

# IB PHYSICS

## Practice Problems

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# 0 | SCIENCE SKILLS

## Units and Conversions

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Record the fundamental SI unit for the following properties

1. Mass	
2. Temperature	

3. The wavelength of red laser pointer is  $6.5 \times 10^{-7}$  m. Express this wavelength in units of nanometers.

4. Convert  $86 \text{ m}^3$  to  $\text{cm}^3$

5. Convert  $32 \text{ ft s}^{-1}$  to  $\text{mi hr}^{-1}$  [1 mi = 5280 ft]

6. What are the units of ★ in this equality? [ $p$  is in  $\text{kg m s}^{-1}$ ,  $F$  is in  $\text{kg m s}^{-2}$ ]

$$\star = p/F$$

## Uncertainty

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7. A student uses a digital stopwatch the time an event at 0.78 seconds. What is the percent uncertainty for this measurement?
8. What is the absolute uncertainty (with proper precision) of the measurement  $43.8 \text{ g} \pm 7\%$ ?

## Uncertainty with Calculations

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9. The thickness of a quarter is measured to be  $1.75 \pm 0.15 \text{ mm}$ . What is the absolute uncertainty of the height of 3 quarters stacked on top of each other?
10. The distance traveled by an object accelerating from rest is calculated with the relationship  $d = \frac{1}{2}at^2$ . The uncertainty in  $a$  is 5% and the uncertainty in  $t$  is 3%. What is the percent uncertainty of  $d$ ?

11. The radius of a circle is 5 cm with an uncertainty of 10%. What is the absolute uncertainty of the area of the circle when calculated with the equation  $A = \pi r^2$ ?

12. A car travels  $80 \pm 12$  m in  $7.2 \pm 0.4$  s. What is the percent uncertainty of the speed?

13. What is the absolute uncertainty of this set of 3 measurements?

22.3 s
21.7 s
20.5 s

# 1 | Motion

## Equations

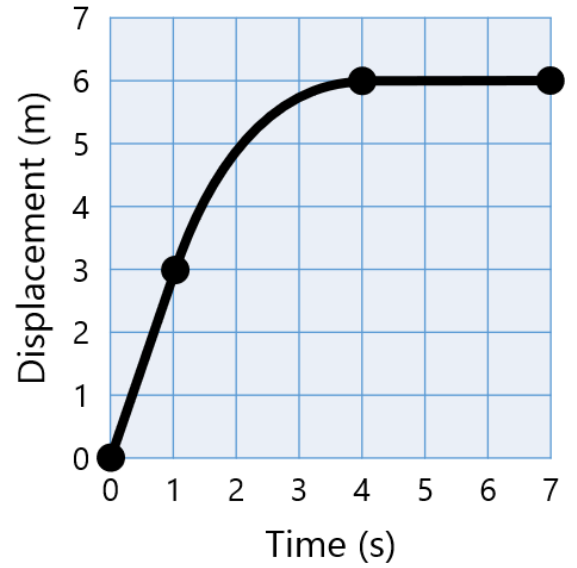
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## Kinematics and Free Fall

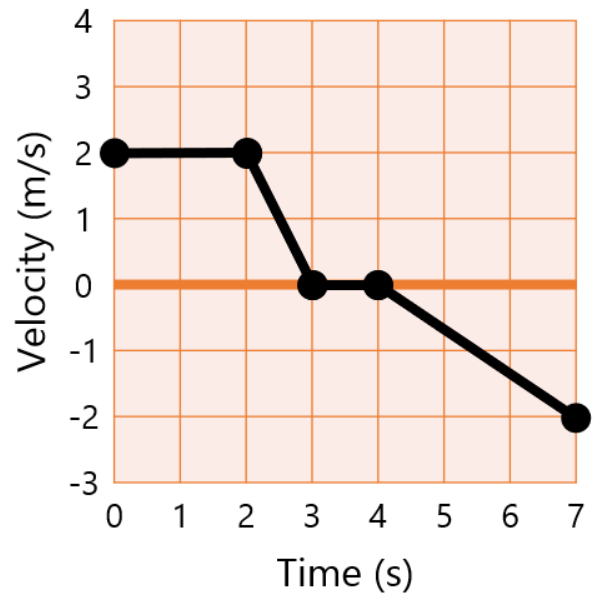
1. A car was traveling at  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  when the driver stepped on the brakes. If the car comes to a full stop in  $5.0 \text{ s}$ , what was its acceleration in  $\text{m s}^{-2}$ ? (pay attention to direction)
2. An Olympic sprinter goes from  $0 \text{ m/s}$  to  $16 \text{ m/s}$  over the course of the  $100\text{-meter}$  dash. Assuming a constant acceleration, how long does this take in seconds?
3. A friend drops a ruler between your outstretched fingers and you catch it after it has fallen  $26 \text{ cm}$ . What is your reaction time in seconds?
4. You jump straight in the air and place a piece of tape on the wall  $0.45 \text{ m}$  above a piece of tape that you stuck on the wall while standing. If this is used as a measure of your maximum jump height, what is your hang time in seconds? (total time that you are in the air)

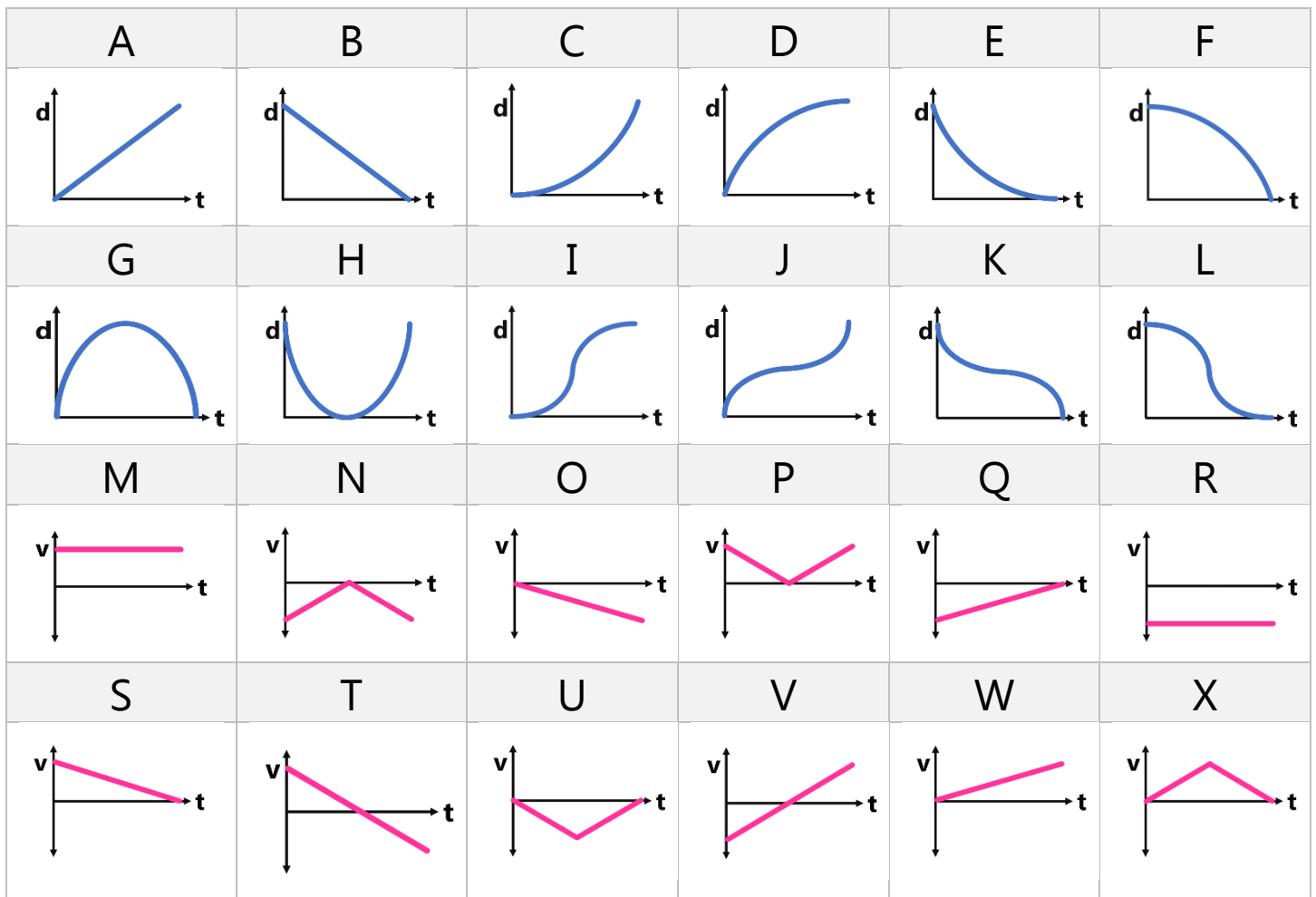
# Motion Graphs

5. What is the velocity at 0.5 seconds?
6. What is the velocity at 5 seconds?
7. Is the object speeding up or slowing down at 2 seconds?



