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Topic 1. GRAVITY

$$F_g = \frac{GM_1m_2}{r^2} \qquad g = \frac{F_g}{m} = G\frac{M}{r^2}$$

- ❑ Newton described gravity as a force of _____ between objects with _____.
- ❑ The force is **proportional** to the product of the two masses and _____ **proportional** to the _____ of the distance between them.
- ❑ A **gravitational field** is a region in which a mass experiences a force.
- ❑ Its strength is given in _____ (Newton's per kg) or as an acceleration in _____
- ❑ Gravity decreases with radius according to the inverse square law.
- ❑ 2r = _____ gravity; 3r = _____ , 4r = _____ etc …

Example 1

The international space station orbits the Earth with an altitude of about 3.80×10^3 km and has a mass of 4.20×10^5 kg. What is the gravitational field strength and force at this distance?

Example 2

Mercury has a mass 22.6 times that of Pluto but its radius is only 2.06 times larger.
If the gravitational acceleration on the surface of Pluto is 0.700 $m.s^{-2}$, what is it on Mercury?

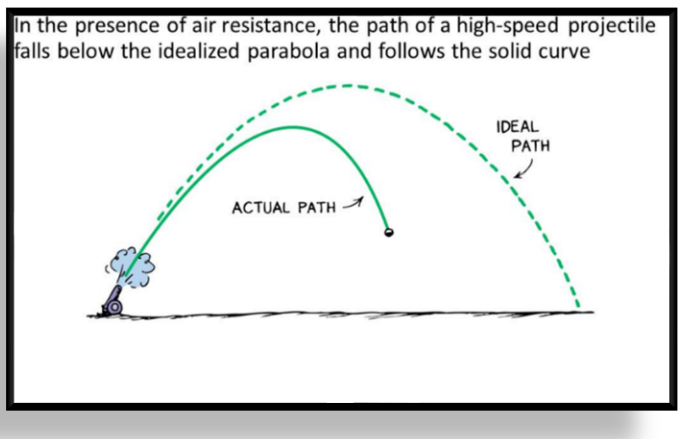
Topic 2. Projectile Motion

$$v_{av} = \frac{s}{t}$$

- ❑ Horizontal and vertical motion can be thought of _____.
- ❑ In the absence of air resistance, the vertical aspect of motion is the only one with _____.
- ❑ Therefore horizontal motion is considered to be _____ velocity.
- ❑ The single most important aspect of any projectile calculation is "_____" since it is _____ to both aspects of motion.
- ❑ Air time is generally calculated using vertical motion first.

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

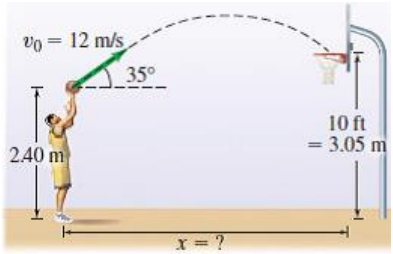
- ❑ Projectile motion calculations can be divided into three main types.
- ❑ **Horizontal projection** –
  Angle of launch = 0°,
  s is _____.
- ❑ **Angular projection**, landing at same height.
  $v_h = v_a\cos\theta$ $v_v = v_a\sin\theta$
  s = 0 m (_____ vertical displacement)
  The greatest range is from 45° projection.
- ❑ **Angular projection**, lands at different height.
  $v_h = v_a\cos\theta$ $v_v = v_a\sin\theta$
  s = _____ or _____.
  s = total vertical _____ (up or down)



Key aspects of air resistance trajectory:

- ❑ Maximum _____ is lower and occurs at a lower _____.
- ❑ Overall _____ is lower.
- ❑ Trajectory is _____ → downward trajectory _____.

Example 3 – Unknown Horizontal Displacement



A basketballer, throws a shot into the basket as shown.
How far is the basket from the player?

Quadratic Method

Convention : UP = +ve

$s_v = 3.05 - 2.40m = 0.65\ m\ up$

$v_v = 12\ sin35°\ m.s^{-1}$

$a_v = -9.80\ m.s^{-2}\ (down)$

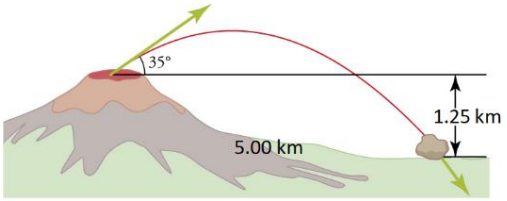
$v_h = 12\ cos35°\ m.s^{-1}$

t =?

s_h=?

Two Step Method

Example 4 – Unknown INITIAL VELOCITY



A volcanic eruption launches a piece of molten rock 5.00km from the vent as shown. With what velocity was the rock erupted?

Convention : DOWN = +ve

$s_v = 1250\ m\ (down)$

$v_v = -v\ sin35°\ m.s^{-1}(up)$ $a_v =$
$9.80\ m.s^{-2}\ (down)$

$v_h = v\ cos35°\ m.s^{-1}$

$s_h = 5000\ m$?

t =? (Same for all components)

Topic 3. HORIZONTAL CIRCULAR MOTION

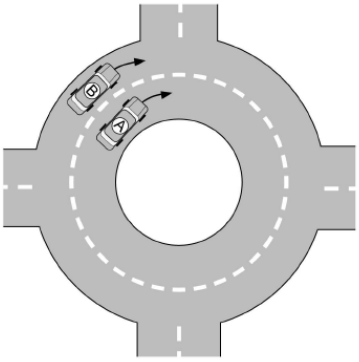
- ❑ In circular motion, an object _____ towards the centre of the circle.
- ❑ This is the _____ acceleration - a_c
- ❑ The centripetal force F_c that causes the acceleration must also be towards the _____ of the circle
- ❑ Centripetal Force is always the _____ in circular motion.

Example 5 - CHANGE IN VELOCITY and ACCELERTION

If a car is travelling the wrong way around a roundabout as shown. What is the direction of its change in velocity from the moment that it is heading north, to the moment it is heading west? Prove your answer using vectors.

Question 9 **2018 ATAR** **(6 marks)**

Cars A and B are moving in a circle around a horizontal dual lane roundabout at a constant speed of 30 km h^{-1} as shown in the diagram below. (Note: diagram not to scale.)



(a) Compare the acceleration of cars A and B. Include an equation in your answer. (3 marks)

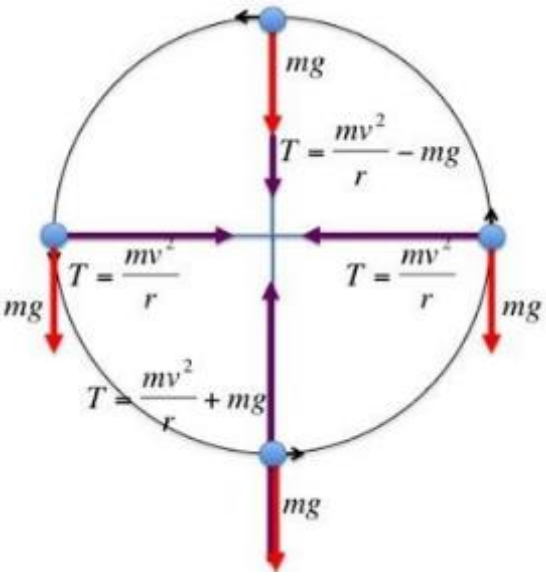
EXAMPLE 7 – Gerbils

Two small furry gerbils are taking a ride on an old school turntable spinning at 33⅓ rpm. They have identical masses.

If the turntable speed is slowly increased to 78 rpm, which gerbil is most likely to slide off first?

Prove your answer using appropriate equations that show the relationship between the **force** required to hang on and **radius**.

