

SPH3U: Forces Unit Rubrics

Use these rubrics to help assess the quality of your representations.

Interaction Diagrams

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Newton's 2nd Law Expressions

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| <p>Expressions for Newton's 2nd Law are constructed but contain many errors or a major error:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> missing or extra forces (not matching with the force diagram) x- and y- forces are appear in wrong equation one equation contains forces from both x- and y- directions | <p>Force diagram contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process begins by writing the original 2nd law equation for each direction that has forces (i.e. $F_{net\ x} = ma_x$) Each force is written with a unique force symbol and does not have a vector arrow symbol. 3rd law force notation ($F_{g\ e-b}$) is used if there are multiple systems / similar forces Direction of the force is shown using the sign convention. If there is no acceleration, the equation equals zero. | $F_{net\ x} = ma_x$ $F_t - F_f = ma_x$ $F_{net\ y} = ma_y$ $F_n - F_g = 0$ |

SPH4U: Motion Unit Rubrics

Component Triangles

| An attempt (1-2) | Needs some improvement (3-4) | Acceptable (5) | Exemplar = 5/5 |
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| Triangle is constructed but contains many errors or a major error: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vector's direction is misleading The angle is not at the tail of the vector The diagram is mislabeled | Component triangle contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Components are drawn as arrows with dashed or coloured lines. All three sides are labeled The angle is shown at the tail of the vector. Triangle clearly shows which component is larger Vector's direction is reasonable Components are labeled with the same symbol as the vector plus a subscript. (Displacement is the exception) | |

Component Math

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| Math is present but contains many errors or a major error: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps are missing Component triangle missing Problem with vector ideas | Work contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component triangle included with math work Appropriate physics symbols used Substitutions have units Both quantities on each side of the equals sign are written with vector or component notation (see pg.22) Final 2-D vector written with vector notation | $\Delta x = 3.1 \text{ m}$ $\Delta y = -2.7 \text{ m}$ $\Delta d = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$ $= \sqrt{(3.1 \text{ m})^2 + (-2.7 \text{ m})^2}$ $= 4.111 \text{ m}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{ \Delta y }{ \Delta x }\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{ -2.7 \text{ m} }{ 3.1 \text{ m} }\right)$ $= 41.05^\circ$ $\therefore \Delta \vec{d} = 4.11 \text{ m [E } 41.1^\circ \text{S]}$ |

Vector Math

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direction is missing | Work contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only vector or square-bracket notation is used Directions are included every time a vector quantity is written out | $\Delta \vec{d} = \vec{v} \Delta t$ $= 6.7 \text{ m/s [E } 41.1^\circ \text{S]} (0.6134 \text{ s})$ $= 4.11 \text{ m [E } 41.1^\circ \text{S]}$ |

Projectile Solutions

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| Solution contains many errors or a major error: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Components are not used | Solution contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A: includes a component triangle Part A: component calculations use sign convention correctly Part A: list of horizontal and vertical information Part B: motion diagram shows dot pattern for horizontal, vertical, and combined motions. Vector notation (\vec{v}) is only used to label diagrams or with square bracket notation | |

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SPH4U: Energy and Momentum Unit Rubrics

Momentum Bar Charts

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| <p>Bar chart is constructed but contains many errors or a major error:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing or extra bars Bar chart math does not work out (Initial + change = final) | <p>Momentum bar chart contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Momentum bars are labeled with numbers for moments in time and letters for objects (“p_{A1}”) Labels for the bars form an impulse-momentum equation. Bars reflect a reasonable estimation of the mass and velocities of the objects Bars show correct direction for momenta Bars show the important differences or changes in momentum | |

Energy Flow Diagrams

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| <p>Energy flow diagram is constructed but contains many errors or a major error:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing or extra energy flow lines Inappropriate objects in system or environment | <p>Energy flow diagram contains no major errors, but might have a few minor errors.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event numbers show the initial and final moments in time that are being compared Each interaction involved in a flow of energy is represented by a single line with an arrow head Only objects names are written and only objects that are involved in an energy flow are shown Energy flow diagram shows the same transfers as the energy bar chart. | |

Work-Energy Bar Chart

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