# A formula summary for physics

## Classical mechanics

## Kinetics

velocity:  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = r_x'\mathbf{i} + r_y'\mathbf{j} + r_z'\mathbf{k}$ acceleration:  $\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = v_x'\mathbf{i} + v_y'\mathbf{j} + v_z'\mathbf{k}$ motion laws:

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$x - x_0 = \frac{(v_0 + v)t}{2}$$

centripetal acceleration:  $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = 4\pi^2 r f^2 = \omega^2 r$  velocity in two frames:  $\mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{PA}} = \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{PB}} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{BA}}$ 

same acceleration measured in all frames:  $\mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{PA}}=\mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{PB}}$ 

## Kinetics 2

Newton's second law:  $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{T}} = m\mathbf{a}$ 

Newton's third law:  $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{A \ to \ B}} = -\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{B \ to \ A}}$ 

acceleration of simple pulley:  $a = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$  drag force (body in fluid):  $D = \frac{1}{2} C \rho A v^2$  terminal speed:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2mg}{C \rho A}}$  (1)

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Hooke's law:  $\mathbf{F} = -k\mathbf{x}$ 

work by spring:  $W = \frac{1}{2}kx_i^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx_f^2$ 

kinetic energy:  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ 

work-kinetic energy theorem:  $W = K_f - K_i = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$ 

power:  $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ 

## Kinetics 3

definition of change in potential energy:  $\Delta U = -W$  change in mechanical energy:  $\Delta K + \Delta U = 0$  total mechanical energy: E = U + K (isolated)

U-x graph:

external force:  $F(x) = -\frac{d}{dx}U(x)$ neutral equilibrium: E = U

unstable equilibrium: U'' < 0, U' = 0stable equilibrium: U'' > 0, U' = 0

total m.energy of block-spring system:  $E=\frac{1}{2}kx^2+\frac{1}{2}mv^2$  total m.energy of particle-earth system:  $E=mgy+\frac{1}{2}mv^2$  conservation of energy:

 $\Delta K + \Delta U + \Delta E_{\text{internal}} (+\text{other forms}) = 0 \text{ (isolated)}$ 

 $\overline{\phantom{a}^{(1)}}$  C: drag coefficient, A: effective cross-sectional area,  $\rho$ : air density.

external work done:  $W = \Delta K + \Delta U + \Delta E_{\rm internal}$  change in energy:  $\Delta E = \Delta K + \Delta U$  loss in mechanical energy (friction):  $\Delta E = -fd$  energy loss due to emitted light:  $E_x - E_y = hf$ 

## System kinetics

centre of mass:  $\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{CM}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i} m_{i} \mathbf{r}_{i}$  continuous:  $\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{CM}} = \frac{1}{M} \int \mathbf{r} \rho dV = \frac{1}{V} \int \mathbf{r} dV$  relation:  $dm = \rho dV$ 

linear momentum:  $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$ relation:  $K = \frac{p^2}{2m}$ net force:  $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{T}} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$ 

Newton's second law:  $\sum \mathbf{F}_{\text{external}} = M\mathbf{a}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt}$  conservation of linear momentum:  $\mathbf{P} = \text{constant}$ 

циолковский's rocket formula:

 $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \frac{dm}{dt} + m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \text{ or } \frac{d}{dt} m \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{u} \frac{dm}{dt}$ v: rocket's velocity in earth, u: fuel's velocity in earth

change in translational k. energy:  $\Delta K_{\rm CM}=F_{\rm ext}d_{\rm CM}$ König's theorem:  $K=K_{\rm related\ to\ CM}+\frac{1}{2}mv_{\rm CM}^2$ 

#### Collisions

impulse:  $\mathbf{J} = \Delta \mathbf{p} = \int \mathbf{F} dt$ 

elastic collision:

$$\begin{array}{l} v_1' = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_1 + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_2 \\ v_2' = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_2 + \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_1 \\ v_{\mathrm{CM}} = \frac{P}{m_1 + m_2} \end{array}$$

complete inelastic collision:  $m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 = (m_1 + m_2)V_{CM}$ 

#### Rotation

angular position:  $\theta = s/r$ angular velocity:  $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ angular acceleration:  $\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$ motion laws:

 $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$   $\theta = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$   $\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 = 2\alpha \theta$   $\theta = \frac{(\omega_0 + \omega)t}{2}$ 

linear-angular relation:  $s = \theta r$ ,  $v = \omega r$ 

tangent acceleration:  $a_t = \alpha r$  radial acceleration:  $a_r = \frac{v^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$ 

rotational inertia:  $I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$ r.i. for continuous objects:  $I = \int r^2 dm$ total rotational inertia:  $I_{\text{whole}} = \sum_i I_i$  (all to one axis) parallel-axis theorem:  $I = I_{\text{CM}} + Mh^2$ perpendicular-axis theorem:  $I_P = I_x + I_y$  (no thickness) rotational kinetic energy:  $K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$ torque:  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ Newton's second law:  $\tau_T = I\alpha$ work:  $W = \int F_t r d\theta = \int \tau d\theta$ 

work-kinetic energy theorem:  $W = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}I\omega_i^2$ 

#### Rotational inertia

power:  $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \tau \omega$ 

hoop, central axis:  $I=MR^2$  hoop, diameter:  $I=\frac{1}{2}MR^2$  annular cylinder, central axis:  $\frac{1}{2}M\left(R_1^2+R_2^2\right)$  annular cylinder, central diameter,  $\frac{1}{4}M\left(R_1^2+R_2^2\right)$  solid cylinder/disk, central axis:  $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$  solid cylinder/disk, central diameter:  $I=\frac{1}{4}MR^2+\frac{1}{12}ML^2$  rod, centre of length:  $I=\frac{1}{12}ML^2$  rod, one end:  $I=\frac{1}{3}ML^2$  triangle, parallel to base a (whose height is h, through CM):  $I=\frac{1}{18}Mh^2$  solid sphere, diameter:  $I=\frac{2}{5}MR^2$  spherical shell, diameter:  $I=\frac{2}{3}MR^2$  slab, centre:  $I=\frac{1}{12}M(a^2+b^2)$  slab, along edge  $b:I=\frac{1}{3}Ma^2$ 

