

Chapter 1. Making measurements

1. Physical quantity (**scalar vs vector**)

Scalar only has magnitude, **vector** has both magnitude and **direction**.

Scalar: mass, speed, distance, density, **energy**, current, temperature, pressure

Vector: weight, force, velocity, **acceleration**, **momentum**, electrical field strength, gravitational field strength

2. Measurements

a. SI unit

Mass	Kilogram	kg
Length	Metre	m
Time	Second	s
Electric current	Ampere	A
Temperature	Kelvin	K

b. Prefix

nano(n)	10^{-9}	kilo(k)	10^3
micro(μ)	10^{-6}	mega(M)	10^6
milli(m)	10^{-3}	giga(G)	10^9
centi(c)	10^{-2}		
deci(d)	10^{-1}		

c. Measuring length

Tool: **rule** (1mm), **tape measure(longer distance)**, more precise: micrometer/screw gauge(0.01mm), vernier

Measuring volume - Irregularly shaped solid:

d. Measuring time

Tool: analogue clock, digital clock(0.01s)

Key Measuring techniques:

- check zero
- Measure small distance or small time intervals: **measure multiples**
- Measure multiple times and calculate the average
- Start at a recognize point in the cycle e.g. start when the pendulum is on the highest position

e. Measuring **density**

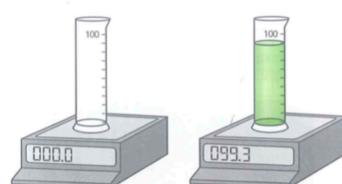
$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} \quad \text{unit: } g/cm^3 \text{ or } kg/m^3$$

Measuring the density of liquid:

- Find the mass of the measuring cylinder by placing it on a balance, then fill it with the liquid and measure the new mass. The difference in masses is the mass of the liquid.

displacement

- Add water into measuring cylinder
- Read the volume.
- Immerse** the object in the water.
- Read the new volume.
- The difference between two readings is the volume of the object



b. The volume can be read from the cylinder and the density calculated using the equation.

$$\rho_{oil} < \rho_{ice} < \rho_{water} = 1\text{g/cm}^3$$

Liquid with different densities(if immiscible): form layers with small densities on the top

If the density of an object is greater than the density of liquid it will sink in the liquid- if less, it will float.

Chapter 2. Describing motion

1. average speed:

$$v = \frac{\text{total distance}}{\text{total time}} = \frac{s}{t} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

- unit: m/s or km/h;

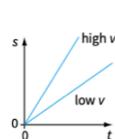
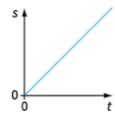
2. velocity: speed in a given direction

3. acceleration: **the rate of change of velocity**

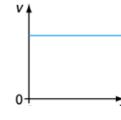
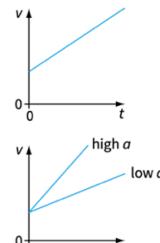
$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v - u}{\Delta t} \quad v = u + at$$

4. distance-time graph: **slope = speed**

5. speed-time graph: **slope = acceleration**



speed(v) = gradient



distance = area under speed-time graph

Slope: magnitude of acceleration
Larger slope: larger acceleration
Positive slope: accelerating
Negative slope: decelerating
Slope = 0 (a horizontal graph): $a = 0$, constant speed(including stationary)
Straight line: constant acceleration
Curved line: changing acceleration

6. uniformly accelerated (linear) motion: constant acceleration (**$a = \text{constant}$**)

Average velocity:

$$v_{ave} = \frac{v + u}{2} \quad s = v_{ave} \times t$$

7. free fall(only gravity, ignore air resistance)

$$a = g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Chapter 3. Forces and Motion

1. Force

unit: N (kg m/s^2)

2. Weight: downward force due to gravity

$$W = mg, \text{ unit: N}$$

Same object on two different planets:
The **mass** is the **same**
The gravitational field strength g on the two planets will
be different so the **weight is different**.

g: **gravitational field strength**, $g = 9.8\text{N/kg}$, equals acceleration in **free fall** is due to gravity 9.8 m/s^2

vs mass: **mass is the quantity of matter in an object at rest to the observer**.

weights (and hence masses) can be compared using a **balance**.

3. friction (F_f or f): a force between two surfaces which impedes motion and results in heating.

e.g. air resistance (F_f or f , $\propto v^2$, $\propto A$)

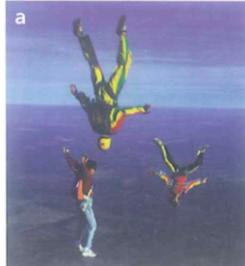
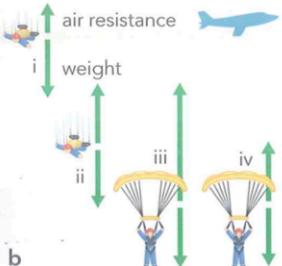
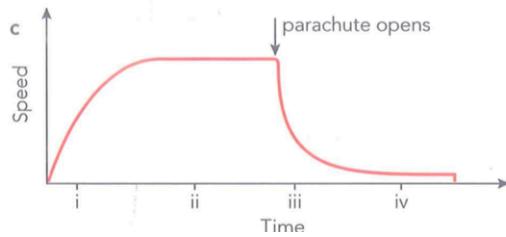
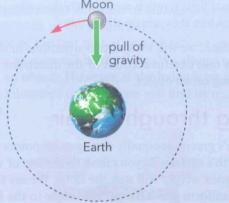
4. resultant force:

求合力: a. If forces acting along the same straight line: 同向相加, 异向相减

b. Otherwise: vector addition, apply **parallelogram law**(find the diagonal vector) or **triangle law** (head to tail)

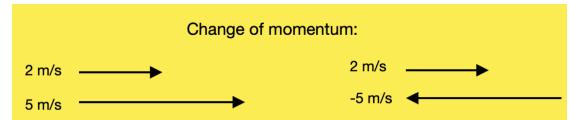
Scale diagram: 需要把力的大小成比例的画出来, 比如1cm 对应1N; 可以用来求resultant force的大小及方向(量出大小和方向)。

5. Newton's second law

	= 0	Constant velocity: stay at rest or move at steady speed along straight line
		<p style="text-align: center;">F = ma (常考: 已知 a 求 F, 或者反过来) The resistance of an object to changes in motion</p> <p>Accelerate or decelerate along straight line, e.g. parachutist Initially, there is no air resistance and the only force acting on it is weight As it falls, it accelerates which increases its speed and hence air resistance This causes the resultant force downwards to decrease Therefore the acceleration decreases, so it is not speeding up as quickly Eventually they are equal and opposite and balance so there is no resultant force So there is no acceleration and the terminal velocity is reached</p> <p>a  b  c </p>
F_{tot}	$\neq 0$	<p>Circular motion with constant speed: The speed is constant, but the direction is always changing => velocity is always changing => accelerating and there must be a centripetal force towards the centre of the circle. $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$</p> <p>$F \uparrow \Rightarrow$ Speed \uparrow (m,r const) Radius \downarrow (m,v const) Mass \uparrow (r,v const)</p> <p>c </p>

6. Momentum:

$p = mv$; Unit: $kg\ m/s$



5. Impulse:

$F\Delta t = mv - mu = \Delta p$ (冲量定理: Impulse equals the **change** of momentum.)

Unit: Ns

7. Definition of force: force is the rate of change of momentum

$$F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$$

why we need airbags/safety belt during car crash:
 Δp same, Δt increases due to airbags/safety belt, so
force F is reduced, causing less harm

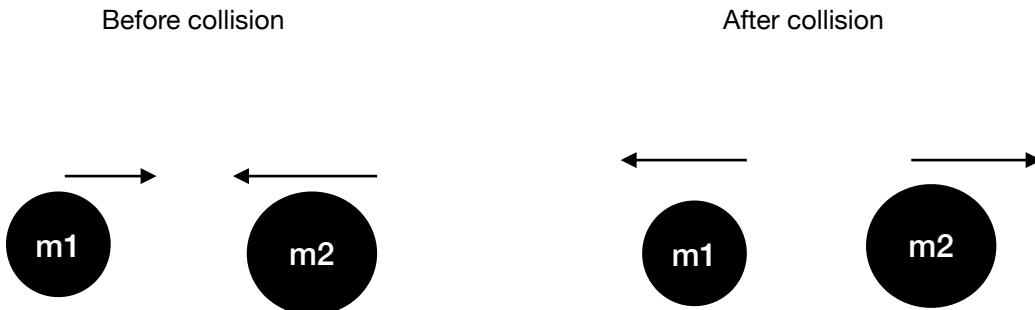
8. Conservation of momentum

For an isolated system (no external forces applied), total momentum doesn't change, before and after collision, momentum are conserved: $p_i = p_f$

$$m_1 \vec{u}_1 + m_2 \vec{u}_2 = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2$$

$$|\Delta p_1| = |\Delta p_2| = F\Delta t, (F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = F_{2 \rightarrow 1} = F)$$

Collision example:



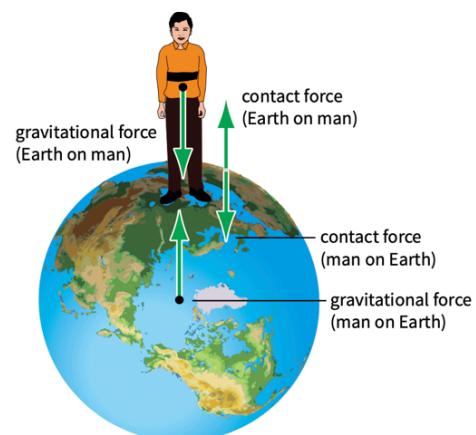
Newton's first law

An object will remain at rest or in a state of uniform motion unless it is acted on by a resultant force.

Newton's third law

When two bodies interact, the forces they exert on each other are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.

- They act on **different** objects.
- They are equal in magnitude.
- They are opposite in direction.
- They are forces of the **same type**.



Chapter 4. Turning effect

1. Moment: the turning effect about a point/ **Force times perpendicular distance to the pivot**

$$M = r \times F$$

pivot: the point which the object can rotate about.

r: **perpendicular** distance to the pivot

To get larger moment:

- a. Larger force
- b. Act further from pivot
- c. Act perpendicular to the object

If (extended) line of force **pass through the pivot**, then moment of this force to this pivot is **0** => not rotate



2. Two conditions for **Equilibrium**:

Principle of moment

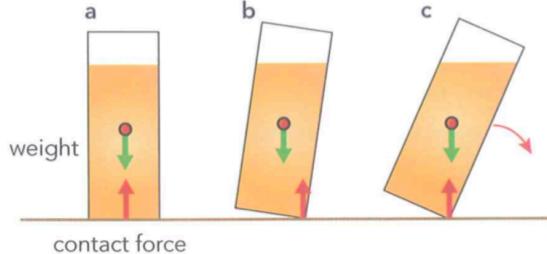
- a. No resultant force
- b. No net moment (**clockwise moment = anti-clockwise moment**) (**about any point**)

3. Center of gravity: the **point** at which all of its **gravity** can be considered to act

Finding center of gravity: a. For mass uniformly distributed object: at the geometric center

- b. Otherwise: use **Suspension**

1. Hang up the card and suspend a plumb line from the same place.
2. Mark the position of the thread.
3. Repeat the above steps with the card suspended from different places.
4. Where these lines intersect is the centre of mass.



Stable: lower center of gravity, wide base

Unstable: higher center of gravity, narrow base

Chapter 5. Forces and Materials

1. Force acting on solids: **change shape & size**(storing energy)

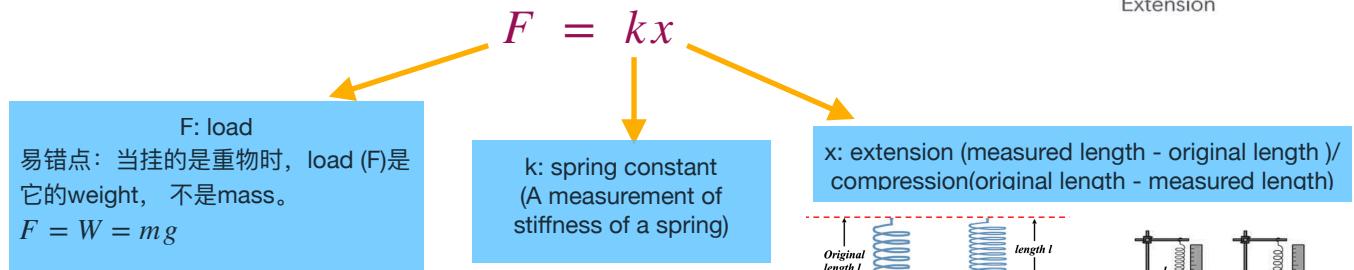
2. Limit of proportionality

Up to this limit, the extension is proportional to the load.

