

# 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:

$$v = v_0 + at$$

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

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

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

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:  $\mathbf{v}_{PA} = \mathbf{v}_{PB} + \mathbf{v}_{BA}$

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

### Kinetics 2

Newton's second law:  $\mathbf{F}_T = m\mathbf{a}$

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

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)

work:  $W = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx + \int_{y_i}^{y_f} F_y dy + \int_{z_i}^{z_f} F_z dz$

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

work by spring:  $W = \frac{1}{2} k x_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} k x_f^2$

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

work-kinetic energy theorem:  $W = K_f - K_i = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$

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:  $U'' < 0, U' = 0$

stable equilibrium:  $U'' > 0, U' = 0$

total m.energy of block-spring system:  $E = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

total m.energy of particle-earth system:  $E = mgy + \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

conservation of energy:

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

(1)  $C$ : drag coefficient,  $A$ : effective cross-sectional area,  $\rho$ : air density.

external work done:  $W = \Delta K + \Delta U + \Delta E_{\text{internal}}$

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:  $\mathbf{r}_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i \mathbf{r}_i$

continuous:  $\mathbf{r}_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \int \rho dV = \frac{1}{V} \int \mathbf{r} dV$

relation:  $dm = \rho dV$

linear momentum:  $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$

relation:  $K = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

net force:  $\mathbf{F}_T = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$

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

conservation of linear momentum:  $\mathbf{P} = \text{constant}$

циолковский's rocket formula:

$\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \frac{dm}{dt} + m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt}$  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:  $\Delta K_{CM} = F_{\text{ext}} d_{CM}$

König's theorem:  $K = K_{\text{related to CM}} + \frac{1}{2} m v_{CM}^2$

### Collisions

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

elastic collision:

$$v'_1 = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_1 + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_2$$

$$v'_2 = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_2 + \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_1$$

$$v_{CM} = \frac{P}{m_1 + m_2}$$

complete inelastic collision:  $m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v_{CM}$

### 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:  $I = I_{CM} + Mh^2$

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:  $W = \int F_t r d\theta = \int \tau d\theta$

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

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

### Rotational inertia

hoop, central axis:  $I = MR^2$

hoop, diameter:  $I = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$

annular cylinder, central axis:  $\frac{1}{2} M (R_1^2 + R_2^2)$

annular cylinder, central diameter:  $\frac{1}{4} M (R_1^2 + R_2^2)$

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:  $x_{CM} = \theta R, v_{CM} = \omega R$

kinetic energy:  $K = K_{\text{rot}} + K_{\text{tra}} = \frac{1}{2} I_{CM} \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_{CM}^2$

acceleration of ideal yoyo:  $a = -g(\frac{1}{1 + I/MR^2})$

angular momentum:  $\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \times m\mathbf{v}$

a.m. for rigid, fixed axis:  $L = I\omega$

angular impulse:  $\Delta \mathbf{L} = \int \boldsymbol{\tau} dt$

Newton's second law:  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_T = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$

conservation of angular momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = \text{constant}$

# Elasticity

static equilibrium:  $\mathbf{P} = 0, \mathbf{L} = 0$   
requirements of equilibrium:  $\sum \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} = 0, \sum \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{ext}} = 0$   
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:  $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$   
angular frequency:  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$   
period:  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$   
potential energy:  $U(t) = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$   
kinetic energy:  $K(t) = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$   
total energy:  $E = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2$   
series spring:  $\frac{1}{K} = \sum_j \frac{1}{k_j}$ , two:  $K = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}$   
parallel spring:  $K = \sum_j k_j$

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

torsion pendulum  
period:  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}}$   
restoring torque:  $\tau = -\kappa \theta$

physical pendulum  
period:  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgh}}$   
restoring torque:  $\tau = -(mgsin\theta)h$

damped simple harmonic motion  
damping force:  $F_d = -bv$ ,  $b$ : damping constant  
definition:  $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{b}{m} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$   
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:  $E(t) \approx \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 e^{-bt/m}$

