

$$E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

The energy of a photon of EM radiation is directly proportional to its frequency

Planck's constant

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Work done on an electron in accelerating it through a potential difference of 1 Volt. It is a convenient unit for energy where

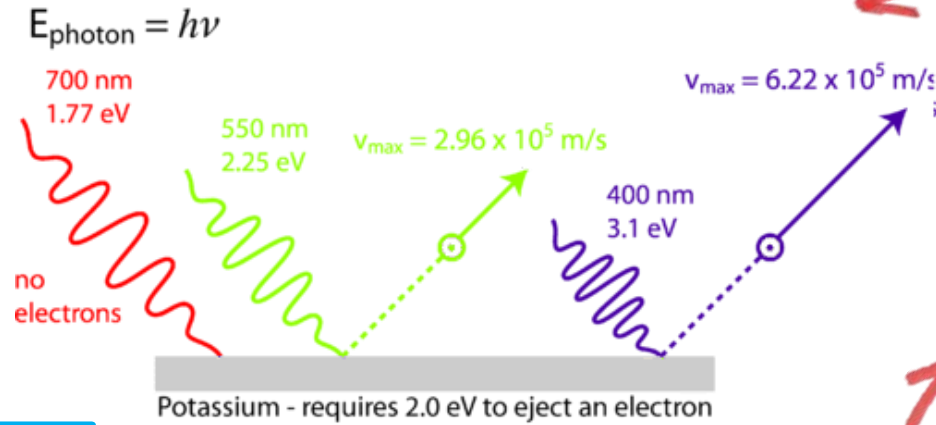
$$f_0 = \frac{\phi}{h}$$

The threshold frequency, f_0 is the minimum frequency of EM radiation needed to release an electron from the surface of a metal

$$\phi = hf_0$$

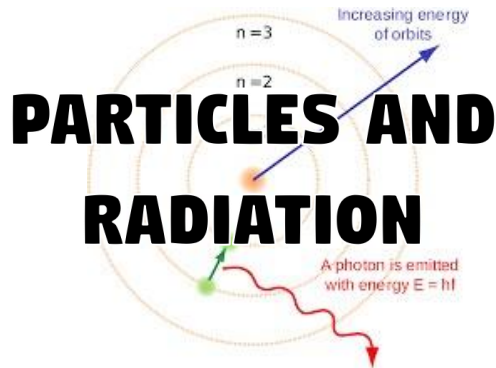
Work function, ϕ (phi) is the minimum amount of energy needed to release an electron from the surface of a metal

Photoelectric effect



$$hf = \phi + E_{k(\text{max})}$$

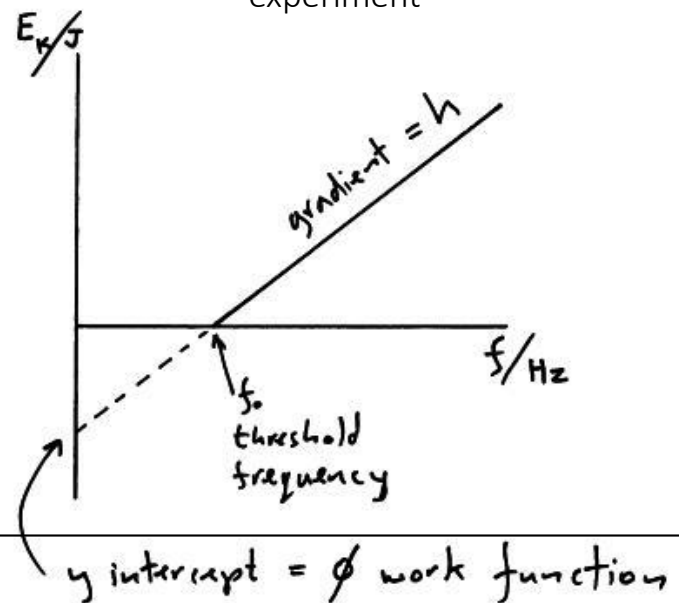
- Photons are absorbed by electrons on a one to one basis
- Some electrons are deeper in the metal than others
- This means that they require more energy than the work function to be released, so their kinetic energy will be lower than those from the surface

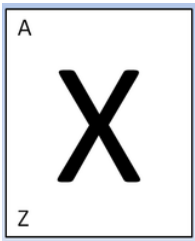


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$$eV_s = E_{k(\text{max})}$$

Stopping potential, V_s is the potential difference needed to stop the fastest moving electron in a photocell experiment

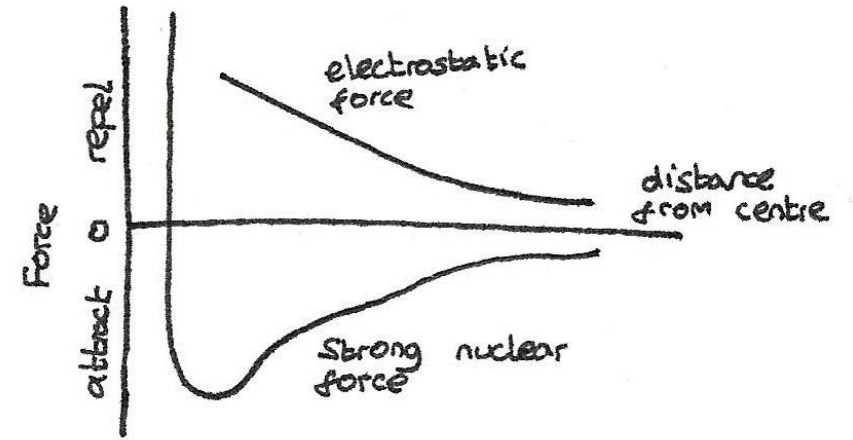




A = the 'nucleon' number = $p + n$
 Z = the Proton number = p
 X = symbol for a particular element