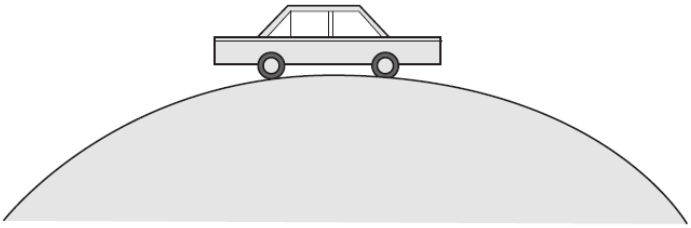
Topic 4. VERTICAL CIRCULAR MOTION



- ❑ As with all circular motion, the _____ is always the Centripetal force.
- ❑ In vertical circular motion, the weight force of can have a component that acts in the _____ or _____ direction to the required centripetal force.
- ❑ This can mean that the **external force** required to maintain circular motion is either _____ or _____, depending on position in the circle.
- ❑ Depending on the situation in the problem, the external force may be described as a _____ **force**, _____, or _____ **force**

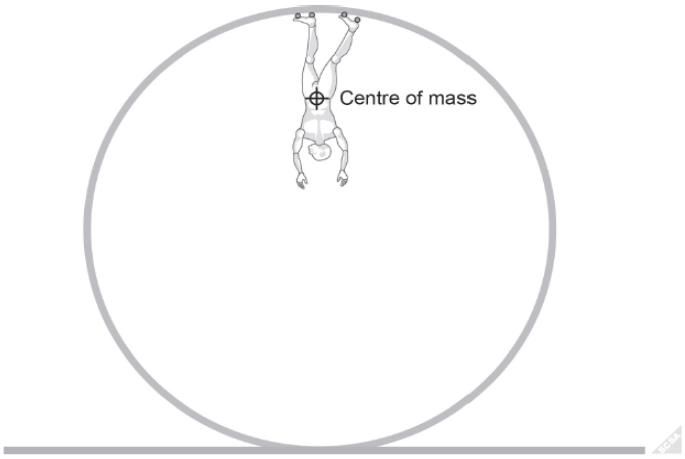
Question 6 2013 ATAR **(3 marks)**

A car is driving over a hill with a radius of 250 m at a speed of 30.0 m s^{-1}. Determine the magnitude of the net force experienced between a 65.0 kg passenger and their seat or seat belt.



Question 13 2016 ATAR **(5 marks)**

A 53 kg skater is attempting to complete a loop that is 2.50 m in radius. Estimate the minimum speed at the top of the loop needed for the skater to maintain contact with the top of the loop.



Pendulums and Non-Uniform Circular Motion

- A pendulum is an example of _____ circular motion.
- The mass swings through a circular arc but its _____ changes due to _____ to _____ energy conversions.
- Because the speed is not constant, the required _____ force also changes.
- This means that the _____ varies as well.
- A roller coaster could also be used as an example of non-uniform circular motion.

Example 8 - Non Uniform Circular Motion

Mr Carter's dog "Tess" enjoys playing on the swing when she goes for "walkies" down at the park.

The swing has two 2.50 m long cables and each is under a maximum tension of 341 N. If Tess swings back and forward from a height of 1.65 m above her lowest position, what is her mass?

Topic 5. Orbital CIRCULAR MOTION

- Orbital motion, is a form of circular motion that where the centripetal force is provide by gravity.
- In his third law of planetary motion, Kepler stated that "The ratio of *period* _____to *orbital radius* _____will be the same for all objects orbiting the same body". i.e is a constant for orbits around the same central _____.
- By substituting the formula for circular velocity into Newtons equations, we can demonstrate that Kepler's 3rd law holds true with Newton's law of gravitation.

Example 9 Deriving Kepler's 3rd LAW

- Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation is used to explain Kepler's laws of planetary motion and to describe the motion of planets and other satellites, modelled as uniform circular motion

  This includes deriving and applying the relationship

$$\frac{T^2}{r^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM}$$

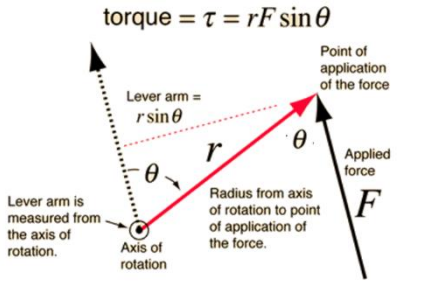
NOTE – ALL geostationary satellites:

1. orbit above the _____ in the same direction as the Earth's rotation.
2. have a _____ of exactly 24hrs.
3. have the same orbital speed and altitude.

Example 10 – The International Space Station

The international space station orbits the Earth once every 92 minutes. What is its altitude above the Earth's surface?

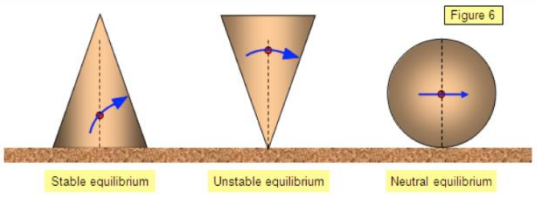
Topic 6. TORQUE and Equilibrium



- Torque or "moment of a force" is the rotational effect of a force which is applied to an object which can pivot.

- Torque is measures in _____ (Newton metres)
- Torque is increased when:
  - A greater _____ is used.
  - The force is applied at a greater _____ from the pivot.
  - The force is closer to _____ with the pivot.
- If the force and radius of the lever arm are not perpendicular, the component of the radius which is perpendicular to the line of action of the force is used.

- This is equal to _____where θ is the angle between the radius and force.

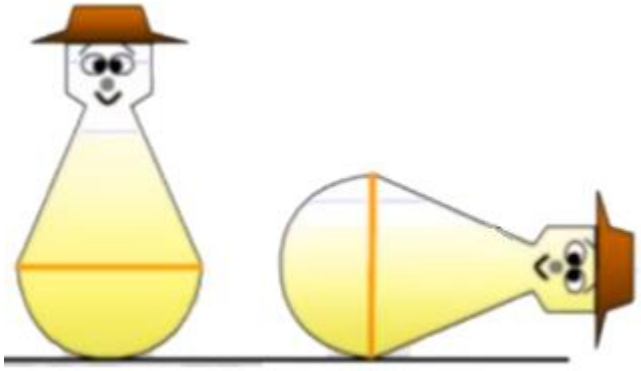


- Equilibrium in any context is about _____.
- In Physics there are a number of different ways we can classify equilibrium.
  - _____ , _____ or _____ Equilibrium

  - Translational , Rotational or Static Equilibrium

Example 11 - WRITTEN Example – Equilibrium

Weeble's were a range of children's toys released by Hasbro's 1971, but have had a number of "comebacks in recent times". Tipping a Weeble over to one side caused a weight located at the bottom-centre to be lifted off the ground. Once released, the Weeble quickly rocked back into an upright position. With the aid of a diagram as well as your understanding of equilibrium and moments, explain how a Weeble works.

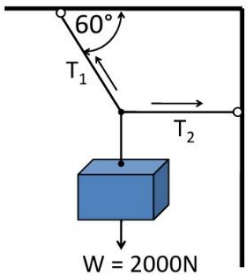


ANSWER

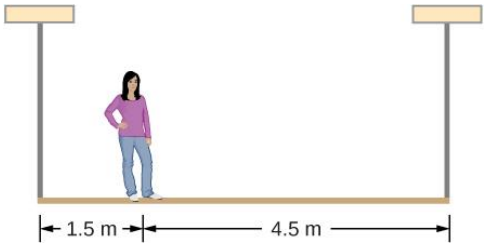
The Weeble's _____ is very low and its bottom is curved.
When the Weeble is tipped over on its side, its centre of mass needs to be _____, indicating that it is in _____ equilibrium.
If the force is removed, the _____ from the centre of mass falls _____ the _____.
This causes a _____ that returns the Weeble back to its original position.

Example 12 - Translational Equilibrium

A 2000 N mass 4 hangs by two cords connected as shown. Calculate the tension in each cord.



Example 13 - Static Equilibrium



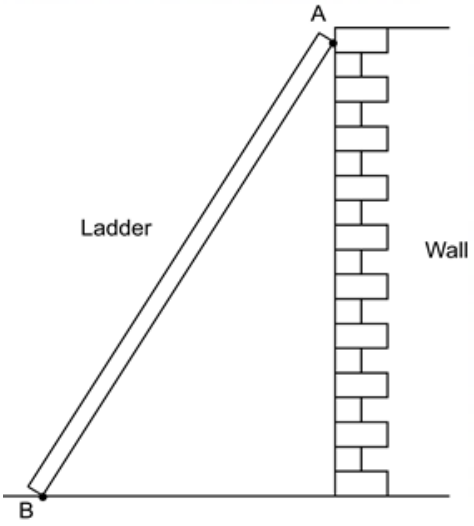
A woman with a mass of 50.0 kg stands 1.50 m away from one end of a uniform 6.00 m long scaffold whilst washing some windows. The scaffold h as a mass of 70.0 kg and is suspended from the side of the building by two cables. Find the tensions in the two vertical cables supporting the scaffold.

