red. After 0.500 s (the reaction time), the driver applies the brakes, and the car decelerates at 8.00 m/s². What is the stopping distance of the car, as measured from the point where the driver first sees the red light?
7. (10 points.) A speeding car is moving at a constant speed of $v = 80.0$ miles/hour (35.8 m/s). A police car is initially at rest. As soon as the speeder crosses the police car the cop starts chasing the speeder at a constant acceleration of $a = 2.0$ m/s². Determine the time it takes for the cop to catch up with the speeder. Determine the distance traveled by the cop in this time.
8. (10 points.) A key falls from a bridge that is 50.0 m above the water. It falls directly into a boat that is moving with constant velocity, that was 10.0 m from the point of impact when the key was released. What is the speed of the boat?