

# Physics Formula Sheet

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## Constants

Constant	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	$c$	$3.00 \times 10^8$ m/s
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.674 \times 10^{-11}$ N(m/kg) <sup>2</sup>
Planck's constant	$h$	$6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J.s
Mass of the electron	$m_e$	$9.10939 \times 10^{-31}$ kg
Mass of the proton	$m_p$	$1.67262 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
Charge of the electron	$-e$	$-1.60218 \times 10^{-19}$ C
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0$	$8.85419 \times 10^{-12}$ C <sup>2</sup> /J m
Boltzmann constant	$k_B$	$1.38066 \times 10^{-23}$ J/ K
Avogadro's constant	$N_A$	$6.022 \times 10^{23}$ 1/mol

## Classical Physics

Title	Equation
Bragg's Reflection	$n\lambda = 2d \sin(\theta)$
Diffraction (Single Slit)	$\lambda = d \sin(\theta)$
Young's Double Slit	$\frac{\Delta x}{d} = \frac{\lambda}{d} \approx \sin \theta$
Heat Transfer (Fourier's Law)	$\dot{Q} = mC_v \Delta T$
Continuity Equation	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$
Force of Gravity	$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$
Coulomb Force	$F = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$
Special Relativity (Time Dilation)	$E^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2$

## Nuclear and magnetic physics

Magnetic Field	: $E_B = -\mu B$ , $\mu = \frac{e\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = \mu_B \frac{\partial B}{\partial z}$
Rigid rotator	: $E_{\text{rot}} = \frac{L^2}{2I}$ $I = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} R^2$
Radioactive decay	$N(t) = N(0) \exp^{-\lambda t} = N(0) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/\tau_{1/2}}$ $\tau_{1/2} = \ln(2)/\lambda$

## Thermodynamics

### Black body:

$$D(k)dk = \frac{\partial N(k)}{\partial k} \frac{dk}{V} = \frac{k^2}{\pi^2} dk$$

$$D(\omega)d\omega = \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2 c^3} d\omega$$

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## Mathematical equations

### Trigonometric functions:

$$\int \sin^n ax dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos ax {}_2F_1 \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1-n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \cos^2 ax \right]$$

$$\int \sin^2 ax dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4a} \sin 2ax + C \quad (1)$$

$$\int x \sin^2 ax dx = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x}{4a} \sin 2ax - \frac{1}{8a^2} \cos 2ax + C \quad (2)$$

$$\int x^2 \sin^2 ax dx = \frac{x^3}{6} - \left(\frac{x^2}{4a} - \frac{1}{8a^3}\right) \sin 2ax - \frac{x}{4a^2} \cos 2ax + C \quad (3)$$

$$\int \tan ax dx = -\frac{1}{a} \ln |\cos ax| + C = \frac{1}{a} \ln |\sec ax| + C \quad (4)$$

$$\int \frac{\cos ax}{x} dx = \ln |ax| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-)^k \frac{(ax)^{2k}}{2k(2k)!} + C \quad (5)$$

$$\int \cos^2 ax dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4a} \sin 2ax + C \quad (6)$$

$$\int \sin^3 ax dx = \frac{\cos 3ax}{12a} - \frac{3 \cos ax}{4a} + C \quad (7)$$

$$\int \tan^2 x dx = \tan x - x + C \quad (8)$$

$$\int \sin ax \cos ax dx = -\frac{\cos^2 ax}{2a} + C \quad (9)$$

$$\int x \cos ax dx = \frac{\cos ax}{a^2} + \frac{x \sin ax}{a} + C \quad (10)$$

$$\int \cos ax dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin ax + C \quad (11)$$

$$\int x \sin ax dx = \frac{\sin ax}{a^2} - \frac{x \cos ax}{a} + C \quad (12)$$

$$\int (\sin ax)(\cos^n ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a(n+1)} \cos^{n+1} ax + C \quad (13)$$