## Rolling

CM displacement/distance rolled:  $x_{\rm CM} = \theta R$ ,  $v_{\rm CM} = \omega R$  kinetic energy:  $K = K_{\rm rot} + K_{\rm tra} = \frac{1}{2}I_{\rm CM}\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\rm CM}^2$  accleration of ideal yoyo:  $a = -g(\frac{1}{1+I/MR^2})$  angular momentum:  $\ell = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \times m\mathbf{v}$  a.m. for rigid, fixed axis:  $L = I\omega$  angular impulse:  $\Delta \boldsymbol{L} = \int \boldsymbol{\tau} dt$  Newton's second law:  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\rm T} = \frac{d\boldsymbol{L}}{dt}$  conservation of angular momentum:  $\boldsymbol{L} = {\rm constant}$ 

## Elasticity

static equilibrium:  $\mathbf{P}=0, L=0$  requirements of equilibrium:  $\sum \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{ext}}=0, \sum \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathrm{ext}}=0$  tensile stress:  $\frac{F}{A}=E\frac{\Delta L}{L}, E$ : Young's modulus sheering stress:  $\frac{F}{A}=G\frac{\Delta x}{L}, G$ : sheer modulus hydraulic compression:  $p=B\frac{\Delta V}{V}, B$ : Bulk modulus

## Oscillation

simple harmonic motion  $(F = -m\omega^2 x)$ :  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$   $x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$   $v(t) = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$   $a(t) = -\omega^2 x(t)$ 

linear oscillator definition:  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2x = 0$  angular frequency:  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  period:  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$  potential energy:  $U(t) = \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2\cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$  kinetic energy:  $K(t) = \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2\sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$  total energy:  $E = \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2$  series spring:  $\frac{1}{K} = \sum_j \frac{1}{k_j}$ , two:  $K = \frac{k_1k_2}{k_1+k_2}$  parallel spring:  $K = \sum_j k_j$ 

simple pendulum period:  $T=2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$  restoring force:  $F\approx-(\frac{mg}{L})s$ 

restoring torque:  $\tau = -(mg\sin\theta)h$  damped simple harmonic motion damping force:  $F_d = -bv$ , b: damping constant definition:  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{b}{m}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$  displacement:  $x(t) = x_m e^{-bt/2m}\cos(\omega_d t + \phi)$  angular frequency:  $\omega_d = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$  total energy:  $E(t) \approx \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2 e^{-bt/m}$ 

### Gravitation

Newton's law of gravitation:  $F=\frac{GMm}{r^2}$  gravitational constant:  $G=6.67\cdot 10^{-11}\,\mathrm{N\cdot m^2/kg^2}$  differential:  $dF=\frac{Gm_1}{r^2}\,dm$  gravitational field:  $g=\frac{GM}{r^2}$  gravitational potential energy:  $U=\int_{\infty}^{r}\frac{GMm}{x^2}dx=-\frac{GMm}{r}$  escape speed:  $v=\sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$ 

plane motion of point mass:  $a_r = \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2, a_\theta = 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}$ 

orbits:

path of planet:  $r=\frac{p}{1+e\cos\theta}$   $p=\frac{L^2}{GMm^2},\ e=\sqrt{1+\frac{2EL^2}{G^2M^2m^3}}$  net angular momentum:  $L=mr^2\dot{\theta}$  net mechanical energy:  $E=\frac{1}{2}m(\dot{r}^2+r^2\dot{\theta}^2)-\frac{GMm}{r}=\frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2+(\frac{L^2}{2mr^2}-\frac{GMm}{r})$  total energy of satellite-earth ellipse system:  $E=-K=-\frac{GMm}{2r}$  perihelion:  $r_1=a-c$  aphelion:  $r_2=a+c$   $a=\frac{r_1+r_2}{2}=-\frac{GMm}{2E},\ c=\frac{r_2-r_1}{2},$   $b=\sqrt{a^2-c^2}=\sqrt{r_1r_2}=\frac{L}{\sqrt{-2mE}}$ 

total energy of satellite-earth hyperbola system:  $E=\frac{GMm}{2r}$  total energy of satellite-earth parabola system: E=0 law of periods:  $\frac{T^2}{r^3}=\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}$ 

#### Fluids

pressure:  $p = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A}$  (all direction) pressure in liquid:  $p = p_0 + \rho g h$ Pascal's principle:  $\Delta p_{\rm int} = \Delta p_{\rm ext}$ Archimede's principle:  $F_{\rm buoyancy} = G_{\rm displaced\ water}$ equation of continuity: volume flow rate  $R = Av = {\rm constant}$ mass flow rate  $m = Av \rho = {\rm constant}$ Bernoulli's equation:  $p + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho g y = {\rm constant}$ 

#### Transverse waves

transverse displacement:  $y(x,t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$ angular wave number:  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ waver number:  $\kappa = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ angular frequancy:  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ frequency:  $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ wave speed:  $v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \lambda f$ material expression:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau(\text{tension})}{\mu(\text{density of media})}}$  transverse speed:  $u = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$ average power:  $\overline{P} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 y_m^2$ 

adding waves superposition:  $y = y_1 + y_2 = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) + y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$  new wave:  $y = (2y_m \cos\frac{1}{2}\phi)\sin(kx - \omega t + \frac{1}{2}\phi)$  new amplitude:  $2y_m \cos\frac{1}{2}\phi$  phase shift:  $+\frac{1}{2}\phi$ 

standing waves superposition: 
$$\begin{split} y &= y_1 + y_2 = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) + y_m \sin(kx + \omega t) \\ &\text{new wave: } y = [(2y_m) \sin kx] \cos \omega t \\ &\text{new amplitude: } 2y_m \sin kx \\ &\text{nodes: } x = n\frac{\lambda}{2}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ &\text{antinodes: } x = (n + \frac{1}{2})\frac{\lambda}{2}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ &\text{resonant frequency: } f_r = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{2l}n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{split}$$

