Basic Writing in Physics

Periods 3 - 4 (W)

Course No.: PHY.P410 Lecture Two Notes

Lecture Review

Yesterday, we reviewed the skill pyramid that you should work towards (reading \rightarrow listening \rightarrow writing \rightarrow speaking) in physics communication. Special attention was given to the requirements of reading in physics, focusing on finding abstracts in English via research themes and topic key words:

Abstract \leftrightarrow research theme \leftrightarrow key words

In particular, each student was asked to express their lab's research **theme** and focus in order to understand topical **key words** in both languages. We finished with the importance of the word "analyzing" as it relates to physics.

Relevant Websites

http://phet.colorado.edu/ja/simulations/category/physicshttps://youtu.be/dFf4AgBNR1E

Homework One

- 1. You are to interview one senior member of your lab and write down their answers to the following questions (in both Japanese and English).
 - a. The theme of their research.
 - b. Is their research experimental, theoretical, or computational?
 - c. The key words that explain their research.

Example answers:

- a. "My research theme is quantum information."
- b. "My research is theoretical."
- c. "The key words are 'phase space' 'quantum information' and 'distribution functions'."
- 2. You are to "analyze" one simulation from http://phet.colorado.edu/ by writing down (in both Japanese and English) the following:
 - a. The theme of the simulation.
 - b. The key words that describe the simulation.

Example answers: (looking at http://phet.colorado.edu/ja/simulation/legacy/rutherford-scattering)

- a. Rutherford Scattering
- b. Quantum Mechanics, Atomic Nuclei, and Atomic Structure

For Next Class

For 20 April, please make sure to bring your laptop and journal notebook. We will discuss Homework One and use it to do the first simulation write-up (Analyzing and Assesing).

(If you have any problems accessing the above websites or videos, please let me know).