

## Dynamics and

## Space

## Physics



## Content Level 4

## SCN 4-06a

By researching developments used to observe or explore space, I can illustrate how our knowledge of the universe has evolved over time.

## SCN 4-07a

I can use appropriate methods to measure, calculate and display graphically the speed of an object, and show how these methods can be used in a selected application.

## SCN 4-07b

By making accurate measurements of speed and acceleration, I can relate the motion of an object to the forces acting on it and apply this knowledge to transport safety.

## SCN 4-16a

I have carried out research into novel materials and can begin to explain the scientific basis of their properties and discuss the possible impacts they may have on society.

## SCN 4-20a

I have researched new developments in science and can explain how their current or future applications might impact on modern life.

## SCN 4-20b

Having selected scientific themes of topical interest, I can critically analyse the issues, and use relevant information to develop an informed argument.

## Content National 4

## Speed and acceleration

- Calculations involving the relationship between speed, distance, and time.
- Determination of average and instantaneous speed.
- Interpretation of speed-time graphs to describe motion including calculation of distance (for objects which are speeding up, slowing down, stationary and moving with constant speed.)Motion in one direction only.
- Use of relationship of acceleration, change in speed and time.


## Relationship between forces, motion and energy

- The use of Newton's first law and balanced forces to explain constant speed, making reference to frictional forces.
- The use of Newton's second law to explain the movement of objects in situations involving constant acceleration.
- Calculations using the relationship between force, mass and acceleration in situations where only one force is acting.
- Calculations using the relationship between weight, mass and gravitational field strength within our solar system.
- Risks and benefits associated with space exploration including challenges of re-entry to a planet's atmosphere.
- The use of thermal protection systems to protect spacecraft on re-entry.


## Satellites

- The range of heights and functions of satellites in orbit around the earth, including geostationary and natural satellites.
- The dependence of period of orbit on height.
- The use of parabolic reflectors to send and receive signals.
- Use of the relationship between distance, speed and time applied to satellite communication.
- Range of applications of satellite including telecommunications; weather monitoring; the use of satellites in environmental monitoring.
- The use of satellites in developing our understanding of the global impact of mankind's actions.


## Cosmology

- Description of planet, moon, star, solar systems, exo-planet, galaxy and universe.
- Scale of the solar system and universe measured in light years.
- Space exploration and its impact on our understanding of the universe and planet Earth.
- Conditions required for an exo-planet to sustain life.


## Content National 5

## Velocity and displacement - Vectors and scalars

- Vector and scalar quantities: force, speed, velocity, distance, displacement, acceleration, mass, time and energy.
- Calculation of the resultant of two vector quantities in one dimension or at right angles.
- Determination of displacement and/or distance using scale diagram or calculation.
- Use of appropriate relationships to calculate velocity in one dimension


## Velocity-time graphs

- Velocity-time graphs for objects from recorded or experimental data.
- Interpretation of velocity-time graph to describe the motion of an object.
- Displacement from a velocity-time graph.


## Acceleration

- Acceleration of a vehicle between two points using appropriate relationships with initial and final velocity and time of change.
- Acceleration from a velocity-time graph.


## Newton's laws

- Applications of Newton's laws and balanced forces to explain constant velocity, making reference to frictional forces.
- Calculations involving the relationship between unbalanced force, mass and acceleration for situations where more than one force is acting.
- Calculations involving the relationship between work done, unbalanced force and distance/displacement.
- Calculations involving the relationship between weight, mass and gravitational field strength during interplanetary rocket flight.
- Newton's second law and its application to space travel, including rocket launch and landing.
- Newton's third law and its application to explain motion resulting from a 'reaction' force.
- Use of Newton's laws to explain free-fall and terminal velocity


## Projectile motion

- Explanation of projectile motion.
- Calculations of projectile motion from a horizontal launch using appropriate relationships and graphs.
- Explanation of satellite orbits in terms of projectile motion.


## Content National 5

## Space exploration

- Evidence to support current understanding of the universe from telescopes and space exploration.
- Impact of space exploration on our understanding of planet Earth, including use of satellites.
- The potential benefits of space exploration including associated technologies and the impact on everyday life.
- Risks and benefits associated with space exploration, including challenges of re-entry to a planet's atmosphere.