## Longitudinal waves

speed of sound:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}}$ bulk modulus:  $B = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V} (= \rho v^2)$ longitudinal displacement:  $s = s_m \cos(kx - \omega t)$ air pressure:  $\Delta p = \Delta p_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$ relation:  $\Delta p_m = (v\rho\omega)s_m$ 

interference

phase shift:  $\phi = \frac{\Delta d}{\lambda} 2\pi$  fully constructive:  $\phi = m2\pi, m = 0, 1, 2, ...$  fully destructive:  $\phi = (m + \frac{1}{2})2\pi, m = 0, 1, 2, ...$ 

sound intensity:  $I=\frac{1}{2}\rho v\omega^2 s_m^2$ sound level:  $\beta=(10\text{ dB})\log(\frac{I}{I_0})$ standard reference intensity:  $I_0=10^{-12}\text{W/m}^2$ 

resonant frequency

pipe, two opens:  $f_r = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{2L}n, n = 1, 2, 3$ pipe, one open:  $f_r = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{4L}n, n = 1, 3, 5, ...$ beat frequency:  $f_{beat} = f_1 - f_2$ 

doppler effect:  $f' = f \frac{v \pm v_L}{v \mp v_S}$ cone angle at supersonic speed:  $\sin \theta = \frac{v}{v_S}$ 

# Heat, Second law of thermodynamics

## Heat

coefficient of linear expansion:  $\alpha = \frac{\Delta L/L}{\Delta T}$ area expansion:  $\beta = 2\alpha$ volume expansion:  $\gamma = 3\alpha$ heat capacity:  $Q = cm(T_f - T_i) = C(T_f - T_i)$ heat of transformation: Q = Lmvolume work:  $W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p dV$ 

first law of thermodynamics:  $\Delta E_{\rm int} = E_{\rm int,f} - E_{\rm int,i} = Q - W$ rate of heat transfer:  $H = \frac{Q}{t} = kA \frac{T_H - T_C}{L}$  (2) multiple slabs:  $H = A \frac{T_H - T_C}{\sum (L/k)}$ 

## Kinetic theory of gases

ideal gas law: pV = nRT

gas constant  $R = 8.31 \text{J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$ 

volume work of expansion at constant pressure:

$$W = \int \frac{nRT}{V} dV = nRT \ln(\frac{V_f}{V_i})$$

gas pressure:  $p = \frac{nMv_{\rm rms}^2}{3V}$ 

translational kinetic energy:  $\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2}kT$ 

Boltzman constant  $k = R/N_A$ 

mean free path:  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}dN/V}$  (3) Maxwell's speed distribution:

$$P(v) = 4\pi (\frac{M}{2\pi RT})^{3/2} v^2 e^{-Mv^2/2RT}$$

most propable speed:  $v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}}$ 

average speed:  $\overline{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}}$ 

rms speed:  $v_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$ 

internal energy of monoatomic gas:  $E_{\text{int}} = (nN_A)\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2}nRT$ monoatom: 3/2 (f = 1)

diatom:  $5/2 \ (f = 2)$ 

5-atom: 3 (f = 5)

molar specific heat of monoatomic gas at constant volume:

 $C_v = \frac{3}{2}R = 12.5 \,\text{J/molK}$ 

constant volume, change in internal energy:

$$\Delta E_{\rm int} = Q = nC_v(T_f - T_i)$$

molar specific heat of monoatomic gas at constant pressure:

 $C_p - C_v = R$ 

heat:  $Q = nC_p(T_f - T_i)$ 

work:  $W = nR(T_f - T_i)$ 

law of adiabatic expansion:  $pV^{\gamma} = \text{constant}$ , or

 $TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$ 

$$\gamma = C_p/C_v = 1 + 2/f$$

(2) k: media's thermal conductivity. (3) d: diameter, N: number of molecules. (4) n: number of carriers per unit volume. (5)  $\rho$ : temperature coefficient of resistivity.

## Second law of thermodynamics

thermal efficacy of engine:  $e = \frac{|W|}{|Q_H|} = \frac{|Q_H| - |Q_C|}{|Q_H|}$  $\max: e_{\text{Car}} = \frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$ coefficient of performance of refrigerator: 
$$\begin{split} e &= \frac{|Q_C|}{|W|} = \frac{|Q_C|}{|Q_H| - |Q_C|} \\ \text{max: } e_{\text{Car}} &= \frac{T_C}{T_H - T_C} \end{split}$$
first law of thermodynamics in closed system:  $|W| = |Q_H| - |Q_C|$ entropy:  $dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$  and  $\oint dS \leq 0$ reversible process:  $S_f - S_i = \int_i^f dS = \int_i^f \frac{dQ}{T}$ free expansion:  $S_f - S_i = \frac{1}{T} \int_i^f dQ = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}$ 

irreversible heat transfer:  $S_f - S_i = cm \ln \frac{T^2}{T^2 - \Delta T^2}$ 

# **Electricity and Magnetism**

## Electrostatic forces

Coulomb's law:  $F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$ permitivity constant in vacuum:  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \, \mathrm{C}^2 / \mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}^2$ charge is quantized: q = neelementary charge  $e = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-14} \,\mathrm{C}$ 

## Electric field

electric field:  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q_0}$ differential:  $d\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^3} \mathbf{r}$  (r from dq to point) point charge:  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$  straight rod (perpendicular):  $E = \frac{\lambda a}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4r^2 + a^2}}$ arc (to centre):  $E = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} (2\sin\frac{\theta}{2})$ ring (perpendicular):  $E = \frac{qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0(z^2+R^2)^{3/2}}$ round disk (perpendicular):  $E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}(1-\frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2+R^2}})$ electrostatic force in a field:  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$  (signed)