### Exponential functions:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{a}} \quad (a > 0) \quad (14)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-ax^2+bx} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} b}{2a^{3/2}} e^{\frac{b^2}{4a}} \quad (\Re(a) > 0) \quad (15)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n e^{-ax} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{a^{n+1}} & (n > -1, a > 0) \\ \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}} & (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, a > 0) \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^3}} \quad (a > 0) \quad (17)$$

$$\int x e^{cx} dx = \left(\frac{x}{c} - \frac{1}{c^2}\right) e^{cx} \quad (18)$$

$$\int x^2 e^{cx} dx = \left(\frac{x^2}{c} - \frac{2x}{c^2} + \frac{2}{c^3}\right) e^{cx} \quad (19)$$

$$\int x^4 e^{-ax^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \frac{3}{4a^2} \quad (20)$$

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## Quantum Mechanics

$$\text{Time-dependent Schrodinger's Equation : } i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) + V(x) \right] \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\text{Energy of a photon : } E = hf$$

$$\text{Time-independent Schrodinger's Equation : } E\phi = \hat{H}\phi = \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(x) \right) \cdot \phi$$

$$\text{Energy of a photon : } E = hf$$

$$\text{Infinite potential well : } E_n = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_n^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{2mL^2} = n^2 E_0, \quad \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad E_0 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}$$

$$\text{Transmission through a barrier : } T = \frac{4E(V_0 - E)}{4E(V_0 - E) + V_0^2 \sinh^2[\sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)} \frac{1}{\hbar}]}$$

$$T \approx \frac{16E(V_0 - E)}{V_0^2} e^{-2\rho l}, \quad \text{with } \rho_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 - E)}{\hbar^2}}, \quad \rho_2 \cdot l \gg 1$$

$$\text{De Broglie wavelength : } \lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mE}}$$

$$\text{Photoelectric effect : } h\nu - \phi_0 = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = eV$$

$$\text{Bohr-Sommerfeldt condition : } \oint_C \mathbf{p} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = nh, \quad 2\pi r = nh(\text{circular orbit})$$

$$\text{Probability current : } j = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} (\psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} - \Psi \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial x})$$

$$\text{Compton scattering : } \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \frac{h}{m_0 c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{h\nu 1} = \mathbf{p}_{h\nu 2} + \mathbf{p}_e$$

$$h\nu_1 + m_0 c^2 = h\nu_2 + \sqrt{m_0^2 c^4 + p_e^2 c^2}$$

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## Spherical coordinates

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

Volume fraction:

$$dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

Solid angle:

$$d\Omega = \frac{dS_r}{r^2} = \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

Surface element:

$$dS_r = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} \quad (21)$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 F_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta F_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial \phi} \quad (22)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\phi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right) \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\phi) \right) \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{\phi} \quad (23)$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) f + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) f + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} f \quad (24)$$

## Harmonic oscillator:

First four harmonic oscillator wavefunction	Hermite polynomials	$E_n$
$\psi_0(\xi) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$
$\psi_1(\xi) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \sqrt{2}\xi e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$	2y	$\frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega$
$\psi_2(\xi) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\xi^2 - 1) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$	4y <sup>2</sup> - 2	$\frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega$
$\psi_3(\xi) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (2\xi^3 - 3\xi) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$	8y <sup>3</sup> - 12y	$\frac{7}{2}\hbar\omega$
Harmonic oscillator	$\psi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} (a^\dagger)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}x^2} \psi_0(x)$	
Raising operator	$a^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\hbar\omega}} (m\omega x - ip)$	
Lowering operator	$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\hbar\omega}} (m\omega x + ip)$	
$a n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} n+1\rangle$	$a n\rangle = \sqrt{n} n-1\rangle$	
Number operator	$\hat{N} = a^\dagger a, \hat{N} n\rangle = n n\rangle$	
Commutation relation	$[a, a^\dagger] = a a^\dagger - a^\dagger a = 1$	
Hamiltonian	$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega \left( \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$	

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Inner product and expectation

Expectation value (discrete)