## Cosmology

- Use of the term 'light year' and conversion between light years and metres.
- Observable universe - description, origin and age of universe.
- The use of different parts of the electromagnetic spectrum in obtaining information about astronomical objects.
- Identification of continuous and line spectra.
- Use of spectral data for known elements, to identify the elements present in stars

| Example 1 |
| :--- |
| What is the speed of a car that |
| travels 2880 m in 60 seconds? |
|  |

## Example 3

How long does it take to travel 7125 m at $75 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ?

## Example 2

What is the speed of a car which travels 6 kilometres in 4 minutes?

## Example 4

How far does a car travelling at $25 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ travel in 30 minutes?

## Average Speed using Light Gates



## Instantaneous Speed




## Speed Time Graphs

Speed time graphs can help to describe the motion of an object.




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## Speed Time Graphs

## Example 8



Calculate the total distance travelled.

## Example 9



Calculate
(a) The distance travelled
(b) The average speed

Distance and Displacement


## Direction



## Vectors and Scalars

## Definition

A scalar quantity has

A vector quantity has

| Scalar | Vector |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

## Adding Vectors

## Example 10

A dog walks 2 m E followed by 0.5 m E . What is it's displacement? (Scale $=2 \mathrm{~cm}=1 \mathrm{~m}$ )
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## Example 11

A cat walks 2 m W followed by 0.5 m E. What is its displacement? $($ Scale $=2 \mathrm{~cm}=1 \mathrm{~m})$


## Example 13

A person walks 12 m East followed by 5 m (Scale $1 \mathrm{~cm}=1 \mathrm{~m}$ )

North. What is their displacement from the starting point?

## Velocity

## Example 14

A car travels 10 m due S , stops at traffic lights then carries on for another 10 m . This takes 5 s .
What was the velocity?


## Example 15

A car travels 8 mE along a road, then has to reverse 3 m to let the ambulance past. This takes 10s. What was the velocity?

Scale $1 \mathrm{~cm}=2 \mathrm{~m}$

## Example 16

A cyclist completes a 400 m circuit of a track in a velodrome in 50 s . What is their velocity? (Think very carefully!!)

## Resultant Vectors - Velocity

Example 17
A plane flies South at $100 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, but the
wind blows at $10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ East. What is the
plane's velocity?

## Example 18

A car travels 30 m E, followed by 40 m N . This takes 10s. What is its velocity?


Scale $1 \mathrm{~cm}=10 \mathrm{~m}$

## Example 19

A car travels 400 m S then 400 mW .
This takes 20s. What is its velocity?


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## Velocity Time Graphs



## Displacement from Velocity Time Graphs




Example 21


## Acceleration

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## Negative Acceleration



The acceleration is


## Acceleration



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\begin{aligned}
& v=\text { final speed } \\
& u=\text { initial speed } \\
& a=\text { acceleration } \\
& t=\text { time }
\end{aligned}
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## Example 26

A car accelerates from $20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ to $80 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ in 12 seconds. Calculate the acceleration.

## Example 27

An object travelling at $80 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ suddenly comes to a stop in 2 seconds Calculate the deceleration.

## Acceleration

## Example 28

A trolley starts at rest and speeds up at $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ for 6 seconds.
Calculate the final speed.

## Example 29

A car travelling at $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ accelerates at $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ for 4 s . What is its final speed?

Acceleration due to Gravity

## Example 30

A stone is dropped off the edge of a cliff. It takes 6 seconds to hit the ground. What speed does it hit the ground at?

## Forces

Forces can do three things to an object.
Change the -
1.
2.
3.

## Measuring Force

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Balanced Forces


Balanced Forces on the Move


## Newton's First Law

## Seatbelts

## Friction

| Definition - |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| INCREASING FRICTION |  |

## Newton's Second Law

## Example 31

Calculate the unbalanced force needed to accelerate a bike of mass 60 kg at a rate of $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$.

## Example 33

An object accelerates at $15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ when a force of 900 N is applied. What was its mass?

## Example 32

Calculate the acceleration caused by a force of 300 N acting on a 25 kg mass.

## Example 34

A boy pushes his sister downhill on her sledge with a force of 150 N . The combined mass of the girl and sledge is 40kg. What is her acceleration?

## Resultant Forces



In a tug-o-war the two sides each exert a force.


## Example 35

A dog out for a walk sees a cat and tries to chase after it. It exerts a force of 75 N forwards on the lead. If the child holding the lead can exert a force of 65 N backwards - what will happen?

