

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

Data, Formulae and Relationships Booklet



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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 m s ⁻²
elementary charge	е	1.60 × 10 ^{−19} C
speed of light in a vacuum	С	$3.00 \times 10^8 \mathrm{ms^{-1}}$
Planck constant	h	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{Js}$
Avogadro constant	N _A	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
molar gas constant	R	8.31 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹
Boltzmann constant	k	1.38 × 10 ^{−23} J K ^{−1}
gravitational constant	G	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \mathrm{Nm^2kg^{-2}}$
permittivity of free space	E ₀	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{C}^2 \text{N}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} (\text{F} \text{m}^{-1})$
electron rest mass	m _e	9.11 × 10 ^{−31} kg
proton rest mass	m _p	1.673 × 10 ^{−27} kg
neutron rest mass	m _n	1.675 × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
alpha particle rest mass	m _α	$6.646 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$
Stefan constant	σ	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{W}\mathrm{m}^{-2}\mathrm{K}^{-4}$

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	$1 u = 1.661 \times 10^{-27} kg$
electronvolt	$1 \mathrm{eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{J}$
day	$1 \text{ day} = 8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$
year	1 year ≈ 3.16 × 10 ⁷ s
light year	1 light year ≈ 9.5 × 10 ¹⁵ m
parsec	1 parsec ≈ 3.1 × 10 ¹⁶ 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: $Ig = Iog_{10}$ and $In = Iog_e$) $\log\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \log(A) - \log(B)$ $\log(x^n) = n \log(x)$ $ln(e^{kx}) = kx$

Formulae and relationships

Module 2 – Foundations of physics	
vectors	$F_{\rm x} = F \cos \theta$
	$F_{y} = F \sin \theta$
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	$F = \frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta t}$
	p = mv
turning effects	moment = Fx
	torque = <i>Fd</i>
density	$ \rho = \frac{m}{V} $
pressure	$p = \frac{F}{A}$
	$p = h\rho g$
work, energy and power	$W = Fx \cos \theta$
	efficiency = <u>useful energy output</u> × 100% total energy input
	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
	P = Fv
springs and materials	F = kx
	$E = \frac{1}{2}Fx$; $E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$
	$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$
	$\varepsilon = \frac{X}{L}$
	$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$

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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	$n = \frac{c}{v}$
	$n\sin\theta$ = constant
	$\sin C = \frac{1}{n}$
quantum physics	$E = hf$ $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$
	$hf = \phi + KE_{max}$
	$\lambda = \frac{h}{\rho}$

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	$hf = \Delta E; \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \Delta E$
	$d\sin\theta = n\lambda$
	$\lambda_{\max} \propto \frac{1}{T}$
	$L = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4$

cosmology	$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} \approx \frac{\Delta f}{f} \approx \frac{V}{c}$
	$p = \frac{1}{d}$
	$v = H_0 d$
	$t = H_0^{-1}$

Module 6 – Particles and medical physics

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$C = \frac{Q}{V}$
$C = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d}$
$C = 4\pi\varepsilon_0 R$
$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$
$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots$
$W = \frac{1}{2}QV$; $W = \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q^2}{C}$; $W = \frac{1}{2}V^2C$
au = CR
$x = x_0 e^{-\frac{t}{CR}}$
$x = x_0(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{CR}})$
$E = \frac{F}{Q}$
$F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2}$
$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2}$
$E = \frac{V}{d}$
$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$
energy = $\frac{Qq}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$
$F = BlLsin\theta$
F = BQv

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electromagnetism	$\Phi = BA\cos\theta$
	$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{\Delta(N\Phi)}{\Delta t}$
	$\frac{n_{\rm s}}{n_{\rm p}} = \frac{V_{\rm s}}{V_{\rm p}} = \frac{I_{\rm p}}{I_{\rm s}}$
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	$\Delta E = \Delta m c^2$
attenuation of X-rays	$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$
ultrasound	$Z = \rho c$
	$\frac{I_{\rm r}}{I_0} = \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2}$
	$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{2\nu\cos\theta}{c}$



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