#### Gauss' law

Gauss' law:  $\Phi_E = \oiint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$ conducting surface:  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ nonconducting surface:  $E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$ straight rod:  $\frac{\lambda}{2\pi r\epsilon_0}$ two conducting plates (+ greater):  $|E_L| = |E_R| = |E_{(+)} - E_{(-)}|, |E_{\rm in}| = E_{(+)} + E_{(-)} = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{\epsilon_0}$ shell:  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$  (outside), E = 0 (inside) sphere:  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$  (outside),  $E = \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}\right) r$  (inside) cylinder:  $E = \frac{R^2 \rho}{2\epsilon_0 r}$  (outside),  $E = \frac{\rho}{2\epsilon_0} r$  (inside)

#### Potential

work:  $W = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = q_0 \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$ electric potential difference:  $\Delta V = -\frac{W_{if}}{q_0} = \frac{\Delta U}{q_0}$ E-V relation:  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$ ,  $V = -\int_{i_0}^{f} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$ electric field of parallel plates:  $E = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta d}$ point charge:  $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$ (signed) discrete points:  $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i}$ continuous charge:  $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{r}$ rod (perpendicular to one end):  $V = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln(\frac{L + (L^2 + d^2)^{1/2}}{d})$ arc (to centre):  $V = \frac{\lambda \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ ring (perpendicular):  $V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}$ disk (perpendicular):  $V = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}(\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z)$ 

## Current and circuits

current:  $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$ current density: J = i/Arelation:  $i = \iint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$ draft speed:  $\mathbf{v}_{\rm d} = \mathbf{J}/(ne)^{(4)}$ resistance law:  $R = \frac{V}{4}$ isotropic resistivity:  $\rho = E/J$ relation:  $\mathbf{E} = \rho \mathbf{J}$ conductivity:  $\sigma = 1/\rho$ resistance:  $R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$ variation with temperature:  $\rho - \rho_0 = \rho_0 \alpha (T - T_0)^{(5)}$  $T_0 = 293 \,\mathrm{K}, \, \rho_0 = 1.69 \,\mu\Omega \cdot \mathrm{cm}$ rate of electricity supply: P = iVresistive dissipation:  $P = i^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$ electromotive force:  $\mathscr{E} = \frac{dW}{dq}$ supplying current:  $i = \frac{\mathscr{E}}{R}$ 

Kirchhoff's circuit laws

resistance rule:  $\Delta V = -iR$  (current),  $\Delta V = +iR$  (opposite) emf rule:  $\Delta V = +\mathscr{E}$  (current),  $\Delta V = -\mathscr{E}$  (opposite)

series charge:  $q = q_1 = q_2 = \dots$ parallel charge:  $q = \sum_{i} q_{i}$ series current:  $i = i_1 = i_2 = \dots$ parallel current:  $i = \sum_{i} i_{i}$ series voltage:  $V = \sum_{i} V_{i}$ parallel voltage:  $V = V_1 = V_2 = ...$ series resistance:  $R = \sum_{i} R_{i}$ parallel resistance:  $\frac{1}{R} = \sum_{j} \frac{1}{R_{i}}$ , two:  $R = \frac{R_{1}R_{2}}{R_{1} + R_{2}}$ 

## Capacitance

capacitance:  $C=\frac{q}{V}$  parallel-plate:  $C=\epsilon_0\frac{A}{d}$  cylindrical:  $C=2\pi\epsilon_0L\frac{1}{\ln(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{a})}$  spherical:  $C=4\pi\epsilon_0\frac{ab}{b-a}$  isolated sphere:  $C=4\pi\epsilon_0R$  series capacitor:  $\frac{1}{C}=\sum_j\frac{1}{C_j}$  parallel capacitor:  $C=\sum_jC_j$  work to charge capacitor:  $W=\int dW=\int V'dq'$  potential energy:  $U=\frac{\epsilon_0AV}{2d}$  potential energy (parallel-plate):  $U=\frac{q^2}{2C}=\frac{1}{2}CV^2$  volume energy density:  $u=\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0E^2$  q unchanged:  $U_f=U_i/\kappa$  V unchanged:  $U_f=\kappa U_i$ 

## RC circuit

charging equation:  $R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = \mathcal{E}$  charge function:  $q = C\mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/\tau_C})$  current function:  $i = (\frac{\mathcal{E}}{R})e^{-t/\tau_C}$  discharging equation:  $R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = 0$  charge function:  $q = q_0e^{-t/\tau_C}$  current function:  $i = -i_0e^{-t/\tau_C}$  capacitive time constant  $\tau_C = RC$ 

## Magnetism

force due to moving charge:  $\mathbf{F}_B = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  force due to current-carrying wire:  $\mathbf{F}_B = i\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B}$  L along direction of conventional i circular motion under  $F_B$ :  $qvB = m\frac{v^2}{r}$  period:  $T = \frac{2\pi m}{qB}$  Hall effect, density of carriers:  $n = \frac{Bi}{Vle}$  l = A/d: thinkness of strip Biot-Savart law:  $d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{id\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^3}$  vacuum permeability:  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \mathrm{T} \cdot \mathrm{m/A}$  (H/m) point charge:  $B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{qv}{r^2}$  arc (to centre):  $B = \frac{\mu_0 i\theta}{4\pi R}$ 

Ampere's circuital law:  $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 i$  long straight wire:  $B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r}$  solid wire:  $B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r}$  (outside),  $B = (\frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi R^2})r$  (inside) ideal solenoid:  $B = \mu_0 i_0 n$ , n = N/L: turns per unit length ideal toroid:  $B = \frac{\mu_0 i_0 N}{2\pi r}$ 

induced emf: 
$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$
 for coils:  $\mathcal{E} = -N\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$ 

Maxwell-Faraday equation:  $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  induced electrodynamic field, circle:  $E = \frac{R^2}{2} \frac{dB}{dt} \frac{1}{r}$  (outside),  $E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dB}{dt} r$  (inside)

## Inductance

$$\begin{split} &\text{inductance: } L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i} \\ &\text{solenoid: } L/l = \mu_0 n^2 A \\ &\text{toroid: } L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln(\frac{b}{a}) \\ &\text{self-induced emf: } \mathscr{C}_L = -L\frac{di}{dt} \\ &\text{potential energy: } U_B = \frac{1}{2}Li^2 \\ &\text{energy density: } u_B = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \end{split}$$

