Physics 111-02—General Physics: Mechanics and Thermodynamics
Homework Assignment #1
Due Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 11 a.m.

This assignment has 3 basic parts: Enroll in Mastering Physics, do the on-line “HW #1” assignment, and do the pencil-and-paper problem below.

Enroll in Mastering Physics.

First, you will need a “Student Access Kit”. If you bought your text at Lafayette’s book-store, you should have received the kit with the text. If you do not have a kit, you can purchase one on-line at http://www.masteringphysics.com. Be sure to click on the right textbook—we are using Knight’s College Physics, second edition. Once you have your kit, you can register online at http://www.masteringphysics.com. When asked to provide a College ID, please use your Lafayette e-mail ID, e.g. something like smithj. Do not use your “L-number.”

One you have registered, you can log in at the Mastering Physics web site and enroll yourself in this course. The course ID is LafayettePhys11102Fall2013.

Do “HW #1.”

The first part of this assignment is intended to help introduce you to the system, including the ways to enter mathematical expressions. It is worthwhile to go through it. The first seven problems are for practice (i.e. they don’t count) but you should try them. You will get more out of the system and ultimately save yourself time and avoid frustration if you invest a little time now.

The last six problems are the graded physics problems for this week. They count, so don’t skip them.

Do the Pencil-and-Paper problems.

Do the following problem: Chapter 2: #29 (20 pts.)

Please write neatly and show your work clearly. I need to be able to follow your reasoning. Staple your pages together.

Grading.

The text rates problem difficulties as “I”, “II”, and “III.” These will typically be assigned 10, 20, and 30 points respectively. Your total score for each week will be the sum of the on-line and pencil-and-paper scores divided by the total number of possible points.

Academic Honesty

You may use, without proof, any results from your text by simply quoting the result and giving the reference (e.g. equation number or page number). You should understand how that result was obtained, but you need not transcribe the derivation.

If you get bogged down with any of the problems, do not hesitate to discuss them with me or with a fellow student. However, if you discuss a problem with anyone (besides me) you should acknowledge that collaboration. Please see the Academic Honesty policy for more information about appropriate and inappropriate collaboration.