

Comprehensive Formula Sheet for LSU Physics 2102

• **CONSTANTS AND DEFINITIONS:**

$$\begin{array}{lll} \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2 & k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2 & \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}/\text{A} \\ c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} & e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} & 1\text{eV} = e(1\text{V}) = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \\ \mu_B = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T} & h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} & g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \\ m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} & m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} & m_n = 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \\ \text{Area of a circle: } A = \pi r^2 & \text{Surface area of a sphere: } A = 4\pi r^2 & \text{Volume of a sphere } V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \end{array}$$

• **KINEMATICS (FOR CONSTANT ACCELERATION):**

$$\begin{array}{lll} v = v_0 + at & x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t & x - x_0 = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2 \\ x - x_0 = v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 & v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0) & \end{array}$$

• **ELECTRIC FIELDS AND FORCES:**

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Field of point charge: } |\vec{E}| = k \frac{|q|}{r^2} & \text{Force on charged particle: } \vec{F} = q\vec{E} & \text{Coulomb's Law: } |\vec{F}| = k \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2} \\ \text{Dipole moment: } \vec{p} = q\vec{d} & \text{Torque on dipole: } \vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E} & \text{Potential energy: } U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} \\ \text{Field of dipole, on axis, far from dipole: } \vec{E} = \frac{2k\vec{p}}{z^3} & \text{Uniform Charge Densities: } \lambda = \frac{Q}{L}, \sigma = \frac{Q}{A}, \rho = \frac{Q}{V} & \\ \text{Electric flux: } \Phi_E = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} & \text{Gauss's Law: } q_{enc} = \epsilon_0 \oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} & \text{Field of line charge: } |\vec{E}| = \frac{2k\lambda}{r} \\ \text{Field of infinite, non-conducting plane: } |\vec{E}| = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} & \text{Field of infinite conducting plane: } |\vec{E}| = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} & \end{array}$$

• **ELECTRIC POTENTIAL, POTENTIAL ENERGY, AND WORK:**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Potential difference: } V_f - V_i = - \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} & \text{In a uniform field: } \Delta V = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{s} = -Es \cos \theta \\ \text{Field due to potential: } \vec{E} = -\nabla V & \text{Cartesian coordinates: } E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}, E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}, E_z = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \\ \text{Cylindrical coordinates: } E_r = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} & \text{Spherical coordinates: } E_r = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \\ \text{Potential of a point charge: } V = k \frac{q}{r} & \text{Potential of n point charges: } V = \sum_{j=1}^n V_j = k \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q_j}{r_j} \\ \text{Electric potential energy: } \Delta U = q\Delta V = -W_{field} & \\ \text{Potential energy of two point charges: } U_{12} = W_{ext} = q_2V_1 = q_1V_2 = k \frac{q_1q_2}{r_{12}} & \end{array}$$

• **CAPACITANCE:** $C = V/Q$

Charge stored on capacitor: $Q = CV$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Capacitor with dielectric: } C = \kappa C_{air} & \text{Parallel plate capacitor: } C_{air} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \\ \text{Energy stored in capacitor: } U = \frac{1}{2}QV = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = \frac{Q^2}{2C} & \text{Energy density of E-field: } u_E = \frac{1}{2}\kappa\epsilon_0|\vec{E}|^2 \\ \text{Capacitors in parallel: } C_{eq} = \sum_i C_i & \text{Capacitors in series: } \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \sum_i \frac{1}{C_i} \end{array}$$

• **CURRENT:** $i = \frac{dq}{dt} = \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$ Current density: $|\vec{J}| = \frac{i}{A}$ Drift velocity: $\vec{v}_d = \frac{\vec{J}}{ne}$

- **RESISTANCE:** $R = \frac{V}{i}$ Resistivity: $\rho = \frac{|\vec{E}|}{|\vec{J}|}$ T dependence: $\rho - \rho_0 = \rho_0 \alpha (T - T_0)$

Resistance of conducting wire: $R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$

Potential across resistor: $V = iR$

Power in electrical device: $P = iV$

Energy dissipated in resistor: $P = i^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$

Electromotive force, emf: $\mathcal{E} = \frac{dW}{dq}$

Resistors in series: $R_{eq} = \sum_i R_i$

Resistors in parallel: $\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \sum_i \frac{1}{R_i}$

- **KIRCHOFF'S RULES FOR DC CIRCUITS:**

Loop Rule: The sum of potential changes around any closed loop must be zero.