常考点: find the limit of proportionality 首先弯折的点

3. Hooke's Law

Within the limit of proportionality, the extension is proportional to the load applied to it.



常考点:

求k (根据图像load-extension)

根据 k 和 load 求extension/length

易错点: 看清求的是extension还是length

4. pressure

$$p = \frac{F}{A}$$

Pressure is a **scalar**

Unit: **Pa** ($1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$)

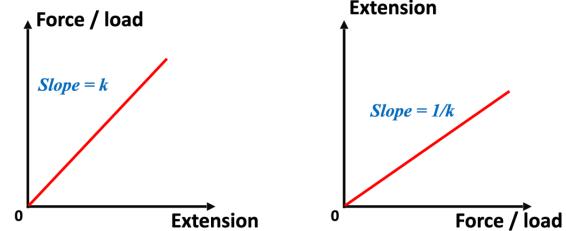
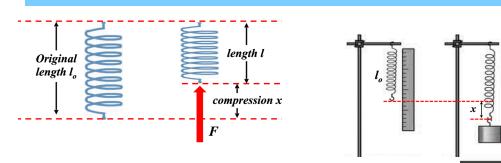
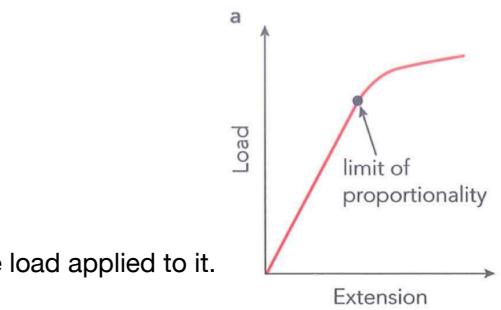
Pressure depends on:	Force (F)	p directly proportional to F
	Area (A)	p inversely proportional to A

5. Pressure in liquid

Pressure caused by liquid:

$$p = \rho gh$$

Change in pressure: $\Delta p = \rho g \Delta h$



Chapter 6. Energy stores and transfers

1. Energy

Unit: Joule (J)

Energy is a **scalar**

2. Energy stores:

Gravitational potential energy(g.p.e.): energy due to height; $E_p = mgh$; $\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h$

Kinetic energy(k.e.): energy due to motion $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$; $\Delta E_k = E_{kf} - E_{ki} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2$

Elastic energy; Internal energy; Chemical energy; Nuclear energy; Electrical energy

3. Energy transfers

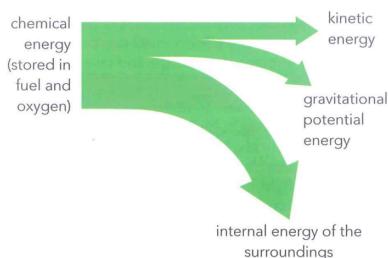
Doing work(W); Heat; Light(Electromagnetic radiation, e.g. Sun); Electrical current

4. Energy conservation

In any energy **transfer**, the total amount of energy before and after transfer is **constant**

Sankey diagram:

A flow of diagram representing energy conservation. Arrow width proportional to energy. Total width remains constant



Dissipated (Energy loss): energy that is spread out is not useful; usually through: heat (work of friction, conduction), light, sound.

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}} = \frac{\text{total energy} - \text{wasted energy}}{\text{total energy input}}$$

常考点：

- **能量转换**: 看看物体状态发生了什么变化, 对应什么能量改变

e.g. **h** => g.p.e.; **v** =>k.e.; change size/shape => elastic energy; **T** => internal/thermal; nuclear reaction =>nuclear energy; chemical reaction => chemical energy

hydro-electricity(dam, tidal power station): g.p.e => k.e. => electrical energy

a.c. generator: k.e. => electrical

motor: electrical => k.e.

Nuclear power station: nuclear => heat => k.e. => electrical

- **能量守恒**:

e.g. bouncing ball (can not return to original height due to energy loss)

Falling: g.p.e => k.e. + heat(internal)

Bouncing: energy loss(heat, sound)

Bouncing back: k.e. => g.p.e. + heat(internal)

Chapter 7. Energy Resources

Energy resource	Source	From sun /not	Energy forms	Renewable /not	reliable/not	Use steam/not
Solar	the Sun	Y	solar	Y	N	N
Wind	wind	Y	k.e.	Y	N	N
Wave	water	Y	g.p.e. + k.e.	Y	N	N
Hydroelectric	water	Y	g.p.e.	Y	Y	N
Biomass	biomass	Y	chemical	Y	Y	Y
Fossil	oil gas coal	Y	chemical	N	Y	Y
Nuclear	Uranium	N	nuclear	N	Y	Y
Geothermal	the Earth	N	thermal	Y	Y	Y
Tidal	water	N	g.p.e. + k.e.	Y	Y	N

solar cell: generate electrical power

solar panel: heat water

Non-renewables: fossil, nuclear

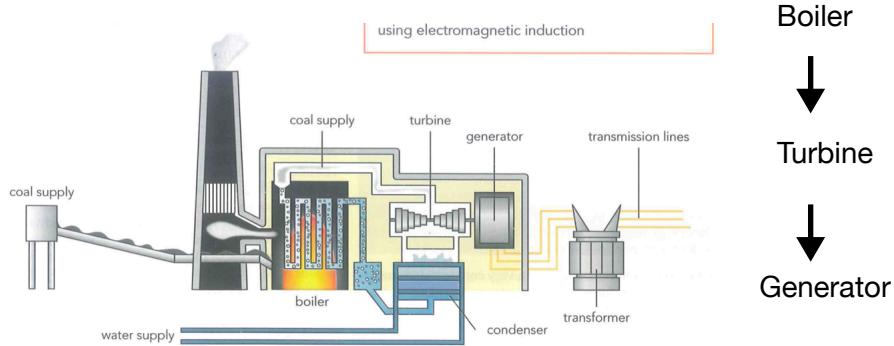
Renewable (def): An energy resource that will be replaced naturally when used

Not from the Sun: nuclear, geothermal, tidal

Sun's energy comes from **nuclear fusion** (fuse light nuclei into heavy nucleus) in the Sun's core **VS**

nuclear fission(splitting heavy nucleus into 2 or 3 nuclei) used in nuclear power station.

Energy resources to **generate electricity**:



Typical advantages & disadvantages: contribute to global warming or not(CO_2); cause air pollution or not(SO_2); unreliable (e.g. solar energy): only work on daytime; not enough energy on cloudy days.

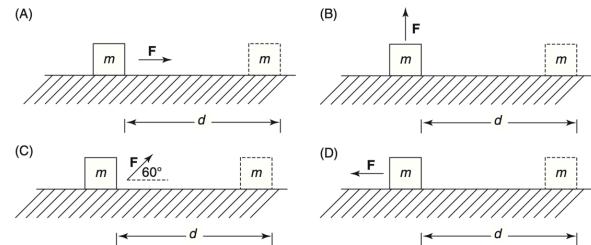
Chapter 8. Work & Power

1. $W = Fd$ Work done (做功) = force times distance in the direction of force)

2. $W = Fd = \Delta E$ work done = energy transfer

Unit: J; scalar (like energy);

- Increase work done: increase F or increase d
- 判断做功与否: 力的方向上是否有运动距离
- work done = energy transfer 从转移能量多少判断做功多少
- useful work: 增加的useful work, e.g. raise an object from ground to 5m high: useful work $W = mgh = \Delta E_p$; e.g. push an object from 1m/s to 5m/s: useful work $W = \Delta E_k$
- 物体下落: g.p.e \rightarrow k.e.
- Work against gravity/friction



物体在竖直向上拉力F下缓慢上升, g.p.e increases	物体在水平推力F下加速, 运动s米, k.e. increases
work done by gravity 重力做负功: $W = -mgh (< 0)$	work done by friction 摩擦力做负功: $W = -fs (< 0)$
Work against gravity F 抵抗重力做正功: $W = mgh (> 0)$	Work against gravity F 抵抗摩擦力做正功: $W = fs (> 0)$

3. power(功率) = work done per second

$$p = \frac{W}{t}, \text{ Unit: W}$$

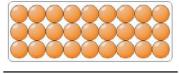
Increase power: increase work or decrease time used

4. percentage efficiency =

$$\frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}} \times 100 \% = \frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}} \times 100 \%$$

Chapter 9. The kinetic particle model of matter

9.1 States of matter

States	Volume	Shape	Arrangement	Separation	Motion	Attractive forces	
Solid	fixed volume; Cannot be squashed (No space btw molecules; will have repulsion when being compressed)	fixed	<i>Regular Tightly bonded</i>	Very close in a regular pattern	Vibrate about a fixed point	Very strong intermolecular force of attraction	
Liquid	fixed volume; Cannot be squashed	Take the shape of its container	<i>Irregular Less tightly bonded than solid</i>	Close in a random arrangement	Vibrate and move around from place to place within the liquid	Strong, less stronger than that in solid	
Gas	Unfixed volume; can be squashed	Expand to fill its container	<i>Irregular Not bonded</i>	Far apart in random arrangement	Move freely & randomly in all directions at high speed	Negligible	

9.2 The kinetic particle model of matter

Matter is made up of identical, spherical, moving molecules

Temperature is **average kinetic energy** of particles in a matter

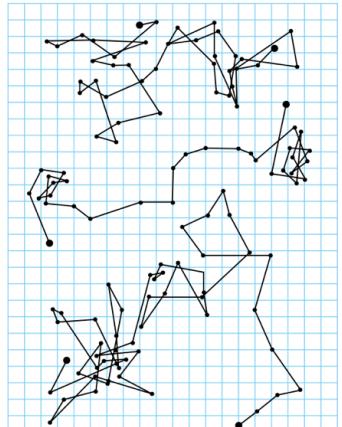
Absolute zero: the temperature at which the particles have the **minimum/least kinetic energy**

Brownian motion - Explanation:

Smaller, lighter air molecules around pollen particles move randomly & very fast;

they **collide** repeatedly with pollen particles;

Collision exerts **uneven** forces on pollen particles and changes the motion of them.



Why do gases cause pressure on the wall of its container?

Gas molecules move randomly at high speed;

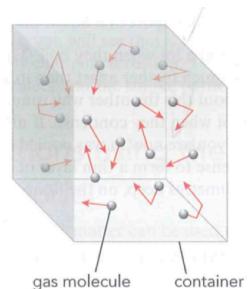
collide with/hit the wall and rebound;

momentum of gas molecules change => exert a **force** on the wall ($F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$);

pressure is the force exerted on the unit area ($p = \frac{F}{A}$)

- **Heat the gas** => Molecules move faster, **hit the wall** with **larger forces and more frequently**. MORE change of momentum, So pressure increases.

- **Compress the gas** => Molecules don't move far before collide with the wall, so collision is **more frequent**, so pressure increases.



The gas laws: **Boyle's law**

At **constant** temperature, pressure × volume = constant, $pV = \text{constant}$ ($p_1V_1 = p_2V_2$)

9.3 Temperature and the Celsius scale

Temperature vs internal energy:

temperature: **average** k.e. of individual particles in the object

internal energy: **total** energy (k.e. + p.e.) of all particles in the object

Measuring temperature: Thermometer

The Kelvin temperature scale: absolute temperature

$$T(K) = \theta(^{\circ}C) + 273$$

Chapter 10. Thermal properties of matter

10.1 Thermal expansion

cause: particles gain energy, move faster/vibrate more, pushing each other further apart/take up more space (particle size **unchanged** as temperature rise)

States	Thermal expansion	Explanation
Solid	Least	<i>tightly bonded, so separate little</i>
Liquid	More than solid	<i>not so tightly bonded, a small separation</i>
Gas	Even more than liquid	<i>not bonded, separate most</i>

10.2 Specific heat capacity

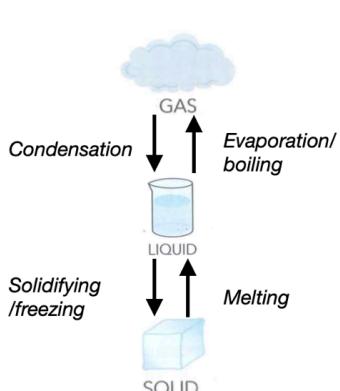
Specific heat capacity of a substance: the energy needed to raise the temperature of 1kg of the substance by $1^{\circ}C$.