# Gravitation

Newton's law of gravitation:  $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$   
gravitational constant:  $G = 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$   
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:  $r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos \theta}$   
 $p = \frac{L^2}{GMm^2}$ ,  $e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2EL^2}{G^2 M^2 m^3}}$   
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:  $r_2 = a + c$   
 $a = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} = -\frac{GMm}{2E}$ ,  $c = \frac{r_2 - r_1}{2}$ ,  
 $b = \sqrt{a^2 - c^2} = \sqrt{r_1 r_2} = \frac{L}{\sqrt{-2mE}}$   
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:  $p = p_0 + \rho gh$   
Pascal's principle:  $\Delta p_{\text{int}} = \Delta p_{\text{ext}}$   
Archimede's principle:  $F_{\text{buoyancy}} = G_{\text{displaced water}}$   
equation of continuity:  
volume flow rate  $R = Av = \text{constant}$   
mass flow rate  $m = Av\rho = \text{constant}$   
Bernoulli's equation:  $p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho gy = \text{constant}$

# 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 frequency:  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$   
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:  
 $y = y_1 + y_2 = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) + y_m \sin(kx + \omega t)$   
new wave:  $y = [(2y_m) \sin kx] \cos \omega t$   
new amplitude:  $2y_m \sin kx$   
nodes:  $x = n \frac{\lambda}{2}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
antinodes:  $x = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{\lambda}{2}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
resonant frequency:  $f_r = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{2l} n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

# 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:  $\Delta p_m = (\rho v \omega) s_m$

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

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:  $f_r = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{4L} n, n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$   
beat frequency:  $f_{\text{beat}} = f_1 - f_2$

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:  $Q = Lm$

volume work:  $W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} p dV$

first law of thermodynamics:  $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{int},f} - E_{\text{int},i} = Q - W$

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:

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

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

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

Boltzman constant  $k = R/N_A$

mean free path:  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n d N/V}$  (3)

Maxwell's speed distribution:

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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 efficiency of engine:  $e = \frac{|W|}{|Q_H|} = \frac{|Q_H| - |Q_C|}{|Q_H|}$

$$\text{max: } e_{\text{Car}} = \frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$$

coefficient of performance of refrigerator:

$$e = \frac{|Q_C|}{|W|} = \frac{|Q_C|}{|Q_H| - |Q_C|}$$

$$\text{max: } e_{\text{Car}} = \frac{T_C}{T_H - T_C}$$

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:  $F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$

permittivity constant in vacuum:  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$

charge is quantized:  $q = ne$

elementary charge  $e = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ C}$

### 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):

$$|E_L| = |E_R| = |E_{(+)} - E_{(-)}|, |E_{\text{in}}| = E_{(+)} + E_{(-)} = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{\epsilon_0}$$

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):  $V = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{L + (L^2 + d^2)^{1/2}}{d}\right)$

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:  $J = i/A$

relation:  $i = \iint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$

draft speed:  $\mathbf{v}_d = \mathbf{J}/(ne)$  (4)

resistance law:  $R = \frac{V}{i}$

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)

$T_0 = 293 \text{ K}$ ,  $\rho_0 = 1.69 \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$

rate of electricity supply:  $P = iV$

resistive dissipation:  $P = i^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$

electromotive force:  $\mathcal{E} = \frac{dW}{dq}$

supplying current:  $i = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}$

Kirchhoff's circuit laws

resistance rule:  $\Delta V = -iR$  (current),  $\Delta V = +iR$  (opposite)