8. What is the acceleration at 2.5 seconds?
9. What is the displacement from 0-7 seconds?
10. List a time when the object is speeding up.





11. Name a displacement graph that is moving in the negative direction and speeding up the entire time	
12. Name a velocity graph that is moving in the negative direction and slowing down the entire time	
13. Name the matching velocity graph for Graph J	
14. Name the matching displacement graph for Graph Q	
15. <b>Displacement</b> graph of an object that is thrown straight up into the air and falls back down	
16. <b>Velocity</b> graph of an object that is thrown straight up into the air and falls back down	

## Projectile Motion

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17. You throw a baseball perfectly horizontally aiming at the bullseye on the target 6 meters away. If the ball hits the target 0.3 m below the bullseye, how fast was it thrown?

Tiger Woods hits a golf ball off the tee at speed of  $80 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and an angle of  $15^\circ$  from the horizontal. Calculate the total distance, total time, and max height of the ball assuming no air resistance.

18. Total Distance	
19. Total Time	
20. Max Height	



# 2 | Forces

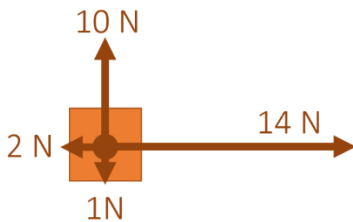
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$s = \frac{(v + u)t}{2}$	

## Inertia and Net Force

1. A window washer stands in the middle of a horizontal board which is supported by two vertical ropes, one at each end. If the window washer and his equipment weigh 1,100 N, and the board weighs 500 N how much tension force is in each wire?

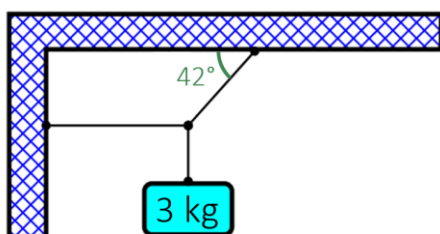
2. What is the net force on this object?



3. Starting from rest, how far has this block gone after 6 seconds with the forces shown below?



4. A 3-kg block is suspended motionlessly by cables as shown in the diagram below. What is the tension force in the cable that is at a 42° angle from the horizontal?

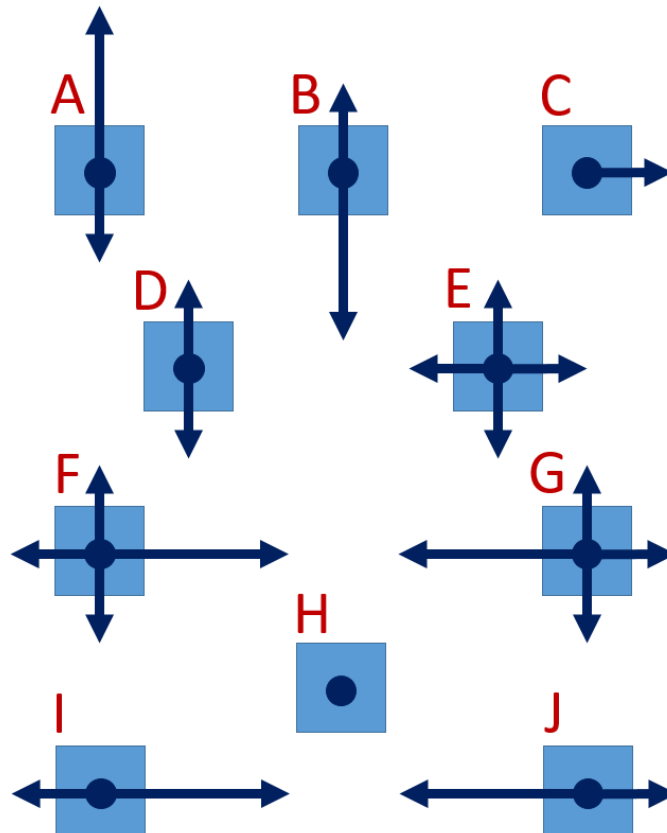


- A 1,500 kg car is stopped at a traffic light and then steps on the gas as soon as the light turns green to accelerate to 20 m/s in 5 seconds. What was the force exerted on the car by the engine?
- What is the net force on 8,000 kg airplane moving at a constant 150 m/s and maintaining a constant altitude?

## Free Body Diagrams

Match the following descriptions with the corresponding free body diagram. (*Some diagrams can be used more than once or not at all*)

7. A skydiver overcomes air resistance to accelerate downward and speed up	
8. A bicycle is moving at a constant velocity to the right down the road	
9. A disco ball is suspended motionless from the ceiling by a rope	
10. A car is stopped at a stoplight	
11. A sled is pulled horizontally to the left and accelerates against the force of friction	



## Gravity, Weight, and Terminal Velocity

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12. What is weight of a 22 kg basket of puppies on earth?
13. What is the acceleration of a 60 kg skydiver that is falling while experiencing 150 N of air resistance?
14. What air resistance force would be required for that same 60 kg skydiver to be falling at their terminal velocity?

## Friction

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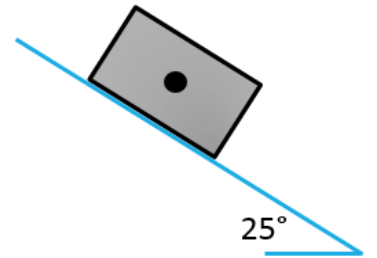
15. It requires 1.5 N of force to drag your shoe (0.25 kg) horizontally across a table at a **constant velocity**. What is the coefficient of friction of your shoe?
16. A 0.15-kg hockey puck is given an initial speed of  $34 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  on a frozen pond. The puck remains on the ice and slides 113 m before coming to rest. What is the coefficient of friction between the puck and the ice?

## Ramps

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*You place a 5-kg textbook on a  $25^\circ$  incline with a coefficient of friction of 0.42 and it accelerates downward.*

17. What is the force of friction opposing the motion of the textbook?



18. What is the acceleration of the textbook?

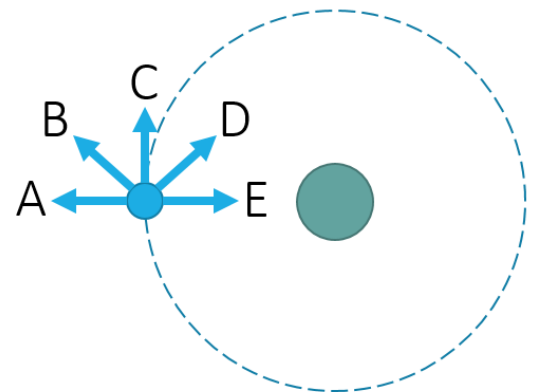
# 3 | Circular Motion

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Sub-topic 6.1 – Circular motion	Sub-topic 6.2 – Newton's law of gravitation
$v = \omega r$ $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$ $F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$	$F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}$ $g = \frac{F}{m}$ $g = G \frac{M}{r^2}$

## Properties of Circular Motion

- Which of the following vectors best represents the instantaneous linear velocity of an object in a clockwise orbit in the position shown?
- Which of the following vectors best represents the centripetal acceleration ( $a_c$ ) of an object with a constant speed in a clockwise orbit in the position shown?
- Which of the following vectors best represents the centripetal force ( $F_c$ ) of an object with a constant speed in a clockwise orbit in the position shown?
- What is the angular distance in radians (decimal form) traveled when a merry-go-round with a radius of 4 meters makes 5 complete revolutions in 35 seconds?
- You are twirling a ball around with a string in a horizontal circle using a centripetal force of 25 Newtons. What is the centripetal force if you triple the angular velocity but maintain the same mass and radius?

