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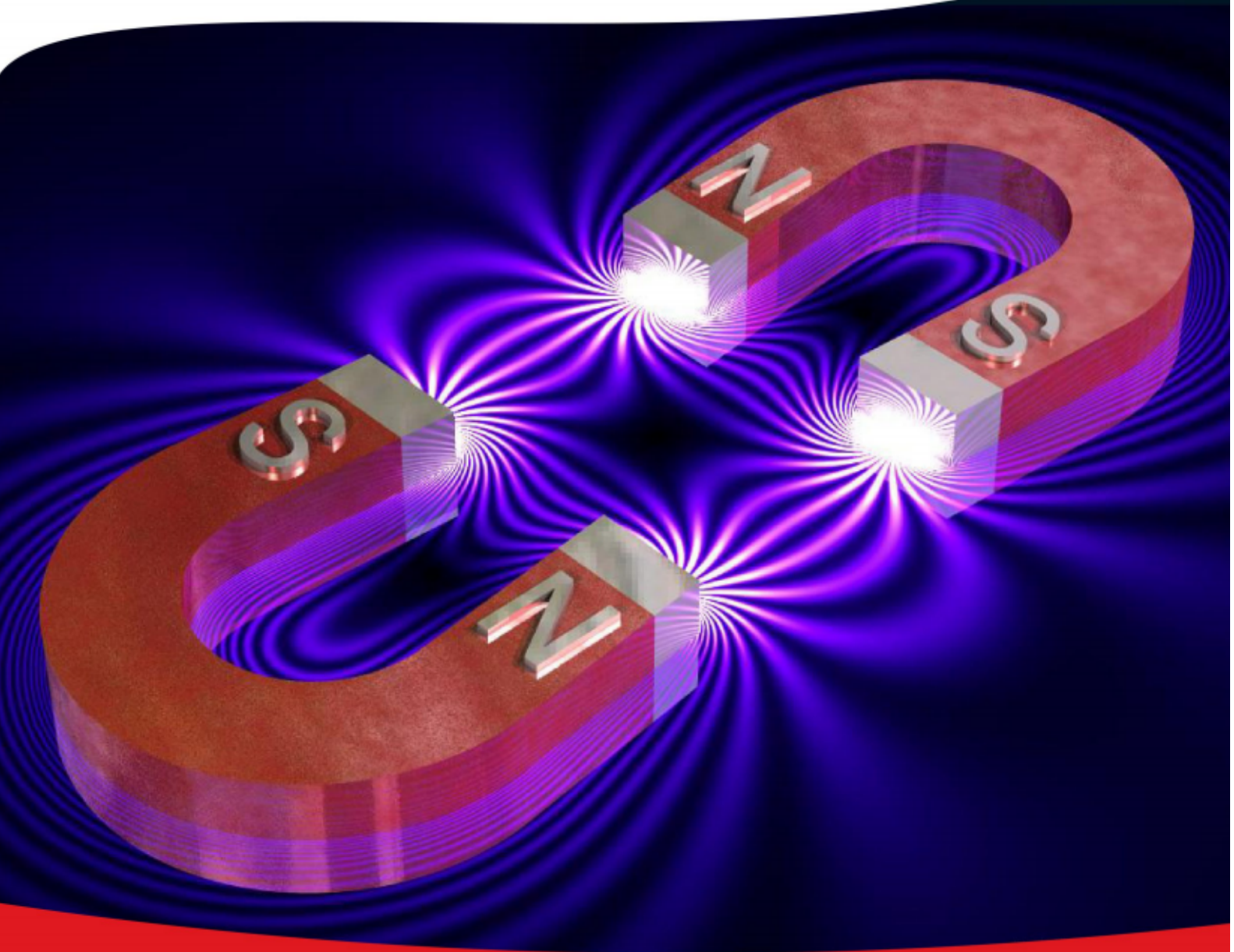

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Chapter 1

Physical quantities and units

1.1 SI units

1. 9702_m19_qp_22 Q: 1

(a) The ampere, metre and second are SI base units.

State **two** other SI base units.

1. .....

2. .....

[2]

(b) The average drift speed v of electrons moving through a metal conductor is given by the equation:

$$v = \frac{\mu F}{e}$$

where e is the charge on an electron
F is a force acting on the electron
and μ is a constant.

Determine the SI base units of μ.

SI base units .....[3]

[Total: 5]

2. 9702_s18_qp_22 Q: 1

(a) Define *force*.

.....[1]

(b) State the SI base units of force.

.....[1]

(c) The force F between two point charges is given by

$$F = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi r^2 \varepsilon}$$

where Q_1 and Q_2 are the charges,
r is the distance between the charges,
ε is a constant that depends on the medium between the charges.

Use the above expression to determine the base units of ε.

base units .....[2]

[Total: 4]

3. 9702_w17_qp_23 Q: 1

(a) **(i)** Define *power*.

.....

