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DEFINITION**

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# IMPORTANT FORMULAE

## 1. Velocity: Rate of Change of Displacement

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{\text{Displacement}}{\text{Time}}$$

## 2. Acceleration: Rate of Change of Velocity

$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{final velocity} - \text{initial velocity}}{\text{time}}$$

## 3. Speed: Rate of Change of Distance

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

## 4. Force (N)

$$F = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

## 5. Spring Constant (N/cm)

$$\text{spring constant} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Extension of spring}}$$

## 6. Density (kg/m<sup>3</sup> or g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$$

## 7. Moment (Nm)

$$\text{Moment} = F \times d$$

## 8. Pressure (Solid)

$$\text{Pressure} = \text{Force} / \text{Area}$$

## 9. Pressure (Liquid)

$$\text{Pressure} = \text{Height} \times \text{Density} \times \text{Gravity}$$

## 10. Kinetic Energy (motion)

$$\text{K.E.} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}^2$$

## 11. Gravitational Potential Energy (Height)

$$\text{G.P.E.} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravity} \times \text{height}$$

## 12. Work Done

$$\text{W.D.} = \text{Force} \times \text{Displacement}$$

## 13. Momentum (Elastic)

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2$$

momentum before = momentum after

## 14. Momentum (Inelastic)

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v$$

momentum before = momentum after

## 15. Boyle's Law

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

Before = After

## 16. Specific Heat Capacity $Q = mc\Delta T$

Q - Heat Energy (J)

m - mass (kg)

c - specific heat capacity (J/kg °C)

T - change in temperature (°C)

## 17. Specific Latent Heat $Q = ml$

Q - Heat Energy (J)

m - mass (kg)

l - specific latent heat (J/kg)

## 18. Speed of Waves

$$\text{speed} = \text{frequency} \times \text{wavelength}$$

## 19. Refractive Index (Angle)

$$n = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$$

i = angle of less dense medium  
r = angle of denser medium

## 20. Refractive Index (Speed)

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

c = speed of light in air/vacuum  
( $3 \times 10^8$  m/s)  
v = speed of light in medium

## 21. Refractive Index (Critical Angle)

$$n = \frac{1}{\sin c}$$

c = critical angle

## 22. Current $Q = It$

Q = charge (C)

I = current (A)

T = time (s)

## 23. Potential Difference $V = W/Q$

V = potential difference (V)

W = work done (J)

Q = charge (C)

## 24. Ohm's Law $V = IR$

V = potential difference (V)

I = current (A)

R = resistance (Ω)

## 25. Power $P = VI$

P = power (W)

I = current (A)

V = potential difference (V)



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