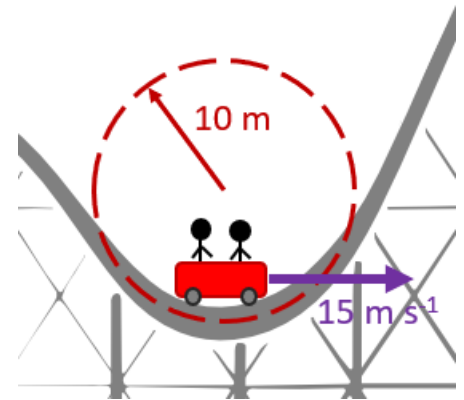


6. A spinning spaceship is designed to recreate Earth's gravity by traveling with a centripetal acceleration of  $9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . If the radius of the ship's circular structure is 32 meters, how long would it take to make one complete revolution?

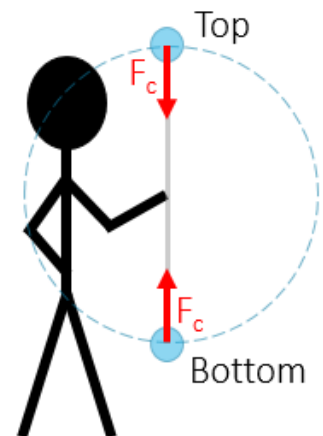
## Vertical Circles

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7. What is the apparent weight (same as normal reaction force  $R$ ) of a 75 kg rider while zooming through a dip on a roller coaster with a 10-meter radius and a velocity of  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .



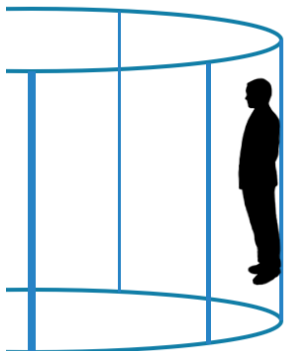
8. You twirl a 0.5-kg object on a string in a vertical circle of radius 0.4 m. You maintain a constant speed of  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . What is the force of tension acting on the string at the top of the swinging ball's path?



## Complex Circular Motion

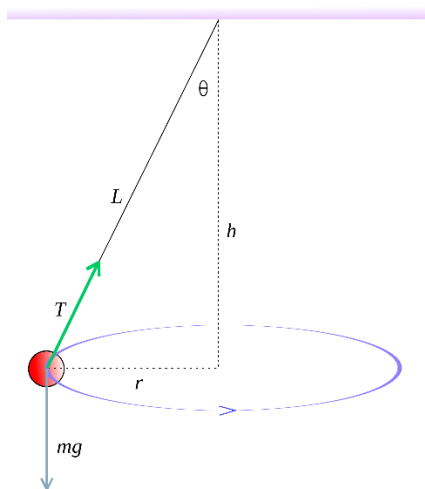
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9. The "Rotor" ride is the one which presses you against the walls of the spinning rotor as the floor drops away. The coefficient of static friction between the wall and the 75-kg rider is  $\mu = 0.4$ . If the rotor has a radius of 5 meters, what is the minimum angular velocity in  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$  for the rider to stay stuck to the wall?



10. A car of mass 1700 kg rounds a circular turn. If the road is flat and the coefficient of static friction between the road and tires is 0.75, what is the smallest turning radius that the car could safely complete at  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ?

11. A ball of mass 3 kg is suspended from a string whirled in a circle with a radius of 0.4 m lying in the horizontal plane. The string makes an angle of  $27^\circ$  with the vertical. Find the angular velocity of the ball.



# 4 | Energy and Momentum

## Equations

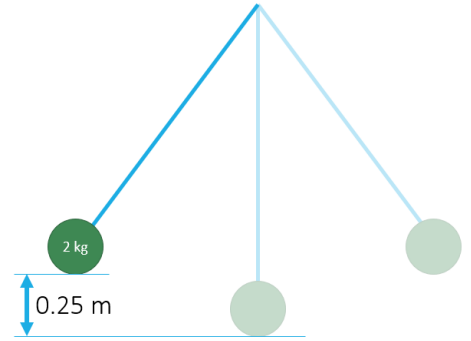
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Sub-topic 2.3 – Work, energy and power	Sub-topic 2.4 – Momentum and impulse
$W = Fs \cos\theta$ $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $E_P = \frac{1}{2}k\Delta x^2$ $\Delta E_P = mg\Delta h$ power = $Fv$ Efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful work out}}{\text{total work in}}$ = $\frac{\text{useful power out}}{\text{total power in}}$	$p = mv$ $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$ $E_K = \frac{p^2}{2m}$ Impulse = $F\Delta t = \Delta p$

## Energy

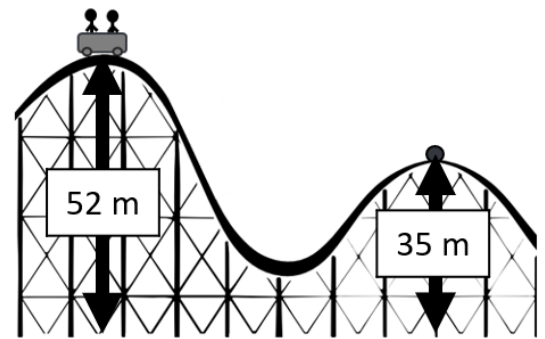
1. A person weighing 600 N gets on an elevator. The elevator lifts the person 6 meters up at a constant velocity for 10 seconds. How much power is used?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. If 68 watts of power are produced in 18 seconds, how much work is done?



3. What is the maximum velocity of a 2 kg pendulum that is released from the position shown?



4. What is the speed of the roller coaster car as it rolls over the second hill if it starts as shown with a velocity of  $0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ?



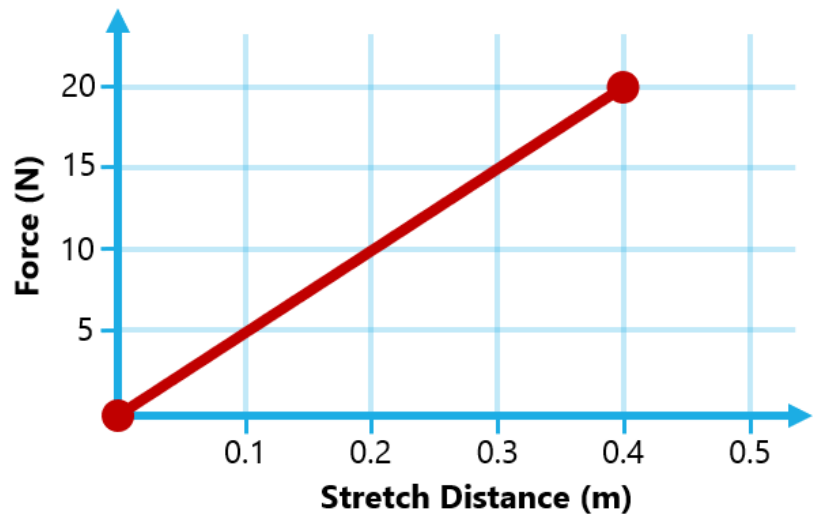
5. You push your 60 kg friend on ice skates with a constant horizontal force of 75 N. How fast are they going after traveling a full 50 meters.

6. A pole-vaulter of mass 59.7 kg falls from a height of 4.76 m onto some foam.

a. Calculate the maximum kinetic energy on impact.

b. If the foam deforms by 81 cm, calculate the average force exerted on the pole-vaulter.

7. How much work (in Joules) is required to stretch the rubber band modeled in the graph below from a stretch distance of 0.1 m to a stretch distance of 0.4 m?



## Momentum

8. A 5 kg dog rides a skateboard at 8 m/s? How fast must a 0.1 kg hamster on a skateboard be moving to match the momentum of the dog?