.....[1]

(ii) Show that the SI base units of power are $kg\,m^2\,s^{-3}$.

[1]

(b) All bodies radiate energy. The power P radiated by a body is given by

$$P = kAT^4$$

where T is the thermodynamic temperature of the body,
A is the surface area of the body
and k is a constant.

(i) Determine the SI base units of k.

base units .....[2]

(ii) On Fig. 1.1, sketch the variation with T^2 of P. The quantity A remains constant.

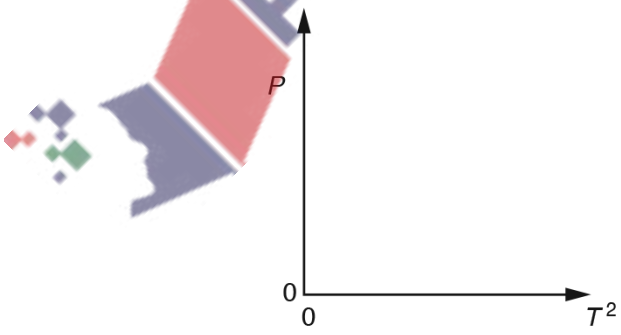

Fig. 1.1

[1]

[Total: 5]

4. 9702_s15_qp_21 Q: 1

(a) Use the definition of power to show that the SI base units of power are $kg\,m^{2}\,s^{-3}$.

[2]

(b) Use an expression for electrical power to determine the SI base units of potential difference.

units .....[2]

5. 9702_w15_qp_23 Q: 1

(a) The intensity of a progressive wave is defined as the average power transmitted through a surface per unit area.

Show that the SI base units of intensity are $kg\,s^{-3}$.

[2]

(b) **(i)** The intensity I of a sound wave is related to the amplitude x_0 of the wave by

$$I = K\rho c f^2 x_0^2$$

where ρ is the density of the medium through which the sound is passing,
c is the speed of the sound wave,
f is the frequency of the sound wave
and K is a constant.

Show that K has no units.

[2]

(ii) Calculate the intensity, in pW m^{-2}, of a sound wave where

$K = 20$,
$\rho = 1.2$ in SI base units,
$c = 330$ in SI base units,
$f = 260$ in SI base units
and $x_0 = 0.24\,\text{nm}$.

intensity = ...pW m^{-2} [3]

1.2 Scalars and vectors

6. 9702_w19_qp_22 Q: 1

(a) Distinguish between vector and scalar quantities.

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..... [2]

(b) The electric field strength E at a distance x from an isolated point charge Q is given by the equation

$$E = \frac{Q}{x^2 b}$$

where b is a constant.

(i) Use the definition of electric field strength to show that E has SI base units of $kg\,m\,A^{-1}\,s^{-3}$.

[2]

(ii) Use the units for E given in **(b)(i)** to determine the SI base units of b.

SI base units of b ..... [2]

[Total: 6]

7. 9702_s18_qp_21 Q: 1

(a) State what is meant by a *scalar* quantity and by a *vector* quantity.

scalar: .....

.....

vector: .....

.....

[2]

(b) Complete Fig. 1.1 to indicate whether each of the quantities is a vector or a scalar.

quantity	vector or scalar
power	
temperature	
momentum	

Fig. 1.1

[2]

(c) An aircraft is travelling in wind. Fig. 1.2 shows the velocities for the aircraft in still air and for the wind.

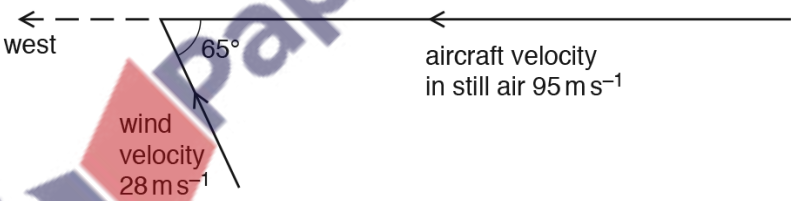


Fig. 1.2

The velocity of the aircraft in still air is 95 m s^{-1} to the west.
The velocity of the wind is 28 m s^{-1} from 65° south of east.

(i) On Fig. 1.2, draw an arrow, labelled R, in the direction of the resultant velocity of the aircraft. [1]

(ii) Determine the magnitude of the resultant velocity of the aircraft.

magnitude of velocity = ... $m\,s^{-1}$ [2]

[Total: 7]

8. 9702_s17_qp_23 Q: 1

(a) Two forces, with magnitudes 5.0 N and 12 N, act from the same point on an object. Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force *R* for the forces acting

(i) in opposite directions,

R = ... N [1]

(ii) at right angles to each other.

R = ... N [1]

(b) An object X rests on a smooth horizontal surface. Two horizontal forces act on X as shown in Fig. 1.1.