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

series charge:  $q = q_1 = q_2 = \dots$

parallel charge:  $q = \sum_j q_j$

series current:  $i = i_1 = i_2 = \dots$

parallel current:  $i = \sum_j i_j$

series voltage:  $V = \sum_j V_j$

parallel voltage:  $V = V_1 = V_2 = \dots$

series resistance:  $R = \sum_j R_j$

parallel resistance:  $\frac{1}{R} = \sum_j \frac{1}{R_j}$ , 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:  $C = 2\pi\epsilon_0 L \frac{1}{\ln(b/a)}$

spherical:  $C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a}$

isolated sphere:  $C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R$

series capacitor:  $\frac{1}{C} = \sum_j \frac{1}{C_j}$

parallel capacitor:  $C = \sum_j C_j$

work to charge capacitor:  $W = \int dW = \int V' dq'$

potential energy:  $U = \frac{\epsilon_0 A V^2}{2d}$

potential energy(parallel-plate):  $U = \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$

volume energy density:  $u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$

$q$  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:  $q = q_0 e^{-t/\tau_C}$

current function:  $i = -i_0 e^{-t/\tau_C}$

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:  $n = \frac{Bi}{VLe}$

$l = A/d$ : thickness of strip

Biot-Savart law:  $d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{id\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^3}$

vacuum permeability:  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{T} \cdot \text{m/A}$  (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

inductance:  $L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i}$

solenoid:  $L/l = \mu_0 n^2 A$

toroid:  $L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln(\frac{b}{a})$

self-induced emf:  $\mathcal{E}_L = -L \frac{di}{dt}$

potential energy:  $U_B = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$

energy density:  $u_B = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$

### 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:

$\mathcal{E}_2 = -M \frac{di_1}{dt}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_1 = -M \frac{di_2}{dt}$

### LC oscillation

definition:  $\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} q = 0$

charge function:  $q = Q \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

angular frequency:  $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

electric potential energy:  $U_E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$

magnetic potential energy:  $U_B = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$

total energy:  $U = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$

### series RLC oscillation

net energy dissipation:  $\frac{dU}{dt} = -i^2 R$

definition:  $\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LR} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} q = 0$

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:

$B = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 R^2}{2} \frac{dE}{dt} \frac{1}{r}$  (outside),  $\frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}{2} \frac{dE}{dt} r$  (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:  $I = \overline{S} = \frac{1}{c\mu_0} E_{\text{rms}}^2$

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:  $I = I_m \cos^2 \theta$

## 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:  $X_L = \omega L$

### series RLC circuit

current:  $i = I \sin(\omega t - \phi)$

voltage:  $\mathcal{E} = v_R + v_C + v_L$

current amplitude:  $I = \frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{Z}$

impedance  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$

phase constant:  $\tan \phi = \frac{V_L - V_C}{V_R} = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R}$

average power:  $\overline{P} = I_{\text{rms}}^2 R = \mathcal{E}_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos \phi$

$I$  is in phase with  $v_R$ ; leads  $v_C$  by  $90^\circ$ , lags behind  $v_L$  by  $90^\circ$

### 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:  $R_{eq} = (\frac{N_p}{N_s})^2 R$  ( $R$  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:  $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{z^3}$

net torque:  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}$

potential energy:  $U(\theta) = -\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

magnetic dipole moment:  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = Ni\mathbf{A}$ ,  $N$ : turns

## Maxwell's equations

Gauss' law:  $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = q/\epsilon_0$

Gauss' law:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$

Gauss' law for magnetism:  $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$

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 magnifier:  $m_\theta = \frac{15 \text{ cm}}{f}$

angular magnification, refracting telescope:  $m_\theta = -\frac{f_{\text{obj}}}{f_{\text{eye}}}$

magnification, compound microscope:  $M = -\frac{|f'_{\text{obj}} - f_{\text{eye}}|}{f_{\text{obj}}} \frac{15 \text{ cm}}{f_{\text{eye}}}$

## Interference and diffraction

index of refraction:  $n = \frac{c}{v}$

wavelength in medium:  $\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda}{n}$

two mediums, same light, number of wavelength difference:

$$N_2 - N_1 = \frac{L}{\lambda}(n_2 - n_1)$$

double-slit interference

fully constructive:  $d \sin \theta = m\lambda$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

fully destructive:  $d \sin \theta = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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 other covered,  $d$ :

separation of slits),  $\bar{I} = 2I_0$

real double-slit

intensity:  $I = I_m \underbrace{(\cos^2 \beta)}_{\text{intfr}} \underbrace{(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha})^2}_{\text{diff}}$

$$\beta = (\frac{\pi d}{\lambda}) \sin \theta, \alpha = (\frac{\pi a}{\lambda}) \sin \theta$$

multiple slits ( $N$  slits)

grating maxima:  $d \sin \theta = m\lambda$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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:  $R = Nm = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda}$