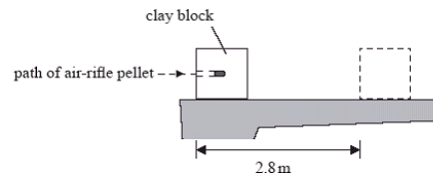


9. Charlotte, a 65-kg skin diver, shoots a 2-kg spear with a speed of  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at a fish who darts quickly away without getting hit. How fast does Charlotte move backwards when the spear is shot?
10. A 0.150 kg baseball traveling with a horizontal speed of  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  is hit by a bat and then moves with a speed of  $35 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in the opposite direction. What is the force of the baseball bat on the ball causing this to happen if the bat is in contact with the ball for 0.2 seconds?

11. A railroad diesel engine weighs four times as much as a freight car. If the diesel engine coasts at  $7.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  into a freight car that is initially at rest, how fast do the two coast after they couple together?

12. In an experiment, an air-rifle pellet is fired into a block of modelling clay that rests on a table. The air-rifle pellet remains inside the clay block after the impact. Further data relating to the experiment given below:

<i>Mass of air-rifle pellet</i>	<i>2.0 g</i>
<i>Mass of clay block</i>	<i>56 g</i>
<i>Velocity of impact of air-rifle pellet</i>	<i>140 m s<sup>-1</sup></i>



Calculate the initial speed of the clay block after the air-rifle pellet strikes it.

13. A rocket of mass 20,000 kg, starting with an initial velocity of  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  rest, is acted upon by a force of 15,000 N for 15 seconds. What is the final velocity of the rocket?

14. A car of mass 1100 kg moves at  $22 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . What braking force is needed to bring the car to a stop in 20 s?

# 5 | Sound Waves

## Equations

Sub-topic 4.1 – Oscillations	Sub-topic 4.4 – Wave behaviour
$T = \frac{1}{f}$	$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$
Sub-topic 4.2 – Travelling waves	$s = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$ Constructive interference: path difference = $n\lambda$ Destructive interference: path difference = $(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$
$c = f\lambda$	
Sub-topic 4.3 – Wave characteristics	
$I \propto A^2$ $I \propto x^{-2}$ $I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$	

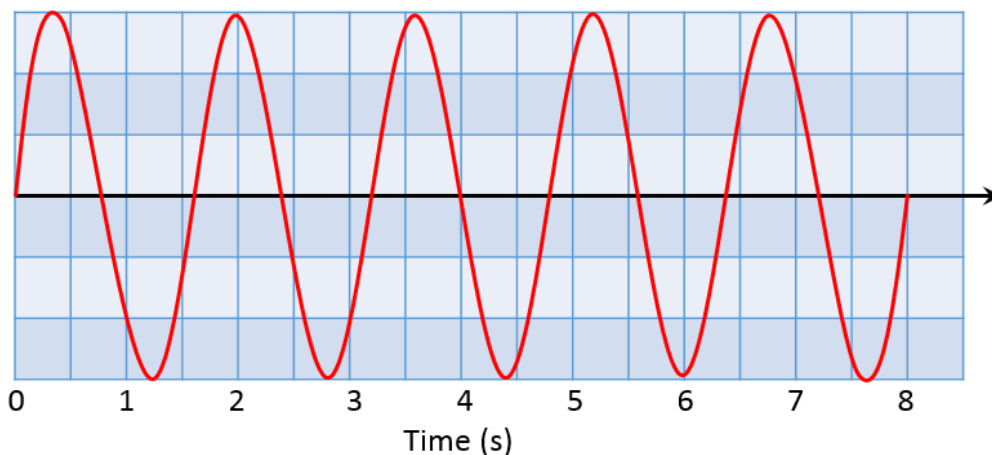
## Wave Vocabulary



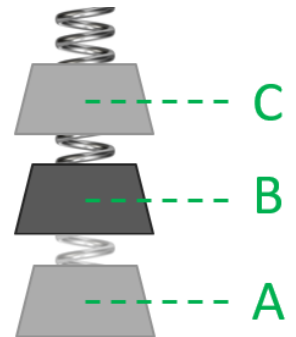
1. Sound causes molecules to vibrate in the same direction as the sound travels. This type of wave is called a \_\_\_\_\_ wave.
2. The number of waves passing a given point each second is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Does sound travel fastest through air, water, or steel?

## Simple Harmonic Motion and Simple Wave Calculations

4. What is the **frequency** (in Hertz) of the wave shown in the diagram below?

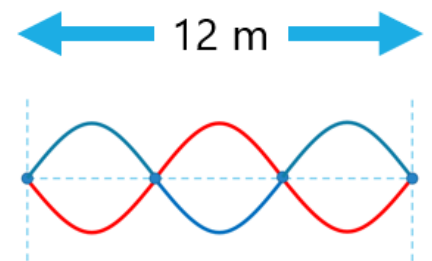


5. A water wave with an amplitude of 0.4 meters travels at  $0.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . If the distance between two wave crests is 5 m, what is the frequency (in Hertz) of the waves?
6. A spring and mass system oscillates up and down with an overall amplitude of 0.4 m in simple harmonic motion. If the motion has a period of 1.2 seconds, what is the velocity at point C in the diagram shown?



## Standing Waves

7. What is the wavelength in standing wave shown?



8. How long does a closed tube need to be to resonate at a fundamental frequency ( $1^{\text{st}}$  Harmonic) of 425 Hz. Assume a speed of sound at  $340 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .
9. What frequency will you hear if you resonate 0.9 meter long open tube instrument at its  $3^{\text{rd}}$  harmonic? Assume a speed of sound at  $342 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

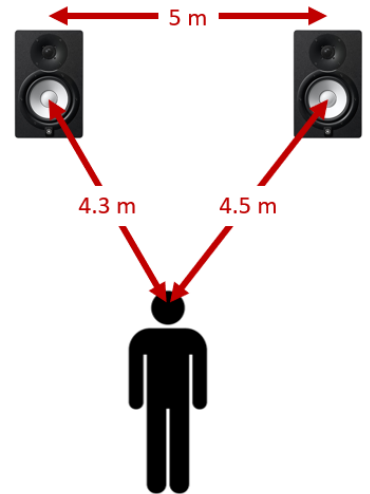
# Wave Interference

10. Two loudspeakers,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , emit a coherent signal of 850 Hz. Assume a speed of sound of  $340 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

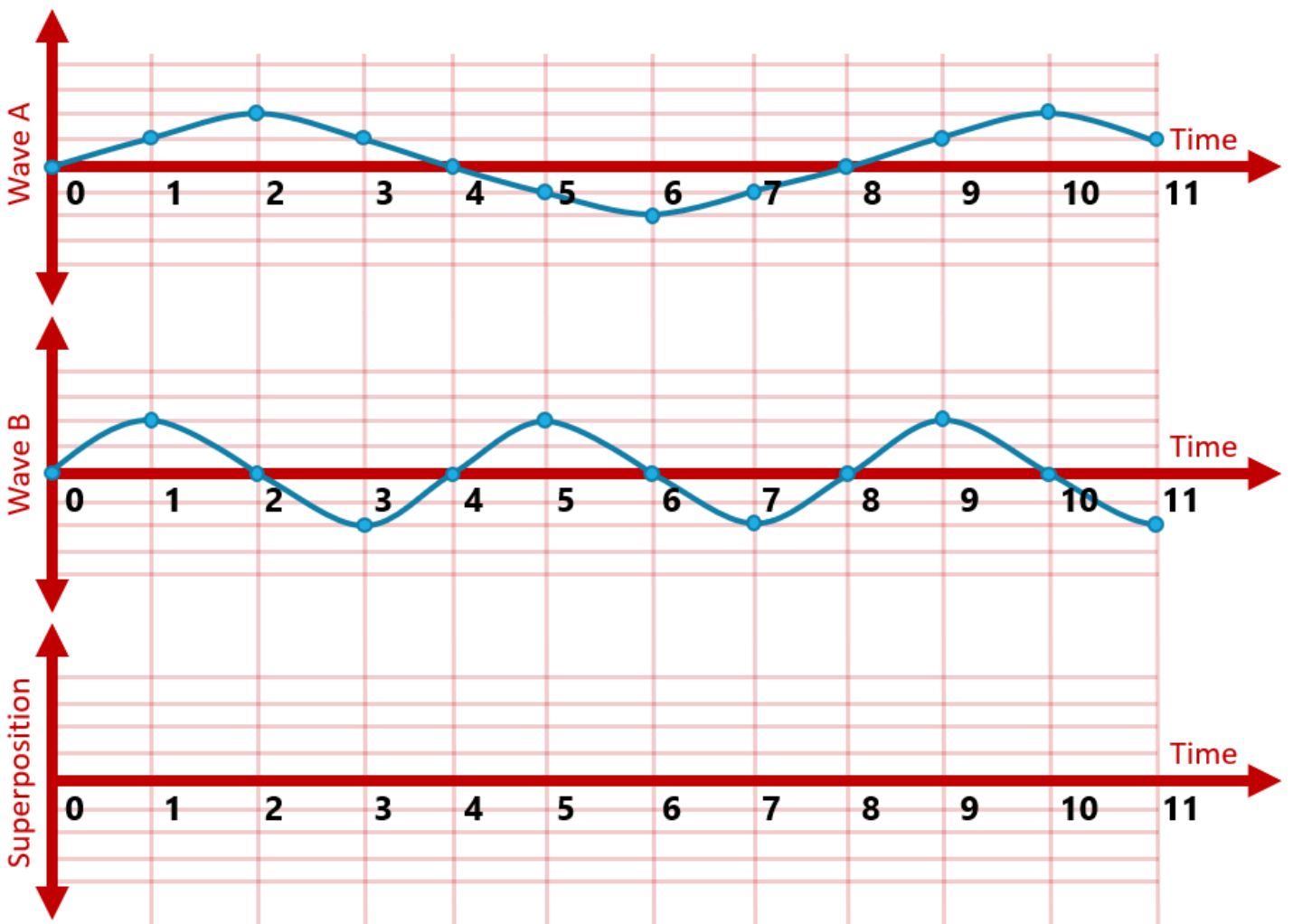
- a. Given the following relationship, what is the value of  $x$ ?