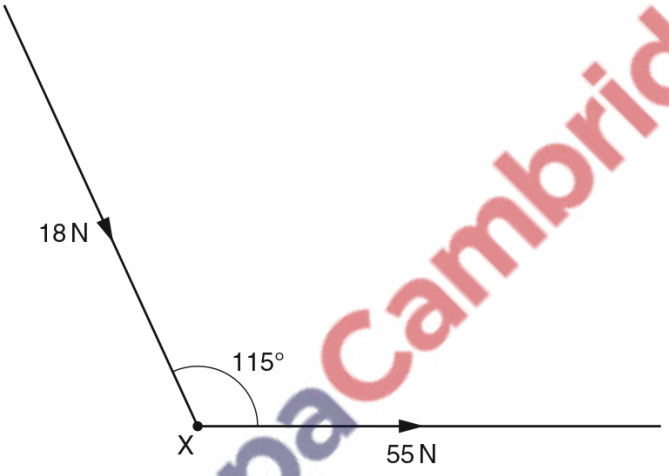


Fig. 1.1 (not to scale)

A force of 55 N is applied to the right. A force of 18 N is applied at an angle of 115° to the direction of the 55 N force.

(i) Use the resolution of forces or a scale diagram to show that the magnitude of the resultant force acting on X is 65 N.

[2]

(ii) Determine the angle between the resultant force and the 55 N force.

angle = ... ° [2]

(c) A third force of 80 N is now applied to X in the opposite direction to the resultant force in **(b)**.

The mass of X is 2.7 kg.

Calculate the magnitude of the acceleration of X.

acceleration = ...$m\,s^{-2}$ [3]

[Total: 9]

9. 9702_s16_qp_23 Q: 1

(a) A list of quantities that are either scalars or vectors is shown in Fig. 1.1.

quantity	scalar	vector
distance	✓	
energy		
momentum		
power		
time		
weight		

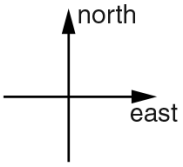
Fig. 1.1

Complete Fig. 1.1 to indicate whether each quantity is a scalar or a vector.

One line has been completed as an example. [2]

(b) A girl runs 120 m due north in 15 s. She then runs 80 m due east in 12 s.

(i) Sketch a vector diagram to show the path taken by the girl. Draw and label her resultant displacement R.



(ii) Calculate, for the girl,

1. the average speed,

average speed = ... $m\,s^{-1}$ [1]

2. the magnitude of the average velocity v and its angle with respect to the direction of the initial path.

magnitude of v = ... $m\,s^{-1}$

angle = ... °

[3]

[Total: 7]

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10. 9702_w15_qp_22 Q: 1

(a) The frequency of an X-ray wave is 4.6×10^{20} Hz.

Calculate the wavelength in pm.

wavelength = ... pm [3]

(b) The distance from Earth to a star is 8.5×10^{16} m. Calculate the time for light to travel from the star to Earth in Gs.

time = ... Gs [2]

(c) The following list contains scalar and vector quantities.

Underline **all** the scalar quantities.

acceleration force mass power temperature weight [1]

(d) A boat is travelling in a flowing river. Fig. 1.1 shows the velocity vectors for the boat and the river water.

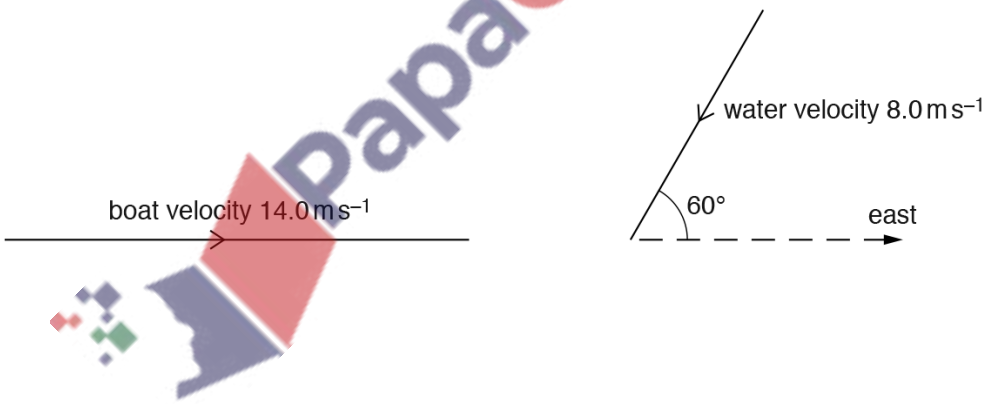

Fig. 1.1

The velocity of the boat in still water is 14.0 m s^{-1} to the east. The velocity of the water is 8.0 m s^{-1} from 60° north of east.

(i) On Fig. 1.1, draw an arrow to show the direction of the resultant velocity of the boat. [1]

(ii) Determine the magnitude of the resultant velocity of the boat.

magnitude of velocity = ... $m\,s^{-1}$ [2]