Equation: $c = \frac{\Delta E}{m\Delta\theta}$, $\Delta E = \text{increase in internal energy}$

water: high specific heat capacity =>It takes a lot of energy to heat up water; Hot water takes a long time to cool down.

Experiment of Measuring the specific heat capacity of water: possible reasons for results larger than reality: *Part of energy used to increase the temperature of heater, thermometer, beaker and surrounding air,*

10.3 Changing state



Boiling point/condensing point:

Liquid \leftrightarrow gas

Melting point/freezing point:

Solid \leftrightarrow liquid

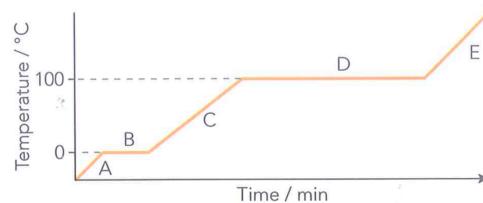
At standard atmospheric pressure:

Melting point of water: $0^{\circ}C$

Boiling point of water: $100^{\circ}C$

solid \rightarrow liquid, the **temperature stays the same**. **Work Done** /Energy is taken in and used to **break bonds among molecules**.

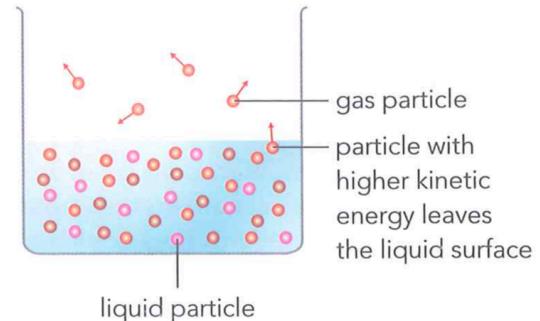
liquid \rightarrow gas, the **temperature stays the same**. Energy is taken in and used to **overcome attraction among molecules**.



Evaporation

energetic water particles overcome attraction and **escape** from the surface of the water. And become water vapor in the air.

Evaporation causes **cooling of a liquid and an object in contact with the liquid**. e.g. covering a bottle of milk with a damp cloth will help to cool the milk: The water from the damp cloth will evaporate and will take energy away from milk (2'). More energetic molecules escape from damp cloth; **less energetic molecules left behind**, average k.e. of cloth decreases; temperature of damp cloth drops; energy transfer from milk to damp cloth(4').



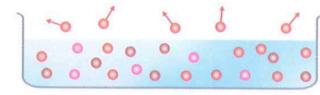
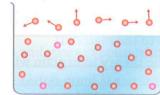
Comparing evaporation and boiling

- Boiling **only** happens at the **boiling point** of a substance. Evaporation occurs at all temperatures.
- Boiling happens **throughout the liquid**. Evaporation only happens at the surface
- A boiling liquid **bubbles**. A liquid can evaporate without bubbles
- Boiling requires heat, evaporation provides cooling.

Speeding up evaporation

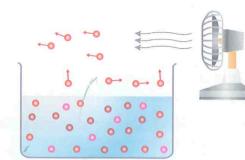
Increasing the **temperature**

The particles on average have more kinetic energy;



Increasing the **surface area**

More of the particles are close to the surface,



Blowing air across the surface

When particles escape from the water, they are blown away so that they cannot fall back into water

Ch11. Thermal Energy Transfer

Higher temperature difference \Rightarrow higher energy transfer rate

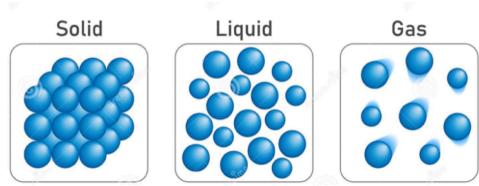
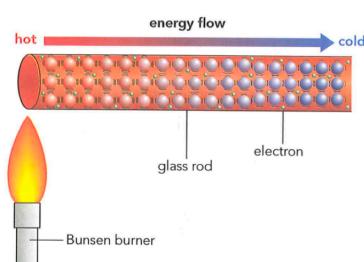
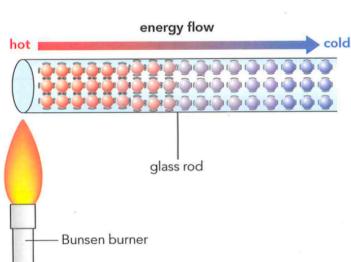
11.1 Conduction:

- conduction mainly in **solids**:

non-metal: atoms/molecules **vibrate**, collide with neighbors, transfer energy.

metal: (main) electrons **move**, strike ions, carry energy through metal & (minor) atoms/molecules **vibrate**, collide with neighbors, transfer energy

liquids: are bad conductors, particles free to move vibrations not easily past, bad conductors.

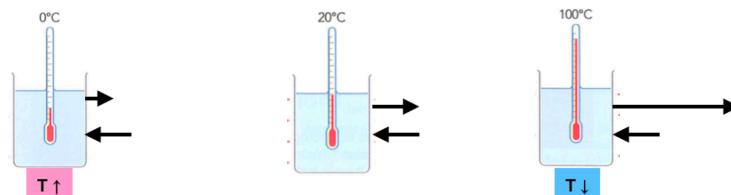


11.2 Convection

- Only in **fluids**
- Convection in fluids: temperature rises -> **density decreases** -> hot fluid rises (-> cold denser fluid falls)

11.3 Radiation(infrared)

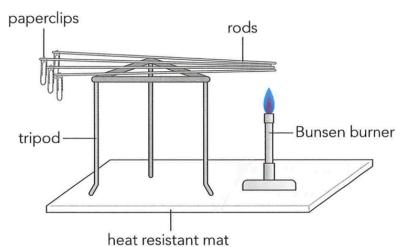
- Thermal radiation doesn't require a medium, transfer mainly in **empty space**.
- Affected by:
 - surface color and texture, **[dull black: good absorber/emitter of infrared radiation ; shiny silver: good reflector]**
 - surface area; larger surface, higher radiation rate
 - higher temperature, higher radiation rate
- Net radiation (received - emitted)



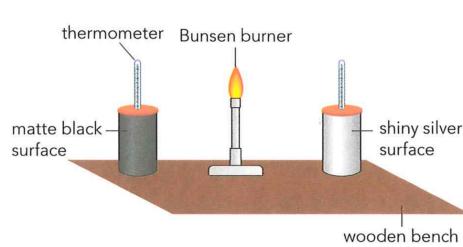
e.g. Temperature of the Earth is affected by the difference of incoming radiation and outgoing radiation;
Greenhouse effect

11.4 Experiment:

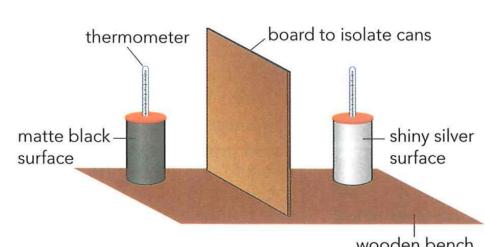
good/bad conductors



good/bad absorbers of infrared radiation



good/bad emitters of infrared radiation



11.5 Consequence of thermal energy transfer

Kitchen pan: conduction

Heater: convection

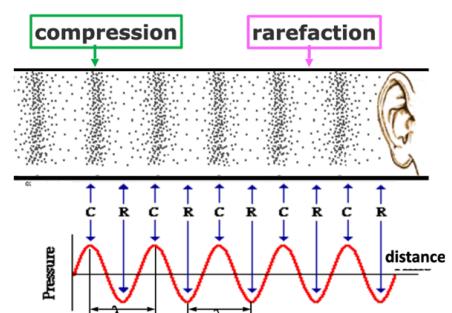
Radiator in a car: conduction & convection & radiation

Chapter 12. Sound

- All sounds are caused by **vibrations**
- Sound waves are **longitudinal** waves, made by particles oscillate **backwards and forwards**

Compression: regions where the vibrating particles are closer together

Rarefaction: regions where the vibrating particles are further apart



3. Sound speed

Sound can travel in solid, liquid, gas; **cannot travel in vacuum**. Light can travel in vacuum.

In vacuum, speed of light = 300,000,000 m/s

In air, **speed of sound = 330-350m/s**; how to measure sound speed in air? e.g. echo(reflection of sound wave)

In general, speed of sound **in solid (e.g. 3000m/s) > in liquid(e.g. 1500m/s) > in gas.**

Explanation: Particles are closer together => vibrations can be passed on more easily

4. Properties of sound

Amplitude(A): The furthest distance the particles move from their undisturbed position => **loudness**

Frequency(f): The number of vibrations each second; Unit: Hertz, 1Hz = 1 wave per second => **Pitch**

Human hearing: 20Hz - 20kHz; frequency larger than 20kHz: **Ultrasound**

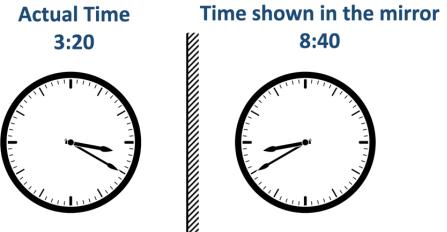
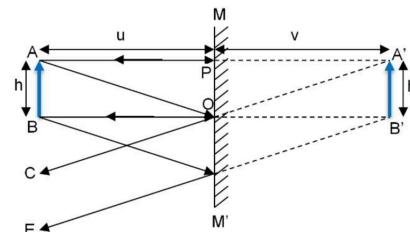
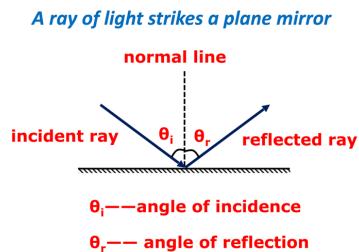
Application of ultrasound:

When ultrasound reaches a boundary between two media it is partially reflected back. The remainder of the waves continue to pass through => medical imaging

A transceiver can emit ultrasound and record the reflected waves to find the distance of things below the surface.

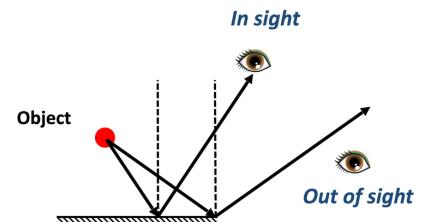
Chapter 13. Light

13.1 Reflection: $\theta_i = \theta_r$

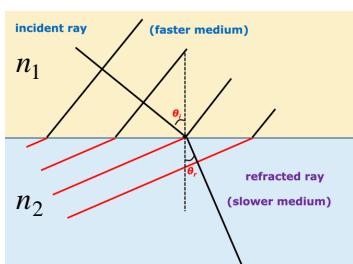


The image in a plane mirror

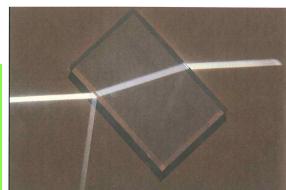
- same size as object
- same distance behind mirror as the object is in front of it
- laterally inverted
- virtual image



13.2 Refraction: the bending of the path of a light wave as it passes from one material to another material. ($\sin \theta_i = 0 \rightarrow$ No bending)



$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$



Refractive index of a medium:

$$n = \frac{c}{v} = \frac{\text{speed of light in vacuum}}{\text{speed of light in the medium}}$$

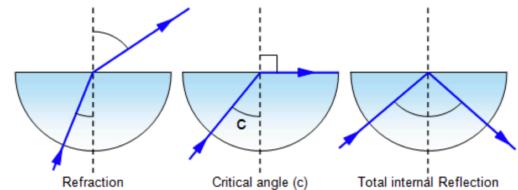
From air to medium:

$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_r} = n_{\text{medium}}$$

13.3 Total internal reflection: when light travels from a more dense(large n) material, all light is reflected, **NO refracted ray**.