$$\text{Path Difference} = (x)(\lambda)$$

- b. Is the person shown in the picture below experiencing a maximum or minimum location?



11. What is the amplitude of the superposition wave at 9 seconds?



# 6 | Light Waves

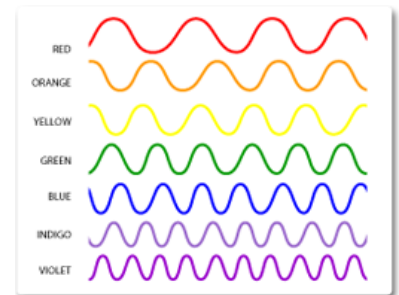
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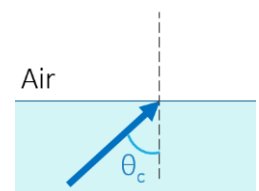
1. What type of electromagnetic wave has a wavelength between visible light and microwaves?
2. Light travels through water at about 225,000,000 meters per second. If the light wave's frequency is  $4 \times 10^{14}$  Hz, what is the exponent of its wavelength?

$$5.63 \times 10^{-?} \text{ meters}$$

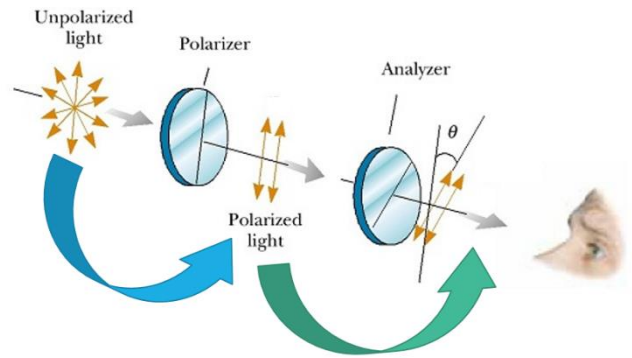
3. A depiction of light waves is shown to the right. Based on this picture, which color of light carries the least amount of energy?



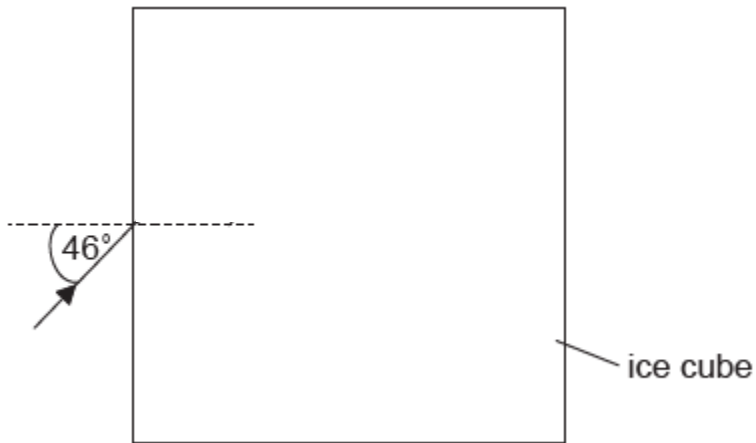
4. Light travels about  $1.695 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  through a sapphire. What is the index of refraction of sapphire?
5. You have an unknown liquid and measure that if light hits a critical angle of  $35^\circ$ , then it cannot escape the material into the air. Calculate the index of refraction for this unknown material.



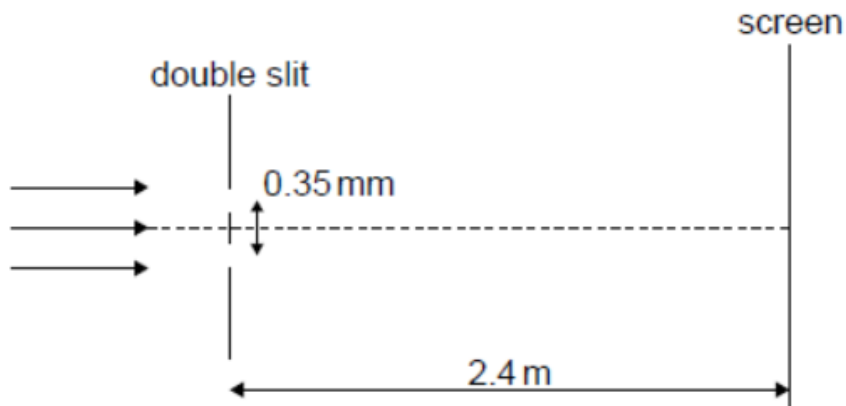
6. Light polarized at  $15^\circ$  to the vertical has an intensity of  $40 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ . An analyzer is set at  $70^\circ$  to the vertical. What is the intensity of the light after traveling through this second polarized plate?



7. A large cube is formed from ice. A light ray is incident from a vacuum at an angle of  $46^\circ$  to the normal on one surface of the cube. The light ray travels at a speed of  $2.27 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Calculate the angle of refraction inside the ice cube.



8. Red laser light is incident on a double slit with a slit separation of  $0.35 \text{ mm}$ . A double-slit interference pattern is observed on a screen  $2.4 \text{ m}$  from the slits. The distance between successive maxima on the screen is  $4.7 \text{ mm}$ . Calculate the wavelength of the light in nm.



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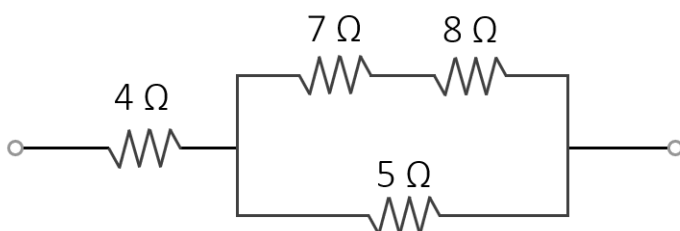


# 7 | Electricity

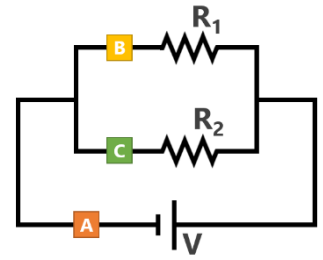
## Equations

Elementary charge	$e$	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
<b>Sub-topic 5.1 – Electric fields</b>		<b>Sub-topic 5.2 – Heating effect of electric currents</b>
$I = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$ $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$ $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ $V = \frac{W}{q}$ $E = \frac{F}{q}$ $I = nAvq$		Kirchoff's circuit laws: $\Sigma V = 0 \text{ (loop)}$ $\Sigma I = 0 \text{ (junction)}$ $R = \frac{V}{I}$ $P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$ $R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$ $\frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$ $\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$
<b>Sub-topic 5.3 – Electric cells</b>		<b>Sub-topic 5.4 – Magnetic effects of electric currents</b>
$\epsilon = I(R + r)$		$F = qvB \sin \theta$ $F = BIL \sin \theta$

1. A ceiling fan is connected to a 120 V electrical source. If the resistance of the ceiling fan is 48  $\Omega$ , what is the power (in Watts) used to run this fan?
2. How many 3  $\Omega$  resistors must be connected in parallel to create a total resistance of 0.5  $\Omega$  ?
3. What is the equivalent resistance (in Ohms) in the portion of a circuit shown below?

