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AP PHYSICS

Introductory Video



**GIANCOLI LESSON 1-5 TO 1-6
UNITS, STANDARDS AND THE SI
SYSTEM
CONVERTING UNITS**

Reading Activity Questions?

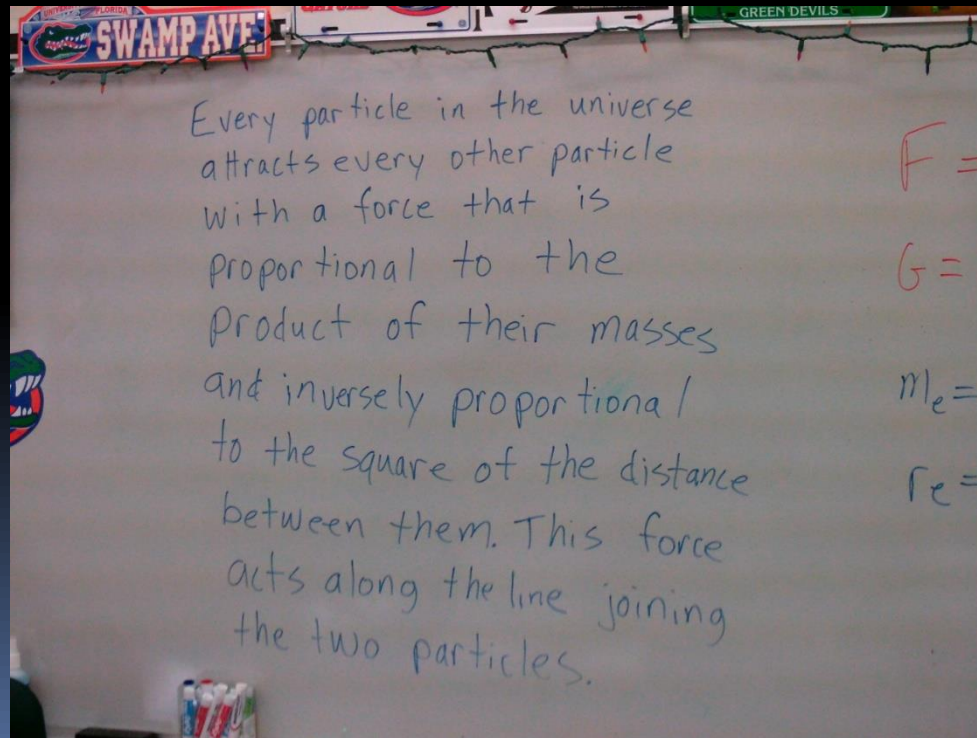
- Reading Activity 1-5 to 1-6
- Cornell Notes
 - unit
 - length/meter
 - time/second
 - mass/kilogram
 - Système International (SI)
 - cgs system
 - British engineering system
 - conversion factor

Objectives

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- State the primary SI units.
- Use conversion factors to convert units.



Units and Standards

- Units. Units are specifications for a measurement based on a standard.
- Standard. A standard is a defined value for a unit based upon some measurement.

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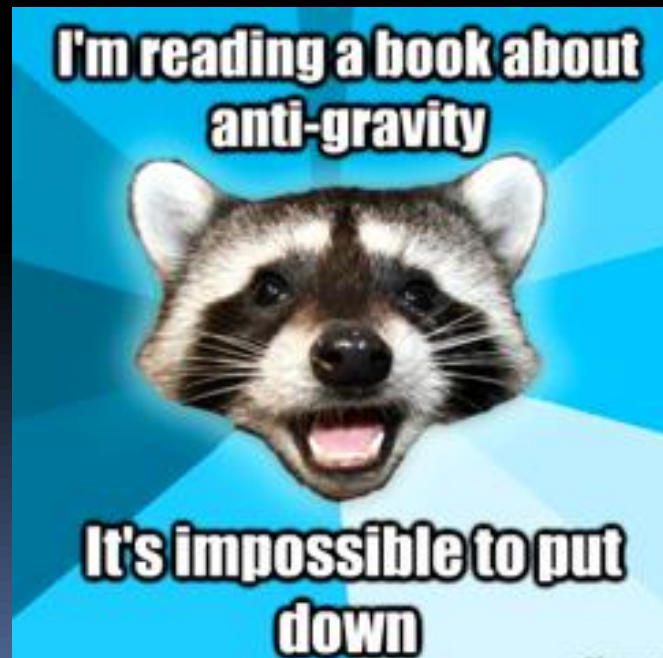
- **Examples: “Meter” is a unit of length. The standard for a meter has, at various times, been:**
 - **Distance from the tip of your nose to the tip of your longest finger when arm is extended horizontally. Problem?**
 - **One ten-millionth of the distance from the earth’s equator to either pole. Problem?**
 - **Distance between two finely engraved marks on a particular bar of a platinum-iridium alloy. Problem?**

Units and Standards

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 - For greater precision and reproducibility, changed in 1960 to 1,650,763.73 wavelengths of an orange light emitted by krypton 86 gas. Problem?
 - Current: length of path traveled by light in $1/299,792,458$ th's of a second. Problem?
 - How precise does it have to be?