Critical angle: the angle of incidence in the material at which angle of refraction is 90 degrees/the angle of incidence **above** which total internal reflection occurs
TIR only takes place when

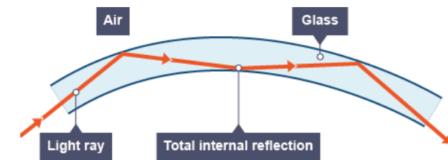
$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$$



- the light is in the **more dense** medium and approaching the less dense medium.

- the angle of incidence is **greater** than the critical angle.

Application of TIR: **optical fibre** in telecommunication

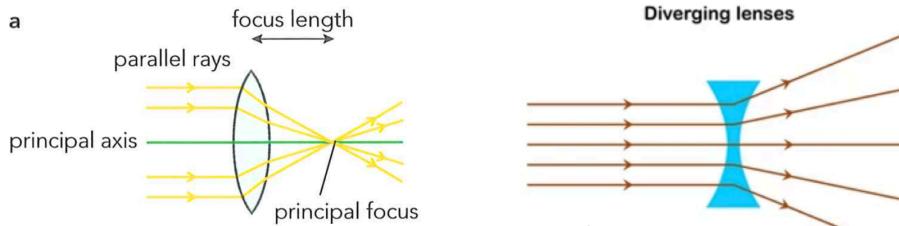


13.4 Converging lens: bring light together **VS Diverging lens:** spread light apart

Principle axis: the line passing through the center of a lens perpendicular to its surface

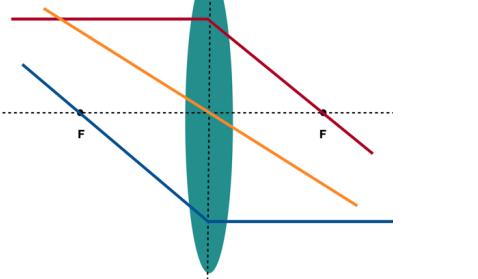
Focal point/principle focus(F): the point at which rays of light parallel to the principle axis converge after passing through a converging lens

Focal length: the distance from the center of the lens to its principle focus



Drawing ray diagrams

1. central ray: unrefracted through the center of the lens



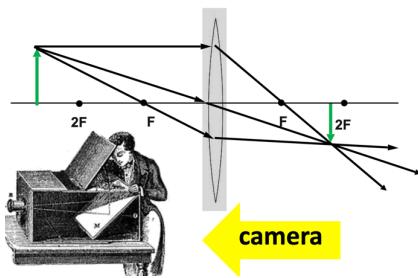
2. principle ray: parallel to the axis and then refracted through the principle focus

3. focal ray: through the focus and then parallel to the axis

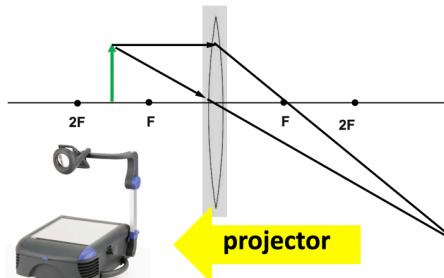
Images formed by converging lens

Magnifying glasses

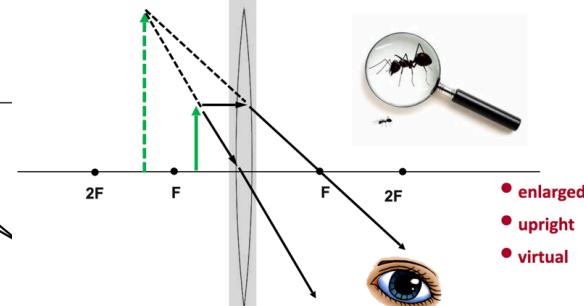
POSITION OF OBJECT : When the object is placed beyond $2F$



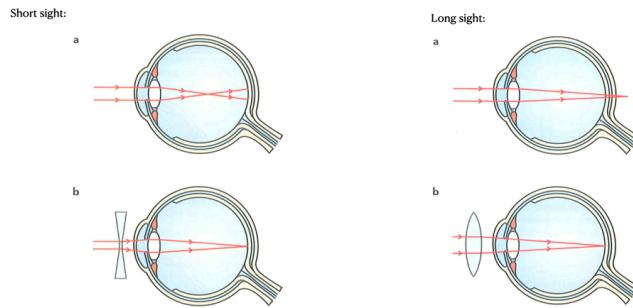
When the object is placed between F and $2F$



When the object is placed within F



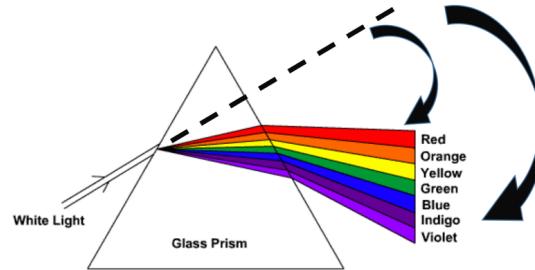
Using lenses to correct eyesight



13.5. Dispersion

Monochromatic: light of a **single frequency**

Explanation of dispersion: In a medium (not vacuum), light with higher the frequency travels slower.



Chapter 14. Properties of waves

Wave transfers **energy** not matter/wave is moving not matter

Amplitude A: the **distance** from the **equilibrium** position to the maximum displacement; unit: m

Wavelength λ : the **distance** from one **crest** to the next/ btw any two points which are in step; unit: m

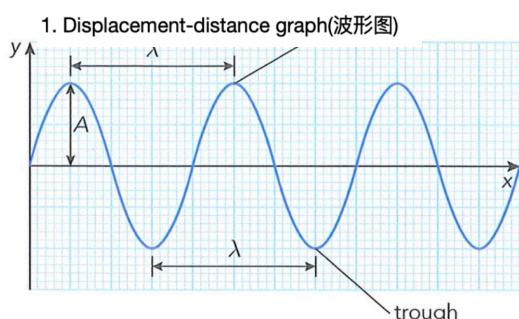
Wavefront: the set of all points having the **same phase**

Period T: the time taken for one complete wave to pass a point

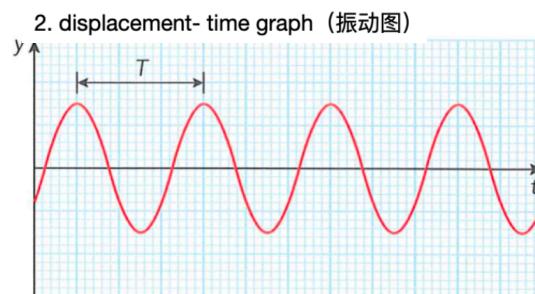
Frequency f: the number of vibrations per second/the **number of waves** send out per second; unit: Hz,

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

Wave speed: the **distance** travelled by a wave **each second**, $v = \lambda f$



Wave at a particular time moves up and down at different **positions**



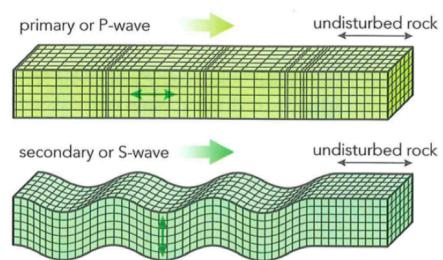
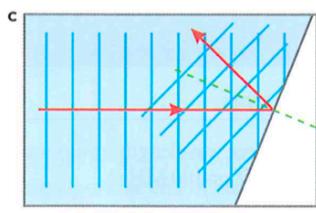
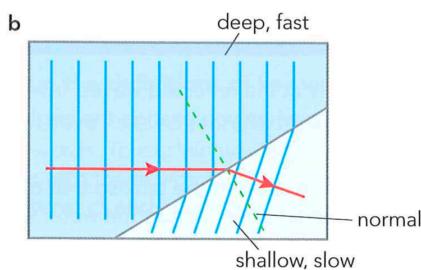
Wave at a particular **point** moves up and down

Transverse wave vs longitudinal wave:

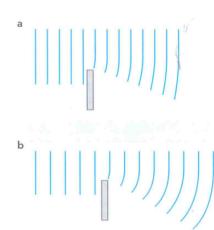
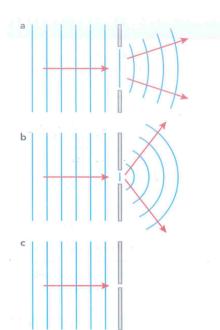
1. Transverse wave: the particles vibrate **perpendicular** to the direction of propagation/travel of the wave.

Longitudinal wave: the particles vibrate **parallel** to the direction of propagation/travel of the wave.

2. Transverse wave have **crests and troughs**; longitudinal wave have **compressions and rarefactions**

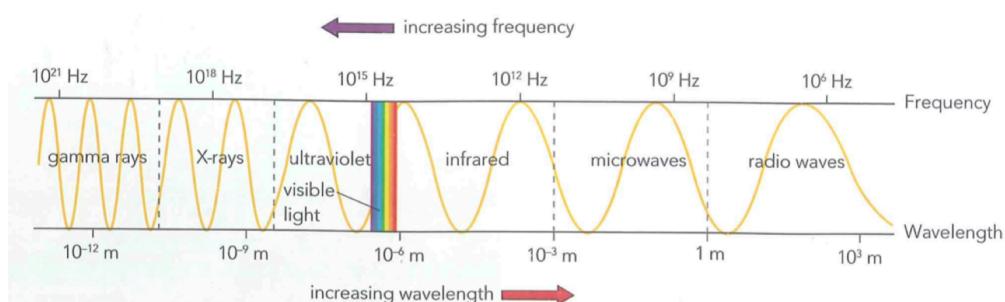
**Wave phenomena:****reflection****refraction**

Wave travel at different **speed** in different medium

diffraction

Diffraction effect is **greatest** when the **size of the gap or the object equals** to the **wavelength**.

Chapter 15. The electromagnetic spectrum

Electromagnetic spectrum**Properties of electromagnetic waves:**

- **Transverse waves**
- Do not need a medium
- All electromagnetic waves travel with the same high speed of $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ in a vacuum and approximately the same speed in air.
- The higher the **frequency** of an EM wave, the greater its **energy**.

Uses of electromagnetic waves:

- Radio waves are used for **radio and television communications, astronomy, radio frequency**

identification.

- Microwaves are used for **satellite communication**, mobile phones, and in **microwave oven**.
- Infrared radiation is used in **electric grills**, remote controllers, **infrared cameras** and **optical fibre**.
- **Visible light** is used in **fibre optics**, vision, photography, illumination.
- **Ultraviolet light** is used in tanning beds.
- **X-rays** are used in **medical imaging** and in **security** as they can penetrate material easily.
- **Gamma radiation** is used in **medical treatment** due to its high energy.

Hazards:

- Too much exposure to **ultraviolet** light increases the risk of **skin cancer** and **eye conditions**.
 - Suncream prevents over-exposure in summer.
- **X-rays and gamma rays** are **ionising** radiation that can cause mutations leading to **cancer**.
 - Exposure to these kinds of radiation should be minimised.
- Microwaves can cause **internal heating** of body tissues.
- Infrared radiation can cause **skin burns**.

