

Gravitation - the complete formula card

Topic	Formula	Remember
Escape velocity	$v_e = \sqrt{2GM/R} = \sqrt{2gR}$	from the surface; mass of projectile never matters; Earth 11.2 km/s, Moon 2.4
Orbit velocity	$v_o = \sqrt{GM/r} = \sqrt{gR}$	
Kepler's third law	$T^2 = 4\pi^2 r^3 / GM$	r = R+h always; higher = slower; $v_e = \sqrt{2} \times v_o$ (11.2 / 7.9) same central body only; ratio trick: $x4 \rightarrow x8$, $x9 \rightarrow x27$; $M = 4\pi^2 r^3 / GT^2$
Angular momentum	$L = mvr = I\omega$ (constant if torque = 0)	
Gravitational PE	$U = -GMm/r$	gravity pulls but cannot twist; closer = faster; Kepler's 2nd law = $L/2m$ U = 0 at infinity; negative = bound/trapped; V = -GM/r is per kg
Orbit energies	$KE = GMm/2r$, $PE = -GMm/r$, $E = -GMm/2r$	
g with height	$g' = gR^2/(R+h)^2 \sim g(1-2h/R)$	ratio $PE:KE:E = -2:+1:-1$; escape costs your current KE shortcut only for tiny h; at $h=R$ exact answer is $g/4$
g with depth	$g' = g(1 - d/R)$	
g with latitude	$g' = g - \omega^2 R \cos^2(\lambda)$	rock above cancels itself; $g = 0$ at centre (but PE deepest: $-1.5GMm/R$) equator discount $\sim 0.34\%$; poles unaffected; 9.780 to 9.832 m/s^2
Field & potential	$E = GM/r^2 = -dV/dr$	
Geostationary	$T = 24$ h forces $r = 42,300$ km	field exists without a test mass; inside a shell $E = 0$ exactly $h = 36,000$ km, over the equator, circular, ~ 3.1 km/s
Schwarzschild radius	$R_s = 2GM/c^2$	

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Rotational Motion - the complete formula card

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Centre of mass	$x_{\text{com}} = \sum(m_i x_i)/M$	inside forces never move it; cut-outs = negative mass; may lie outside body
Torque	$\tau = F d \sin(\text{angle})$	
Moment of inertia	$I = \sum(m r^2)$	ring MR^2 , disc $MR^2/2$, rod $ML^2/12$ (mid) $ML^2/3$ (end), sphere $2MR^2/5$, shell $2MR^2/3$
Axis theorems	$I = I_{\text{com}} + Md^2$ (parallel); $I_z = I_x + I_y$ (flat bodies)	
Rotational Newton	$\tau_{\text{net}} = I\alpha$	fixed axis or balance-point axis; bridges: $s = r\theta$, $v = r\omega$, $a = r\alpha$
Angular momentum	$L = I\omega = mvr \sin(\theta)$	no outside twist = locked; sticking collisions: L survives, KE dies
Rolling	$v_{\text{com}} = R\omega$; $KE = (1/2)Mv^2(1 + I/MR^2)$	shape factors: sphere 1.4, disc 1.5, ring 2.0; race: sphere > disc > ring
Ramp acceleration	$a = g \sin(\theta)/(1 + I/MR^2)$	mass and radius cancel; skid-to-roll sphere: final speed = 5/7 of launch
Rotational energy	$KE = (1/2)I \omega^2$; $W = \tau\theta$; $P = \tau\omega$	$\text{rpm} \times 2\pi/60 = \text{rad/s}$ FIRST; 1 hp = 746 W
Equilibrium	$\sum F = 0$ AND $\sum \tau = 0$	tip when the balance-point line exits the base; topple at $\tan(\theta) = b/h$ vs slide at μ

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Work, Energy & Power - the complete formula card

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Work	$W = F d \cos(\text{angle})$	perpendicular = zero (carry a bag, push a wall); against motion = negative
Kinetic energy	$KE = (1/2) m v^2$	double speed = 4x energy; stopping distance grows as v^2
Work-energy theorem	$W_{\text{total}} = \text{change in KE}$	before/after only - the path never matters
Height PE	$PE = mgh$	choose ONE zero level; conservative = path-free
Spring PE	$PE = (1/2) k x^2$	stretch SQUARED, always metres; Hooke's force $F = kx$
Energy conservation	$KE + PE = \text{constant (gravity/springs)}$	friction leak = $F \times \text{distance} \rightarrow \text{heat}$; drop speed v $= \sqrt{2gh}$, no mass
Vertical circle	$v_{\text{top(min)}} = \sqrt{gR}$; $v_{\text{bottom(min)}} = \sqrt{5gR}$; $h = 2.5R$	gravity helps at the top, opposes at the bottom
Power	$P = W/t = F v$	watts; lifting: mgh/t ; fixed power $\rightarrow$ more force = less speed; 1 kWh = 3.6 MJ
Efficiency	useful out / total in	always < 100%; input = useful / efficiency
Collisions	momentum ALWAYS survives	elastic: KE too; sticking: max KE loss; equal-mass elastic = velocity swap
Variable force	work = area under force-distance graph	spring's $1/2 k x^2$ is exactly the triangle under F $= kx$
PE curves	valley = stable, hill = unstable	slope = force; valley wobble = SHM

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