#### LR circuit

rise in current:  $iR + L\frac{di}{dt} = \mathcal{E}$  current function:  $i = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L})$  decay in current:  $iR + L\frac{di}{dt} = 0$  current function:  $i = i_0 e^{-t/\tau_L}$  inductive time constant:  $\tau_L = L/R$ 

series inductance:  $L = \sum_j L_j$  parallel inductance:  $\frac{1}{L} = \sum_j \frac{1}{L_j}$  mutual induction, two coils:  $\mathscr{E}_2 = -M \frac{di_1}{dt}, \, \mathscr{E}_1 = -M \frac{di_2}{dt}$ 

#### LC oscillation

definition: 
$$\begin{split} \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC}q &= 0\\ \text{charge function: } q = Q\cos(\omega t + \phi)\\ \text{angular frequency: } \omega &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}\\ \text{electric potential energy: } U_E &= \frac{Q^2}{2C}\cos^2(\omega t + \phi)\\ \text{magnetic potential energy: } U_B &= \frac{Q^2}{2C}\sin^2(\omega t + \phi)\\ \text{total energy: } U &= \frac{Q^2}{2C} \end{split}$$

series RLC oscillation

net energy dissipation:  $\frac{dU}{dt} = -i^2 R$  definition:  $\frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LR} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} q = 0$  charge function:  $q = Q e^{Rt/2L} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$  angular frequency:  $\omega' = \sqrt{\omega^2 - (R/2L)^2}$ 

## Electromagnetic waves

magnetic field induced by electric field:  $\oint \mathbf{B}_E \cdot d\mathbf{s} = +\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = +\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  "displacement current" between parallel plates, circle:  $B = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 R^2}{2} \frac{dE}{dt} \frac{1}{r} \text{ (outside)}, \ \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}{2} \frac{dE}{dt} r \text{ (inside)}$  displacement current:  $i_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$ 

Electromagnetic waves B and E are in phase:  $E = E_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$  $B = B_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$ wave speed:  $c = \frac{\omega}{k}$ magnitude ratio:  $\frac{E_m}{B_m} = c$  speed of light:  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$ direction of wave/poynting vector:  $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ plane wave's instantaneous flow rate:  $S = \frac{1}{c\mu_0}E^2$  (S = P/A)wave intensity:  $I = \overline{S} = \frac{1}{C_{H0}} E_{rms}^2$ momentum of light:  $\Delta p = \frac{\Delta U}{c}$  (total absorption),  $\Delta p = \frac{2\Delta U}{c}$  (total reflection) radiation pressure:  $p_r = \frac{I}{c}$  (total absorption),  $p_r = \frac{2I}{c}$  (total reflection) law of Malus:  $I = I_m \cos^2 \theta$  $\mathbf{AC}$ resistive circuit:  $V_R = I_R R$ capacitive circuit:  $V_C = I_C X_C$ capacitive reactance:  $X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$ inductive circuit:  $V_L = I_L X_L$ inductive reactance:  $X_L = \omega L$ 

ideal transformer (rms) voltage:  $\frac{V_s}{V_p} = \frac{N_s}{N_p}$  (AC supply at p end, sends to s end) current:  $\frac{I_s}{I_p} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$  resistances:  $R_{eq} = (\frac{N_p}{N})^2 R$  (R at s)

#### **Dipoles**

electric dipole electric field produced:  $E = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{p}{z^3}$  (dipole axis) electric potential:  $V(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{p\cos\theta}{r^2}$  net torque:  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{E}$  potential energy:  $U(\theta) = -\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{E}$  dipole moment:  $\mathbf{p} = q\mathbf{d}$  (- to +)

magnetic dipole/current loop magnetic field produced:  $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\mu}{\pi^3}$ net torque:  $\tau = \mu \times \mathbf{B}$ potential energy:  $U(\theta) = -\mu \cdot \mathbf{B}$ magnetic dipole moment:  $\mu = NiA$ , N: turns

## Maxwell's equations

Gauss' law:  $\oiint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = q/\epsilon_0$ Gauss' law:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$ Gauss' law for magnetism:  $\oiint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$ Gauss' law for magnetism:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ Maxwell-Faraday equation:  $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ Maxwell-Faraday equation:  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ Ampere's circuital law:  $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 i + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ Ampere's circuital law:  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$ electric displacement:  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ magnetic field:  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}/\mu$ 

# Classical optics

## Geometric optics

law of reflection:  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ law of refraction:  $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ total internal refraction, critical angle:  $\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(\frac{n_2}{n_1})$ (incident from greater  $n_1$ ) Brewster angle:  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{n_2}{n_1})$  (incident from  $n_1$ ) spherical mirror (Real side is where reflected) focus:  $f = \frac{r}{2}$  (+: concave, -: convex) relationship of object, image distance:  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{f}$ (+: Real side, upright; -: Virtual side, inverted) (p is +) lateral magnification:  $|m| = \frac{h_{\text{image}}}{h_{\text{obj}}}, m = -\frac{i}{p}$ (+: same orientation; -: opposite) spherical refracting surface (Real side is where refracted) relationship:  $\frac{n_1}{p} + \frac{n_2}{i} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{r}$  (p is +) thin lens

relation 1:  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{f}$ relation 2:  $\frac{1}{f} = (n-1)(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2})$  $(n = n_{\text{lens}}/n_{\text{medium}}, r_1$ : first side light goes through)

angular magnification, simple magnifer:  $m_{\theta} = \frac{15 \text{ cm}}{f}$ angular magnification, refracting telescope:  $m_{\theta} = -\frac{f_{\text{ob}}}{f_{\text{eve}}}$ magnification, compound microscope:  $M = -\frac{|f'_{ob} - f_{eye}|}{f_{ob}} \frac{15 \text{ cm}}{f_{eye}}$ 