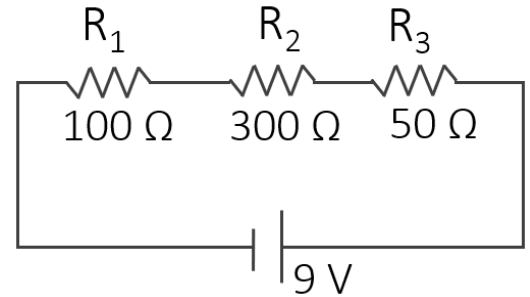


4. In the circuit diagram shown to the right, the current was measured at 2 amps for position B and 6 amps for position C. What must the current be at position A?



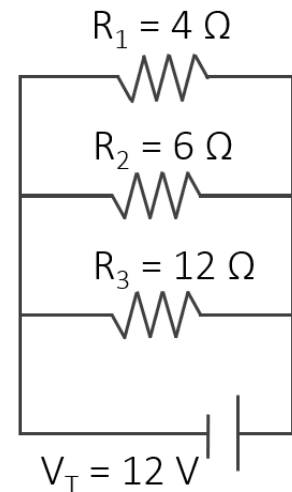
5. In the circuit shown to the right, determine the following:

Resistor	V	I	R
R <sub>1</sub>			100 Ω
R <sub>2</sub>			300 Ω
R <sub>3</sub>			50 Ω
TOTAL	9 V		



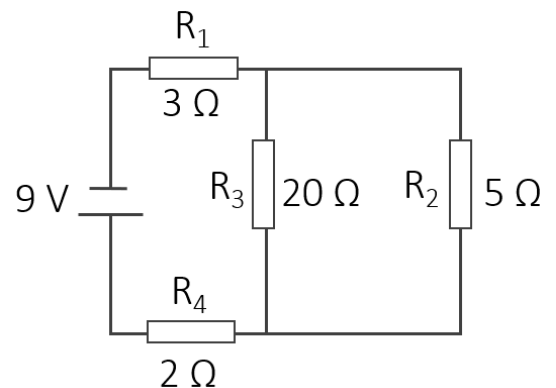
6. In the circuit shown to the right, determine the following:

Resistor	V	I	R
R <sub>1</sub>			4 Ω
R <sub>2</sub>			6 Ω
R <sub>3</sub>			12 Ω
TOTAL	12 V		



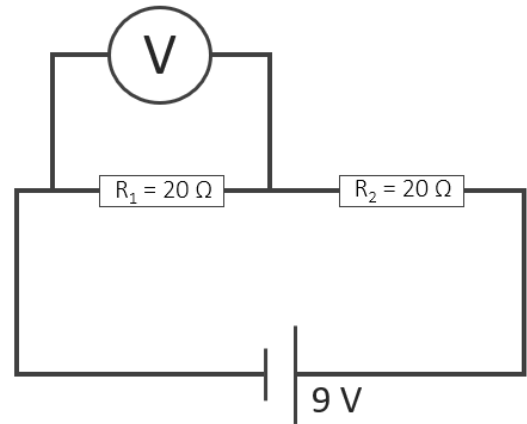
7. In the circuit shown to the right, determine the following:

Resistor	V	I	R
R <sub>1</sub>			3 Ω
R <sub>2</sub>			5 Ω
R <sub>3</sub>			20 Ω
R <sub>4</sub>			2 Ω
TOTAL	9 V		



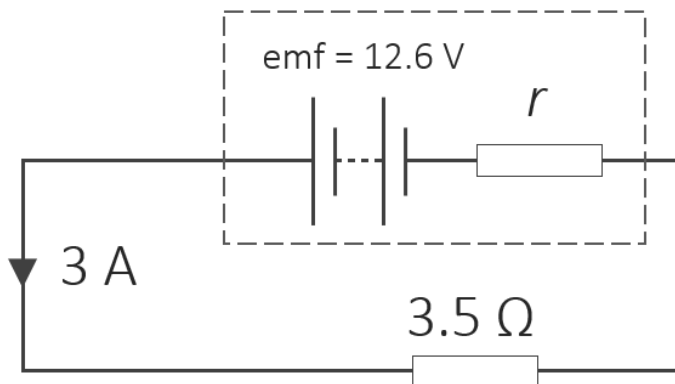
8. The non-ideal voltmeter measures a voltage of 4 V. What is its resistance in ohms?

	V	I	R
Voltmeter	4 V		
$R_1$			20 $\Omega$
$R_2$			20 $\Omega$
TOTAL	9 V		



9. A resistor of resistance 0.12  $\Omega$  is made from copper wire of radius 2 mm. Given that the resistivity of copper is  $1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$ , determine the length of copper wire used to make the resistor.

10. What is the internal resistance for the battery shown?



11. A certain aluminum wire has an electron density of  $5 \times 10^{23}$  electrons per  $\text{m}^3$  and a cross sectional area of  $6.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ . If the electrons in the wire travel at a drift speed of  $0.005 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , what is the current through the wire in amperes?

# 8 | Force Fields

## Equations

Elementary charge	$e$	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
Coulomb constant	$k$	$8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0$	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$

Sub-topic 5.1 – Electric fields	Sub-topic 5.2 – Heating effect of electric currents
$I = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$ $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$ $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ $V = \frac{W}{q}$ $E = \frac{F}{q}$ $I = nAvq$	Kirchoff's circuit laws: $\Sigma V = 0 \text{ (loop)}$ $\Sigma I = 0 \text{ (junction)}$ $R = \frac{V}{I}$ $P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$ $R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$ $\frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$ $\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$
Sub-topic 5.3 – Electric cells	Sub-topic 5.4 – Magnetic effects of electric currents
$\epsilon = I(R + r)$	$F = qvB \sin \theta$ $F = BIL \sin \theta$

Sub-topic 6.1 – Circular motion	Sub-topic 6.2 – Newton's law of gravitation
$v = \omega r$ $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$ $F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$	$F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}$ $g = \frac{F}{m}$ $g = G \frac{M}{r^2}$

1. The gravitational force between two massive objects is 10 N. What is the the new force if the distance between them is decreased from 20 cm to 5 cm?



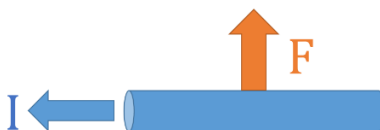
## Right Hand Rule

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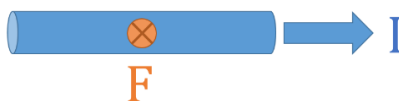
7. In what direction must the current be flowing to produce the magnetic field shown?



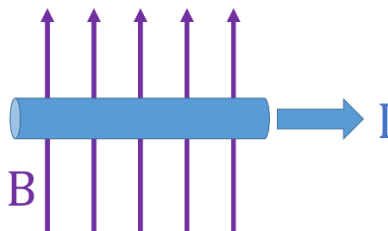
8. In what direction must the magnetic field be pointing to produce the force shown?



9. In what direction must the magnetic field be pointing to produce the force shown?



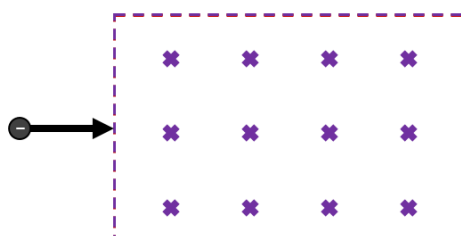
10. In what direction will the applied force be on this current carrying wire in a magnetic field?



