

Class12-Physics-CBSE-Exam-Formulas

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Chapter	Concept	Formula / Key Point	Explanation of Variables
Electric Charges and Fields	Coulomb's Law	$[F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}]$ $[k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}]$	F = force; q_1, q_2 = charges; r = distance; k = constant
	Electric Field	$[\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q} = \frac{kQ}{r^2}]$	\vec{E} = field; Q = source charge; q = test charge
	Electric Dipole	$[E_{\text{axial}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{2p}{r^3}]$	p = dipole moment; r = distance
Electrostatic Potential and Capacitance	Potential Due to Point Charge	$[V = \frac{kQ}{r}]$	V = potential; Q = charge; r = distance
	Capacitance	$[C = \frac{Q}{V}]$ $[C_{\text{parallel plate}} = \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}]$	C = capacitance; Q = charge; V = potential; A = area; d = separation
	Series & Parallel Capacitors	$[C_{\text{series}}^{-1} = C_1^{-1} + C_2^{-1} + \dots]$ $[C_{\text{parallel}} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots]$	Capacitors combined in series and parallel
Current Electricity	Ohm's Law	$[V = IR]$	V = voltage; I = current; R = resistance
	Resistance & Resistivity	$[R = \rho \frac{l}{A}]$	R = resistance; ρ = resistivity; l = length; A = area
	Series & Parallel Resistors	$[R_{\text{series}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots]$ $[R_{\text{parallel}}^{-1} = R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1} + \dots]$	Resistors combined in series and parallel
Moving Charges and Magnetism	Power	$[P = VI = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}]$	P = power
	Magnetic Force	$[F = qvB \sin \theta]$ $[F = IlB \sin \theta]$	q = charge; v = velocity; B = magnetic field; θ = angle; I = current; l = length

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Magnetism and Matter	Magnetic Field (Wire, Loop)	[Straight wire: $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$] [Loop: $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2R}$]	μ_0 = permeability; I = current; r, R = radius
	Ampere's Law	$[\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I]$	Line integral of magnetic field around current I
	Magnetic Dipole Moment	$[M = m \times 2l] [U = -\vec{M} \cdot \vec{B}]$	M = dipole moment; m = magnetic pole strength; l = half length; U = potential energy
Electromagnetic Induction	Gauss's Law for Magnetism	$[\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0]$ (No magnetic monopoles)	Divergence of magnetic field is zero
	Faraday's Law	$[e = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}]$	e = induced emf; Φ = magnetic flux
	Lenz's Law	Direction of induced current opposes cause	Conservation of energy principle
Alternating Current	Self Inductance	$[e = -L \frac{di}{dt}]$ Energy: $[U = \frac{1}{2} LI^2]$	L = inductance; I = current
	AC Voltage	$[V = V_0 \sin \omega t]$ RMS: $[V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}]$	V_0 = peak voltage; ω = angular frequency
	Reactance & Impedance	$[X_L = \omega L, X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}]$ $[Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}]$	X_L, X_C = inductive, capacitive reactance; Z = impedance
	Power in AC	$[P = VI \cos \phi]$ ($\cos \phi$ = power factor)	ϕ = phase difference between voltage and current
Electromagnetic Waves	Speed of EM Waves	$[c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}]$ $[c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}]$	Speed of light in vacuum
Ray Optics and Optical Instruments	EM Spectrum	Radio < Microwave < Infrared < Visible < UV < X-rays < Gamma rays	Order of EM waves by wavelength
	Mirror Formula	$[\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u}] [m = \frac{h'}{h} = \frac{-v}{u}]$	f = focal length; v, u = image and object distances; m = magnification
	Lens Formula	$[\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u}] [m = \frac{v}{u}]$	Same as above
Wave Optics	Power of Lens	$[P = \frac{100}{f(\text{cm})}]$	P in diopters; f in cm
	Young's Double Slit Experiment	Fringe width: $[\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}]$	λ = wavelength; D = screen distance; d = slit separation

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Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter	Diffraction	Central maximum width $[\frac{\lambda}{a}]$	a = slit width
	Polarization	Only transverse waves show polarization	Property of waves
	De Broglie Wavelength	$[\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}]$	h = Planck's constant; m = mass; v = velocity
Atoms	Photoelectric Equation	$[E_k = h\nu - \phi]$	E_k = kinetic energy; ν = frequency; ϕ = work function
	Radius (Bohr Model)	$[r_n = n^2 \cdot a_0], [a_0 = 0.529 \text{ \AA}]$	n = energy level; a_0 = Bohr radius
	Energy Levels	$[E_n = -13.6 \frac{Z^2}{n^2} \text{ eV}]$	Z = atomic number
Nuclei	Binding Energy	$[BE = [Zm_p + (A - Z)m_n - m_{\text{nucleus}}]c^2]$	Z = proton number; A = mass number; m_p, m_n = proton/neutron masses
Semiconductors	Radioactive Decay	$[N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}] [t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}]$	N = nuclei remaining; λ = decay constant
	Diode Current	$[I = I_0(e^{\frac{eV}{kT}} - 1)]$	I = current; V = voltage; k = Boltzmann constant; T = temperature
	Logic Gates	AND, OR, NOT, NAND, NOR — Truth tables	Basic logic gate operations