## Interference and diffraction

index of refraction:  $n = \frac{c}{n}$ wavelength in medium:  $\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ two mediums, same light, number of wavelength difference:  $N_2 - N_1 = \frac{L}{2}(n_2 - n_1)$ 

double-slit interference

fully constructive:  $d \sin \theta = m\lambda, m = 0, 1, 2, ...$ fully destructive:  $d \sin \theta = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda, m = 0, 1, 2, ...$ illumination intensity:  $I = 4I_0 \cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\phi), \ \phi = \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda} \sin \theta$ ( $I_0$ : intensity of one slit when the ohter covered, d: separation of slits),  $\overline{I} = 2I_0$ 

real double-slit

intensity: 
$$I = I_m \underbrace{(\cos^2 \beta)}_{\text{intfr}} \underbrace{(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha})^2}_{\text{diffr}}$$
  
$$\beta = (\frac{\pi d}{\lambda}) \sin \theta, \ \alpha = (\frac{\pi a}{\lambda}) \sin \theta$$

multiple slits (N slits)

grating maxima:  $d \sin \theta = m\lambda, m = 0, 1, 2, ...$ line width:  $\Delta \theta = \frac{\lambda}{Nd\cos\theta}$ dispersion/separation of lines:  $D = \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta \lambda} = \frac{m}{d \cos \theta}$ resolving power:  $R = Nm = \frac{\overline{\lambda}}{\Lambda \lambda}$ 

thin film,  $n_1, n_3 > n_2$  (incident at  $n_1$ ) (every larger n of refraction side causes phase change of  $\lambda/2$ ) fully constructive:  $2n_2L = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ fully destructive:  $2n_2L = m\lambda$ , m = 0, 1, 2, ...

single-slit diffraction

intensity minima:  $a \sin \theta = m\lambda, m = 1, 2, 3, ...$ intensity maximum:  $I_m$  at centre intensity:  $I = I_m(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha})^2$ ,  $\alpha = (\frac{\pi a}{\lambda})\sin \theta$  (a: width)

Rayleigh's criteria:  $\theta_R = 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{d}$  (d: lens' diameter) separation of two sources:  $\Delta x \approx f\theta$  (f: may be viewing distance)

# Modern physics Special relativity

speed parameter:  $\beta = v/c$ Lorentz factor:  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$ time dilation:  $\Delta t = \dot{\gamma} \Delta t_0$ length contraction:  $L = \frac{L_0}{\gamma}$ 

Lorentz transformation (S, S') $\begin{cases} x' = \gamma(x - vt) \\ t' = \gamma(t - vx/c^2) \end{cases}, \begin{cases} x = \gamma(x' + vt') \\ t = \gamma(t' + vx'/c^2) \end{cases}$  $\begin{cases} \Delta x' = \gamma(\Delta x - v\Delta t) \\ \Delta t' = \gamma(\Delta t - v\Delta x/c^2) \end{cases}, \begin{cases} \Delta x = \gamma(\Delta x' + v\Delta t') \\ \Delta t = \gamma(\Delta t' + v\Delta x'/c^2) \end{cases}$  relativistic velocity law:  $V_{\text{CA}} = \frac{V_{\text{CB}} + V_{\text{BA}}}{1 + V_{\text{CB}} V_{\text{BA}}/c^2}$ Doppler effect:  $f = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm \beta}{1 \mp \beta}}$ 

Doppler effect: 
$$f = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm \beta}{1 \mp \beta}}$$
 conservation of space-time interval:  $(\Delta s)^2 = c^2 (\Delta t)^2 - (\Delta x)^2 - (\Delta y)^2 - (\Delta z)^2 = \text{constant}$  relation of proper time:  $\Delta s = c \Delta \tau$  4-displacement:  $x^{\mu}(\tau) = [ct(\tau), x(\tau), y(\tau), z(\tau)]$  4-velocity:  $u^{\mu} = \frac{d}{d\tau} x^{\mu} = \gamma(v)[c, v]$  magnitude of velocity:  $|u^{\mu}| = \sqrt{(u^0)^2 - (u^1)^2} = c$  acceleration:  $a^{\mu} = \frac{d}{d\tau} u^{\mu} \perp u^{\mu}$  4-momentum:  $p^{\mu} = mu^{\mu} = m\gamma[c, v] = [\frac{E}{c}, \gamma mv]$  magnitude of momentum:  $|p^{\mu}| = mc$  relativistic kinetic energy:  $K = mc^2(\gamma - 1)$  total energy:  $E = \gamma mc^2 = mc^2 + K$  rest E kinetic E relations:  $E^2 = (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2, (pc)^2 = K^2 + 2Kmc^2$ 

## Photons, particles

single slit experiment:

distance between central and first max:  $y = \frac{\lambda L}{d}$ width of central max:  $w = 2y = \frac{2\lambda L}{d}$ De Braglie relation:  $h = \lambda p = \lambda \sqrt{2mK}$ Plank's constant:  $h = 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \,\mathrm{m}^2 \cdot \mathrm{kg/s}$ energy of photon:  $E = cp = c\frac{h}{\lambda} = hf$ photoelectric effect:  $K_{\text{max}} = hf - \phi$ 

Compton scattering:

electron stationary:  $\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{mc}(1 - \cos \phi)$ electron head-on:  $\lambda' \approx \frac{hc}{E_e} \left[ 1 + \frac{m_e^2 c^4 \lambda}{4hcE_e} \right]$ blackbody radiation (low frequency)

distribution finding entities with energy E:

 $p_E(E) = \frac{1}{KT}e^{-E/kT}$ average energy:  $\overline{E} = kT$ 

distribution of number of standing waves per unit volume:

 $p_N(f) = \frac{N(f)}{V} = \frac{8\pi}{c^2} f^2$ 

distribution of energy per unit volume:

 $p_{E/V}(f) = \frac{E(f)}{V} = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} f^2 kT$ 

number of photons in standing wave:  $n \approx \frac{kT}{hf}$ 

ultraviolet catastrophe (high frequency) energy of photons: 
$$E = nhf$$
 average energy:  $\overline{E}(f) = \frac{hf}{e^{hf/kT}-1}$  distribution of number of standing waves per unit volume:

$$p_N(f) = \frac{8\pi f^2}{c^3} \frac{hf}{e^{hf/kT} - 1}$$
$$p_N(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