Units and Standards

- **Examples:**
 - The standard for one inch is 2.54 cm.
 - For the standard for cm, see meter above and divide by 100



Systeme International (SI)

- System of units and standards most commonly used in science
- Commonly known as the metric system
- Base units:
 - Length – meter (m)
 - Mass – kilogram (kg)
 - Time – second (s)
- Old name was MKS system (meter, kilogram, second)

Systeme International (SI)

- Secondary metric system: CGS System
- Base units:
 - Length – centimeter (cm)
 - Mass – gram (g)
 - Time – second (s)
- More useful for small stuff

British Engineering System

- Base units:
 - Length – foot (ft)
 - Force – pound (lb)
 - Time – second (s)
- Most engineering drawings are still in inches with tolerances measured in 1000ths of an inch

Units of Units

- Force \Rightarrow Newton (N) $\Rightarrow 1\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}^2$
- Energy and Work \Rightarrow Joule (J) $\Rightarrow 1\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$
- Pressure \Rightarrow Pascal (Pa) $\Rightarrow 1\text{kg}/\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^2$



Using Units

- **Units are mucho importante to problem solving!**
 - **FIRST** – ensure the units for your inputs are compatible for any constants you are given
 - **SECOND** – ensure all units are the same for the same type of measurement
 - **THIRD** – make sure your units cancel into the correct units for your answer (see below)

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$$\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$$

- Multiply by a conversion factor to get a common denominator
- Conversion factors always equal to 1
- Identity Property
- Unit conversion is the same – multiplying by 1 to change the *form* of a number

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$$\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) \times \left(\frac{3}{1}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{7}\right) = \frac{3}{7}$$

- Common factors cancel out
- Then multiply
- Units cancel out in the same way fractions do

Unit Conversions

$$1 \text{ min} = 60 \text{ sec}$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}} = \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} = 1$$

Unit Conversions

- How do you convert 10 inches per second to meters per minute?

$$\left(\frac{\cancel{10in}}{\cancel{1s}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1m}{\cancel{39.37in}}\right) \times \left(\frac{\cancel{60s}}{1\text{min}}\right) = \frac{10 \times 60}{39.37} \frac{m}{\text{min}}$$

$$15.24 = 15 \text{ m/min}$$

- Multiply by conversion factors
- Conversion factors equal to 1 (Identity Property)
- Cancel out common units
- Then multiply

Unit Conversions

- **Conversion factors do not count as significant figures if it is a defined conversion**
 - **1 in = 2.54 cm (not significant figure)**
 - **1 mi = 1.61 km (significant figure because 1.61 is not an exact or defined amount [1.609344 is exact])**
- **Look at the conversion factors on the inside front cover of your book**

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 - $(60) \times (1/60) \times (1/60\text{sec}) \times (885280/1) \times (12/1) \times (2.54/1) \times (10\text{mm}/1) = 26822.4 = 2.6 \times 10^4 \text{ mm/sec}$

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- In order to write really large numbers and really small numbers and still comply with the rules for significant figures , you have to use scientific notation
- As a general rule for *my class*, you should never have an answer longer than three digits (but four isn't too bad)
- In problem solving, ***round your final answer only*** to significant figures

Review - Scientific Notation

- Move decimal so there is only one number to the left of the decimal
- Number of decimal place moves equals the power of ten

$$\underline{\underline{6200000}} = 6.2 \times 10^6$$

$$0.\underline{\underline{00725}} = 7.25 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$9.85 \times 10^5 = \underline{\underline{985000}}$$

$$1.20 \times 10^{-3} = 0.\underline{\underline{00120}}$$

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- Multiplying numbers in scientific notation
 - Multiply the base numbers
 - Add the powers of ten
 - Move the decimal as required (and increase the power of ten) so you only have one digit to the left of the decimal

$$2 \times 10^3 \times 4 \times 10^4 = 8 \times 10^7$$

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***Check Using
Scientific Notation
on Calculators***

Review - Scientific Notation

- Dividing numbers in scientific notation
 - Divide the base numbers
 - Subtract the powers of ten
 - Move the decimal (and decrease the power of ten) so you only have one digit to the left of the decimal

$$8 \times 10^6 \div 2 \times 10^4 = 4 \times 10^2$$

$$1 \times 10^{-8} \div 9 \times 10^4 = 0.111 \times 10^{-12} = 1.11 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$4 \times 10^5 \div 3 \times 10^{-3} = 0.75 \times 10^8 = 7.5 \times 10^7$$

$$6 \times 10^{-7} \div 5 \times 10^{-2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

Review - Scientific Notation

- Adding and subtracting numbers in scientific notation
 - Convert numbers to decimal numbers
 - Add or subtract
 - Convert back to scientific notation
 - *Or just use a calculator*

$$\begin{aligned}8 \times 10^6 + 2 \times 10^4 &= 8000000 + 20000 = 8020000 \\ &= 8.02 \times 10^6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}6 \times 10^{-3} - 5 \times 10^{-2} &= 0.006 - 0.05 = -0.044 \\ &= -4.4 \times 10^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

Review - Scientific Notation

- Speaking of calculators . . .
 - Everyone take out their calculators
 - Make sure you can switch your display from decimal to scientific notation and back again
 - Perform the following operation using the scientific notation functions of your calculator:

$$6.39 \times 10^7 \div 8.72 \times 10^{-5} = 7.33 \times 10^{11}$$

GET YOUR CALCULATOR ENGRAVED!!!

General Operating Procedure

- Perform all operations on your calculator without rounding if possible
- Round your final answer to the correct number of significant figures using scientific notation if needed
- If using intermittent rounding, never round to less than the correct number of sig figs
- On tests, I use $\pm 5\%$ tolerance for intermittent rounding differences

Metrics With Prefixes

- Prefixes are added to units to stand for a power of ten
- 1cm is a centimeter and centi is a prefix for 10^{-2} thus $1\text{cm} = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ or 0.01m
- Note the chart on the inside front cover of your books

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	s	kilo	k	10^3
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Homework

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