Artificial Satellite: low orbit vs geostationary, using **microwave**

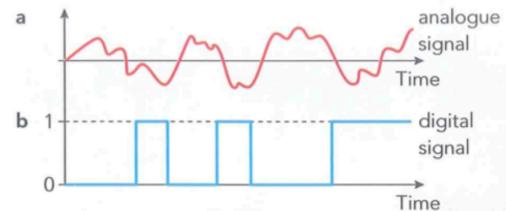
!!EM wave used in communication systems:

- Mobile phone/wireless internet: microwave
- Bluetooth: radiowave
- **Optical fibre:** optical/infrared => glass transparent to visible and IR /carry more data

Analogue and digital signals:

Benefits of digital signaling

- fast data transmission rate
- Signals can be regenerated=> increased range
- Can communicate directly with computers



Chapter 17. Static electricity

1. Charging and explanation

Two types of charge: Positive & negative

Charge: Q unit: coulomb

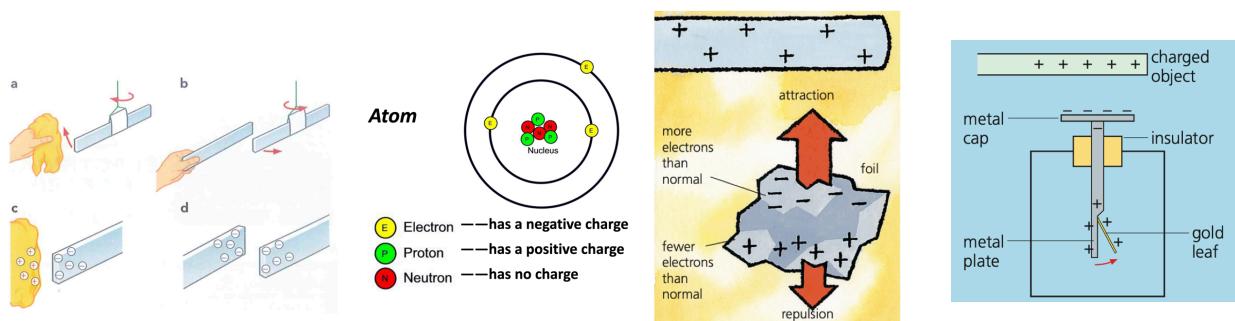
Like charge repels; Unlike charge attracts

Charge by friction: electrons are rubbed off one object(will be positively charged) and move to the other object(will be negatively charged)

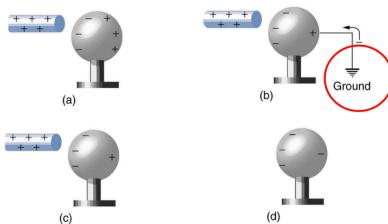
Conductor vs insulators

Conductors: a substance that allows flow of electrons<= contains **free electrons**

Insulators: a substance that inhibits flow of electrons <= electrons are tightly bonded



Grounding/earthing: being connected to the ground by a conducting material so that the **unwanted charge flows away** (because grounding will balance charge).



How to make a conductor sphere uniformly charged using a charged rod?

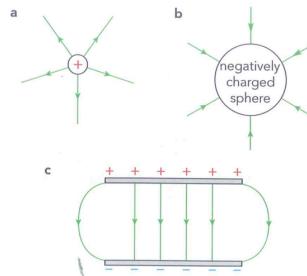
1. Put rod close to the sphere but not touching it
2. Earth the sphere with a metal wire/touch sphere with hand
3. Remove wire/hand and then remove rod

3. Electrical field

Electrical field: A region of a space in which an electric charge will experience a force

Direction of electrical field: the direction of the force on a positive charge at that point

Draw electrical field line:

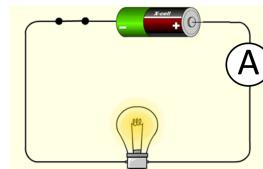


Chapter 18. Electrical Quantities

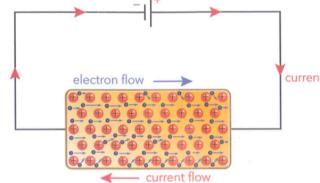
18.1 Electrical Current: $I = \frac{Q}{t}$; the rate at which charge flows

Unit: A (amps)

Measuring tool: ammeter in series



Conventional current: from positive to negative terminal; while in reality, electron moves from negative to positive terminal



18.2 Electrical Voltage/p.d.: $V = \frac{W}{Q}$; work done per unit charge

Unit: V (volts)

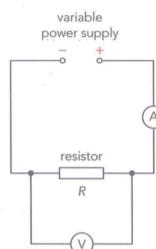
Measuring tool: voltmeter in parallel

e.m.f(p.d. across battery): **work done per unit charge by battery in driving the charge around a complete circuit.**

18.3 Electrical resistance: $R = \frac{V}{I}$

Unit: Ω (ohms)

Measuring method:



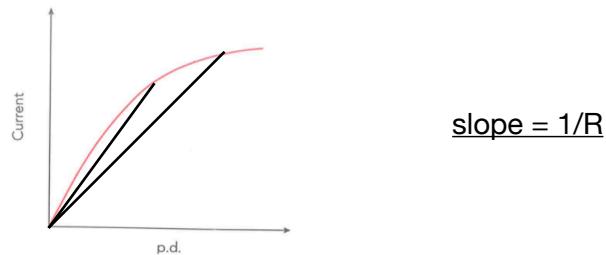
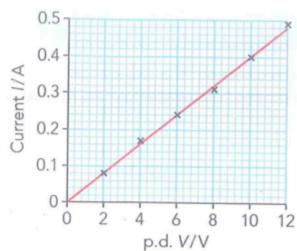
Resistance and thickness & length

$$R \propto L$$

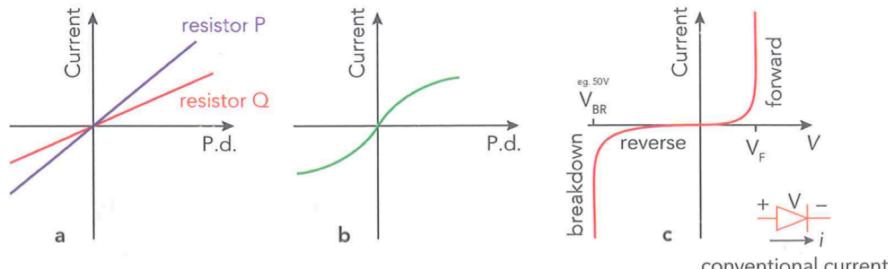
$$R \propto \frac{1}{A}$$

current-voltage characteristics:

Ohmic resistor: constant resistance; otherwise: non-ohmic



Typical current-voltage characteristics: For filament lamp: T increase => R increase



a: For two ohmic resistors. b: For a filament lamp. c: For a diode.

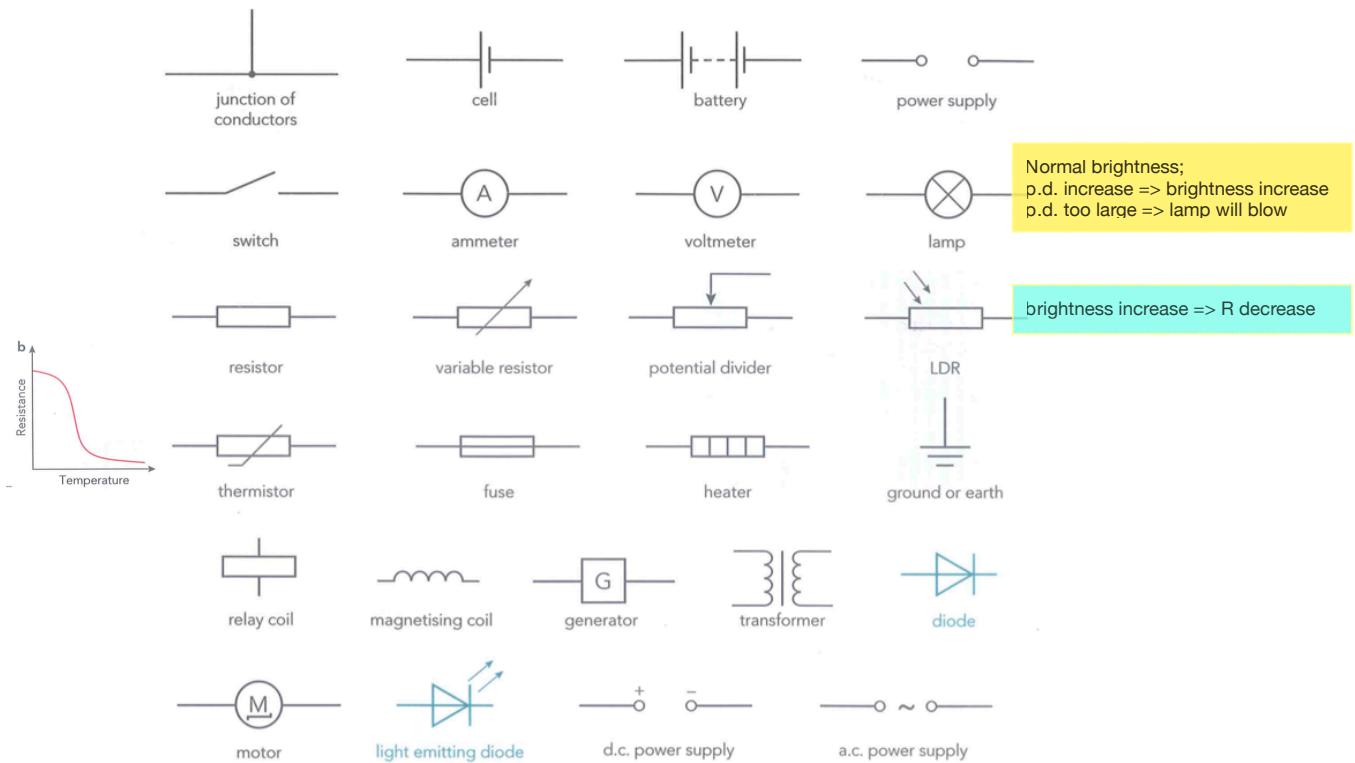
Electrical power: $P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$

Electrical energy: $E = Pt = VIt = QV$

Unit of electrical energy: $1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$

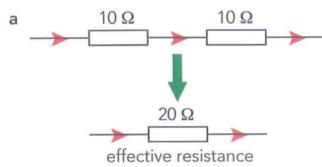
Chapter 19. Electric Circuit

Circuit components



Combinations of resistors

1. Resistors in series



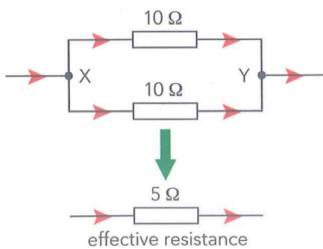
Potential divider

$$\begin{aligned}I &= I_1 = I_2 \\V &= V_1 + V_2 \\R &= R_1 + R_2 \\V_1 &= \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V \\P &= P_1 + P_2\end{aligned}$$

Characteristics

- Always switched on/off at the same time;
- One breaks, others won't work;
- Share voltage

2. Resistors in parallel



$$\begin{aligned}I &= I_1 + I_2 \\V &= V_1 = V_2 \\ \frac{1}{R} &= \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \\P &= P_1 + P_2 \\N\ R \text{ in parallel: } & R_{tot} = \frac{R}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Characteristics

- Can be switched on/off separately
- One breaks, others still work
- Can have full voltage

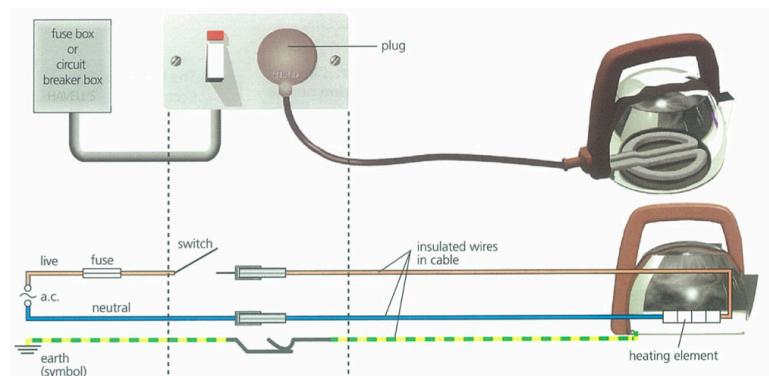
Electrical safety

Electrical hazards:

- Damaged insulation – contact with the wire due to gaps in the insulation can cause an electric shock or pose a fire hazard by creating a short circuit.
- Overheating of cables – high currents (e.g. overloading; to prevent: add a fuse) passing through thin wire conductors cause the wires to heat up to very high temperatures which could melt the insulation and cause a fire.
- Damp conditions – water can conduct a current so wet electrical equipment can cause an electric shock.