$\langle f_i \rangle = \sum_i P_i f_i$

Expectation value (continuous)

$\langle f(x) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) P(x) dx$

$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \int \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \hat{O} \psi(\mathbf{r}) d^3r$

Inner product

$\langle \psi | \phi \rangle = \int \psi^*(x) \phi(x) dx$

Variance

$\sigma_f^2 = \langle f^2 \rangle - \langle f \rangle^2$

Commutation relations

$[A, B] = AB - BA$   
 $[AB, C] = A[B, C] - [A, C]B$   
 $[x, p_x] = i\hbar$   
 $[y, p_y] = i\hbar$   
 $[x, y] = [x, p_y] = [y, p_x] = 0$

Hydrogen atom

Fine structure constant:

$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137}$

Bohr radius:

$a_0 = \frac{\hbar}{m_e c \alpha} \approx 0.529 \times 10^{-10} \text{m}$

Bohr energy:

$E_n = -\frac{2\pi^2 k^2 e^4 m_e}{\hbar^2 n^2}$

Ground state energy:

$E_1 = -13.6 \text{eV}$

Wave function:

$\psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$

Rydberg formula:

$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$

Rydberg constant:

$R_H \approx 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{m}^{-1}$

Radial wavefunctions:

$R_{n\ell}(r) = N_{n\ell} r^\ell e^{-r/2} L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(\rho)$

Legendre polynomials

Angular momentum

$L_+ = L_x + iL_y$

$L_- = L_x - iL_y$

$L^2 = L_z^2 + \frac{1}{2}(L_+ L_- + L_- L_+)$

$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z$

$[L^2, L_i] = 0 \quad \text{where } i = x, y, \text{ or } z$

$L_x = -i\hbar \left( \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \cot\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right), L_y = i\hbar \left( \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \cot\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right), L_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$

$L_+ = \hbar e^{i\phi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + i \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right), L_- = \hbar e^{-i\phi} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + i \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right)$

$L^2 = -\hbar^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left( \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2} \right)$

Hund's rule

- 1: All other thing being equal, the state with the highest total spin (S), will have the lowest.
- 2: For a given spin, the state the highest total orbital angular momentum (L), consistent with overall anti-symmetrization, will have the lowest energy.
- 3: If a subshell (n,l) is no more than half filled, then the lowest energy level has  $J = |L - S|$ ; if it is more than half filled, then  $J = L + S$  has the lowest energy.

Spin

Two particle spin states

$|1, 1\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$   
 $|0, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \quad s = 0 \text{ singlet}$   
 $|1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle), \quad s = 1 \text{ triplet}$   
 $|1, -1\rangle = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S^2 = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_+ = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_- = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Two particle Hamiltonian:

$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \nabla_1^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2} \nabla_2^2 + V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$

Hamiltonian with an atom with atomic number Z:

$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

Condensed Matter

Free electron gas:

$\psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{V}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi z}{L_z}\right), \quad E(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$

Fermi energy of a metal:

$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m}, \rho \equiv \frac{N}{V}, N_f = \text{number of electrons in volume } V, n_e = n_f \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E}{k_B T}\right)$

Density of states:

3D:  $g(E) = \frac{V m}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \sqrt{2mE}, \quad 2\text{D: } g(E) = \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2}$

Distribution functions: Maxwell-Boltzmann      Fermi-Dirac      Bose-Einstein

$f(E) = e^{-\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}} \quad f(E) = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}} + 1} \quad f(E) = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}} - 1}$

First order perturbation theory:

$\Delta E_n^{(1)} = \langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle, \psi_n^{(1)} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle \psi_m^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} \psi_m^{(0)}$

