## Announcements

$\square$ Go through course website (schedule \& lectures)
$\square$ Register i>clicker (Compass)
$\square$ MATLAB Clinics
$\square$ Special ME Office Hours (Grainger Library room 429):
Wednesday (8/30) and Thursday (8/31), 4-6 pm
$\square$ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (9/1)
- Prairie Learn HW0
- Sunday (9/3)
- Mastering Engineering HW1
- Tuesday (9/5)
- Prairie Learn HW1



## Chapter 1: General Principles

## What is "statics"?



## Mechanics

Mechanics is a branch of the physical sciences that is concerned with the state of rest or motion of bodies that are subjected to the action of forces


Fluids


state of rest or motion of bodies that are subjected to the action of forces

## Which forces?


www.ashvegas.com

## Fundamental concepts

Basic quantities:

Idealizations:


- Particle:
- Rigid Body:
- Concentrated Force:

Understanding and applying these things allows for amazing achievements in engineering!

## Newton's laws of motion



## Newton's law of gravitational attraction

The mutual force $\mathbf{F}$ of gravitation between two particles of mass $m_{1}$ and $m_{2}$ is given by:
$G$ is the universal constant of gravitation (small number) $r$ is the distance between the two particles

Weight is the force exerted by the earth on a particle at the earth's surface:
$M_{e}$ is the mass of the earth
$r_{e}$ is the distance between the earth's center and the particle near the surface


Figure: 01_PH003
The astronaut's weight is diminished, since she is far removed from the gravitational field of the earth.
$g$ is the acceleration due to the gravity

## Units

## TABLE 1-1 Systems of Units

| Name | Length | Time | Mass | Force |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| International <br> System of Units <br> SI | meter | second | kilogram | newton* |
| U.S. Customary <br> FPS | foot | s | kg | $\left(\frac{\mathrm{kg} \cdot \mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}^{2}}\right)$ |
|  | ft | s | $\left(\frac{\mathrm{lb} \cdot \mathrm{s}^{2}}{\mathrm{ft}}\right)$ | pound |
|  |  |  | lb |  |

*Derived unit.

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## Numerical Calculations

## Dimensional Homogeneity

Equations must be dimensionally homogeneous, i.e., each term must be expressed in the same units.

Work problems in the units given unless otherwise instructed!

## Numerical Calculations

## Significant figures

The number of significant figures contained in any number determines the accuracy of the number. Use 3 or $>$ significant figures for final answers. For intermediate steps, use symbolic notation, store numbers in calculators or use more significant figures, in order to maintain precision.

## Why so picky? Units matter...

- A national power company mixed up prices quoted in kilo-Watt-hour (kWh) and therms.
- Actual price $=\$ 50,000$
- Paid while trading on the market: $\$ 800,000$
- In Canada, a plane ran out of fuel because the pilot mistook liters for gallons!. He landed the plane safely without power on
 an emergency airstrip.


http://www.planetseed.com/sciencearticle/importance-units


## General procedure for analysis

1. Read the problem carefully; write it down carefully.
2. MODEL THE PROBLEM: Draw given diagrams neatly and construct additional figures as necessary.
3. Apply principles needed.
4. Solve problem symbolically. Make sure equations are dimensionally homogeneous
5. Substitute numbers. Provide proper units throughout. Check significant figures. Box the final answer(s).
6. See if answer is reasonable.

## Chapter 2: Force Vectors

## Scalars and vectors

|  | Scalar | Vector |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Examples | Mass, Volume, Time | Force, Velocity |
| Characteristics | It has a magnitude | It has a magnitude and direction |
| Special notation <br> used in TAM 210/211 | None | Bold font or symbols ("~" or " $\rightarrow$ ") <br> Ex: |

Multiplication or division of a vector by a scalar

$$
\boldsymbol{B}=\alpha \boldsymbol{A}
$$

## Vector addition

$$
\boldsymbol{R}=\boldsymbol{A}+\boldsymbol{B}
$$



Vector subtraction:

$$
\boldsymbol{R}=\boldsymbol{A}-\boldsymbol{B}=\boldsymbol{A}+(-\boldsymbol{B})
$$



$$
\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}
$$

Triangle rule

$\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{A}$
Triangle rule

Commutative law:

$$
\boldsymbol{R}=\boldsymbol{A}+\boldsymbol{B}=\boldsymbol{B}+\boldsymbol{A}
$$

Associative law:

$$
\boldsymbol{A}+(\boldsymbol{B}+\boldsymbol{C})=(\boldsymbol{A}+\boldsymbol{B})+\boldsymbol{C}
$$

Scalar/Vector multiplication:
$\alpha(\boldsymbol{A}+\boldsymbol{B})$
$(\alpha+\beta) \boldsymbol{A}$