Example 14 - FOR EXPERTS - STATIC Equilibrium

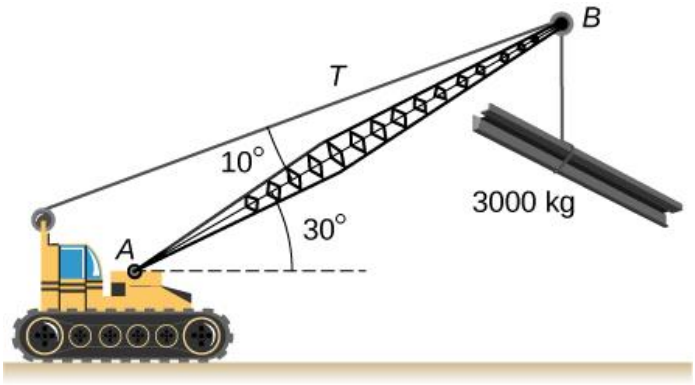
A uniform 40.0-kg scaffold of length 6.0 m is supported by two light cables, as shown. An 80.0-kg painter stands 1.0 m from the left end of the scaffold, and his painting equipment is 1.5 m from the right end. If the tension in the left cable is twice that in the right cable, find the tensions in the cables and the mass of the equipment.

Example 15 - Static Equilibrium

An 80.0 kg bricklayer places a 3.9 m long ladder with a mass of 12.0 kg against a vertical brick wall so that it makes a 60 degree angle with the ground. He then climbs two-thirds of the way up the ladder. What forces are provided by the contact with the wall, **and** with the ground? Assume the brick wall is frictionless.



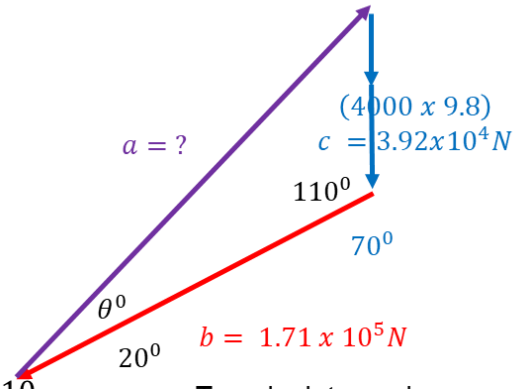
Example 16 - Static Equilibrium



A 12.0-m boom (AB) of a crane lifting a 3000 kg load is shown left. The boom's centre of mass is exactly halfway up its length and it weighs 1000 kg.

For the position shown, calculate tension *T* in the cable and the force at the axle *A*.

Calculate the force at the axle *A* → *using* $\sum F = 0$



$$\Sigma F = 0$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\ cosA$$

$$a^2 = 1.71\ x\ 10^{5\,2} + 3.92x10^{4\,2} - 2x1.71\ x\ 10^5 x 3.92x10^4 cos110$$

$$a^2 = 3.536x10^{10}$$

$$a = 1.88\ x\ 10^6\ N$$

$$a = 1.88\ x\ 10^6\ N\ @\ 31.3^0\ up\ from\ horizontal$$

To calculate angle

$$\frac{1.88\ x\ 10^6}{\sin 110} = \frac{3.92x10\text{^}4}{\sin\theta}$$

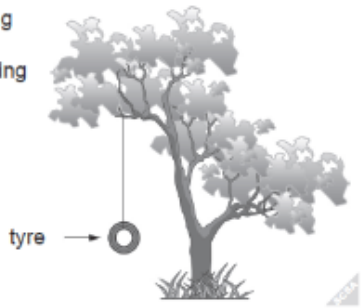
$$\theta = 11.29^0$$

1. Identify the variables in the data given.
2. Determine the dependent and independent variable.
3. Examine the formulae given or on data sheet) to see how they are related.
4. Rearrange the equation in a $y = mx + c$ format, so that the _____ variable is in the x position and the _____ variable is in the y position.
5. If the data needs to be manipulated (e.g. _____ or _____) to match the equation style, this should be done prior to graphing.
6. Determine the **part of the equation** which is the _____. There may or may not be a "$+c$" in the equation.
7. Draw the graph with the correct variable on each axis.
8. Draw in a "trend line" or "line of best fit".
9. Choose two DISTANT points on the line and draw _____ lines.
10. Calculate the _____ of the line of best fit.
11. Remember to include the units for the gradient. (__ units / ___ units or _____)
12. Apply gradient to equation to calculate unknown,

Question 15 2013 ATAR **(18 marks)**

Andrew and Sarah were at the park and noticed a tyre-swing hanging in a tree. They realised that it would behave as a pendulum and would complete one swing (return to its starting point for one complete cycle) with a period (T) in seconds. They had previously discussed pendulums in class and been given the equation:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}}$$

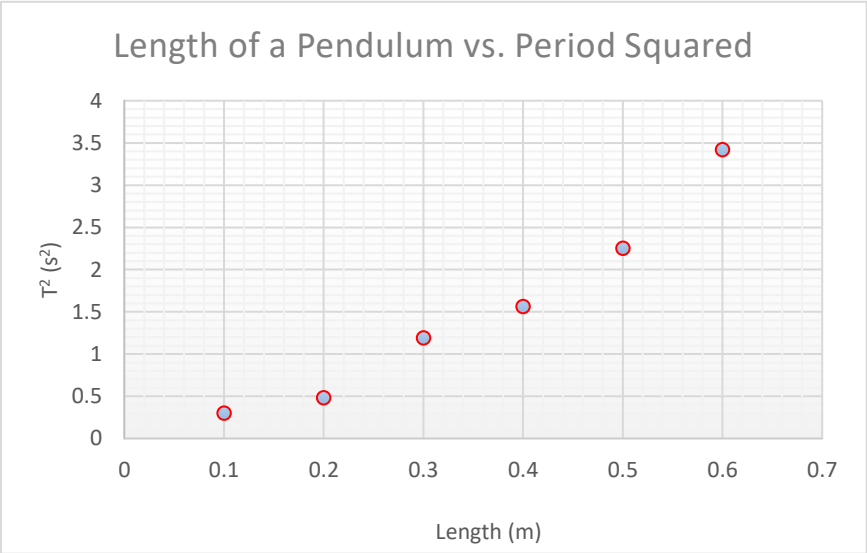


[Where ℓ = length in metres]

Andrew and Sarah decided to conduct an investigation to determine the relationship between the length of a pendulum and its period.

An incomplete table of results for this investigation is shown below:

Length of pendulum ℓ (m)	Time for ten swings (s)	Time for one swing T (s)	
0.10	5.5	**0.55**	**0.30**
0.20	6.9	**0.69**	**0.48**
0.30	10.9	**1.09**	**1.19**
0.40	12.5	**1.25**	**1.56**
0.50	15.0	**1.50**	**2.25**
0.60	18.5	**1.85**	**3.42**



Topic 8. Forces in Electric and Magnetic Fields

Coulombs Law

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

- ❑ The force between two charged particles is _____ to the product of their charges
- ❑ and inversely proportional to the _____ between them.
- ❑ The constant of proportionality is known as Coulombs constant and is sometimes presented as 9.0×10^9 $Nm^2 C^{-2}$.
- ❑ Students should **avoid using this value** as it is rounded and our formulae sheet uses ε_o is called the permittivity of free space
- ❑ **$\varepsilon_o = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ F m^{-1}** (See constants sheet)

The value of $\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}$ is using ε_o is a constant for air/vacuum and equal to

MOVING CHARGE and MAGENTIC FIELDS

Any moving charge results in a **magnetic field**.

- ❑ This could be:
  - individual charged _____ or
  - _____ in a wire
- ❑ The magnetic field is _____, and _____ to the direction of conventional current. (_____ charge flow)
- ❑ The direction can be predicted using the "right hand _____" rule.

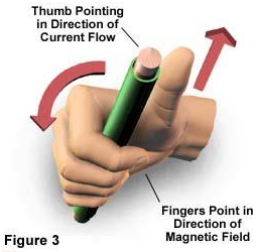
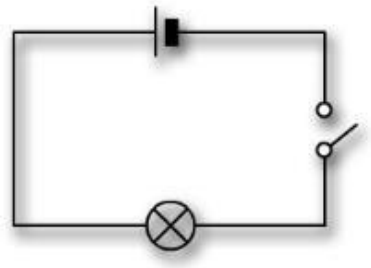


Figure 3

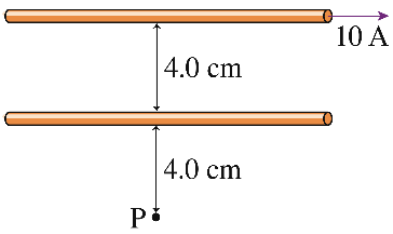
- ❑ Because it has a magnetic field, a current carrying conductor or moving charge will experience a _____ when it interacts with other magnetic fields.
- ❑ The direction can of force be predicted using the" Right Hand" Rule.

Example 17 - Field around a Single Current carrying wire

Point A is 5 cm **to the left** the wire as you look straight down at it. The wire carries 0.325 A of current. What is the field strength and direction at A? Ignore any fields produced by the other wires.



The magnetic field at point P is **zero**. What are the magnitude and direction of the current in the lower wire?



A. 10 A to the right.
B. 5 A to the right.
C. 2.5 A to the right.
D. 10 A to the left.
E. 5 A to the left.
F. 2.5 A to the left.