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:  $2n_2L = m\lambda$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

single-slit diffraction

intensity minima:  $a \sin \theta = m\lambda$ ,  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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:  $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0$

length contraction:  $L = \frac{L_0}{\gamma}$

Lorentz transformation ( $S, S'$ ):

$$\begin{cases} x' = \gamma(x - vt) \\ t' = \gamma(t - vx/c^2) \end{cases}, \begin{cases} x = \gamma(x' + vt') \\ t = \gamma(t' + vx'/c^2) \end{cases}$$

difference in  $x, t$ :

$$\begin{cases} \Delta x' = \gamma(\Delta x - v\Delta t) \\ \Delta t' = \gamma(\Delta t - v\Delta x/c^2) \end{cases}, \begin{cases} \Delta x = \gamma(\Delta x' + v\Delta t') \\ \Delta t = \gamma(\Delta t' + v\Delta x'/c^2) \end{cases}$$

relativistic velocity law:  $V_{CA} = \frac{V_{CB} + V_{BA}}{1 + V_{CB}V_{BA}/c^2}$

Doppler effect:  $f = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}}$

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:  $E = \gamma mc^2 = \underbrace{mc^2}_{\text{rest E}} + \underbrace{K}_{\text{kinetic E}}$

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 Broglie relation:  $h = \lambda p = \lambda \sqrt{2mK}$

Planck's constant:  $h = 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{kg/s}$

energy of photon:  $E = cp = c\frac{h}{\lambda} = hf$

photoelectric effect:  $K_{\text{max}} = hf - \phi$

Compton scattering:

electron stationary:  $\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{mc}(1 - \cos \theta)$

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:  $\bar{E} = kT$

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:  $\bar{E}(f) = \frac{hf}{e^{hf/kT} - 1}$

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:  $\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda_1}{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

momentum, excited state:  $p_n = np_1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

energy, excited state:  $E_n = n^2 E_1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Heisenberg uncertainty principle:  $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{4\pi} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$

corollary:  $\Delta E \Delta t \propto \hbar$

particle diffraction, max angle:  $\Delta\theta_{\max} = \frac{\lambda_0}{L}$

## Waves 1

orbit of hydrogen atoms

constructive interference:  $2\pi r = n\lambda$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Bohr radius:  $r_n = a_0 n^2$ ,  $a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.529 \text{ \AA}$

original quantization condition:  $p_n = \frac{h}{a_0} \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $L_n = \hbar n$

total energy:  $E_n = -K_n = -\frac{h^2}{2ma_0} \frac{1}{n^2} = -\frac{E_1}{n^2}$

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:

$$E\Psi(x, y, z) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(x, y, z) + U(x, y, z) \Psi(x, y, z)$$

probability flux:  $\mathbf{J} = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla s$

normalisation:  $\int |\Psi(x, y, z, t)|^2 dv = 1$

particle bounded by nodes 0,  $L$

$$\text{potential function: } V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \infty, & x < 0 \vee x > L \end{cases}$$

momentum:  $p_n = \frac{h}{2L} n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

energy:  $E_n = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} n^2$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

wave function, time-independent:

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), n = 1, 2, \dots$$

wave function, time-dependent:

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

wave function, time-independent, 3D:

$$\psi_n(x, y, z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L}\right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L}\right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi z}{L}\right), n_i = 1, 2, \dots$$

energy assuming constant time:  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m L^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$

finite potential well

momentum in regions:

$$p_x = \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{2mE}, & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \pm \sqrt{2m(E - U_0)}, & x < 0 \vee x > L \end{cases}$$

momentum amplitude:  $|p_x| = \hbar k = \sqrt{2m(U_0 - E)}$

tunneling probability:  $P_T \approx \alpha e^{-2kL}$ ,  $\alpha = 16 \frac{E}{U_0} (1 - \frac{E}{U_0})$

harmonic oscillator

zero-point energy:  $E_0 = \frac{1}{2} \hbar f$

energy at  $n$ th level:

