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# Physics data and formulae

For use in exams from the June 2016 Series onwards

**DATA - FUNDAMENTAL CONSTANTS AND VALUES** 

QUANTITY	SYMBOL	VALUE	UNITS
speed of light in vacuo	<b>C</b>	$3.00 \times 10^8$	m s <sup>-1</sup>
permeability of free space	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	H m <sup>-1</sup>
permittivity of free space	$oldsymbol{arepsilon}_0$	8.85 ×10 <sup>-12</sup>	F m <sup>-1</sup>
magnitude of the charge of electron	e	1.60 × 10 <sup>-19</sup>	C
the Planck constant	h	$6.63 \times 10^{-34}$	J s
gravitational constant	$\boldsymbol{G}$	6.67 × 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$N m^2 kg^{-2}$
the Avogadro constant	$N_{\mathbf{A}}$	$6.02\times10^{23}$	mol <sup>-1</sup>
molar gas constant	R	8.31	JK <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
the Boltzmann constant	k	$1.38 \times 10^{-23}$	J K <sup>-1</sup>

QUANTITY	SYMBOL	VALUE	UNITS
the Stefan constant	$\sigma$	$5.67 \times 10^{-8}$	$Wm^{-2} K^{-4}$
the Wien constant	α	$2.90 \times 10^{-3}$	m K
electron rest mass (equivalent to $5.5 \times 10^{-4}$ u)	m <sub>e</sub>	9.11 × 10 <sup>-31</sup>	kg
Magnitude of electron charge/mass ratio	$\frac{e}{m_{e}}$	$1.76 \times 10^{11}$	C kg <sup>-1</sup>
proton rest mass (equivalent to 1.00728 u)	m <sub>p</sub>	$1.67(3) \times 10^{-27}$	kg
proton charge/mass ratio	$\frac{e}{m_{p}}$	$9.58 \times 10^{7}$	C kg <sup>-1</sup>
neutron rest mass (equivalent to 1.00867 u)	m n	$1.67(5) \times 10^{-27}$	kg

QUANTITY	SYMBOL	VALUE	UNITS
gravitational field strength	$oldsymbol{g}$	9.81	N kg <sup>-1</sup>
acceleration due to gravity	$oldsymbol{g}$	9.81	m s <sup>-2</sup>
atomic mass unit (1u is equivalent to 931.5 MeV)	u	$1.661 \times 10^{-27}$	kg

## **ALGEBRAIC EQUATION**

quadratic equation 
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

## **ASTRONOMICAL DATA**

BODY	MASS/kg	MEAN RADIUS/m
Sun	$1.99 \times 10^{30}$	$6.96 \times 10^{8}$

Earth  $5.97 \times 10^{24}$   $6.37 \times 10^{6}$ 

## **GEOMETRICAL EQUATIONS**

arc length =  $r\theta$ 

circumference of circle =  $2\pi r$ 

area of circle  $= \pi r^2$ 

curved surface area of cylinder  $= 2\pi rh$ 

area of sphere  $= 4\pi r^2$ 

volume of sphere  $= \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$ 

## PARTICLE PHYSICS

CLASS	NAME	SYMBOL	REST ENERGY/MeV
photon	photon	γ	0
lepton	neutrino	v <sub>e</sub>	0
		$oldsymbol{v}_{\mu}$	0
	electron	e <sup>±</sup>	0.510999
	muon	μ <sup>±</sup>	105.659
mesons	$\pi$ meson	$\pi^{\pm}$	139.576
		π0	134.972
	K meson	K <sup>±</sup>	493.821
		K <sup>0</sup>	497.762
baryons	proton	р	938.257
	neutron	n	939.551

## PROPERTIES OF QUARKS

# antiquarks have opposite signs

TYPE	CHARGE	BARYON NUMBER	STRANGENESS
u	$+\frac{2}{3}e$	+ 1/3	0
d	$-\frac{1}{3}e$	+ \frac{1}{3}	0
S	$-\frac{1}{3}e$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	-1

## **PROPERTIES OF LEPTONS**

		Lepton number
Particles:	$e^-$ , $v_e$ ; $\mu^-$ , $v_\mu$	+ 1
Antiparticles:	$e^+, \overline{v_e}, \mu^+, \overline{v_\mu}$	-1

## PHOTONS AND ENERGY LEVELS

photon energy  $E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$ 

photoelectricity  $hf = \phi + E_{k \text{ (max)}}$ 

energy levels  $hf = E_1 - E_2$ 

de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$ 

#### **WAVES**

wave speed 
$$c = f\lambda$$
 period  $f = \frac{1}{T}$ 

first harmonic 
$$f = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

fringe spacing 
$$w = \frac{\lambda D}{S}$$
 diffraction grating  $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$ 

refractive index of a substance s,  $n = \frac{c}{c_s}$ 

for two different substances of refractive indices  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ ,

law of refraction  $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ 

critical angle 
$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$
 for  $n_1 > n_2$ 

## **MECHANICS**

## moments

moment = Fd

velocity and acceleration

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta \mathbf{v}}{\Delta t}$$

equations of motion

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) t$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$s = ut + \frac{at^2}{2}$$

force

$$F = m a$$

force

$$F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$$

impulse

$$F \Delta t = \Delta(mv)$$

work, energy and power

$$W = F s \cos \theta$$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$\Delta E_p = mg \Delta h$$

$$P=rac{\Delta W}{\Delta t}$$
,  $P=Fv$ 

$$efficiency = \frac{useful\ output\ power}{input\ power}$$

### **MATERIALS**

density 
$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

Hooke's law  $F = k \Delta L$ 

Young modulus = 
$$\frac{tensile\ stress}{tensile\ strain}$$

$$tensile stress = \frac{F}{A}$$
$$tensile strain = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

energy stored 
$$E = \frac{1}{2} F \Delta L$$

### **ELECTRICITY**

current and pd 
$$I=\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$
  $V=\frac{W}{Q}$   $R=\frac{V}{I}$  resistivity  $\rho=\frac{RA}{L}$  resistors in series  $R_{\rm T}=R_1+R_2+R_3+\dots$  resistors in parallel  $\frac{1}{R_{\rm T}}=\frac{1}{R_1}+\frac{1}{R_2}+\frac{1}{R_3}+\dots$  power  $P=VI=I^2R=\frac{V^2}{R}$  emf  $\mathcal{E}=\frac{E}{Q}$   $\mathcal{E}=I(R+r)$ 

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