## Resultant Forces

## Example 36

A motorbike of mass 800 kg has an engine force of $12,000 \mathrm{~N}$.
The frictional force is 2000 N .
What is the acceleration of the bike?

## Example 37

A car has an engine force of 5000 N . Each of the four tyres has a frictional force of 50 N with the road.
If the mass of the car is 1200 kg , what is the acceleration?

## Example 38

A boat engine is able to apply a force of 6000 N . The boat has a mass of 500 kg and accelerates at a rate of $10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$.
(a) Calculate the size of the frictional force acting on the boat.
(b) What will happen to this force if the barnacles grow on the hull over the summer

## Resultant Forces

## Example 39

A boat tows a barge with a force of 800 N South. The tide exerts a force of 600 N East. What is the effect of these forces on the barge?

## Weight

## Example 40

What is the weight of a person with a mass of 65 kg (on Earth)

## Example 41

What is the mass of an object which has a weight of 7200 N on Earth.

| Planet/Moon | 'g' (N/kg) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mercury | 4 |
| Venus | 9 |
| Earth | 10 |
| Mars | 4 |
| Jupiter | 25 |
| Saturn | 10 |
| Uranus | 10 |
| Neptune | 12 |
| Moon | 1.6 |

## Example 42

Find the weight and mass of a 75 kg spaceman on
a) Moon
b) Mars

## Work Done

## Example 43

A cyclist exerts a force of 200 N when riding a bike a distance of 60 m . How much work has she done?

## Example 45

A winch uses 750 J of energy pulling a car 6 m out of a ditch. What force is exerted on the car?

## Example 44

A battery powered model car has a motor which exerts a force of 1.5 N over a distance of 25 m .

How much work does the motor do?

## Example 46

How far can a football team tow a truck using a force of 1500 N if their available energy is $22,500 \mathrm{~J}$ ?

Newton's Third Law



## Example 47

After lift off a spacecraft of mass 6000kg applies its thruster rockets with a combined thrust of 480000 N . What is the acceleration of the rocket?


## Example 48

## Stars - what are they?

## Our Solar System

## Definition of a light year

## Light year Equivalent in Metres

Calculate the distance in metres, that light travels in one year.
The speed of light in vacuum is $300000000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$.

## Distances in Space

## Our Milky Way and other Galaxies



Exoplanets and Life Beyond Our Solar System

## The Age of the Universe

Cosmologists estimate the age of the universe to be around 14 billion years, since the "Big Bang".

## The Observable Universe

## How do we Explore Space?

There are 3 main ways to explore space:

Re-entry to atmosphere


## Projectile Motion



## Projectile Motion

## Example 49



A helicopter flying at $40 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ releases an aid package. It takes $3 s$ to hit the ground. Calculate:
a) The horizontal speed when the package hits the ground
b) The horizontal distance travelled
c) The initial vertical speed
d) The final vertical speed when it hits the ground.

## Newton's Thought Experiment



Newton's Thought Experiment

## Satellites

## Uses of Satellites

## Period of a Satellite

## Geostationary Satellite

## Satellite Transmitter



Satellite Receiver


Intercontinental Communication using Satellites


## Satellites



## Navigation System (GPS)

## Example 50

In addition to the speed of the signals, what other quantity must be known to calculate distance?

## Example 51

A satellite is at a height of 150 km . If the signal travels at $300,000,000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, how long will it take for the signal to travel from one ground station to the other?

## Freefall and Weightlessness



## Example 52

On Earth an astronaut has a weight of 550 N . What is her weight in the Space Station?

## Example 53

On Earth an astronaut has a weight of 550N. What is her mass in the Space Station?


## Risks and Benefits of Space Exploration

## Re-entry to atmosphere

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## Terminal Velocity


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## The Electromagnetic Spectrum in Astronomy



## White light



## Telescopes



Objective Lens -

Eyepiece Lens -

Light tight tube -

## Radio Telescopes

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Parkes Observatory, NSW, Australia


Very Large Array, New Mexico, USA

Radiations from Space


## Radiation from Space

## Example 54

Some spectral lines of radiation from a distant star are shown below.


## Spectral lines of radiation from distant star

The spectral lines of a number of elements are also shown.
Cadmium


Calcium


## Krypton



## Mercury



Use the spectral lines of the elements shown to identify which of these elements are present in the distant star.

## Types of Radiation from Space

