Workshop for STACK Beginners

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Plan

What is STACK?

- Philosophy of the design (5 mins max!)
- Write your first question.



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- Formative, summative and evaluative outcomes. (i.e. feedback, score)





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- We need to take responsibility.



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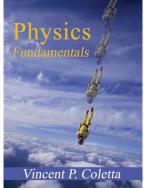
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Physics Fundamentals by Vincent Coletta. Physics Curriculum & Instruction

1600 online homework problems in STACK

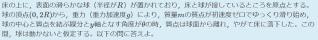


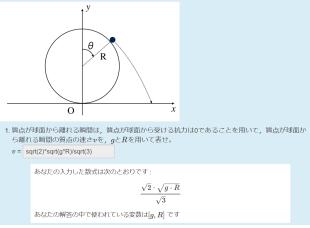


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Widely used internationally







System demo...





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- Quality control: question tests.
 - Key for long term quality assurance.

Let's write a question!

Please use the EAMS site!

https://eams.ncl.ac.uk/moodle/course/view.php?id=32



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