Example 18 - THE MOTOR EFFECT

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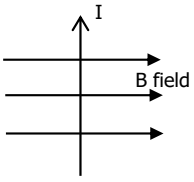

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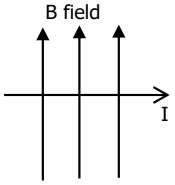

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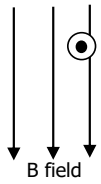

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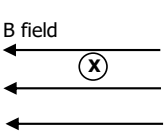

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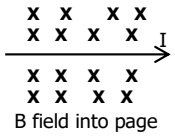

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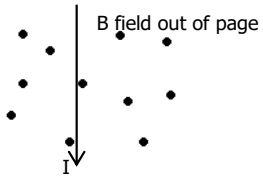
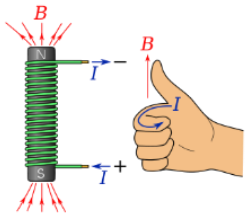
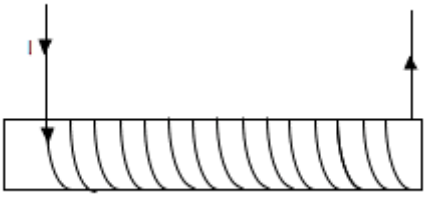
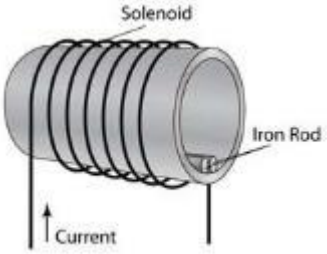
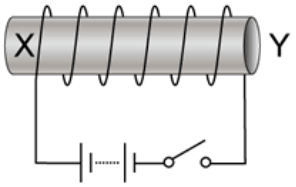


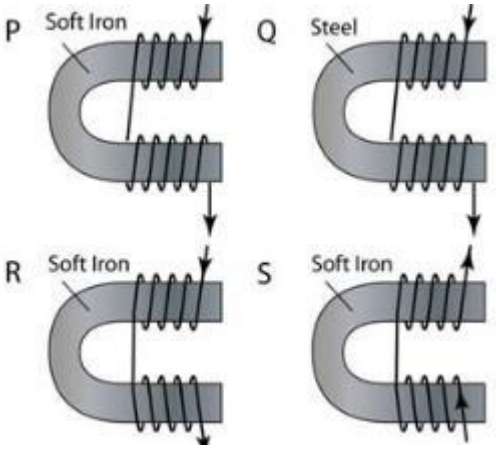


THE SOLENOID RULE









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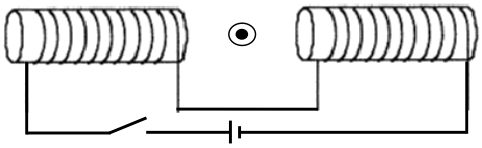

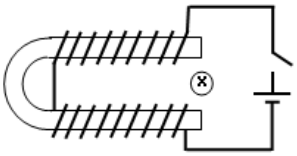

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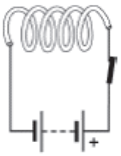
Question 9 **(5 marks)**

A physics student sets up an electrical circuit that includes a small toy called a 'slinky', which is essentially a light, coiled metal spring. When the switch is closed and a current is passed through the coil from a small DC battery, the student discovers that a magnetic field exists around the slinky.

(a) On the diagram below, sketch the shape and direction of the magnetic field that will exist around the slinky when the switch is closed. (4 marks)



(b) The student also notices that at the moment that the switch is closed, there is a small movement in the slinky. Describe this movement. (1 mark)

DC MOTORS

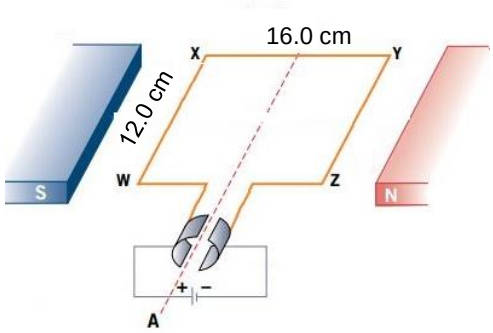
Function of the Spilt Ring Commutator

1. _____ direction of _____ every 180^0.
2. _____ direction of _____ on a specific wire when it reaches the other side.
3. Maintains _____ direction of _____ / **spin** on motor.

Example 19 - Motor Calculations

The diagram to the right shows a motor constructed of 25 turns in a 0.250 T magnetic field. The coils carries 0.925 A of current.

a) Label the **direction** of the f **current** and **force** on side **YZ**
b) Calculate the **force** on side YZ
c) Calculate the **torque** produced by the motor.



Forces on Charged Particles

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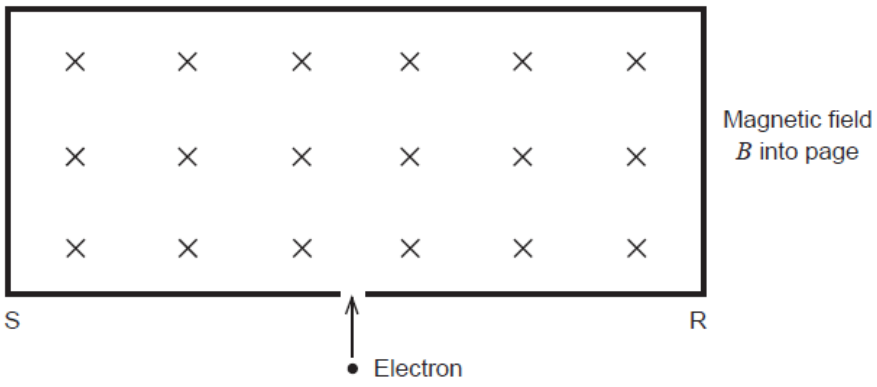
Question 10 **(4 marks)**

An electron travelling at 1.26×10^7 m s^{-1} entered a uniform magnetic field of intensity 1.50×10^{-3} T at right angles to the field lines, as shown in the diagram.



An electron detector located along the line SR recorded an interaction with the electron. Calculate the distance between the entry point and the detector.

Topic 9. Induced EMF and Current

- An induced emf is produced by the _____ **motion** of a straight conductor in a magnetic field when the conductor cuts flux lines.
- **Faraday's Law** – The emf induced is proportional to _____.

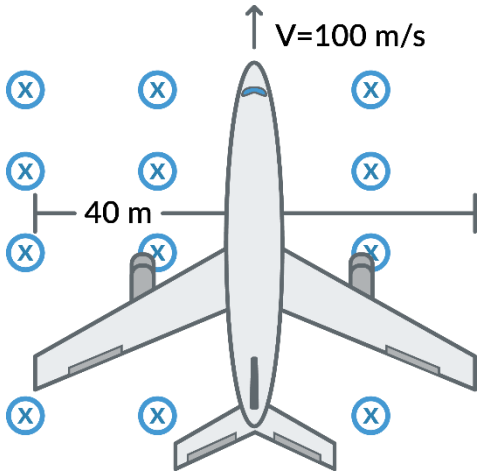
$$\text{induced emf} = \ell\, v\, B$$

$$\text{induced emf} = -N\frac{(\Phi_2 - \Phi_1)}{t} = -N\frac{\Delta\Phi}{t} = -N\frac{\Delta(B\,A_\perp)}{t}$$

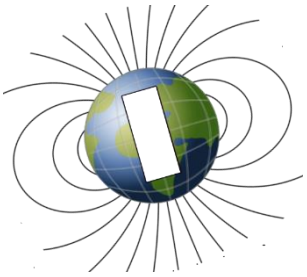
- **Lenz's law** – The direction of any **induced** _____ will be such that its **own generated** _____ **field** opposes the change in _____ that created it.

Example 20

- An airplane with a wing span of 40m is flying north at 100ms^{-1} in an area where the Earth's magnetic field is angled downwards at 35^0 and has an strength of 15.0 x10^{-5} T.
- What is the emf induced between the wing tips?



- Which wing tip becomes positive?



- Which hemisphere is the plane in?