Junction Rule: The current entering any junction equals the current leaving the junction.

$$0 = \sum_j \Delta V_j$$

$$\sum_j i_{in,j} = \sum_j i_{out,j}$$

- **RC SERIES CIRCUIT:**

Time constant: $\tau_C = RC$ Charging: $q(t) = C\mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/\tau_C})$ Discharging: $q(t) = C\mathcal{E}e^{-t/\tau_C}$

- **MAGNETIC FIELDS AND FORCES:**

Force on point charge: $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$ Lorentz force: $\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$ Force on wire: $\vec{F} = i\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$

Circular motion: $qv_{\perp}B = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{r}$ Radius of path: $r = \frac{mv_{\perp}}{qB}$ Period of motion: $T = \frac{2\pi m}{qB}$

Magnetic dipole: $\vec{\mu} = Ni\vec{A}$ Torque on dipole: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$ Potential Energy: $U = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$

- **GENERATING MAGNETIC FIELDS:**

Biot-Savart Law: $d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{id\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$ Ampere's Law: $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 i_{enc}$

Field of long, straight wire: $|\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{2i}{r}$ Field of circular arc: $|\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i}{r} \phi$

Force between parallel wires: $|\vec{F}_{ab}| = \frac{\mu_0 i_a i_b}{2\pi d} L$ Field inside a solenoid: $|\vec{B}| = \mu_0 ni$

Field of dipole, on axis, far from dipole: $\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\vec{\mu}}{z^3}$

- **INDUCTION:**

Magnetic flux: $\phi_B = \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$ Faraday's Law: $\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$ Induced E-field: $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$

Motional emf: $\mathcal{E} = BLv$ Faraday's Law for coil with N turns: $\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$

- **INDUCTORS:**

Self-Inductance (def): $L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i}$ Solenoid inductor: $L = \mu_0 n^2 Al$ Emf across inductor: $\mathcal{E} = -L \frac{di}{dt}$

Energy stored in inductor: $U = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$ Energy density of B-field: $u_B = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} |\vec{B}|^2$

- **RL CIRCUITS:**

Time constant: $\tau_L = L/R$ Rising current: $i(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} (1 - e^{-t/\tau_L})$ Decaying current: $i(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} e^{-t/\tau_L}$

• **LC CIRCUITS:**

Electric energy in capacitor: $U_E = \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{CV^2}{2}$ Magnetic energy in inductor: $U_B = \frac{Li^2}{2}$
 LC circuit oscillations: $q(t) = q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$ $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ $f = \frac{1}{T}$

• **RLC CIRCUITS:**

Damped charge oscillations: $q(t) = q_0 e^{-Rt/(2L)} \cos(\omega' t + \phi_0)$ where $\omega' = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$

• **MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS:**

Gauss's Law: $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$ Gauss's Law (for \vec{B}): $\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$ Faraday's Law: $\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$
 Ampere's Law: $\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} + \mu_0 i_{enc}$ Displacement current: $i_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$

• **ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES:**

Traveling in $\pm x$ direction: $\vec{E} = E_m \sin(kx \mp \omega t)$, and $\vec{B} = B_m \sin(kx \mp \omega t)$, with $E_m = cB_m$, and $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$
 Direction of travel: $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ Speed in vacuum: $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$ Wavelength: $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$ Frequency: $f = \frac{c}{\lambda}$
 Energy flow: $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ Intensity: $I = \frac{Power}{Area} = \frac{E_m^2}{2c\mu_0} = \frac{E_{rms}^2}{c\mu_0}$ where $E_{rms} = \frac{E_m}{\sqrt{2}}$
 Radiation force and pressure:
 Total Absorption: $F_r = \frac{IA}{c}$ and $P_r = \frac{I}{c}$ Total Reflection: $F_r = \frac{2IA}{c}$ and $P_r = \frac{2I}{c}$

• **POLARIZATION:**

Polarization direction: direction of \vec{E} Unpolarized to polarized: $I = \frac{I_0}{2}$ Polarized to polarized: $I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$

• **REFLECTION AND REFRACTION:**

Law of reflection: $\theta_i = \theta_r$ Snell's Law: $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ Critical angle: $\theta_c = \arcsin \frac{n_{<}}{n_{>}}$
 Index of refraction: $n = \frac{c}{v}$ Wavelength in medium: $\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda_{vac}}{n}$ Brewster angle: $\theta_{B,1} + \theta_{B,2} = 90^\circ$

• **INTERFERENCE:**

Constructive: $\frac{\Delta\phi}{2\pi} = m$ where $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ Destructive: $\frac{\Delta\phi}{2\pi} = m + \frac{1}{2}$ where $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
 Phase change (propagation): $\frac{\Delta\phi}{2\pi} = \frac{\Delta s}{\lambda}$ Phase change (reflection off of $n_{>}$): $\Delta\phi = \pi$
 Two-Slit Interference (point source... $a \ll \lambda$):

Constructive: $d \sin \theta = m \lambda$ Destructive: $d \sin \theta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$ Order of fringe: $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Intensity: $I(\phi) = 4I_0 \cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2}$ Phase difference: $\phi = \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda} \sin \theta$

• **DIFFRACTION:**

Single-slit: $\frac{I(\phi)}{I_m} = \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2}$ Two-slit: $\frac{I(\phi)}{I_m} = \cos^2 \beta \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2}$ Phase Parameters: $\alpha = \frac{\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta$ and $\beta = \frac{\pi d}{\lambda} \sin \theta$

Diffraction minima: $a \sin \theta = m \lambda$ Interference minima: $d \sin \theta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$ Order: $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$