$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar f = \underbrace{nhf}_{\text{number of photons}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \hbar f}_{\text{zero-point energy}}$$

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

## The electrons

total energy of  $e^-$ :  $E_n = -(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0})^2 \frac{m e^4}{2\hbar} \frac{1}{n^2} = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$

principle quantum #:  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

angular momentum of  $e^-$

magnitude of  $\mathbf{L}$ :  $L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)} \hbar$

orbital quantum #:  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$

z-projection of  $\mathbf{L}$ :  $L_z = m_\ell \hbar$

magnetic quantum #:  $m_\ell = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm \ell$

spin angular momentum of  $e^-$

magnitude of  $\mathbf{S}$ :  $S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} + 1)} \hbar = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \hbar$

z-projection of  $\mathbf{S}$ :  $S_z = m_s \hbar$

spin quantum #:  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

z-projection of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_S$ :  $\mu_z = -2.00232 \frac{e}{2m} S_z$

orbital magnetic dipole moment:  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = -\frac{1}{2} e \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} = -\frac{e}{2m} \mathbf{L}$

spin magnetic dipole moment:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_S = -2.00232 \frac{e}{2m} \mathbf{S}$

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	...
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:  $E_\ell = \ell(\ell + 1) \frac{\hbar^2}{2I}$ ,  $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

vibrational energy level:  $E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k'}{m_r}}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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:  $E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{32m} (\frac{N}{L})^2$

gap energy:  $E_{\text{gap}} = U_{\text{odd}} - U_{\text{even}}$

$e^-$  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:  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m L^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$ ,  $n_i = 1, 2, \dots$

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):

$$f_{T=0}(E) = \begin{cases} 1, & E \leq E_F \\ 0, & E > E_F \end{cases}$$

$$f_{T>0}(E) = \frac{1}{e^{(E - E_F)/kT} + 1}$$

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

$${}_Z^A\text{M} : \underbrace{{}_Z^A}_{\text{nucleon \#}} = \underbrace{{}_Z^Z}_{\text{protons}} + \underbrace{{}_Z^N}_{\text{neutrons}}$$

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  ${}^{12}_6\text{C}$ :  $M_6^{12}\text{C} = 1 \text{ u} = 1.660538782 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

mass of  ${}^1_1\text{H}$ :  $M_1^1\text{H} = 1.007826 \text{ u}$

mass of proton:  $m_p = 1.007276 \text{ u}$

mass of neutron:  $m_n = 1.008665 \text{ u}$

mass of electron:  $m_{e^-} = 0.00054858 \text{ u}$

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

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

nuclear binding  
procedure:  ${}_Z^A\text{M} + \text{K} \rightarrow (Z) {}_1^1\text{H} + (N) \text{n}$   
mass defect:  $\Delta m = Z(m_p + m_e) + Nm_n - M_{\text{original}}$   
nuclear binding energy:  $E_B = c^2\Delta m$   
binding energy per nucleon:  $\frac{E_B}{A}$

liquid drop model  
binding energy:  
 $E_B = C_1A - C_2A^{2/3} - C_3\frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - C_4\frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A} + C_5A^{-4/3}$   
 $C_1 = 15.75 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $C_2 = 17.8 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $C_3 = 0.71 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $C_4 = 23.69 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $C_5 = 39 \text{ MeV}(Z, N \text{ even}), -39 \text{ MeV}(Z, N \text{ odd}), 0 \text{ (else)}$   
semiemperical mass formula:  ${}_Z^AM = (Z)M_{1\text{H}} + (N)m_n - \frac{E_B}{c^2}$

alpha decay:  ${}_Z^AX \rightarrow {}_{Z-2}^{A-4}\text{Y} + {}_2^4\text{He} + \text{K}$   
result:  $Z \rightarrow Z - 2, N \rightarrow N - 2, A \rightarrow A - 4$   
energy required:  $M_{\text{parent}} > M_{\text{daughter}} + M_{2\text{He}}^4$   
centre of momentum frame:  $m_{\text{He}}v_{\text{He}} = M_{\text{Y}}V_{\text{Y}}$   
shared kinetic energy:  $K = K_{\text{He}} + K_{\text{Y}}$