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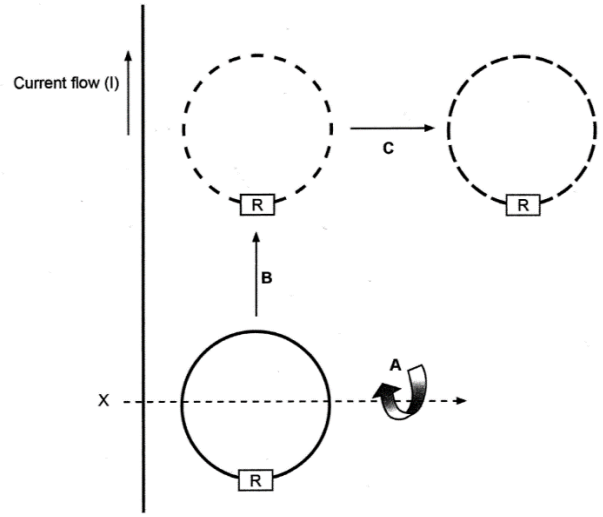
PHYSICS 8

Question 8 **(8 marks)**

A circular wire loop is placed near a long, straight wire carrying a constant current in the direction shown. The loop moves three times:

- A – it rotates once, uniformly along the X-axis with the resistor R moving out of the page initially
- B – it moves parallel to the straight wire with constant speed
- C – it moves away perpendicularly from the straight wire with constant speed.



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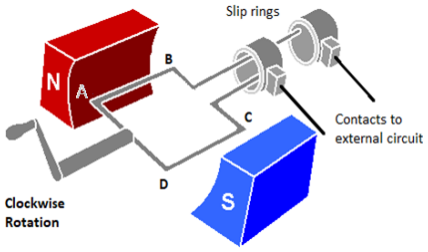
Complete the table in terms of Motions A, B and C by sketching the emf induced in the loop and state whether the direction of emf is clockwise, anticlockwise or not relevant.

Motion	Possible induced emf in the circular loop with respect to time	The direction of emf (clockwise/anticlockwise/ not relevant)
A	emf (V) … t (s)	
B	emf (V) … t (s)	
C	emf (V) … t (s)	

Example 21 - Generator Problems

The diagram shows the coil ABCD of an AC generator placed between magnetic poles.



- The uniform magnetic field of flux density 0.204 T is indicated.
- The dimensions of the coil are: AB = DC = 16.0 cm and AD = BC = 10.0 cm
- The coil rotates about the axle as indicated as a torque is applied to the handle.
- The coil has 350 turns of wire and is rotated at 750 rpm.

b) Calculate the maximum flux contained within the coil ABCD during rotation.

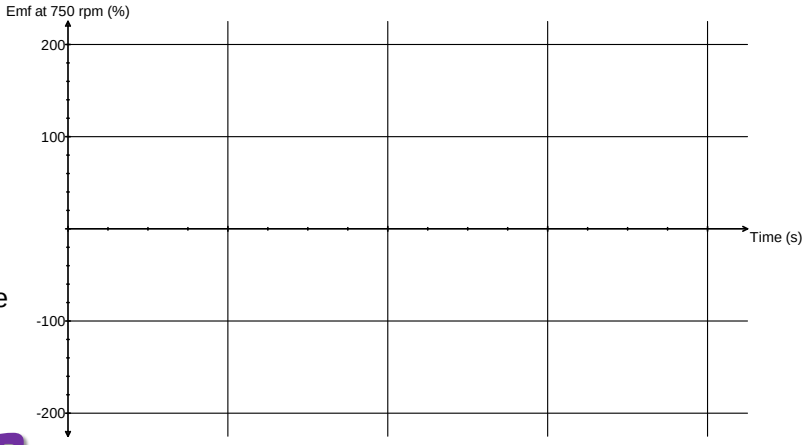
c) Draw on the diagram the direction of induced current along AB and DC as the coil rotates from the horizontal position shown.

c) Calculate the magnitude of the maximum emf from the AC generator.

d) Determine the rms emf produced by this generator.

e) On the axes provided, sketch the shape of the emf output for this generator as it rotates one full turn from the initial position shown. Add a suitable numerical time scale on the time axis and label your curve '750 rpm'.

f) Sketch a second shape of the emf output for a rate of rotation of 1500 rpm and label this curve '1500 rpm'.



Transformer Calculations **2015 ATAR**

Question 13 **(12 marks)**

A mobile phone, of resistance 4.00 Ω was connected to a charger (actually a small step-down transformer). The details of the charger are shown below.

Assume the charger to be 100% efficient.

PRIMARY COIL
Input voltage: 240 V AC 50 Hz
Turns: 432
Power: 6.25 W

SECONDARY COIL
Output voltage 5.00 V AC 50 Hz
Turns: 9

The 5.00 V AC output of the charger was rectified to 5.00 V DC before charging the battery in the phone.

(a) State the power output of the secondary coil of the charger. _____ W (1 mark)

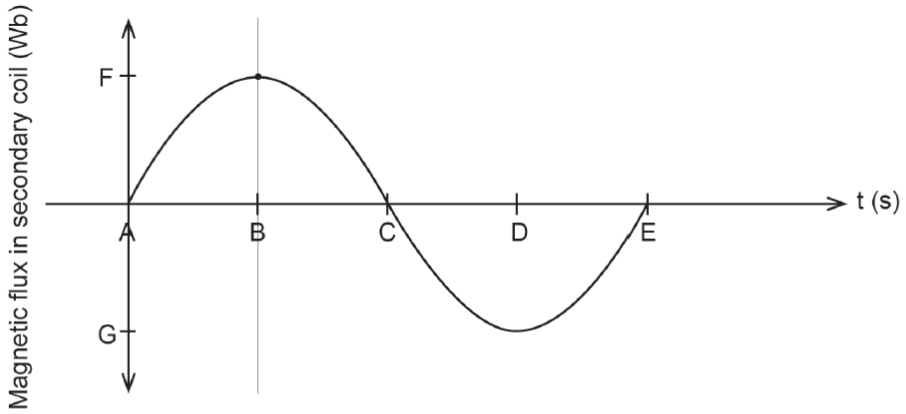
(b) Calculate the current flowing through the secondary coil while the battery was charging. Show **all** workings. (2 marks)

(c) When the mobile phone is charging, 5.00 V DC is used to charge the battery.

(i) State the number of joules carried by each coulomb of charge. (1 mark)

(ii) Calculate the amount of energy, in joules, carried by each electron as it charges the battery. Show **all** workings. (3 marks)

(d) The graph below shows the change in flux experienced by the secondary coil over one complete cycle.



By calculating any required values, and showing **all** workings, determine the magnitudes of the

(i) time interval AE: _____ s. (1 mark)

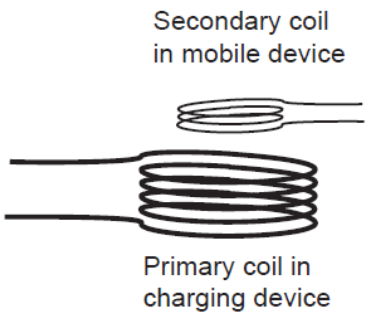
(ii) time interval AB: _____ s. (1 mark)

(iii) flux value F at time B: _____ Wb. (3 marks)

Transformer Calculations **2013 ATAR**

Question 11 **(6 marks)**

Inductive charging is becoming more popular for mobile devices such as phones. A simplified diagram of the charging system is shown below.



(a) Assume that one such charging system runs directly from the mains power (240 V AC) to charge a device that requires an input of 4 V. Describe the transformer and the relationship between the two coils. (3 marks)

(b) Use appropriate formulae or relationships to explain how this inductive charging system works. (3 marks)

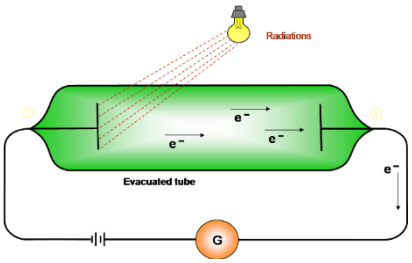
Topic 10. Wave Particle Duality and Quantum Physics

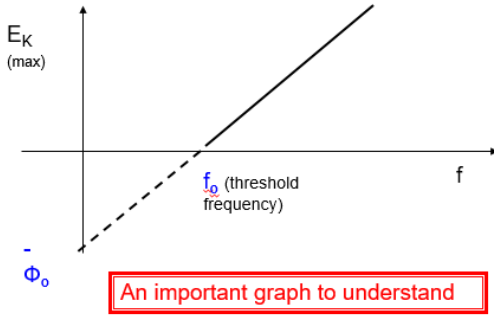
- ❑ EMR is a _____ wave with mutually perpendicular, _____ and _____ fields.
- ❑ Atomic phenomena and the interaction of light with matter indicate that states of matter and energy are _____ into _____ values
- ❑ EMR has a dual nature, exhibiting both wave and as a particle like properties simultaneously.

