Advanced Level Experimental Physics

A1-2: Use of Books and Graph Drawing

Apparatus

Selection of Physics books; 4 or 5 figure log tables; 1 sheet of graph paper.

Procedure

- 1. Use the books provided to answer the following:
 - a. What is rectilinear motion?
 - b. Name 3 ferromagnetic materials (is there a 4th?).
 - c. What are the unit prefixes (letter and name) for: $10^{12},\ 10^9,\ 10^6,\ 10^3,\ 10^2,\ 10^{-2},\ 10^{-3},\ 10^{-6},\ 10^{-9},\ 10^{-12}$
 - d. What are the letters of the Greek alphabet? Give their names.
 - e. What does 'Non-Ohmic conductor' mean? Give four examples.
 - f. What is the velocity of sound in air at o°C?
 - g. o°C equals how many K, exactly?
 - h. What are the main types of experimental error?
 - i. $a = 5 \pm 0.005m$ and $b = 3.5 \pm 0.01m$. What is the error in a + b in metres and in %? What is the % error in ab?
 - j. Define the metre, the kilogram, the second, the newton, and the joule. Which are base units and why?
- 2. Use of 4 or 5 figure log tables. Calculate the following:
 - a. i. 28.5×137
 - ii. 0.056×55.62

- iii. $0.0335 \div 0.48$
- b. i. $73500 \div 0.6885$
 - ii. 5.322^4
 - iii. $\sqrt[3]{6.03}$
 - iv. $\log(0.002)$
 - v. $\sin(26^{\circ}36')$
 - vi. $\cos^{-1}(0.391)$
 - vii. tan(53.552°)
 - viii. $\tan{(216^{\circ})}$
 - ix. $\cos(126^{\circ})$
- c. i. Convert to radians: 90° 72° 200°
 - ii. Convert to degrees: 1.12rad $3\pi rad$ $3\pi/2rad$
- d. i. ln 7.9
 - ii. $e^{1.5}$
 - iii. $\ln 0.14$
 - iv. $\ln 40$
 - v. e^{15}
 - vi. $e^{0.02}$
- e. i. $\sqrt{553}$
 - ii. $\sqrt{0.07}$
- 3. Graphs.
 - a. In an Ohm's Law experiment, where V = IR, the following readings were obtained:

V	(volts)	0.69	0.90	1.11	1.32	1.57	1.80	2.00	2.20
I	(amps)	3.05	4.00	5.01	5.95	7.03	8.00	9.00	9.90

Draw a graph of V against I, and hence find R.

b. A cell of internal resistance r and emf E supplies current through a resistor R. The equation which applies is:

$$r=R imesrac{E-V}{V}$$

Readings of R and V are obtained, and 1/R is plotted against 1/V. Explain how the gradient and y-intercept can be used to find E and r.

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