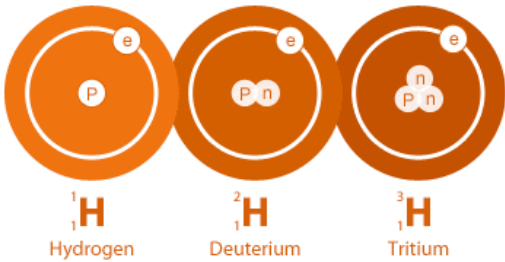
$$\text{Specific Charge} = \frac{Q}{m}$$

Specific charge is the charge to mass ratio for a particle/nucleus/ion.
 (Ckg^{-1})

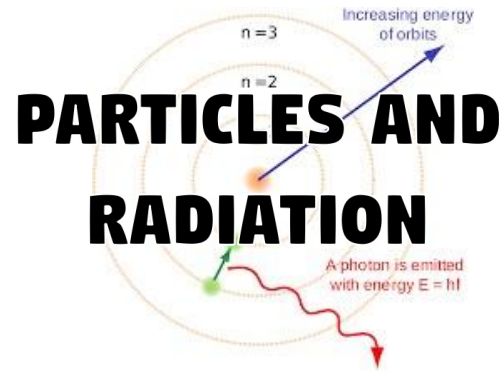


Hydrogen (H)

AND TWO OF ITS ISOTOPES.



ISOTOPES: Atoms with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons.



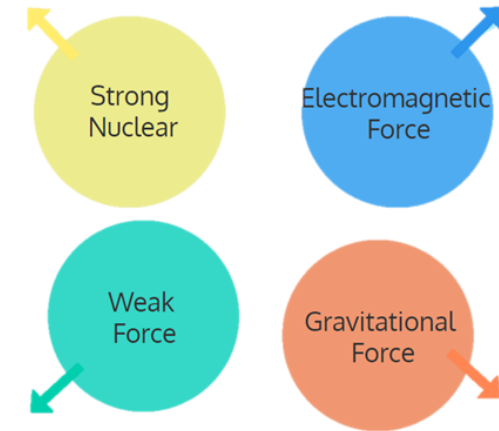
PARTICLES AND RADIATION

Strong Nuclear Force: It's range is approx. 3 femtometres ($1\text{fm} = 10^{-15}\text{m}$). It has the same effect between protons and neutrons. From 0.5-3fm it is an attractive force. Below 0.5fm it becomes repulsive

Fundamental Forces and their Bosons

Gluon: interacts with hadrons

Virtual Photon: interacts with charged particles



W^+ or W^- : Interacts with all particles

Graviton: interacts with all particles

Alpha Decay, α
 Nucleon number decreases by 4
 Proton number decreases by 2

Beta minus decay, β^-
 Nucleon number stays the same
 Proton number increases by 1

Beta plus decay, β^+
 Nucleon number stays the same
 Proton number decreases by 1

$$X_Z^A \rightarrow X'_{Z-2}^{A-4} + \alpha_2^4$$

$$X_Z^A \rightarrow X'_{Z+1}^{A} + \beta_{-1}^0 + \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$X_Z^A \rightarrow X'_{Z-1}^{A} + \beta_{-1}^0 + \nu_e$$

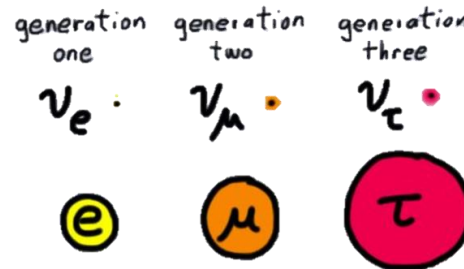
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HADRONS

Hadrons are particles that experience the strong nuclear force

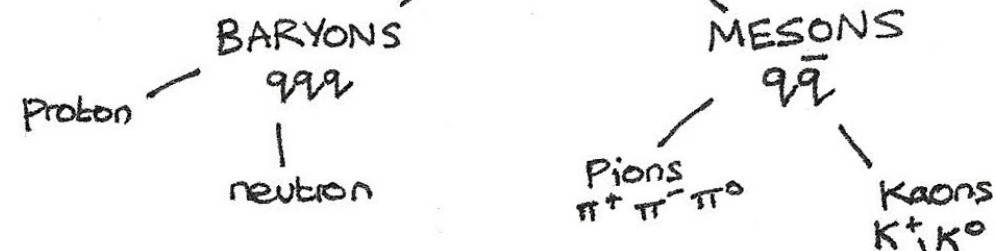
LEPTONS

Leptons are fundamental particles that don't feel the strong nuclear force.