11. In what direction will the applied force be on this current carrying wire in a magnetic field?



12. In what direction will the electron shown be deflected as it travels through this magnetic field?



# 9 | Thermal Physics

## Equations

Avogadro's constant	$N_A$	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R$	$8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann's constant	$k_B$	$1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$

Temperature (K) = temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) + 273

Sub-topic 3.1 – Thermal concepts	Sub-topic 3.2 – Modelling a gas
$Q = mc\Delta T$ $Q = mL$	$p = \frac{F}{A}$ $n = \frac{N}{N_A}$ $pV = nRT$ $\bar{E}_K = \frac{3}{2}k_B T = \frac{3}{2} \frac{R}{N_A} T$

12. What is the boiling point of water in Kelvin?

13. A metal object with an initial temperature of  $26^{\circ}\text{C}$  is heated by 31 K. What is the final temperature of the metal in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?

14. If you have 0.4 kg of water ( $c = 4180 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ) at  $22^{\circ}\text{C}$  and you put in a 90-gram chunk of an unknown substance at  $95^{\circ}\text{C}$ . If the temperature equalizes at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , what is the specific heat of the unknown substance?

15. How much heat is needed to transform 0.3 kg of solid iron at 22°C into liquid iron at 1500°C?

Specific Heat of Solid Iron	450 J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Specific Heat of Liquid Iron	820 J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Latent Heat of Fusion	247 J kg <sup>-1</sup>
Melting Point of Iron	1200 °C

16. An electric kettle is used to raise the temperature of 0.5 kg of water ( $c = 4180 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ). If the kettle supplies a constant 1700 W of power for 77 seconds, what is the expected temperature change in °C?

17. How fast (in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) are the molecules of a neon light moving at its operating temperature of 38°C? Each atom of neon has a mass of  $3.35 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$ .



18. What is the force in Newtons holding a suction cup with a radius of 2.5 cm to a window? Use an atmospheric air pressure of  $1.00 \times 10^5$  Pa.
19. The molar mass of aluminum is  $26.98 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ . How many moles of aluminum atoms are there in a pure aluminum can that has a mass of 14.9 grams?
20. What volume of gas contains  $3.01 \times 10^{23}$  molecules of gas at  $35^\circ\text{C}$  at atmospheric pressure ( $1.00 \times 10^5$  Pa)?
21. You start with a floating piston that has a volume of  $0.050 \text{ m}^3$  at a temperature of  $15^\circ\text{C}$ . If the temperature is increased to  $80^\circ\text{C}$ , what is the new volume in  $\text{m}^3$ ?

# 10 | Atomic Physics

## Equations

Speed of light in vacuum	$c$	$3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Planck's constant	$h$	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Elementary charge	$e$	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Electron rest mass	$m_e$	$9.110 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 0.000549 \text{ u} = 0.511 \text{ MeV } c^{-2}$
Proton rest mass	$m_p$	$1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.007276 \text{ u} = 938 \text{ MeV } c^{-2}$
Neutron rest mass	$m_n$	$1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.008665 \text{ u} = 940 \text{ MeV } c^{-2}$
Unified atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 931.5 \text{ MeV } c^{-2}$

$$hc = 1.99 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J m} = 1.24 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV m}$$

Sub-topic 7.1 – Discrete energy and radioactivity	Sub-topic 7.2 – Nuclear reactions
$E = hf$ $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$	$\Delta E = \Delta m c^2$

### Sub-topic 7.3 – The structure of matter

Charge	Quarks			Baryon number
$\frac{2}{3}e$	u	c	t	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\frac{1}{3}e$	d	s	b	$\frac{1}{3}$

All quarks have a strangeness number of 0 except the strange quark that has a strangeness number of -1

Charge	Leptons		
-1	e	$\mu$	$\tau$
0	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$

All leptons have a lepton number of 1 and antileptons have a lepton number of -1

	Gravitational	Weak	Electromagnetic	Strong
Particles experiencing	All	Quarks, leptons	Charged	Quarks, gluons
Particles mediating	Graviton	$W^+, W^-, Z^0$	$\gamma$	Gluons

# Radioactive Decay

1. How many neutrons are there in  ${}^{234}_{90}\text{Th}$ ?

The following is an example of beta positive decay:  ${}^{68}_{34}\text{Se} \rightarrow {}^{(\#2)}_{(\#3)}\text{As} + \beta^+ + \nu_e$

2. What number should take the place of the green (#2)??

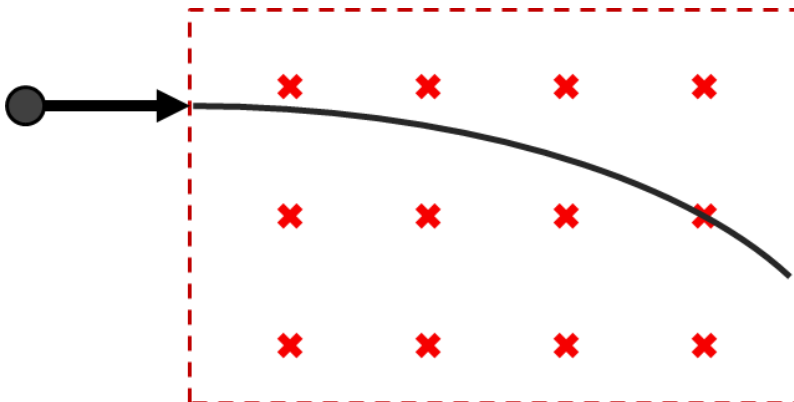
3. What number should take the place of the blue (#3)??

82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
<b>Pb</b>	<b>Bi</b>	<b>Po</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Rn</b>	<b>Fr</b>	<b>Ra</b>	<b>Ac</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>Pa</b>	<b>U</b>
Lead	Bismuth	Polonium	Astatine	Radon	Francium	Radium	Actinium	Thorium	Protactinium	Uranium

4. What element would you have if an atom of Radon undergoes alpha decay?

5. What type of decay is shown going through this magnetic field?

Alpha, Beta, or Gamma?



## Half Life

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- If it takes 12 years for 16g of a radioactive sample to decay into 4g, what is the half-life of the element in years?
- Radon-222 has a half life of about 4 days. How many grams of radon would be remaining from a fresh 240g sample after 20 days?

## Mass Defect

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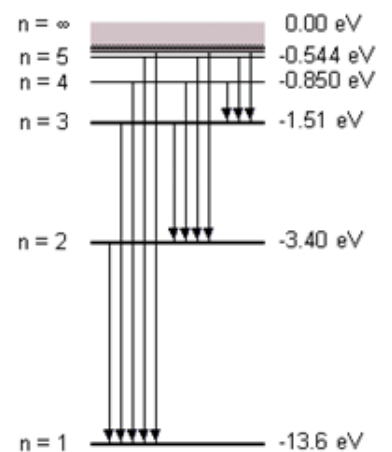
- What is the mass defect per nucleon for Sulfur-34 if it has 16 protons and a nucleus mass of 33.959083u?

## Atomic Spectra

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**An electron jumps from the  $n = 3$  level to the  $n = 1$  level.**

- What is the energy (in eV) of the photon produced?

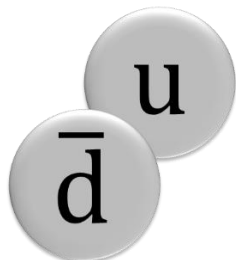


- What is the wavelength of the produced light in nm?

## Particle Physics

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11. What is the charge of a Pion with a quark configuration shown below?