#### confining standing waves

probability distribution of finding particle: 
$$p(x) = |\Psi(n)|^2$$
 wavelength, ground state:  $\lambda_1 = 2L$  momentum, ground state:  $p_1 = \frac{h}{2L}$  energy, ground state:  $E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8L^2m}$  wavelength, excited state:  $\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda_1}{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$  momentum, excited state:  $p_n = np_1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$  energy, excited state:  $E_n = n^2E_1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ 

Heisenberg uncertainty principle:  $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$ corollary:  $\Delta E \Delta t \propto \hbar$ particle diffraction, max angle:  $\Delta \theta_{\text{max}} = \frac{\lambda_0}{I}$ 

#### Waves 1

orbit of hydrogen atoms

constructive interference:  $2\pi r = n\lambda$ , n = 1, 2, ...Bohr radius:  $r_n = a_0 n^2$ ,  $a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.529 \text{ Å}$ original quantization condition:  $p_n = \frac{\hbar}{a_0} \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $L_n = \hbar n$ total energy:  $E_n = -K_n = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2ma_0} \frac{1}{n^2} = -\frac{E_1}{n^2}$ ground state energy:  $E_1 = 13.6 \,\text{eV}$ 

free particle, 2D complex wave:  $\Psi(x,t) = Ae^{\frac{1}{\hbar}(px-Et)}$ 

general Schrödinger equation:

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(x,y,z,t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi(x,y,z,t) + U(x,y,z)\Psi(x,y,z,t)$$
 time-independent Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{split} E\Psi(x,y,z) &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(x,y,z) + U(x,y,z) \Psi(x,y,z) \\ \text{probability flux: } \mathbf{J} &= \frac{p}{m} \nabla s \\ \text{normalisation: } \int |\Psi(x,y,z,t)|^2 dv = 1 \end{split}$$

particle bounded by nodes 
$$0, L$$
 
$$\text{potential function: } V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \infty, & x < 0 \lor x > L \end{cases}$$
 
$$\text{momentum: } p_n = \frac{h}{2L}n, n = 1, 2, \dots$$
 
$$\text{energy: } E_n = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2}n^2, n = 1, 2, \dots$$
 
$$\text{wave function, time-independent: }$$
 
$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau}}\sin(\frac{n\pi x}{2}), n = 1, 2, \dots$$

wave function, time-dependent:

$$\Psi_n(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L}) \cdot e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}E_n t}, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

wave function, time-independent, 3D:

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi_n(x,y,z) = \\ &\sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}\sin(\frac{n_x\pi x}{L})\cdot\sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}\sin(\frac{n_y\pi y}{L})\cdot\sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}\sin(\frac{n_z\pi z}{L}), n_i = 1,2,\dots \\ &\text{energy assuming constant time: } E = \frac{\hbar}{2m}\frac{\pi^2}{L^2}(n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2) \end{aligned}$$

finite potential well

momentum in regions

$$\begin{split} p_x &= \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{2mE}, & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \pm \sqrt{2m(E-U_0)}, & x < 0 \lor x > L \end{cases} \\ \text{momentum amplitude: } |p_x| &= \hbar k = \sqrt{2m(U_0-E)} \\ \text{tunneling probability: } P_T \approx \alpha e^{-2kL}, \; \alpha = 16 \frac{E}{U_0} (1 - \frac{E}{U_0}) \end{split}$$

harmonic oscillator

zero-point energy:  $E_0 = \frac{1}{2}hf$ energy at nth level:  $E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})hf =$ 

energy in vacuum:  $E_{\text{vac}} = -\frac{hc}{48}L$ 

## The electrons

total energy of 
$$e^-$$
:  $E_n = -(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0})^2 \frac{me^4}{2\hbar} \frac{1}{n^2} = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$  principle quantum #:  $n = 1, 2, ...$ 

angular momentum of  $e^$ magnitude of L:  $L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)}\hbar$ orbital quantum #:  $\ell = 1, 2, ..., n-1$ z-projection of L:  $L_z = m_\ell \hbar$ magnetic quantum #:  $m_{\ell} = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, ..., \pm \ell$ 

spin angular momentum of 
$$e^-$$
  
magnitude of **S**:  $S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)}\hbar = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}\hbar$   
z-projection of **S**:  $S_z = m_s\hbar$   
spin quantum #:  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$   
z-projection of  $\mu_{\bf S}$ :  $\mu_z = -2.00232\frac{e}{2m}S_z$ 

orbital magnetic dipole moment:  $\mu = -\frac{1}{2}e\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} = -\frac{e}{2m}\mathbf{L}$ spin magnetic dipole moment:  $\mu_{\mathbf{S}} = -2.00232 \frac{e}{2m} \mathbf{S}$ Bohr magneton:  $\mu_B = \mu_{e^-} = \mu_z = \frac{e\hbar}{2m} = 9.274 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$ interacting energy:  $U = m_{\ell} \mu_z B$ 

shell/subshell level convention

	shell	K	L	M	N	
	n	1	2	3	4	
Ì	$\max e^-$	2	8	18	32	$2n^2$

subshell	s	p	d	f	g	h	
$\ell$	0	1	2	3	4	5	
$\max e^-$	2	6	10	14	18	22	

#### Solid matter

diatomic molecular spectra

rotational energy level:  $E_{\ell} = \ell(\ell+1)\frac{\hbar^2}{2L}, \ell=0,1,2,...$ vibrational energy level:  $E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\sqrt{\frac{k'}{m}}, n = 0, 1, 2, ...$ reduced mass:  $m_r = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$ net moment of inertia:  $I = m_r d^2$ 

1D sodium lattice

Fermi momentum:  $p_F = N\Delta p \cdot 2 \cdot 2$ 

Fermi energy:  $E_F = \frac{h^2}{32m} (\frac{N}{L})^2$ gap energy:  $E_{\rm gap} = \overline{U_{\rm odd}} - \overline{U_{\rm even}}$ 