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

$\beta^+$  decay:  $\text{p} \rightarrow \text{n} + \text{e}^+ + \nu_e + \text{K}$   
result:  $Z \rightarrow Z - 1, N \rightarrow N + 1$   
energy required:  $M_{\text{parent}} > M_{\text{daughter}} + 2m_{e-}$

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

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

nuclear activities  
activity:  $|\frac{dN}{dt}| \equiv \lambda N(t)$   
Curie:  $1 \text{ Ci} = 3.7 \cdot 10^{10} \frac{\text{decays}}{\text{s}} \text{ (Bq)}$   
# of radioactive nuclei:  $N(t) = N_0e^{-\lambda t}$   
half-life:  $T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$   
mean-life:  $T_{\frac{1}{e}} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

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

Cosmology

collider energies  
available energy:  $E_a = \sum_i m_i c^2$   
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:  $\Delta t < \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta E}$

Useful mathematical relations

Geometry

area of rectangle:  $S = xy$   
length of arc:  $s = \theta r$   
area of sector:  $S = \frac{1}{2}sr = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$   
area of ellipse:  $S = \pi ab$   
volume of pyramid:  $V = \frac{1}{3}Sh$   
infinitesimal-width ring:  $dS = d(\pi r^2) = 2\pi r dr$   
infinitesimal-width hollow sphere:  $dV = d(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3) = 4\pi r^2 dr$

conic section

polar form:  $r = \frac{ed}{1+e \cos \theta}$   
circle:  $e = 0$   
ellipse:  $0 < e < 1$   
parabola:  $e = 1$   
hyperbola:  $e > 1$   
semi-latus rectum:  $l = ed$

trigonometric identities

$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$   
 $\tan^2 \alpha + 1 = \sec^2 \alpha$   
 $\cot^2 \alpha + 1 = \csc^2 \alpha$   
 $\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$   
 $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$   
 $\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$

$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}) \cos(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2})$   
 $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}) \cos(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2})$

Algebra

binomial theorem:  $(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$   
binomial theorem:  
 $(1 + x)^r = 1 + rx + \frac{r(r-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots, |x| < 1$   
complex division:  $\frac{a+bi}{x+yi} = \frac{(a+bi)(x-yi)}{x^2+y^2}$   
De Moivre's formula:  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)$   
triangle inequality:  $|x| + |y| \geq |x + y|$   
Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:  $|x||y| \geq |x \cdot y|$

cross product:  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & x_1 & x_2 \\ \mathbf{j} & y_1 & y_2 \\ \mathbf{k} & z_1 & z_2 \end{bmatrix}$

angle between vectors:  $\cos \angle (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{||\mathbf{x}|| ||\mathbf{y}||}$

rotation matrix:  $R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

Calculus

taylor series:  
 $\ln(1 + x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots, |x| < 1$   
 $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$   
 $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$   
 $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$

curve length:  $s = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$

mean value approximation:  
 $f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) \approx f(x, y) + f_x(x, y)\Delta x + f_y(x, y)\Delta y$   
derivative vector:  $\mathbf{f}'(t) = x'(t)\mathbf{i} + y'(t)\mathbf{j} + z'(t)\mathbf{k}$   
gradient:  $\nabla f = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\mathbf{k})f$   
flux density:  $\text{div } \mathbf{f} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}$   
circulation density:  $\text{curl } \mathbf{f} = \nabla \times \mathbf{f}$   
line integral:  $\int_L \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t)dt$   
gradient theorem:  $\int_L [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \nabla F(\mathbf{r}) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = F(\mathbf{b}) - F(\mathbf{a})$   
Gauss' theorem:  $\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \oint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$   
Stokes' theorem:  $\oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \iint_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

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