Phenomenon	Can be explained in terms of WAVES	Can be explained in terms of PARTICLES
Reflection		
Refraction		
Diffraction		
Interference patterns		
Polarization		
Photo-Electric Effect		

The Photoelectric EFFECT

- ❑ When EMR is shone onto certain metal surfaces, electrons are excited and ejected creating a "_____"
- ❑ If the incoming EMR is too _____ in frequency → _____ electrons are ejected.
- ❑ Increasing the total energy of the incident EMR by increasing the brightness or intensity, _____ change this.
- ❑ If the frequency of incident EMR is _____ than the "_____ frequency" → photoelectrons will be ejected.
- ❑ Increasing the intensity of the incident EMR increases the _____ of electrons released (increased photocurrent).
- ❑ Increasing intensity _____ change maximum _____energy.
- ❑ For every metal, there is a certain frequency of light (the threshold frequency), below which no electrons are emitted, no matter how intense the light.
- ❑ Increasing the frequency of incident radiation increases the maximum _____ Energy of photoelectrons, but does not change the _____ of electrons ejected.
- ❑ We now understand that each photon can only be absorbed by a _____ electron.
- ❑ The maximum Kinetic Energy of ejected electrons can be calculated by doing _____ on them to reverse their flow.
- ❑ By applying a reverse potential, we create an electric field that reverses the flow of electrons, "stopping" them from leaving the metal surface.
- ❑ This is called the _____ potential.
- ❑ Stopping potential is related to the work done on electrons to reduce their kinetic energy to zero.
- ❑ We can then use $E_{K(max)}$ to calculate work functions for unknown metals.





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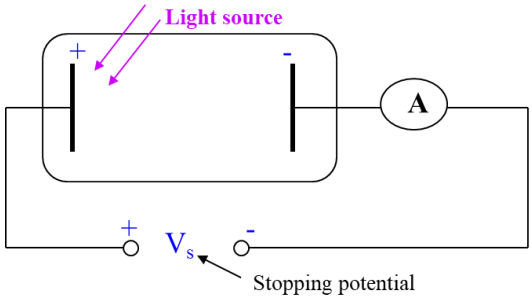


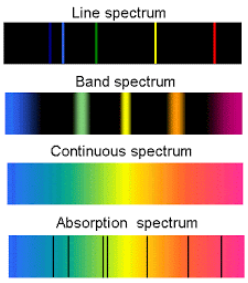
EXAMPLE 22 - Stopping potential

Light of wavelength 300 nm is incident on a sodium surface , creating a photocurrent. The stopping potential was measured to be 2.29 V. Calculate the work function of sodium. ($c = 3.0 \times 10^8$ m.s^{-1} and $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ Js)

Spectra

- When excited electrons drop down energy levels within an atom, they emit _____ with energies (and thus frequencies) corresponding to the energy difference between the two levels. This results in _____ spectra.
- Electrons can also absorb _____ if the photon _____ matches the difference between their energy levels. If white light (a continuous spectrum) is passed through a vapour, only those specific _____ will be absorbed leaving an absorption spectra (dark lines).

Spectra and atomic structure



1. Emission spectra

(i) Line spectra - emitted by hot monatomic gases

(ii) Band spectra - emitted by gases with more than one atom per molecule

(iii) Continuous spectra - emitted by hot solids

2. Absorption spectra

Formed by of light passing through a cooler vapour. The vapour absorbs those regions of the spectrum which it would have emitted had it been in an excited state.

Question 18 2014 ATAR **(13 marks)**

A hydrogen atom, in an excited energy level, undergoes relaxation by emitting a photon. The energy values are given by $E_n = -\frac{13.6}{n^2}$ eV. The initial state of the electron is in energy level n = 4 and the final state after relaxation is ground state (n = 1).

(a) Does the average radius of the electron orbital remain the same, increase or decrease in value during this transition? Circle the correct answer. (1 mark)

remains the same increases decreases

(b) Use the formula $E_n = -\frac{13.6}{n^2}$ eV to complete the energy level diagram below. The diagram is **not** drawn to scale. (2 marks)

n=4 _____ E_4 =_____eV

n=3 _____ E_3 = -1.51 eV

n=2 _____ E_2 = -3.40 eV

Ground state n=1 _____ E_1 = _____eV

Number of levels **above** ground state	Number of possible **unique** transitions
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

(c) On the diagram above, draw in all the possible transitions when an electron undergoes relaxation from n = 4 to the ground state. (3 marks)

(d) (i) Calculate the wavelength of the photon emitted from the E_3 to E_2 transition. Show **all** workings. (4 marks)

(ii) The transitions of E_4 to E_2 and E_3 to E_2 produce red and green photons. Explain which transition produces which colour. (3 marks)

Question 14 2016 ATAR **(12 marks)**

An electron microscope creates a coherent beam of electrons which then travels through two narrow slits. The resulting interference pattern is detected on a photographic plate. The speed of the electrons is 1.00% of the speed of light.

(a) Show that the de Broglie wavelength of the electrons used is 2.43×10^{-10} m. (2 marks)

(b) Describe what you expect to see on the photographic plate. (2 marks)

(c) Explain the behaviour of the electrons in this experiment. (2 marks)

The electrons are exhibiting _____ behaviour.
As they pass through the slits, _____ occurs causing them to spread out into two circular waves
The two waves have alternating **constructive** and **destructive** _____. (Bright lines vs darker areas).

(d) If the experiment were to be repeated using protons, at what speed would a proton need to travel to have the same de Broglie wavelength as the electrons? (2 marks)

(e) Calculate the potential difference required for the electron microscope to accelerate the electrons to 1.00% of the speed of light. (4 marks)

Topic 11. Special Relativity

Two Postulates of Special Relativity

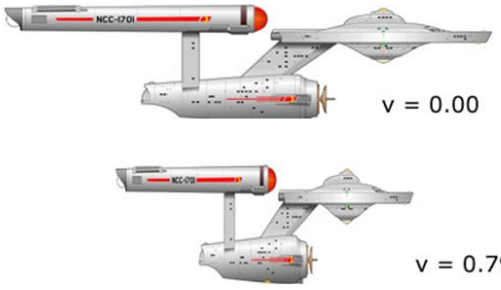
- ❑ The laws of physics are the _____for all frames of reference moving at a _____velocity with respect to each other. (No test to prove motion)
- ❑ The velocity of light in a vacuum c is constant for all observers, independent of their state of motion

Motion at relativistic velocities, results in:

- ❑ Time _____
- ❑ Length _____
- ❑ Momentum and mass _____
- ❑ Energy _____.

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \qquad l = l_0\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

(As observed from an external reference frame).



$$p_v = \frac{m_0 v}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$E_t = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$u' = \frac{u-v}{1-\frac{v\,u}{c^2}}$$

$$E_k = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - m_0 c^2$$

$$u = \frac{v+u'}{1+\frac{v\,u'}{c^2}}$$

Time Dilation

Question 12 **(6 marks)**

2015 ATAR

Muons are created in the upper atmosphere with speeds of 0.990c or more. Their average lifetime is 2.20 μs measured at low speeds in the laboratory. A simple calculation shows that most should only travel about 660 m before decaying. Thus, very few muons should ever reach sea level.

(a) Using relativistic mechanics, calculate how far a muon can travel according to an observer on Earth. (4 marks)

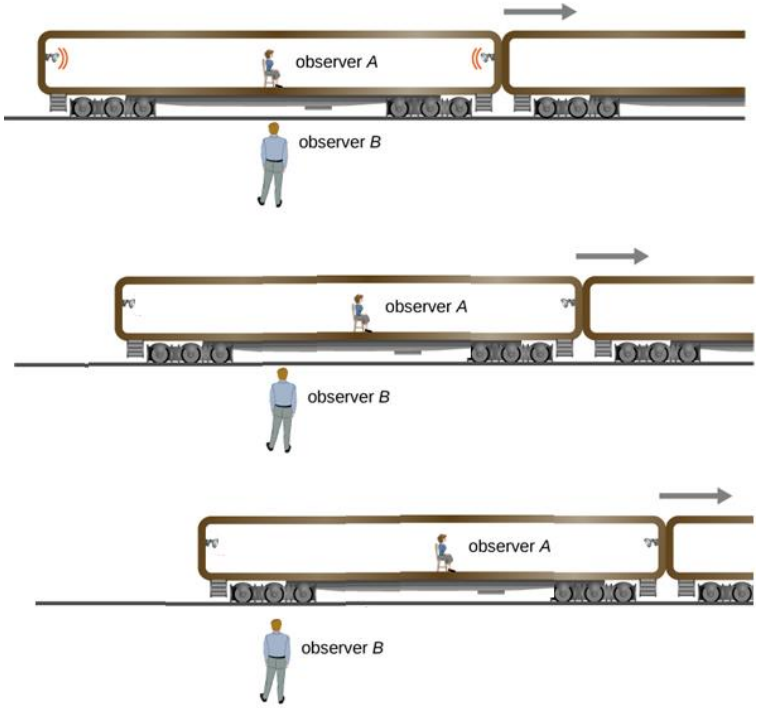
Example 23 - Simultaneity

There are two pulse lights at each end of car in a train moving with relativistic velocity.