 $e^-$  position:  $P_{\text{even}}(x) \propto \cos^2(\frac{\pi x}{a}), P_{\text{odd}}(x) \propto \sin^2(\frac{\pi x}{a})$ 

3D lattice (free particle in box)

energy of states:  $E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\pi^2}{L^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2), n_i = 1, 2, ...$ 

number of states:  $n(E) = \frac{(2m)^{3/2}V}{3\pi^2\hbar^3}E^{3/2}$ state density:  $g(E) = \frac{(2m)^{3/2}V}{2\pi^2\hbar^3}E^{1/2}$ 

distribution of state with E is filled (Fermi-Dirac):

$$f_{T=0}(E) = \begin{cases} 1, & E \le E_F \\ 0, & E > E_F \end{cases}$$
$$f_{T>0}(E) = \frac{1}{e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1}$$

Fermi energy:  $E_F = \frac{3^{2/3} \pi^{4/3} \hbar^2}{2m} n^{2/3}, n = \frac{N}{V}$ current-voltage relation (semiconductor):  $I = I_s(e^{eV/kT} - 1)$ 

#### **Nuclear reactions**

$${}^{A}_{Z}$$
M:  $\underbrace{A}_{\text{nucleon }\#} = \underbrace{Z}_{\text{protons neutrons}} + \underbrace{N}_{\text{neutrons}}$  radius of nucleon (approx.):  $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$ ,  $R_0 = 1.2 \, \text{Fm}$ 

volume of nucleon (approx.):  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R_0^3 A$ 

common nucleon masses

mass of  ${}_{6}^{12}\text{C}$ :  $M_{1^{2}\text{C}} = 1 \text{ u} = 1.660538782 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ mass of  ${}_{1}^{1}$ H:  $M_{{}_{1}^{1}}^{0} = 1.007826 \,\mathrm{u}$ mass of proton:  $m_p = 1.007276 \,\mathrm{u}$ mass of neutron:  $m_n = 1.008665 \,\mathrm{u}$ mass of electron:  $m_{e^-} = 0.00054858 \,\mathrm{u}$ 

spin quantum momentum of p and n magnitude of  $\mathbf{S} \colon S = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}\hbar$  spin quantum  $\# \colon m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  z-projection of  $\mathbf{S} \colon S_z = m_s \hbar$  total angular momentum:  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ 

nuclear magneton:  $\mu_{\rm nucl} = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} = 5.05078 \cdot 10^{-27} \, {\rm J/T}$  proton magneton:  $|\mu_p| = 2.7928 \mu_{\rm nucl}$  neutron magneton:  $|\mu_n| = 1.9130 \mu_{\rm nucl}$ 

nuclear binding

procedure:  ${}_{A}^{2}M+K \rightarrow (Z)\,{}_{1}^{1}H+(N)\,n$  mass defect:  $\Delta m=Z(m_{p}+m_{e})+Nm_{n}-M_{\rm original}$  nuclear binding energy:  $E_{B}=c^{2}\Delta m$  binding energy per nucleon:  $\frac{E_{B}}{A}$ 

liquid drop model

binding energy:

$$\begin{split} E_B &= C_1 A - C_2 A^{2/3} - C_3 \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - C_4 \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A} + C_5 A^{-4/3} \\ C_1 &= 15.75 \, \text{MeV}, \, C_2 = 17.8 \, \text{MeV}, \\ C_3 &= 0.71 \, \text{MeV}, \, C_4 = 23.69 \, \text{MeV}, \\ C_5 &= 39 \, \text{MeV}(Z, N \, \text{even}), -39 \, \text{MeV}(Z, N \, \text{odd}), 0 \, \text{(else)} \\ \text{semiemperical mass formula:} \, \frac{Z}{A} M = (Z) M_{1\text{H}} + (N) m_n - \frac{E_B}{c^2} \end{split}$$

alpha decay:  ${}^A_Z X \to {}^{A-4}_{Z-2} Y + {}^4_2 \text{He} + K$ result:  $Z \to Z - 2, N \to N - 2, A \to A - 4$ energy required:  $M_{\text{parent}} > M_{\text{daughter}} + M_{{}^4_2 \text{He}}$ centre of momentum frame:  $m_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}} = M_Y V_Y$ shared kinetic energy:  $K = K_{\text{He}} + K_Y$ 

$$\begin{split} \beta^- & \text{ decay: } \mathbf{n} \to \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{e}^- + \overline{\nu_e} + \mathbf{K} \\ & \text{ result: } Z \to Z+1, N \to N-1 \\ & \text{ energy required: } M_{\text{parent}} > M_{\text{daughter}} \end{split}$$

 $\beta^+$  decay:  $p \to n + e^+ + \nu_e + K$ result:  $Z \to Z - 1, N \to N + 1$ 

energy required:  $M_{\rm parent} > M_{\rm daughter} + 2 m_{e^-}$ 

electron capture: p + e<sup>-</sup> + K  $\rightarrow$  n +  $\nu_e$ result:  $Z \rightarrow Z - 1, N \rightarrow N + 1$ energy required:  $M_{\rm parent} > M_{\rm daughter}$ 

gamma decay:  ${}_Z^A X^* \rightarrow {}_Z^A X + \gamma$ 

nuclear activities

nuclear reaction: A + B  $\rightarrow$  C + D + ... reaction energy:  $Q = c^2 \Delta m = c^2 (m_{\rm reactant} - m_{\rm product})$ (Q > 0: exothermic, Q < 0: endothermic)

## Cosmology

collider energies

available energy:  $E_a = \Sigma_i m_i c^2$ relation:  $E_a^2 = m_B^2 c^4 + m_T^2 c^4 + 2(E_B E_T + c^2 \mathbf{p}_B \cdot \mathbf{p}_T)$ fixed target:  $E_a^2 = m_B^2 c^4 + m_T^2 c^4 + 2m_T c^2 E_B$ high energy:  $E_a = \sqrt{2E_B m_T c^2}$ head-on, same mass, high energy:  $E_a = 2E_B$ max living time of force mediator:  $\Delta t < \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta E}$ 

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