

- 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} .

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

$$I = K\rho cf^2x_0^2$$

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

$$K = 20,$$

$$\rho = 1.2 \text{ in SI base units,}$$

$$c = 330 \text{ in SI base units,}$$

$$f = 260 \text{ in SI base units}$$

and $x_0 = 0.24 \text{ nm}.$

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