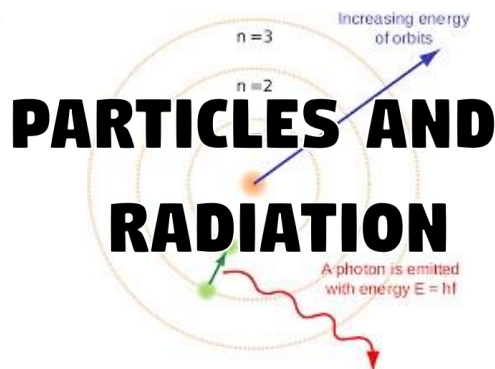
Examples of leptons include the stable electron (e^-) and unstable muon (μ^-) and tau (τ^-) which both decay into electrons.

Neutrinos are also leptons, with a different neutrino for electrons (ν_e), muons (ν_μ) and tau leptons (ν_τ). Neutrinos have negligible mass, no charge and only interact through the weak interaction.



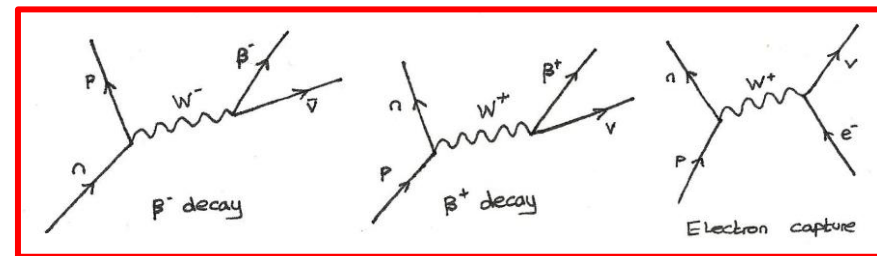
Baryons are hadrons that have a qqq or $\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ quark composition

Mesons are hadrons that have a $q\bar{q}$ quark composition. All mesons are unstable and are able to interact with the baryons through the strong interaction



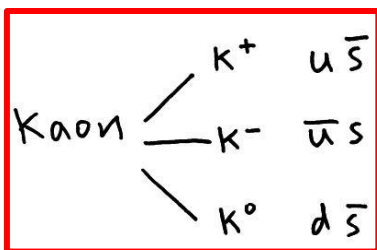
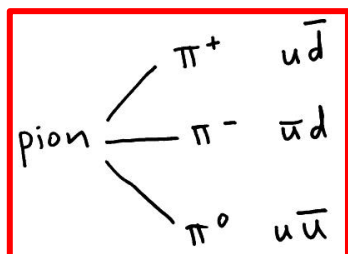
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FEYNMAN DIAGRAMS

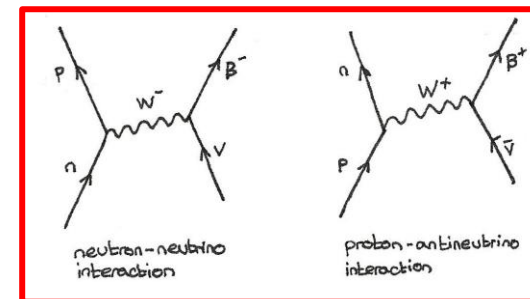


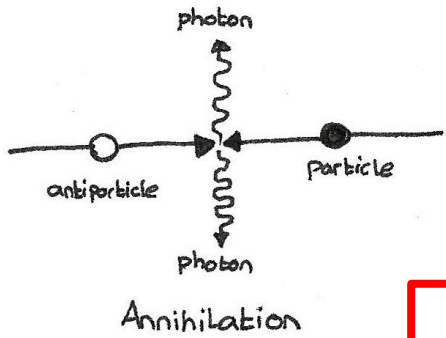
QUARK STRUCTURE OF ALL MESONS

CONSERVATION LAWS



1. Charge must always be conserved.
2. Baryon number must always be conserved.
3. For strong interactions, strangeness is always conserved. However with the weak interaction, strangeness is not conserved.
4. must also be conserved. This means that the individual e.g. lepton numbers: L_e, L_μ must individually be conserved.

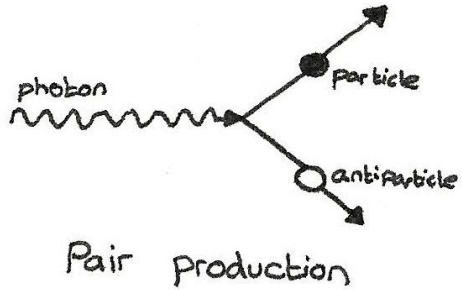




Annihilation

The minimum energy of one photon produced is equal to the rest energy of one of the particles which have been annihilated

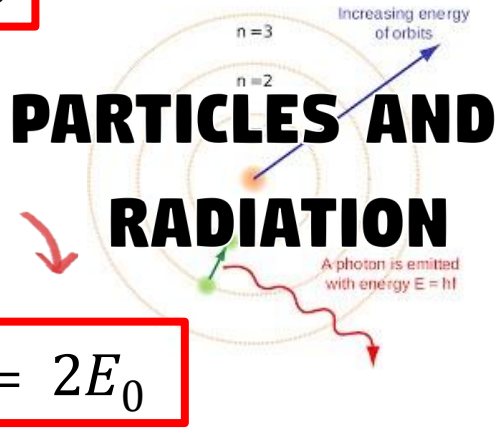
$$E_{min} = hf_{min} = E_0$$



Pair Production:

