



Advanced Subsidiary GCE Advanced GCE

PHYSICS A

Data, Formulae and Relationships

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Data

Values are given to three significant figures, except where more are useful.

speed of light in a vacuum	С	3.00 x 10 ⁸ m s ⁻¹
permittivity of free space	E ₀	8.85 x 10 ⁻¹² C ² N ⁻¹ m ⁻² (F m ⁻¹)
elementary charge	е	1.60 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ C
Planck constant	h	6.63 x 10 ⁻³⁴ J s
gravitational constant	G	6.67 x 10 ⁻¹¹ N m ² kg ⁻²
Avogadro constant	N _A	6.02 x 10 ²³ mol ⁻¹
molar gas constant	R	8.31 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹
Boltzmann constant	k	1.38 x 10 ⁻²³ J K ⁻¹
electron rest mass	m _e	9.11 x 10 ⁻³¹ kg
proton rest mass	m _p	1.673 x 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
neutron rest mass	m _n	1.675 x 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
alpha particle rest mass	m _α	6.646 x 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
acceleration of free fall	g	9.81 m s ⁻²

Conversion factors

unified atomic mass unit	1 u = 1.661 x 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
electronvolt	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \text{ x } 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
	$1 \text{ day} = 8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$
	1 year ≈ 3.16 x 10 ⁷ s
	1 light year \approx 9.5 x 10 ¹⁵ m

Mathematical equations

arc length = $r\theta$
circumference of circle = $2\pi r$
area of circle = πr^2
surface area of cylinder = $2\pi rh$
volume of cylinder = $\pi l^2 h$
area of circle = $4\pi r^2$
volume of sphere = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
Pythagoras' theorem: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$
For small angle $\theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \approx \theta$ and $\cos \theta \approx 1$
lg(A+B) = lg(A) + lg(B)
$\lg(\frac{A}{B}) = \lg(A) - \lg(B)$
$\ln(x^n) = n \ln(x)$
$\ln(e^{kx}) = kx$

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Formulae and relationships

Unit G481 - Mechanics	Unit G482 - Electrons, Waves and Photons
$F_x = F \cos \theta$	$\Delta Q = I \Delta t$
$F_y = F\sin\theta$	
$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta v}$	I = Anev
Δt	
v = u + at	W = VQ
$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$	V = IR
$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$	$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$
$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$	$P = VI$ $P = I^2 R$ $P = \frac{V^2}{R}$
F = ma	W = VIt
W = mg	e.m.f = V + Ir
moment = Fx	$V_{\rm out} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V_{\rm in}$
torque = Fd	$v = f\lambda$
$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$	$\lambda = \frac{ax}{D}$
$P = \frac{F}{A}$	$d\sin\theta = n\lambda$
$W = Fx\cos\theta$	$E = hf$ $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$
$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$	$hf = \phi + \text{KE}_{\text{max}}$
$E_p = mgh$	$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{totalenergy input}} \times 100\%$	
F = kx	
$E = \frac{1}{2}Fx \qquad E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$	
stress $=\frac{F}{A}$	
strain = $\frac{x}{L}$	
Young modulus = stress/strain	

Unit G484 – The Newtonian World	Unit G485 - Fields, Particles and Frontiers
	of Physics
$F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$	$E = \frac{F}{Q}$
$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$	$F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2}$
$a = \frac{v^2}{r}$	$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2}$
$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$	$E = \frac{V}{d}$
$F = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}$	$F = BIL\sin\theta$
$g = \frac{F}{m}$	F = BQv
$g = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$	$\phi = BA\cos\theta$
$T^2 = (\frac{4\pi^2}{GM})r^3$	induced e.m.f. = - rate of change of magnetic flux linkage
$f = \frac{1}{T}$	$\frac{V_s}{V_p} = \frac{n_s}{n_p}$
$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$	Q = VC
$a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$	$W = \frac{1}{2}QV W = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$
$x = A\cos(2\pi f t)$	time constant = <i>CR</i>
$v_{\rm max} = (2\pi f)A$	$x = x_0 e^{-\frac{t}{CR}}$
$E = mc\Delta\theta$	$C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$
pV = NkT	$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$
pV = nRT	$A = -\lambda N$
$E = \frac{3}{2}kT$	$A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
	$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
	$\lambda t_{1/2} = 0.693$

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	$\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$
	$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$
	$Z = \rho c$
	$\frac{I_r}{I_0} = \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2}$
	$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{c}$
	age of Universe $\approx \frac{1}{H_0}$
	$\rho_0 = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$

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