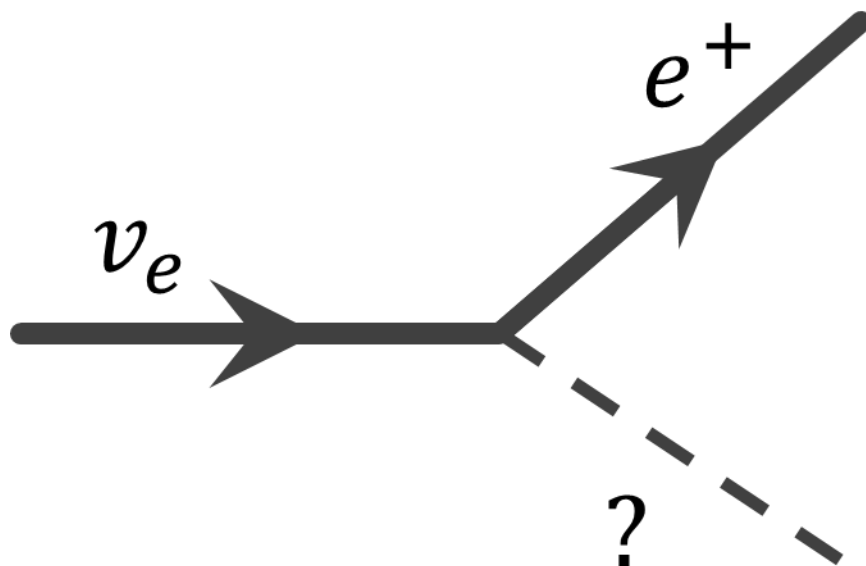


12. What is the name of this quark?



13. What is the lepton number of  $\bar{\nu}_e$ ?

14. What is the charge of the particle represented by the question mark in this Feynman diagram?



# 11 | Energy Production

## Equations

Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma$	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
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Sub-topic 8.1 – Energy sources	Sub-topic 8.2 – Thermal energy transfer
$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{time}}$ $\text{Power} = \frac{1}{2} A \rho v^3$	$P = e\sigma AT^4$ $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{metres}) = \frac{2.90 \times 10^{-3}}{T(\text{kelvin})}$ $I = \frac{\text{power}}{A}$ $\text{albedo} = \frac{\text{total scattered power}}{\text{total incident power}}$

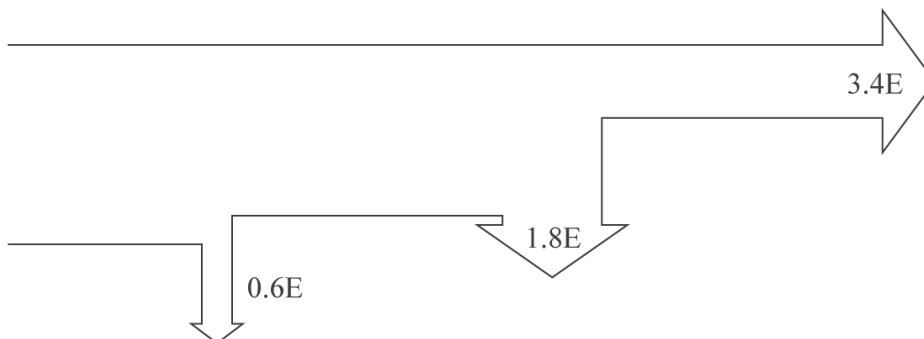
1. What source of energy is missing from this list sorted by percentage of the global energy supply?

1	Petroleum	31%
2	Coal	27%
3	Natural Gas	23%
4	Biomass	10%
5		5%
6	Hydro Power	2%

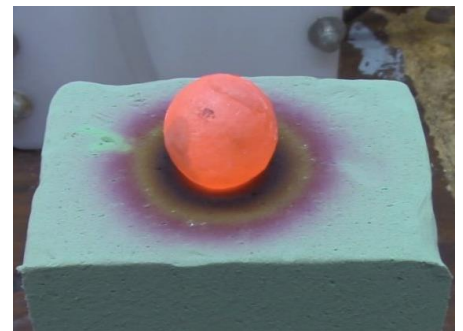
2. What is the mass number for the isotope of uranium that is fissionable? **Uranium-\_\_\_\_\_**

3. Which component of a nuclear reactor (usually made of water or graphite) slows down neutrons, allowing them to initiate further nuclear reactions?

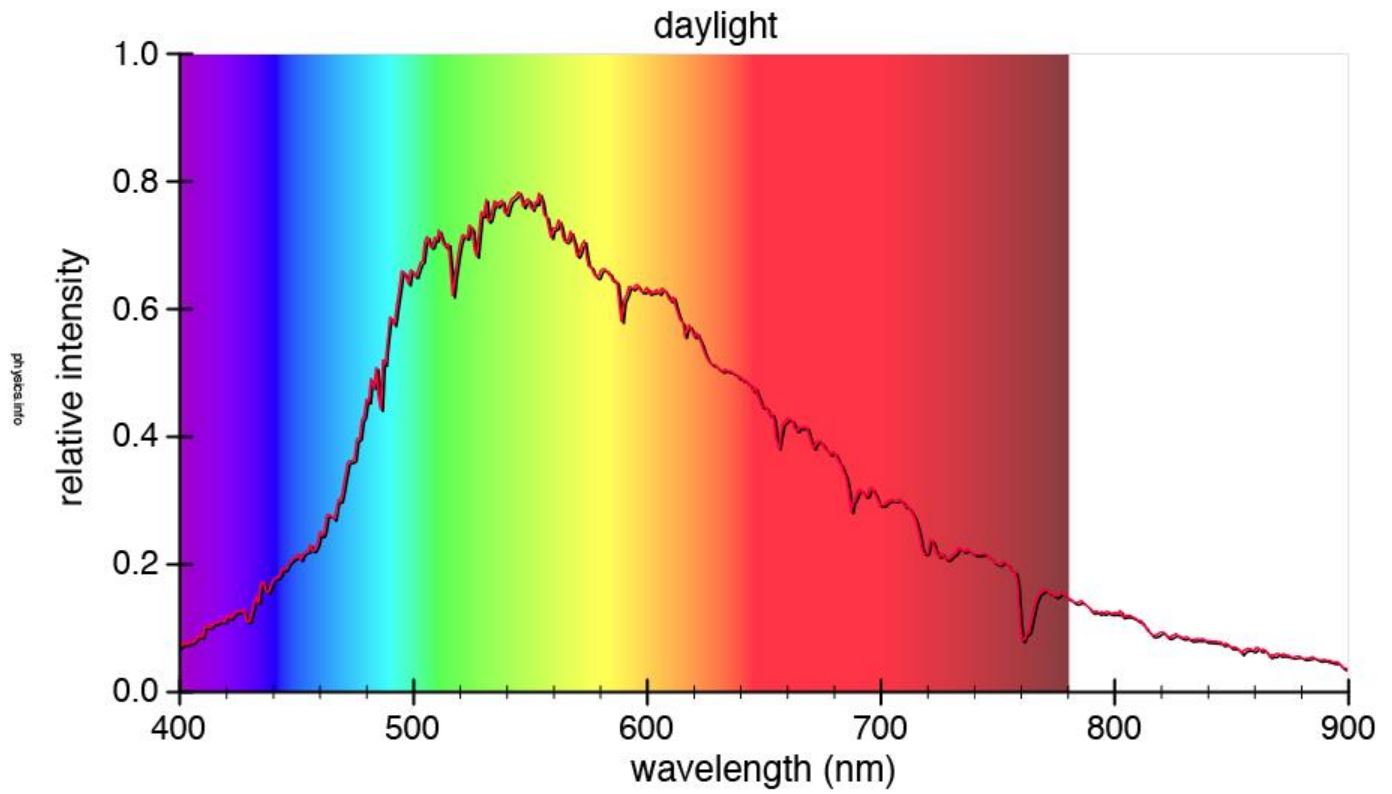
4. Below is a Sankey diagram for a machine. What is the efficiency of the machine? (record your answer in decimal form. i.e. 45% → 0.45)



5. An air turbine produces 1000 W of power with a wind speed of  $6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , what is the power produced for a wind speed of  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ? (think about the equation and what happens to the power when you double the wind speed)
6. What is the maximum possible power available, **in MW**, from a wind turbine with blades of length 35 m, when the wind is moving at a velocity of  $13 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ? The air density is  $1.3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .
7. A solar farm is made up of photovoltaic cells of area  $60,000 \text{ m}^2$ . The average solar intensity falling on the farm is  $340 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  and the average power output of the farm is 5 MW. Calculate the efficiency of the photovoltaic cells. (record your answer in decimal form. i.e. 45%  $\rightarrow$  0.45)
8. The red hot ball of nickel shown here has a radius of 0.03 and temperature of  $1200^\circ\text{C}$ . Assuming an emissivity of  $e=1$ , how much power (in Watts) does it emit?



9. The graph shown here is for the spectrum of light emitted by the sun. Using the peak wavelength, what is the sun's temperature in Kelvin?



10. The top 3 greenhouse gases are Water Vapor, Carbon Dioxide, and \_\_\_\_\_