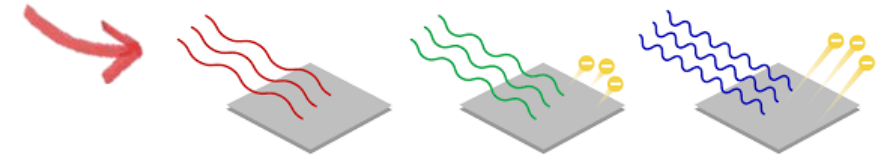
The minimum energy needed for pair production is equal to double the rest energy of one particle produced

$$E_{min} = 2E_0$$

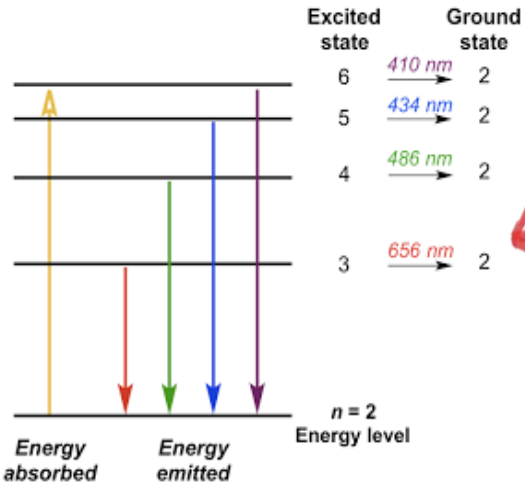
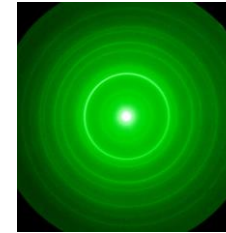


WAVE PARTICLE DUALITY

The photoelectric effect gives evidence for light as a particle as the kinetic energy depends on the frequency of the light not the intensity.



The wave nature of electrons was shown through the production of diffraction patterns, when accelerated electrons in a vacuum interact with the spaces in a graphite crystal.



An electron must gain a specific amount of energy in order to be excited to a higher energy level. These are known as discrete energy levels.



The de-excitation of an electron between two discrete energy levels will emit a photon of EM radiation.

large $\Delta E = \text{small } \lambda$
small $\Delta E = \text{large } \lambda$

$$hf = E_1 - E_2$$

DE BROGLIE WAVELENGTH

Particles with a larger momentum will have a smaller de Broglie wavelength.

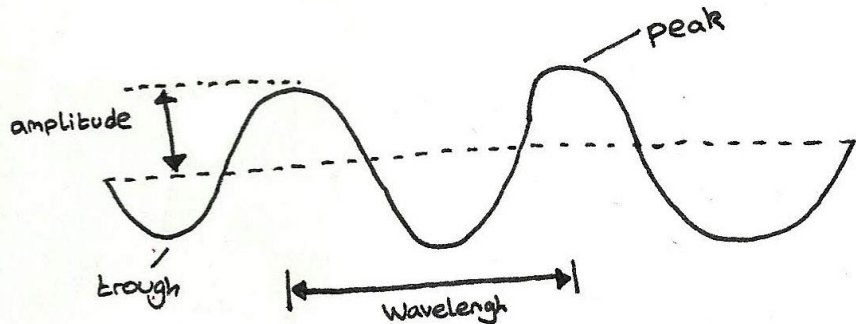
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$$

TRANSVERSE WAVES

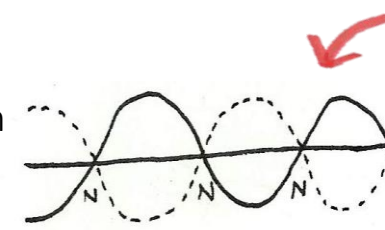
Transverse waves are waves in which the direction of **oscillations are perpendicular** to the direction of wave travel.

STATIONARY WAVES

Stationary waves are formed when two progressive waves, travelling in opposite directions are in phase which results in destructive interference at nodes



Longitudinal waves are waves in which the direction of **oscillations are parallel** to the direction of wave travel.



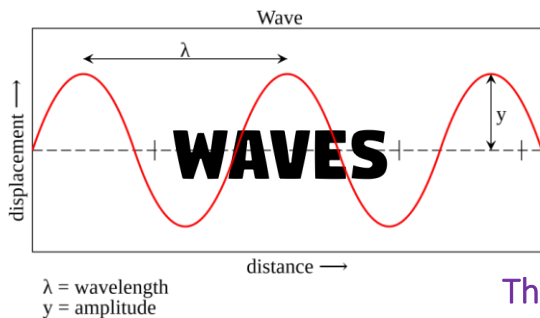
$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

Frequency is the number of complete cycles of wave passing a fixed point per second. The unit for frequency is hertz (Hz)

FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY

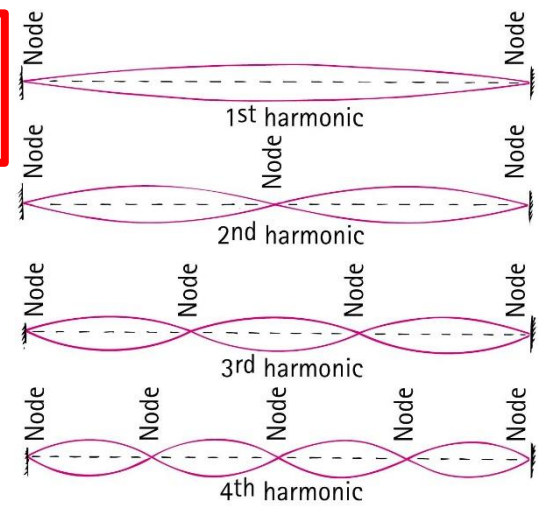
The period of a wave is the time taken for one complete cycle to pass a fixed point. Measured in seconds, s

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$



$$f_n = \frac{nc}{2L}$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n}$$



$$c = f\lambda$$

The speed, frequency or wavelength of a wave can be calculated by using the following equation:

The fundamental frequency/harmonic of vibration consists of a single loop with a node at each end. Where n is the n -th harmonic

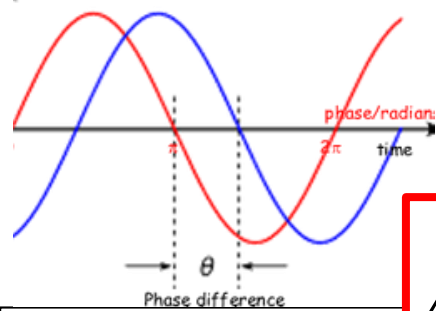
$$f = \frac{n}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

Where μ is the total mass of the string divided by its total length (mass per unit length, kgm^{-1}).

$$\mu = \frac{m}{l}$$

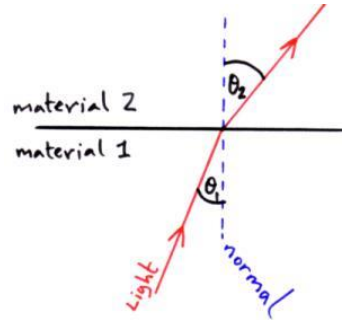
The phase difference between two vibrating particles is the fraction of a cycle between the vibrations of two particles.

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi\Delta d}{\lambda} \text{ or } \frac{2\pi\Delta t}{T}$$



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REFRACTIVE INDEX



$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

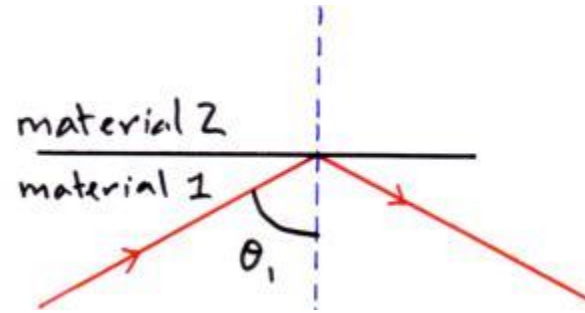
Snell's law

θ_1 is the angle of incidence
 θ_2 is the angle of refraction

$$n = \frac{c}{c_s}$$

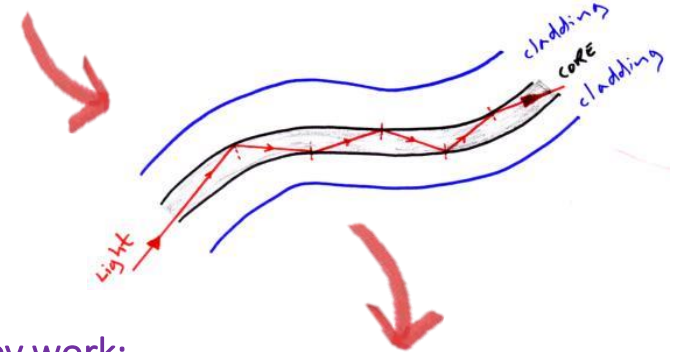
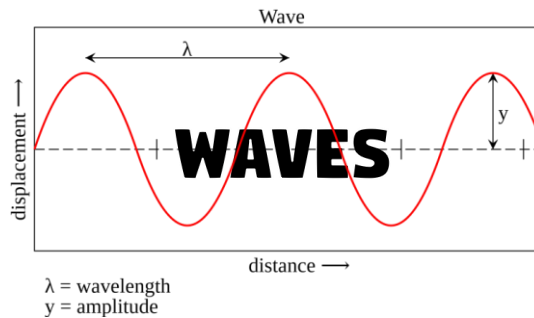
The refractive index, n , must always be higher than 1! The higher the number, the more optically dense the medium is.

TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION

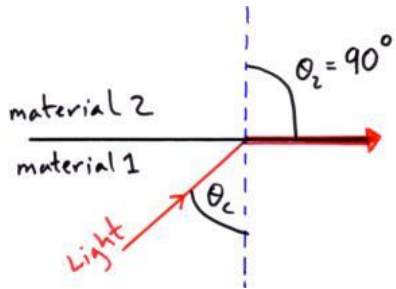


If the **incident angle is greater** than the **critical angle** then light reflects at the boundary between the two material and this is called **Total Internal Reflection**.