Observer B (outside the train) sees the two pulses at the exact moment that observer A is in line with him.

He notes that the two ends of the car are an equal distance from him at the time of the pulses which reach him at the same time. Thus, he concludes that they must have been simultaneous.

What does observer A see?



Example 24 - Length Contraction

Doc Brown has just built a barn, in which he plans to hide his time travelling DeLorean. Marty looks at the barn and tells Doc that there is no way 3.50 m long DeLorean, will fit in the 1.50 m long barn.

The Doc tells Marty .., "It's perfect! You just need to think 4th dimensionally about it. If the DeLorean goes fast enough…… It WILL fit!"

Calculate how fast the DeLorean needs to go.

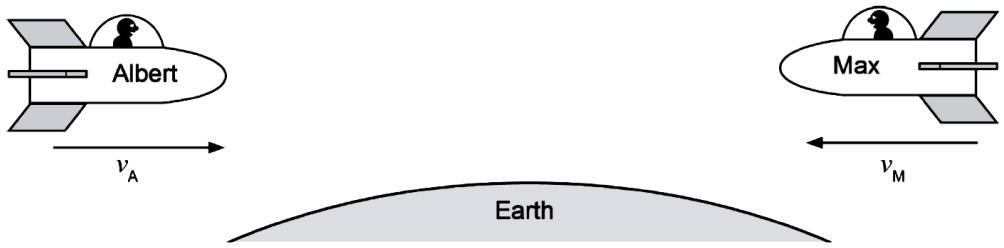
Marty wants to test out your calculation, so he hops in the DeLorean and accelerates to 0.904c before driving though the barn. Marty tells Doc that your calculations were wrong. The DeLorean had more than 1.4 m of its length hanging out **each end** of the barn.

Who is right? Explain your answer. →

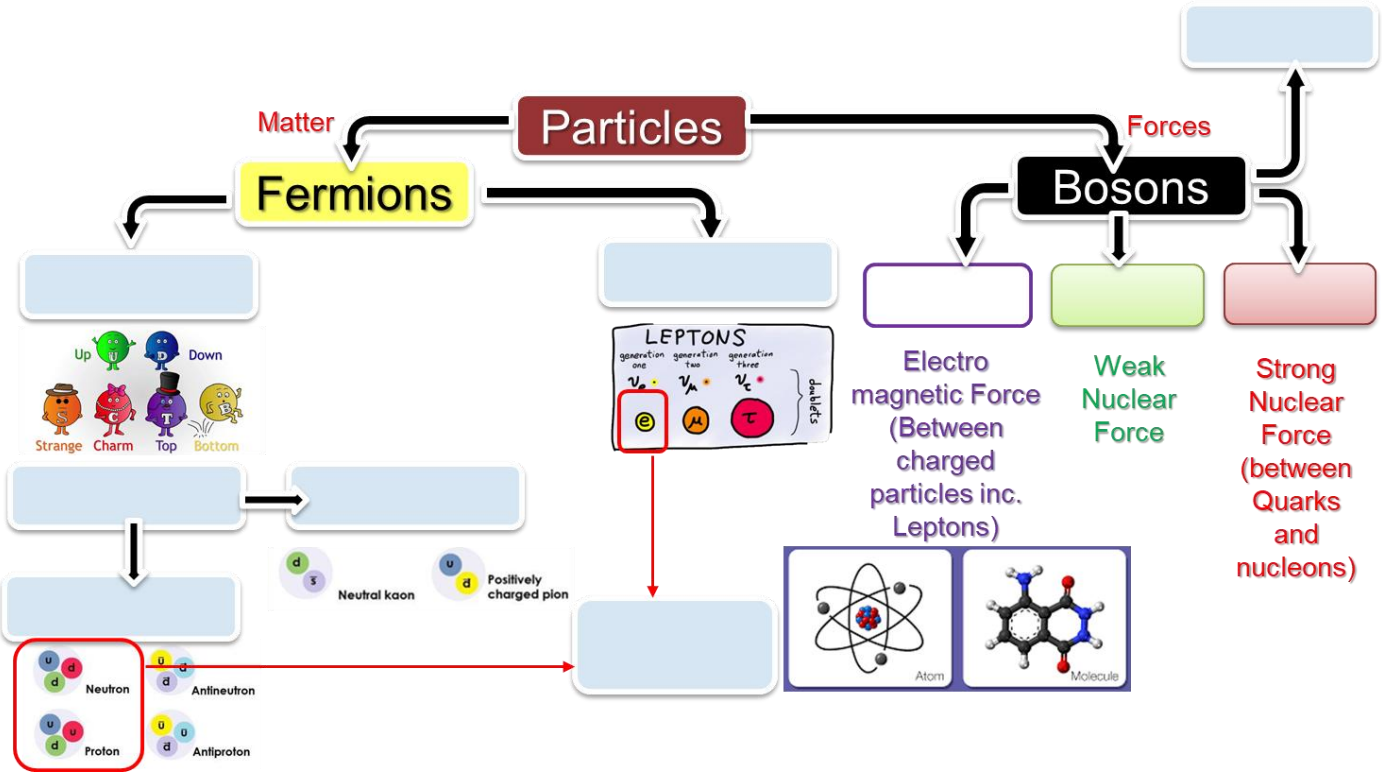
Relative Velocities 2015 ATAR

Question 7 **(4 marks)**

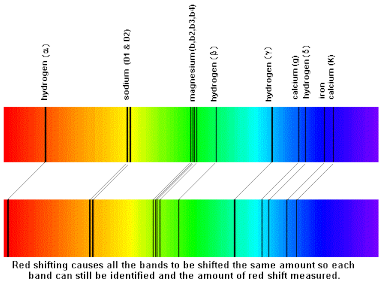
Two spaceships, 'Albert' and 'Max' are travelling toward each other. Each has a speed of 0.750*c* as measured in the Earth's reference frame.



Calculate the velocity of Max as measured by the crew on spaceship Albert.

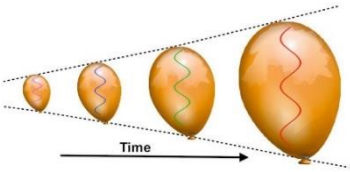


Models of the Universe



Red shifting causes all the bands to be shifted the same amount so each band can still be identified and the amount of red shift measured.

- ❑ **Steady State Theory**
  - Universe always the same _____.
  - Infinite and expanding with _____ continually created to maintain constant density
- ❑ **Big Bang Theory**
  - Universe expanded from a single tiny point 13.7 billion years ago.
  - The event caused the creation of space/time and matter.
  - It is actually space that is expanding – not matter.
- ❑ **Evidence For the Big Bang**
  - _____ – Demonstrated that all galaxies are getting further away from us. The universe is expanding from a highly dense starting point.
  - _____. Calculations suggest that energy created at the beginning of the universe with the Big Bang, that has been travelling through space ever since would be in the _____ range (very short _____). The radiation we detect in every direction is a much longer wavelength, in microwave range. Suggests that the waves themselves expanded with the universe. Measured CBR wavelength match predictions based on how much the universe has expanded.
  - Abundance of Hydrogen and Helium is greater than would be expected in steady state.



Question 4 **(5 marks)**

Sirius appears as the brightest star in the night sky. It is actually a binary star consisting of Sirius A, a large blue-white star, and Sirius B, a white dwarf. Our view of the Sirius star system is such that there are times when Sirius B is coming toward us and times when it is going away from us. When Sirius B is moving toward us:

(a) Sirius A will be (1 mark)

A moving toward us, relative to Sirius B.
B moving away from us, relative to Sirius B.

(b) Compared to the speed of light approaching us from Sirius A, the speed of the light approaching us from Sirius B will be (1 mark)

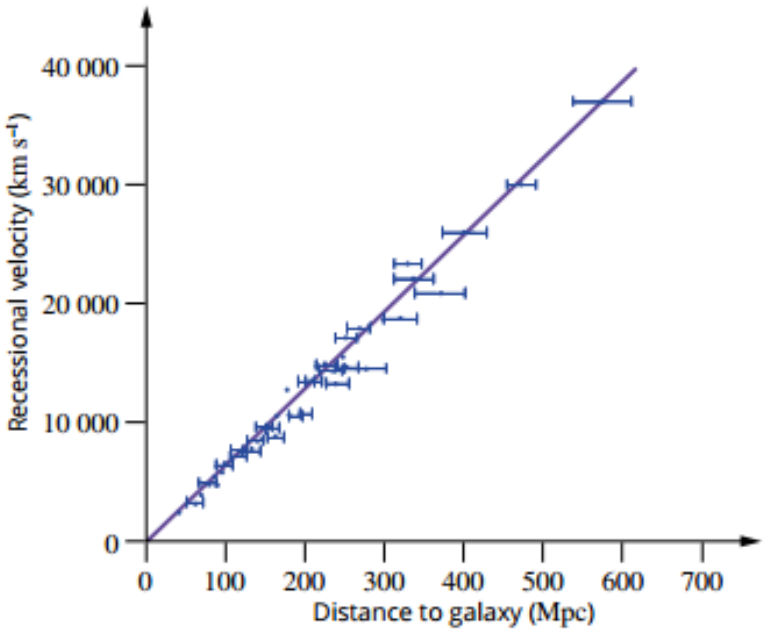
A the same.
B less.
C greater.

