



AS Level Physics A (H156) A Level Physics A (H556)

Data, Formulae and Relationships Booklet

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INFORMATION

• This document has 8 pages.

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Data

Values are given to three significant figures, except where more – or fewer – are useful.

Physical constants

acceleration of free fall	g	$9.81\mathrm{ms^{-2}}$
elementary charge	е	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{C}$
speed of light in a vacuum	С	$3.00 \times 10^8 \mathrm{ms^{-1}}$
Planck constant	h	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \mathrm{Js}$
Avogadro constant	N_{A}	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1}$
molar gas constant	R	$8.31\mathrm{J}\mathrm{mol}^{-1}\mathrm{K}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	k	$1.38 \times 10^{-23} \mathrm{JK^{-1}}$
gravitational constant	G	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} N m^2 kg^{-2}$
permittivity of free space	ε_0	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{C}^2 \text{N}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} (\text{F m}^{-1})$
electron rest mass	$m_{ m e}$	9.11×10^{-31} kg
proton rest mass	$m_{ m p}$	$1.673 \times 10^{-27} \mathrm{kg}$
neutron rest mass	m_{n}	$1.675 \times 10^{-27} \mathrm{kg}$
alpha particle rest mass	m_{α}	$6.646 \times 10^{-27} \mathrm{kg}$
Stefan constant	σ	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} W m^{-2} K^{-4}$

Quarks

up quark	charge = $+\frac{2}{3}e$
down quark	charge = $-\frac{1}{3}e$
strange quark	charge = $-\frac{1}{3}e$

Conversion factors

unified atomic mass unit $1 u = 1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$ electronvolt $1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{J}$ day $1 \text{ day} = 8.64 \times 10^4 \text{s}$ year $1 \text{ year} \approx 3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$

light year $\approx 9.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$

parsec $1 \text{ parsec} \approx 3.1 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$

Mathematical equations

 $arc length = r\theta$

circumference of circle = $2\pi r$

area of circle = πr^2

curved surface area of cylinder = $2\pi rh$

surface area of sphere = $4\pi r^2$

area of trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$

volume of cylinder = $\pi r^2 h$

volume of sphere = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Pythagoras' theorem: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$

cosine rule: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

sine rule: $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

 $\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \approx \theta$ and $\cos \theta \approx 1$ for small angles

 $\log(AB) = \log(A) + \log(B)$

(Note: $lg = log_{10}$ and $ln = log_e$)

 $\log\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \log(A) - \log(B)$

 $\log(x^n) = n \log(x)$

 $ln(e^{kx}) = kx$

Formulae and relationships

Module 2 – Foundations of physics	
vectors	$F_{x} = F \cos \theta$
	$F_{y} = F \sin \theta$
Module 3 – Forces and motion	
uniformly accelerated motion	v = u + at
	$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$
	$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
	$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
force	$F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$
	p = mv
turning effects	moment = Fx
	torque = Fd
density	$ \rho = \frac{m}{V} $
pressure	$ \rho = \frac{F}{A} $
	$p = h\rho g$
work, energy and power	$W = Fx \cos \theta$
	efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}} \times 100\%$
	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
	P = Fv
springs and materials	F = kx
	$E = \frac{1}{2}Fx$; $E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$
	$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$
	$\varepsilon = \frac{X}{L}$
	$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$

Module 4 – Electrons, waves and photons	
charge	$\Delta Q = I \Delta t$
current	I = Anev
work done	$W = VQ$; $W = \mathcal{E}Q$; $W = VIt$
resistance and resistors	$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$
	$R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$
	$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$
power	$P = VI$, $P = I^2R$ and $P = \frac{V^2}{R}$
internal resistance	$\mathcal{E} = I(R + r)$; $\mathcal{E} = V + Ir$
potential divider	$V_{\text{out}} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V_{\text{in}}$
	$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{R_1}{R_2}$
waves	$V = f\lambda$
	$f = \frac{1}{T}$
	$I = \frac{P}{A}$
	$\lambda = \frac{a \ X}{D}$
refraction	$n = \frac{C}{V}$
	$n \sin \theta = \text{constant}$
	$\sin C = \frac{1}{n}$
quantum physics	$E = hf$ $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$
	$hf = \phi + KE_{\text{max}}$
	$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$

Module 5 – Newtonian world and astrophysics	
thermal physics	$E = mc\Delta\theta$
	E = mL
ideal gases	pV = NkT; $pV = nRT$
	$pV = \frac{1}{3}Nm \ \overline{c^2}$
	$\frac{1}{2}m\ \overline{c^2} = \frac{3}{2}kT$
	$E = \frac{3}{2}kT$
circular motion	$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \; ; \; \omega = 2\pi f$
	$V = \omega r$
	$a = \frac{v^2}{r} \; ; \; a = \omega^2 r$
	$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}; F = m\omega^2 r$
oscillations	$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \; ; \; \omega = 2\pi f$
	$a = -\omega^2 x$
	$x = A\cos\omega t$; $x = A\sin\omega t$
	$V = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$
gravitational field	$g = \frac{F}{m}$
	$F = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}$
	$g = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$
	$T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right) r^3$
	$V_{\rm g} = -\frac{GM}{r}$
	energy = $-\frac{GMm}{r}$
astrophysics	$hf = \Delta E$; $\frac{hc}{\lambda} = \Delta E$
	$d\sin\theta = n\lambda$
	$\lambda_{\text{max}} \propto \frac{1}{T}$
	$L = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4$

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \approx \frac{\Delta f}{f} \approx \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{d}$$

$$v = H_0 d$$

Module 6 - Particles and medical physics

capacitance and capacitors

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

 $t = H_0^{-1}$

$$C = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$C = 4\pi \varepsilon_0 R$$

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}QV$$
; $W = \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q^2}{C}$; $W = \frac{1}{2}V^2C$

$$\tau = CR$$

$$x = x_0 e^{-\frac{t}{CR}}$$

$$x = x_0(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{CR}})$$

electric field

$$E = \frac{F}{Q}$$

$$F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$$

energy =
$$\frac{Qq}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$$

magnetic field

$$F = BIL\sin\theta$$

$$F = BQv$$

electromagnetism	$\Phi = BA\cos\theta$
	$\varepsilon = -\frac{\Delta(N\Phi)}{\Delta t}$
	$\frac{n_{\rm s}}{n_{\rm p}} = \frac{V_{\rm s}}{V_{\rm p}} = \frac{I_{\rm p}}{I_{\rm s}}$
radius of nucleus	$R = r_0 A^{1/3}$
radioactivity	$A = \lambda N; \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} = -\lambda N$
	$\lambda t_{1/2} = \ln(2)$
	$A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
	$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
Einstein's mass-energy equation	$\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$
attenuation of X-rays	$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$
ultrasound	$Z = \rho c$
	$\frac{I_{\rm r}}{I_0} = \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2}$
	$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{2v\cos\theta}{c}$



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