STEP-INDEX OPTICAL FIBRE



CRITICAL ANGLE



The **critical angle** can only occur when light goes from a more dense to a less dense medium.

If the second material is air then $n_2 = 1$

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

n_2 is the **more dense** medium in this case

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n_1}$$

How they work:

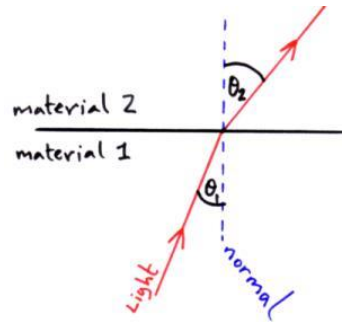
1. Core is transmission medium for EM waves to progress by total internal reflection.
2. Cladding provides lower refractive index so that total internal reflection takes place
3. Offers protection to the core, also prevents crossover of signal.
4. Small diameter core so less light is lost, less multipath dispersion

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REFRACTIVE INDEX



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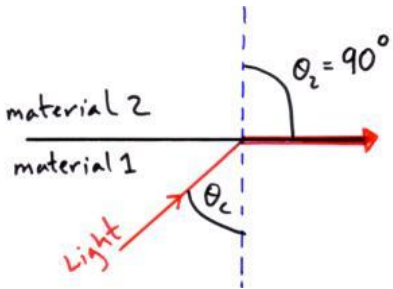
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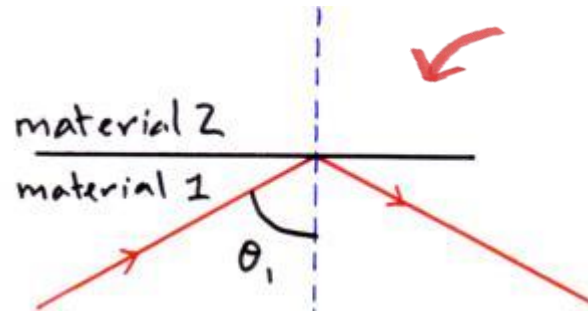
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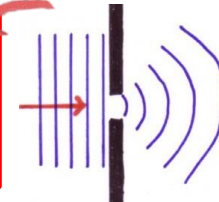
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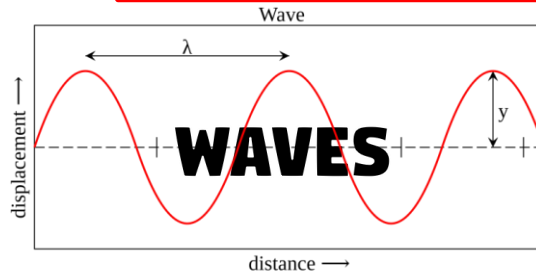
To increase the amount of 'spread':

- Decrease size of gap
- Increase wavelength



SINGLE SLIT DIFFRACTION

Single Slit Diffraction produces wide central bright fringe. The other bright fringes get dimmer as you move away from the centre.



λ = wavelength
 y = amplitude



$$w = \frac{n\lambda D}{s}$$

DIFFRACTION GRATING

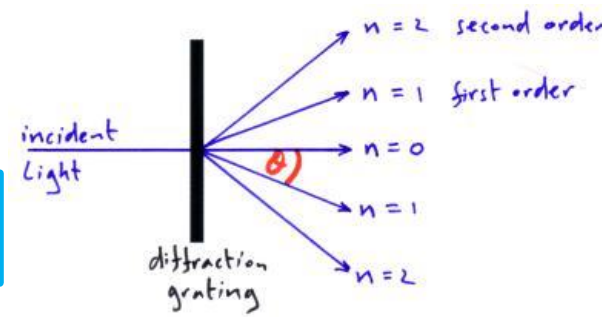
A diffraction grating is a large number of regularly spaced, narrow slits.

$$d \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{d \sin \theta}{n}$$

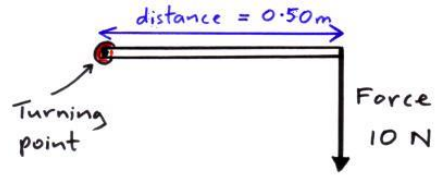
$$d = \frac{1}{N}$$

N lines per metre on a diffraction grating



MOMENTS

A **moment** is the force multiplied by the distance perpendicular from the line of action of the force to the pivot. **Measured in Nm.**

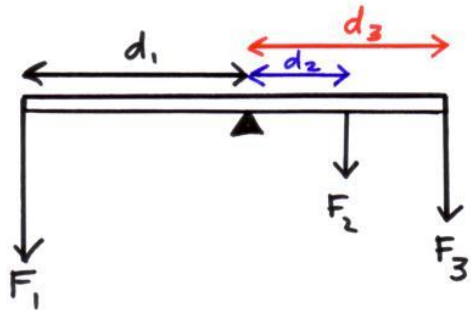


$$\text{Moment} = Fd$$

PRINCIPLE OF MOMENTS

When an object is in **equilibrium** the sum of the anticlockwise moments about a turning point must be equal to the sum of the clockwise moments.