(c) An astronomer views a spectrum of the visible light from Sirius B. Describe **one** feature of this spectrum that would indicate Sirius B is moving toward the astronomer. (2 marks)

(d) Big Bang theory predicts the Sirius system should be (1 mark)

A moving toward us.
B moving away from us.
C keeping a constant distance.

Hubble's Law



- ❑ Hubble noticed that spectra from distant galaxies were _____ -shifted whichever way he observed the universe.
- ❑ They were moving _____ from us. (relative motion)
- ❑ More distant galaxies were redshifted more than closer ones, indicating higher _____.
- ❑ Hubble's law is states that the distance to a galaxy is directly proportional to its recessional velocity.

- ❑ H_0 is Hubbles constant,

  which is roughly _____

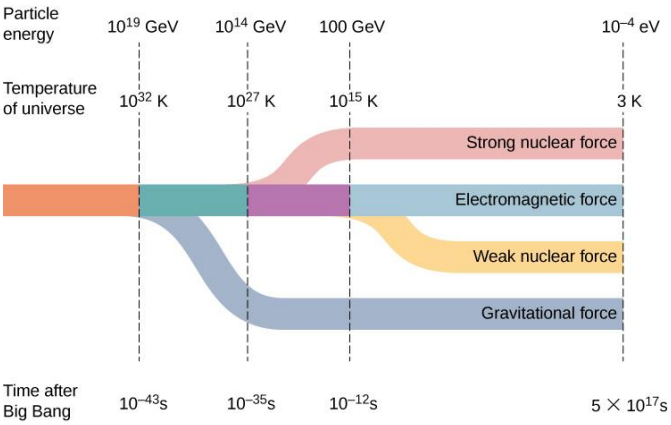
**From data sheet

1 Mpc = 3.09×10^{19} km = 3.26×10^{6} ly

Example 26 – Use Hubble's constant to determine the age of the Universe

- ❑ The time a galaxy has taken to reach its current distance is related to its recessional velocity and distance travelled.
- ❑ Hubble's Law tells us that
- ❑ The age of the universe is therefore**.**

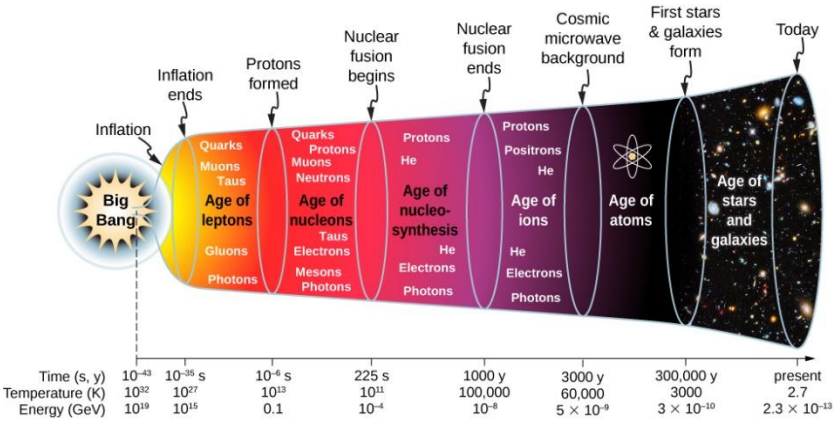
The Big Bang and the Standard Model of Matter



- ❑ Before the short period of cosmic inflation, physicists believe that all matter in the universe was squeezed into a space much smaller than an atom.
- ❑ The whole universe was in a hot dense state. ☺
- ❑ Interactions between particles were governed by a single _____ force.
- ❑ The unity broke down as the energy decreased, matter formed and the four fundamental forces diverged as shown

Big bang

- ❑ _____ and _____ form with Gluons and Photons
- ❑ _____ form (protons, neutrons and mesons)
- ❑ Nucleosynthesis - _____ and _____ form
- ❑ _____ condenses H and He nuclei into the first stars.
- ❑ _____ creates _____ elements.
- ❑ Early stars go _____ spreading heavier elements out into universe.



- ❑ Gravity continues to cause H and He to form new stars, but heavier elements formed in earlier stars are also condensed to form planetary systems.

Standard Model of Matter – Conservation Rules

Particle interactions, such as **decays** and **collisions** obey a number of conservation rules. Conservation of the following quantities should be observed or used to support or invalidate proposed reactions.

- **Baryon Number** (of Baryons and quarks)
- **Lepton Number** (within each family e.g. Electrons, muons and Tau particles)
- **Charge**

Particle	**Symbol/s**	**Baryon Number**	**Lepton Numbers**		
			L_e (electrons)	L_μ (muons)	L_τ(taus)
Proton or Neutron	p / n				
Anti-proton or anti-neutron	$\bar{p}$ / $\bar{n}$				
Electron or electron neutrino	e^- or v_e				
Positron or antielectron neutrino	e^+ or $\bar{v}_e$				
Muon or muon neutrino	μ^- or v_μ				
Anti-muon or anti muon neutrino	μ^+ or $\bar{v}_\mu$				
Tau or tau neutrino	τ^- or $\bar{v}_\mu$				
Anti-tau	τ^+ or $\bar{v}_\tau$				
Quarks	u d t b c s				
Antiquarks	$\bar{u}$ $\bar{d}$ $\bar{t}$ $\bar{b}$ $\bar{c}$ $\bar{s}$				

Example 27 - Which of the following decays cannot occur because conservation laws are violated? Show all conservation laws.

$$n \rightarrow p + e^-$$

charge

B

L_e

$$p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e$$

charge

B

L_e

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e$$

charge

B

L_e

L_μ

Lambda (quark composition **uds**)

$$\Lambda^0 \rightarrow \pi^- + p$$

charge

B

L_e

Meson

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

charge

B

L_e

L_μ

$$\pi^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu$$

charge

B

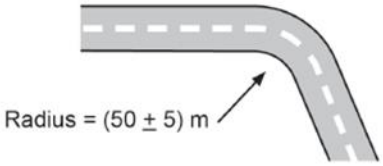
L_e

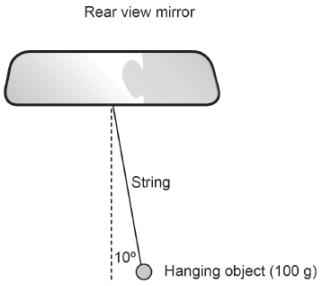
L_μ

Banked Turns? (sort of) **2015 ATAR**

Question 16 **(13 marks)**

Somnang is an engineer and designed a road that had a horizontal curved section of radius (50 ± 5) m. After construction, it was necessary to check that the curvature of the road was constructed within tolerance.





To test the curvature of the road, Somnang hung a small mass of 1.00×10^2 g from the rear-view mirror of his car using a light string. He then travelled at a constant speed of 35.0 km h^{-1} around the curve. Somnang observed that the string holding the mass settled at an angle of 10.0° to the vertical.

(a) On the diagram above, draw and label the forces acting on the hanging object. (2 marks)

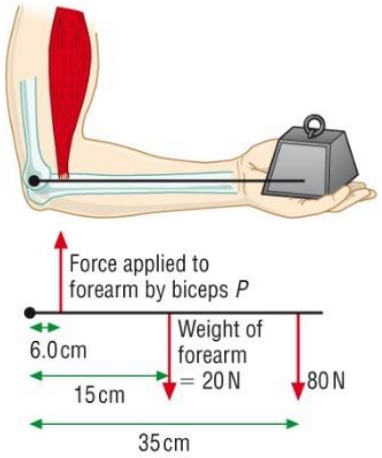
(b) Calculate the tension in the light string. Show **all** workings. (3 marks)

(c) Calculate the centripetal force experienced by the hanging mass. Show **all** workings. (3 marks)

(d) From the information supplied and your previous answers, determine whether the curvature of the road was correct. Show **all** workings. (5 marks)

Example 28 - Static Equilibrium

A person holds an 80 N weight in their hand, at the end of their arm which has a wright of 20N arm as shown. What force does the bicep muscle need to apply to hold the mass?



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