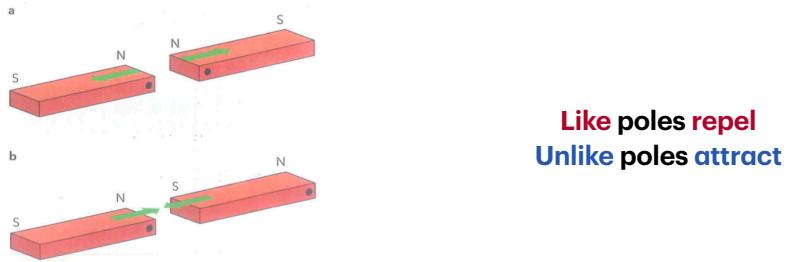
Solutions:

- Earthing metal cases
- Use fuse / trip switch (live wire)
- Double insulation

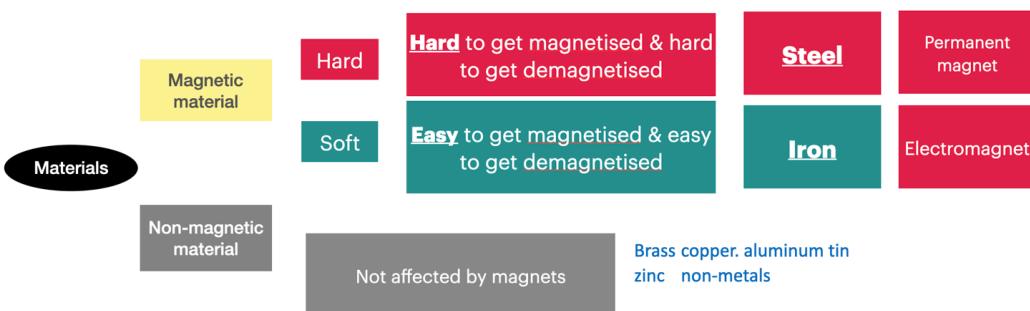


Chapter 16. Magnetism

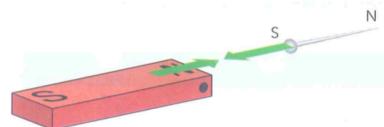
Permanent magnets



Magnetic material: Can be magnetized and be attracted to magnets; (containing **iron, nickel, cobalt**)



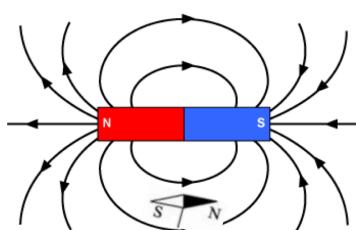
- What can be **attracted** by magnetic magnets: magnets and magnetic material
- What can be **repel** by magnetic magnets: only magnets
- Why can magnet attract magnetic material: induced magnetism



Magnetic field

Region around the magnet where magnetic materials experience forces

Direction of magnetic field: the direction of force on the N pole of a magnet at that point

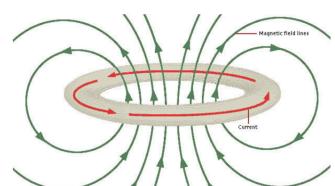
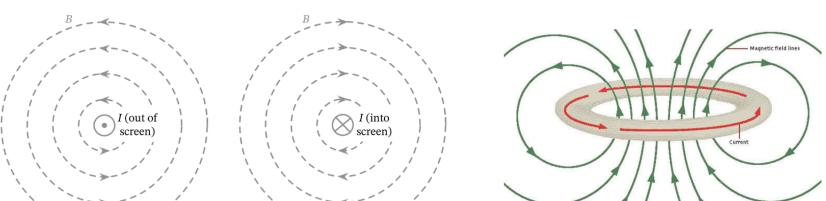
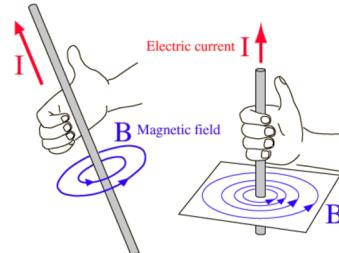


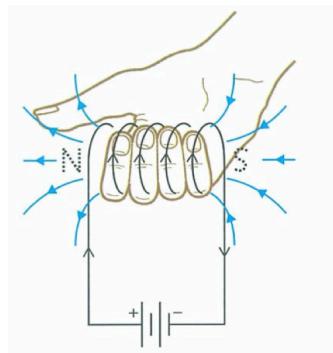
- Green arrow: Magnetic field lines start from N, ends at S (**N → S**)
- Pink arrow: Compass (N pole) points to the direction of field lines
- Yellow arrow: The closer the field lines, the stronger the field

Magnetic field around a current

The Right-hand Grip Rule

1. Magnetic field(B) direction: **right hand grip rule**
2. Outer => weaker
3. Increase $I \Rightarrow$ increase B



Electromagnet

Ways to increase the strength of the magnetic field in a solenoid:

1. Increase the current
2. Increase the number of turns on the coil
3. Using a magnetic core

The magnetic field produced by the **current in the coil** magnetizes the **core** and the strength of the magnetic field is greatly increased.

Chapter 20. Electromagnetic Forces

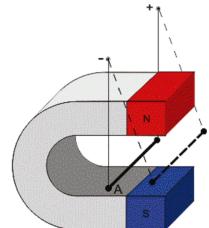
Force on a Current-Carrying conductor

Motor effect: When **current** flows in a wire in a **magnetic field** which is not **parallel** to the current, a force is exerted on the wire

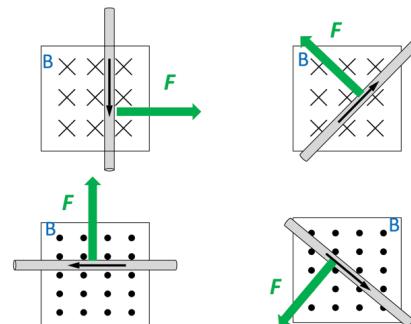
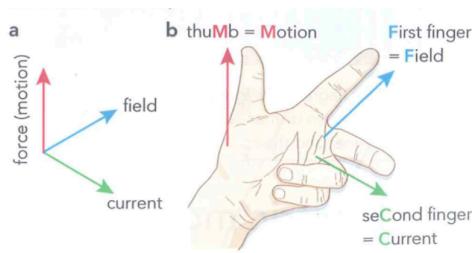
The direction of force can be reversed by:

Reversing the direction of **current**

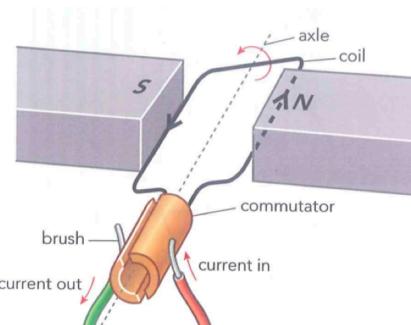
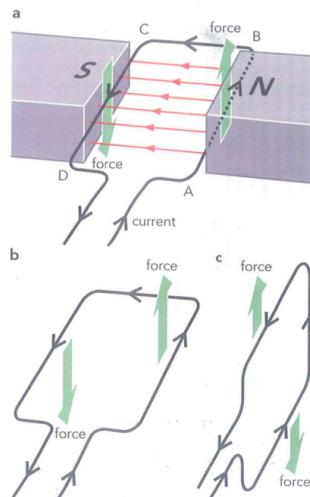
Reversing the direction of the field of the permanent **magnet**(given the magnet can be changed)



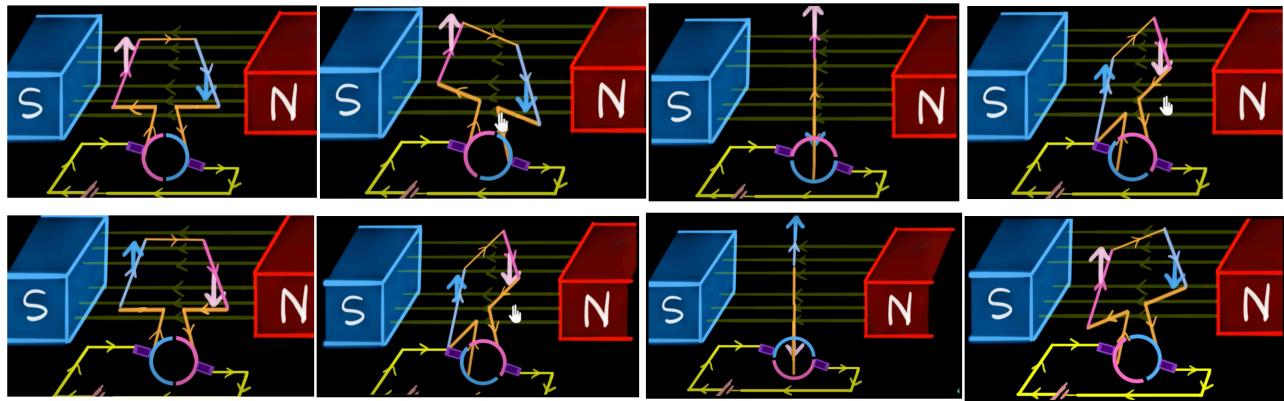
How do we determine the direction of force (Ampere's force)? => **Fleming's left-hand rule**

**Electric Motors (d.c. motor)**

keep the motor turning? => Brush + Commutator



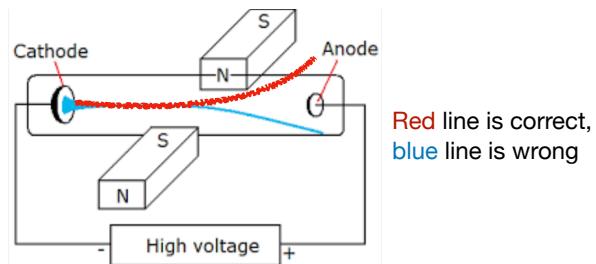
Keep the coil rotating by **change the direction** of current in the coil **every half cycle**



How to increase turning effect of d.c. motor?

1. Increase the **current**
2. Increase the **number of turns** of wire in the coil
3. Increase the strength of magnetic field/use a stronger **magnet**

Electron beam in cathode-ray tube



Chapter 21. Electromagnetic Induction

Electromagnetic induction: the production of an e.m.f. across an electrical conductor when the conductor **move across** a magnetic field or there is change in **magnetic flux** in the conductor

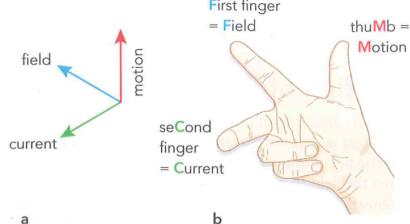
Two ways to induce e.m.f. :

1. **Wire cutting field lines**
2. **Magnetic flux change in coil**

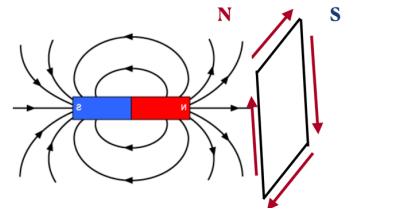
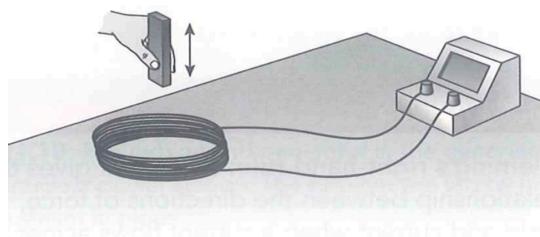
1. Induction by (cutting field lines)



Determine direction of current => Fleming right hand rule



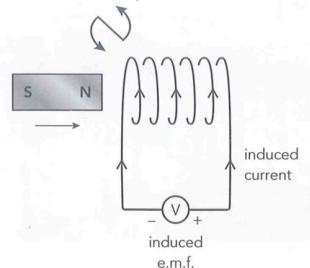
2. Induction by (moving a magnet relative to a coil)



Cutting field lines/
change flux/linkage
inside coil

Current/
e.m.f.

induced N pole



Determine direction of current => Lenz's law:

The direction of an induced current always **opposes** the change in the circuit or the magnetic field that produce it.