$$\sum \text{clockwise moment} = \sum \text{anticlockwise moment}$$



$$F_1 d_1 = (F_2 d_2) + (F_3 d_3)$$

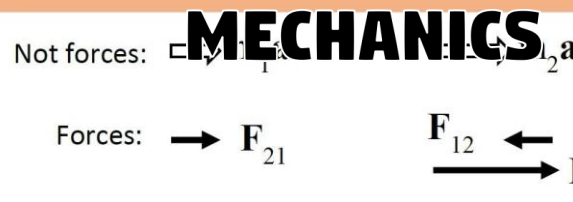
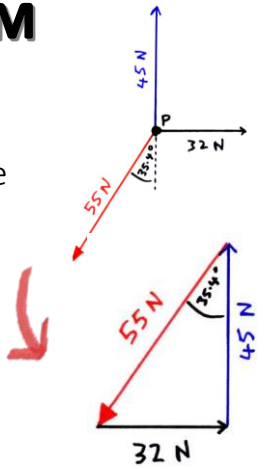
$$l = r \sin \theta$$

l = perpendicular distance
 r = distance from pivot to force
 θ = angle between r and F

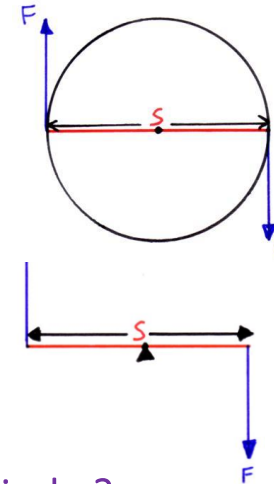
FORCES IN EQUILIBRIUM

An object is in **equilibrium** if ;
 The resultant force acting on the object is **zero**.
 The **sum of the moments** acting on an object must be **zero**.

If the forces are in **equilibrium** the head of the last forces will meet the tail of the first forming a **closed triangle**, see the example to the bottom right



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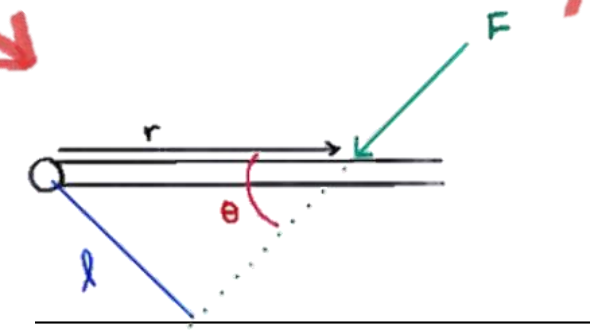
COUPLE

A **couple** is two **equal** forces which act in **opposite directions** on an object

$$\text{Moment of a couple} = Fs$$

Force not perpendicular?

Turns out that l is the shortest distance along line of force to the axis. So it turns out that:



SUVAT EQUATIONS

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

$$v = u + at$$

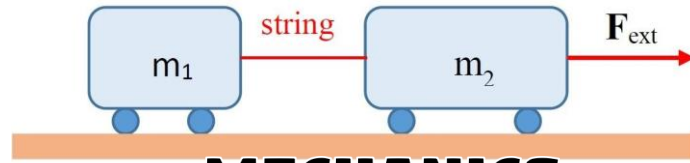
$$s = \left(\frac{u + v}{2}\right)t$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

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

Assumptions made when using SUVAT:

- No air resistance acting
- Object is moving uniformly so the **acceleration is constant**



Not forces: $\square \rightarrow \dots$

Forces: $\rightarrow F_{21}$ $F_{12} \leftarrow$ $\rightarrow F_{ext}$

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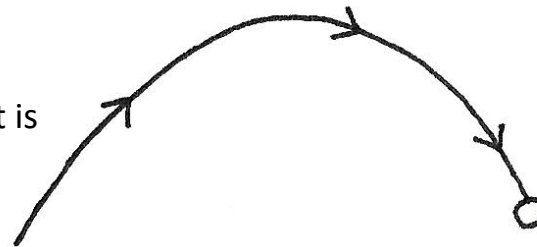
PROJECTILE MOTION

The vertical and horizontal components of the object are **independent and do not impact each other**.

The **vertical acceleration = g**
The **horizontal velocity** of the object is **constant**

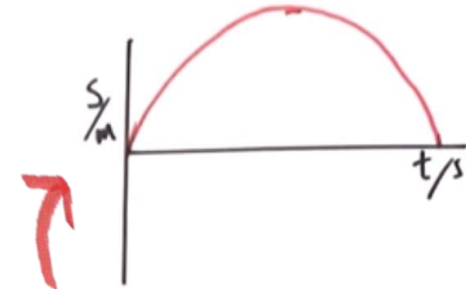
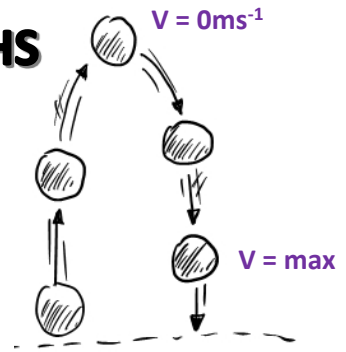
$$\text{Vertical} = s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\text{Horizontal} = s = vt$$



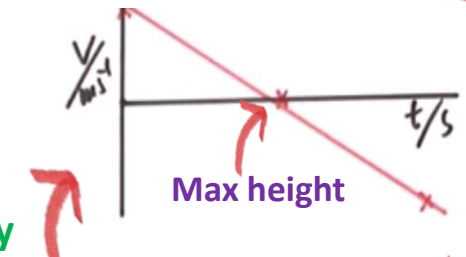
MOTION GRAPHS

For an object thrown up into the air. **Motion graphs** have been drawn below.