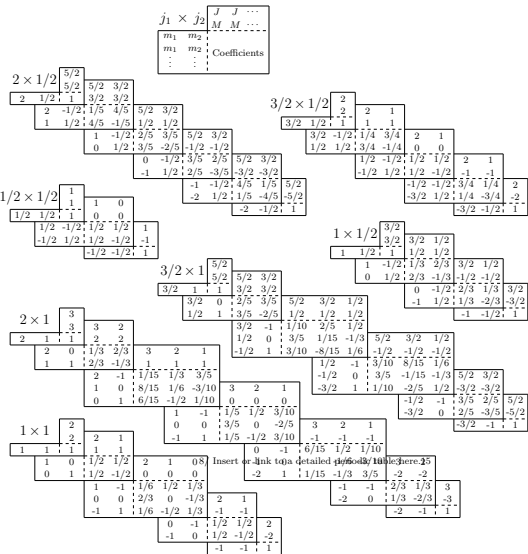


Figure 1: Clebsch-Gordan coefficients. A square root is understood on each coefficient, that is,  $-1/3$  means  $-\sqrt{1/3}$ .

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VIIA

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H

Hydrogen

2

He

Helium

2

Li

Lithium

3

Be

Beryllium

4

B

Boron

5

C

Carbon

6

N

Nitrogen

7

O

Oxygen

8

F

Fluorine

9

Ne

Neon

3

Na

Sodium

4

Mg

Magnesium

5

Al

Aluminum

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Si

Silicon

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Phosphorus

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Potassium

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Ca

Calcium

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Scandium

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Titanium

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Vanadium

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Cr

Chromium

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Mn

Manganese

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Fe

Iron

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Co

Cobalt

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Nickel

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Cu

Copper

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Zn

Zinc

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Ga

Gallium

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Ge

Germanium

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As

Arsenic

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Selenium

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Br

Bromine

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Kr

Krypton

5

Rb

Rubidium

6

Sr

Strontium

7

Y

Yttrium

8

Zr

Zirconium

9

Nb

Niobium

10

Mo

Molybdenum

11

Tc

Technetium

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Ru

Ruthenium

13

Rh

Rhodium

14

Pd

Palladium

15

Ag

Silver

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Cd

Cadmium

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In

Indium

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Sn

Tin

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Sb

Antimony

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Te

Tellurium

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I

Iodine

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Xe

Xenon

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Cs

Cesium

7

Ba

Barium

8

La-Lu

Lanthanum-Lutetium

9

Hf

Hafnium

10

Ta

Tantalum

11

W

Tungsten

12

Re

Rhenium

13

Os

Osmium

14

Pt

Platinum

15

Au

Gold

16

Hg

Mercury

17

Tl

Thallium

18

Pb

Lead

19

Bi

Bismuth

20

Po

Polonium

21

At

Astatine

22

Rn

Radon

7

Fr

Francium

8

Ra

Radium

9

Ac-Lr

Actinium-Lutetium

10

Rf

Rutherfordium

11

Db

Dubnium

12

Sg

Seaborgium

13

Bh

Bohrium

14

Hs

Hassium

15

Mt

Meitnerium

16

Ds

Darmstadtium

17

Rg

Roentgenium

18

Uub

Ununbium

19

Uut

Ununtrium

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Uuq

Ununquadium

21

Uuh

Ununhexium

22

Uus

Ununseptium

23

Uuo

Ununoctium

8

La

Lanthanum

9

Ce

Cerium

10

Pr

Praseodymium

11

Nd

Neodymium

12

Pm

Promethium

13

Sm

Samarium

14

Eu

Europium

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Gd

Gadolinium

16

Tb

Terbium

17

Dy

Dysprosium

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Ho

Holmium

19

Er

Erbium

20

Tm

Thulium

21

Yb

Ytterbium

22

Lu

Lutetium

9

Ac

Actinium

10

Th

Thorium

11

Pa

Protactinium

12

U

Uranium

13

Np

Neptunium

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Pu

Plutonium

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Am

Americium

16

Cm

Curium

17

Bk

Berkelium

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Cf

Californium

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Es

Einsteinium

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Fm

Fermium

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Md

Mendelevium

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No

Nobelium

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Lr

Lawrencium

Symbol

Each element has a symbol

Atomic Number

Each element has an atomic number

Element Name

Each element has a name

Element Category

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Periodic Table of Elements