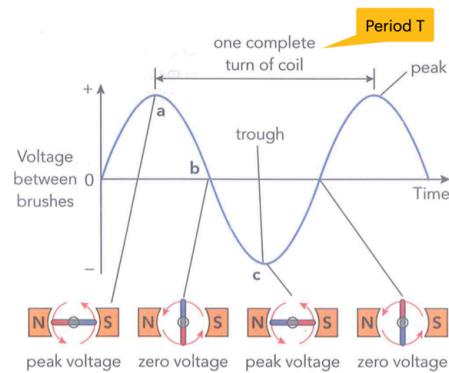
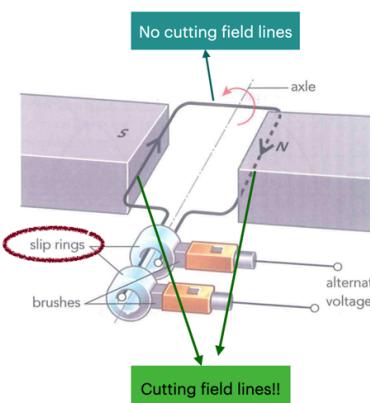
How to increase the induced current?

- Use stronger magnet
- Move wire/magnetic quickly relative to each other
- Add more turns of wire

→ cutting more field lines per unit time

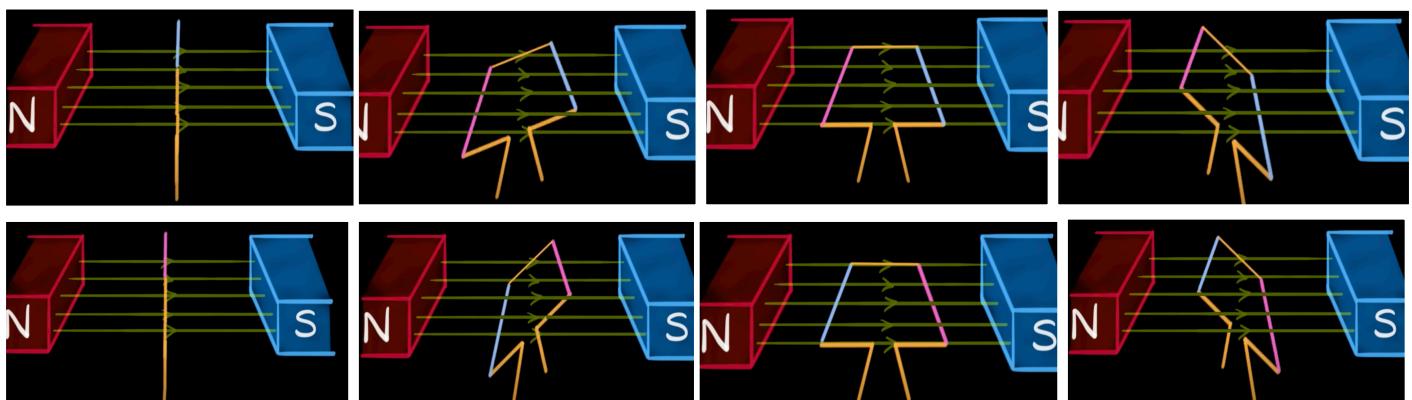
a.c. generator

Keep continuous connection when coil is rotating



Increase generated voltage?

- Turn the coil more **rapidly**
- Use a coil with **more turns** of wire
- Use a coil with a **bigger area**
- Use **stronger** magnets



Power lines and Transformers

Why use high voltage?

To **reduce power loss** by reducing **current** in transmission line;
 (Reduce cost due to less metal use in cable)

Power loss:

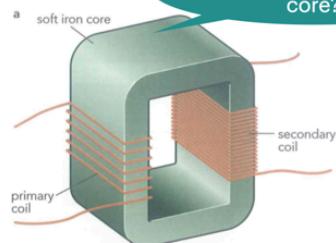
$$P_{loss} = I^2 R$$

Current in transmission line:

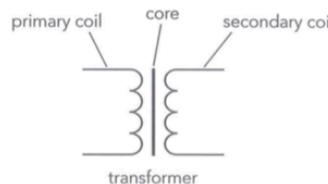
$$I = P_{tot}/V$$

How to get high/low voltage?

→ **transformers**



iron core is a soft magnetic material, so it can be easily magnetized; using it will make it easy to transfer magnetic field induced in primary to secondary coil.

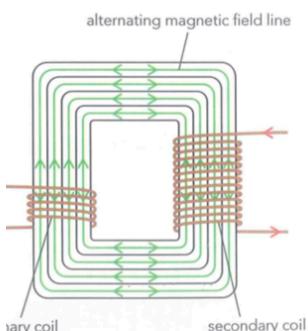


$$\frac{N_P}{N_S} = \frac{V_P}{V_S}$$

Step-up transformer: A transformer which increases the voltage of an a.c. supply; $N_P < N_S$
 Step-down transformer: A transformer which decreases the voltage of an a.c. supply; $N_P > N_S$

Only a.c. current can use transformer

1. **Alternating/changing current** in **primary coil** produces a **changing magnetic field**
2. This changing magnetic field transfers to **second coil** through **iron core**
3. Causes **changing magnetic flux** in second coil/ **cut** by secondary coil
4. Which **induces alternating current** in second coil



Power in ideal transformer(100% efficiency):

$$(P_{in} = P_{out})$$

$$V_P I_P = V_S I_S$$

Possible reasons for efficiency less than 100%:

- Magnetic field leakage
- Heat in coils
- Eddy current in core
- Sound from coil/core

Chapter 22. The Nuclear Atom

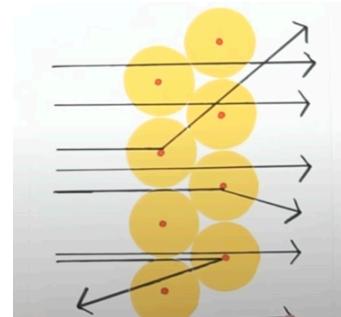
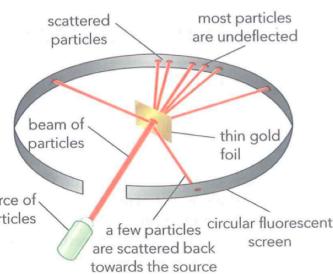
Atom (neutral) structure: a **positively charged nucleus** (nucleons: **proton(+) & neutron(0)**) + **negatively charged electrons** in orbit around the nucleus

Ionization: when an atom becomes electrically charged by losing or gaining **electrons**; gain: negative ion, lose: positive ion

The radius of the nucleus is a lot smaller than the radius of the entire atom. Almost all the mass of the atoms lies in the nucleus.

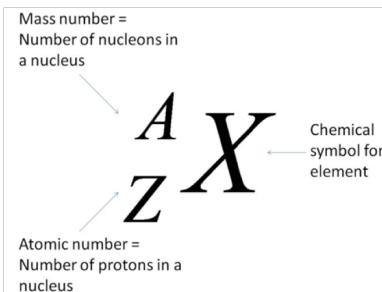
Alpha particle scattering experiment

- The tiny core of concentrated charge at the heart of an atom is atom's nucleus
- Most of the mass of an atom is concentrated in the central nucleus;
- The nucleus is positively charged;
- A very small nucleus surrounded by mostly empty space



Particle	Position	Charge/C	Relative charge	Mass/kg	Relative mass
proton	in nucleus	$+1.6 \times 10^{-19}$	+1	1.67×10^{-27}	1
neutron	in nucleus	0	0	1.67×10^{-27}	1
electron	orbiting nucleus	-1.6×10^{-19}	-1	9.11×10^{-31}	$\frac{1}{1836}$ (practically zero)

Nuclide notation:



Nucleon number = relative mass
Proton number = relative charge

Atoms of the same element have the **same** number of protons. **Isotopes** are forms of an element's atom with the **same number of protons** but a **different number of neutrons**.

nuclear fission: splitting of nuclei $^{235}_{92}\text{U} + {}_0^1\text{n} \rightarrow {}_{36}^{92}\text{Ba} + {}_{36}^{141}\text{Kr} + 3 {}_0^1\text{n} + \text{energy}$

nuclear fusion: joining of nuclei ${}^1_1\text{H} + {}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^2_2\text{He} + {}_0^1\text{n}$

total mass always decreases

Chapter 23. Radioactivity

Radioactive decay is the **spontaneous** transformation of an **unstable** nucleus (usually **isotopes** with excess of **neutron**) into a more **stable** one by the release of radiation. It is a **random and in all direction**.

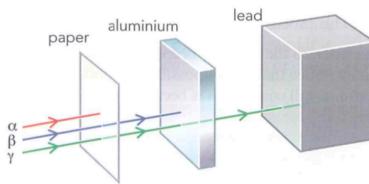
Weak radiation that can be detected from **external** sources is called **background radiation**. Sources of background radiation include:

- Radon gas(in the air)
- Rocks and buildings
- Food and drink
- Cosmic rays

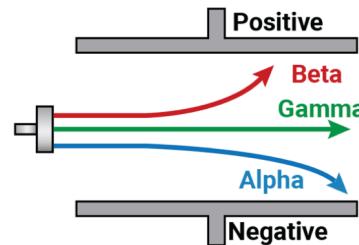
Measurement of radiation: Geiger counter

The three types of nuclear emission

- Alpha:
 - A heavy nucleus emits an **alpha particle** (helium nucleus).
 - The nucleus changes to that of a different element **according to the following equation:** $\frac{A}{Z}X \rightarrow \frac{A-4}{Z-2}Y + \frac{4}{2}\alpha$
 - They are **highly ionising** and **weakly penetrating**. **They are stopped by a sheet of paper.**
 - They are **slightly deflected** by electric and magnetic fields.
- Beta:
 - A neutron turns into a proton and emits a **beta particle** (electron)
 - The nucleus changes to that of a different element **according to the following equation:** $\frac{A}{Z}X \rightarrow \frac{A}{Z+1}Y + \frac{0}{-1}e^-$
 - They are **moderately ionising** and **moderately penetrating**. **They are stopped by a thin sheet of aluminium.**
 - They are **greatly deflected** by electric and magnetic fields.
- Gamma:
 - After a previous decay, a nuclei with excess energy emits a **gamma particle**.
 - Gamma particles are a form of electromagnetic radiation.
 - They are **lowly ionising** and **highly penetrating**. **They are stopped by many centimetres of lead.**
 - They are **not deflected** by electric and magnetic fields.



α particle has the greatest ionising effect because it has larger k.e., and more charge



The **half-life** of an isotope is the time taken for half the nuclei to decay, or the time taken for the activity to halve.

Background radiation has to be **subtracted** before attempting to perform half-life calculations

Uses of radioactivity:

- Smoke detectors
Long half life **alpha** emitters are used in **smoke detectors**. Alpha particles cause a **current** in the alarm. If smoke enters the detector, some of the alpha particles are **absorbed** and the current **drops** triggering the alarm.
- Thickness monitoring
Long half life **beta** emitters can be used for **thickness monitoring** of metal sheets.
A source and receiver are placed on either side of the sheet during its production.
If there is a **drop** or **rise** in the number of beta particles detected, then the thickness of the sheet has changed and needs to be **adjusted**.
- Diagnosis and treatment
Short half life **gamma** emitters such as technetium-99m are used as **tracers** in medicine as they concentrate in certain parts of the body.
The half life must be **long** enough for diagnostic procedures to be performed, but short enough to not remain radioactive for too long.
Other gamma emitters such as cobalt-60 can be used to **destroy** tumours with a **high dose** of radiation.
- Sterilisation of equipment
Gamma emitters are used to **kill** bacteria or parasites on equipment so it is safe for operations.

Exposure to radiation can **destroy living cell membranes** by ionisation, causing the cells to **die**, or **damage DNA** which causes mutations that could lead to **cancer**.

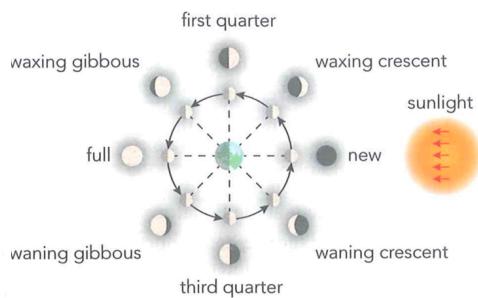
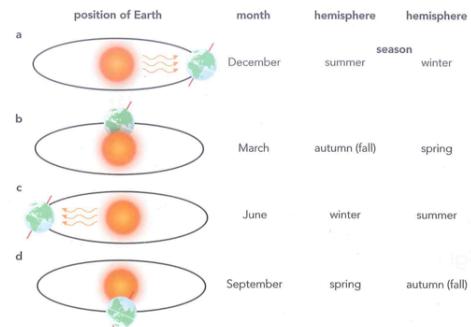
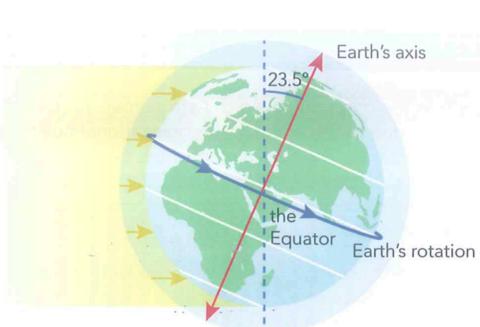
Safety measures include:

- **Minimising the time** of exposure to radiation. For example, radioactive tracers with a short half life should be used.
- Keeping as **big a distance** from the radioactive source as possible. They should be handled using tongs and held far away from people.
- Using **shielding** against radiation, such as the concrete shielding around a nuclear reactor. Radioactive sources must also be kept in a lead-lined box.

Chapter 24. Earth and Solar System

Earth, Sun and Moon

1. Day and night \Leftarrow Earth spin on its axis. 2. Years \Leftarrow Earth rotates around Sun 3. Months \Leftarrow Moon rotates around Earth



What causes seasons?

The spin axis of Earth is tilted.

Rays from Sun strikes the position at different angles

Rays from Sun strikes the position different number of hours per day

Solar system:

Sun: 99.8% mass

Eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune

Minor(dwarf) planet; Moons: orbits planet; Asteroids and meteoroids; Comets

(outer \Rightarrow less attraction \Rightarrow smaller orbital speed \Rightarrow larger period)

Inner four: small & rocky ||asteroid belt|| outer four: giant & gaseous; why?

Mercury	My
Venus	Very
Earth	Excellent
Mars	Mother
Jupiter	Just
Saturn	Served
Uranus	Up
Neptune	Noodles

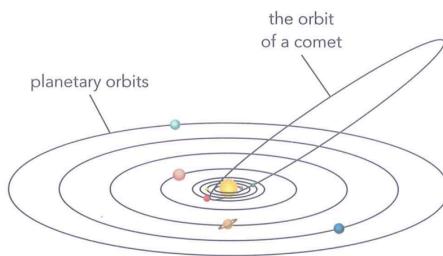
- Gravity pull mass together \Rightarrow form accretion disk
- Closer to the Sun, higher gravitational pull, interstellar of gas and dust **density** higher \Rightarrow **rocky planet**
- Intense **heat** forced some of lighter materials further away = **gas giants**

2. Gravitational field strength (g): gravitational force per unit mass

Gravity points towards center

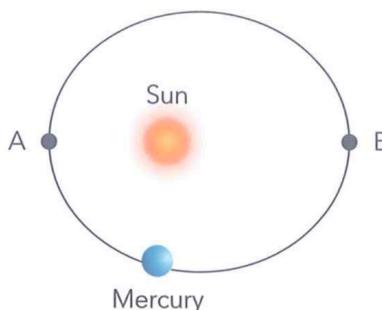
Directly proportional to m

Inversely proportional to r^2



g around planet, depends on distance from Sun: $d \uparrow \Rightarrow g \downarrow$
g around surface, depends on mass, radius of planet.

3. Elliptical orbits

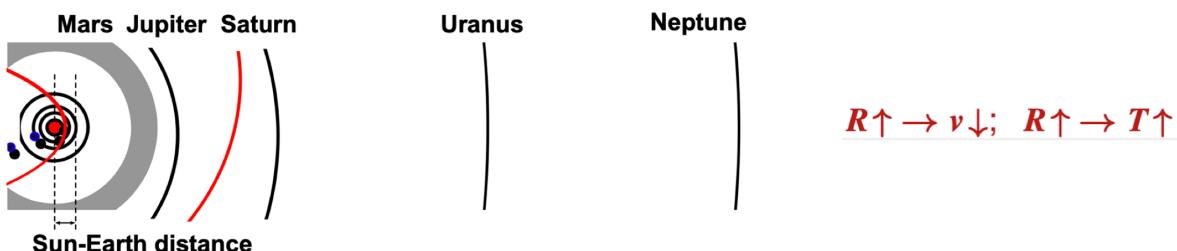


No friction in space \Rightarrow energy conservation
From A \rightarrow B, k.e. \rightarrow g.p.e, slows down. At A: **max** speed
From B \rightarrow A, g.p.e \rightarrow k.e., speeds up. At B: **min** speed

KEY EQUATION

$$\text{average orbital speed} = \frac{2 \times \pi \times \text{orbital radius}}{\text{orbital period}}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$



Chapter 25. Stars and the Universe

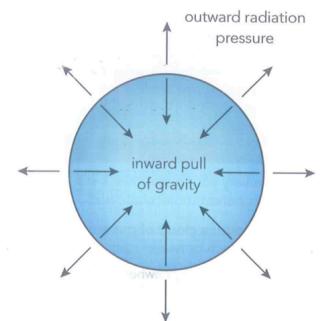
The Sun

Size: Medium size

Elements: 75% H, 24% He, 1% the rest(O, C)

Spectrum: IR, visible light, UV

Nuclear fusion in core: $H \Rightarrow He$ (hydrogen fuses to helium)

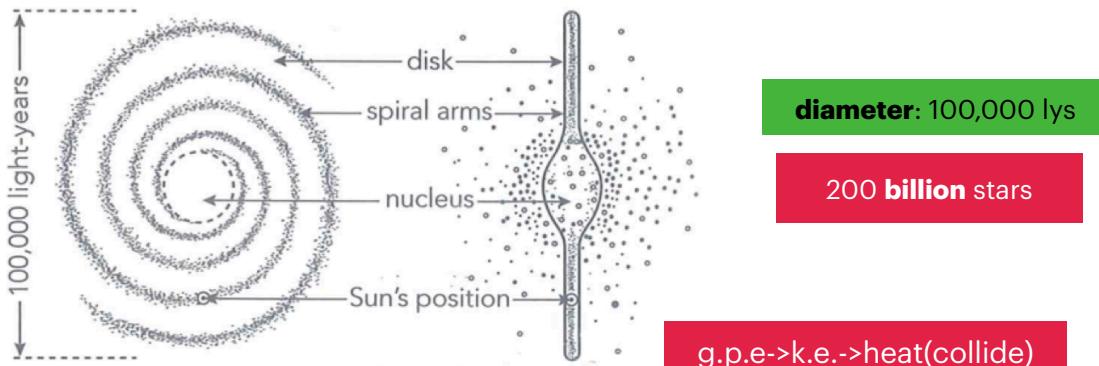


Inward gravity = outward radiation pressure → Stable star

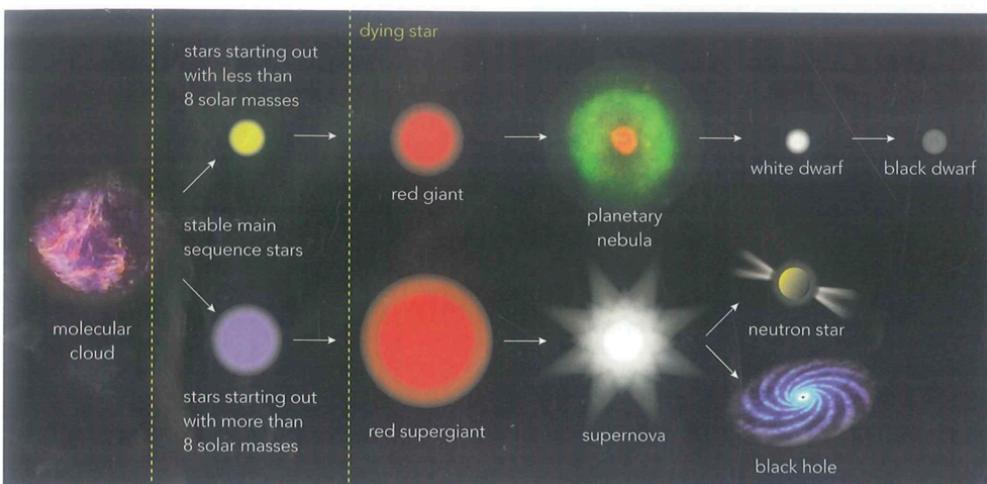
light year: the **distance** that light travels through **space** in one year

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \times 365.25 \times 24 \times 3600 = 9.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$$

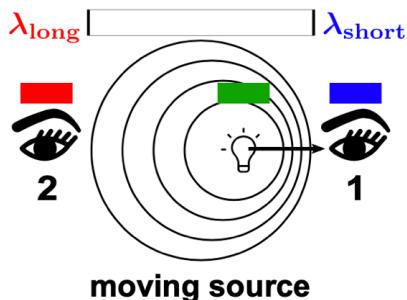
Galaxies: star groups pulled by gravity; our own galaxy - **Milky Way**



Cold and dense **molecular nebula** collapse due to gravity, **increasing temperature** forms **protostar** => **Stable Star** (inward gravity balances outward radiation pressure, hydrogen fusion begins)

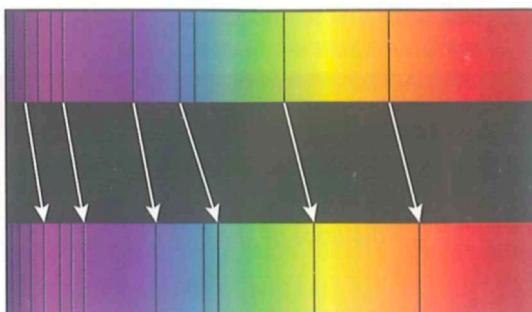


Redshift: an increase in the observed wavelength of electromagnetic radiation emitted from receding stars and galaxies



Source moving away: $\lambda_o > \lambda_s$ wavelength(λ) \uparrow **redshift**

$$\nu \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{redshift}(z) \uparrow$$



Most of distant galaxies **redshifted**

=>they are moving away from us!!!

The big bang theory:

~13.8 billion years ago, the universe(space, time, matter, energy) expands from an initial state of unimaginably high density and temperature.

Hubble's law:

$$v = H_0 d$$

V: recession speed; d: distance from galaxy to us

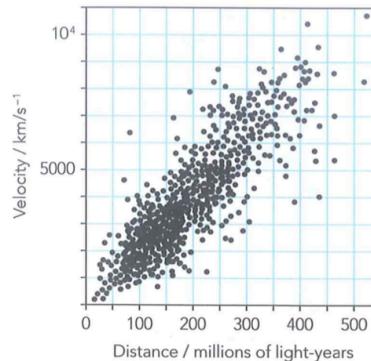
$$H_0: \text{Hubble constant} = 2.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ /s}$$

The ratio of the speed that galaxy is moving away from us to its distance from us

Estimate the age of universe.

$$t_{\text{universe}} = \frac{1}{H_0} = 4.55 \times 10^{17} \text{ s} = 14.4 \text{ billion years}$$

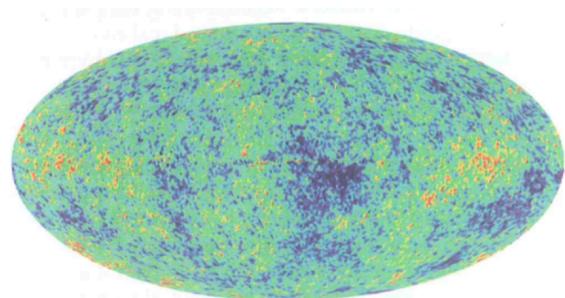
$\frac{1}{H_0}$: **Hubble time**



Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation(CMBR)

this radiation(light) formed shortly after big bang has been expanded into the microwave region of the electromagnetic spectrum as the Universe expanded

Cosmic Microwave Background radiation(observed at all points in the universe) ($T = 2.726 \text{ K}$)



Supernova – measuring distance

distance of a far galaxy d can be determined using the brightness of a supernova in that galaxy