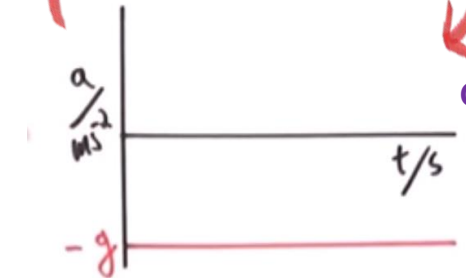
Gradient = velocity

area = displacement



area = velocity

Gradient = acceleration



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NEWTON'S SECOND LAW

$$\sum F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$$

The **RESULTANT FORCE**, F , is directly proportional to the rate of change of an object's momentum

$$F = ma$$

Most commonly known as:

$$F\Delta t = \Delta(mv)$$

Impulse is the resultant force on an object multiplied by the length of time it acts for. It can be measured in Ns or $kgms^{-1}$. **Vector quantity**.

$$P = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = \frac{Fd}{\Delta t} = Fv$$

In $P = Fv$, F is the force causing the motion. v is the velocity in that direction

Power is the energy transferred per second or the rate at which work is done. It is measured in **Watts, W** or Js^{-1}

$$efficiency = \frac{useful\ power}{total\ power}$$

$$W = mg$$

Weight is the force of an object under gravity. It is equal to

ENERGY

Energy cannot be created or destroyed. Instead it is converted between different forms. **It is ONLY conserved during ELASTIC collisions**

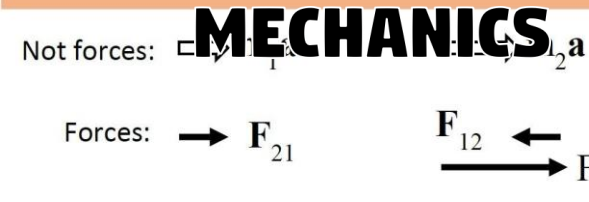
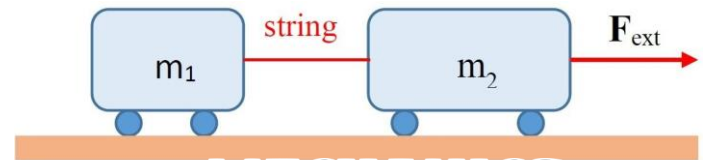
Work done is the transfer of energy from one form to another when a force is moved through a distance. Measured in joules, J
 $\cos \theta$ indicates the force must be Resolved in the direction of motion

$$W = Fs \cos \theta$$

$$\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

Remember to consider which forms energy is transferred into before making equations equal!



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MOMENTUM

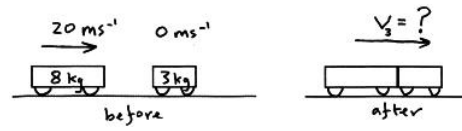
$$\Delta p = m\Delta v$$

Momentum is an object's mass multiplied by velocity. It is measured in $kgms^{-1}$ **Vector quantity**

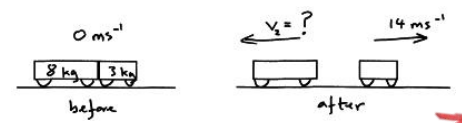
CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM

momentum before = momentum after

$$(m_1v_1) + (m_2v_2) = (m_1 + m_2)v_3$$



If objects 'stick' together it is an inelastic collision.
P conserved
E is not conserved

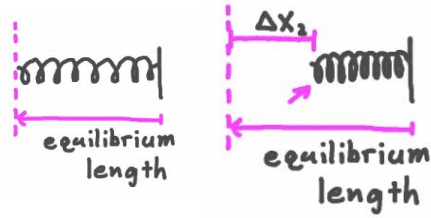


If objects 'rebound' it is an elastic collision – both
E and P conserved

HOOKE'S LAW

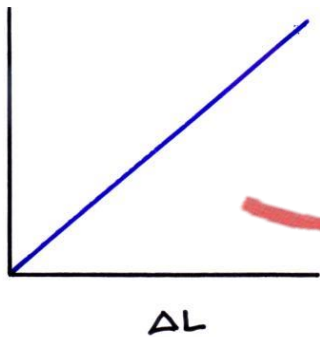
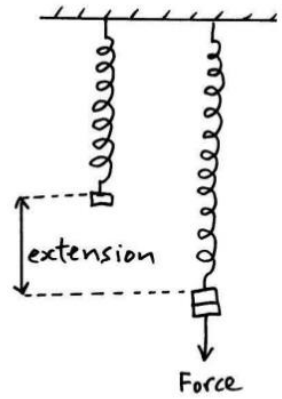
The force applied in stretching/compressing a material is directly proportional to its extension until the limit of proportionality.

$$F = k\Delta L$$



The gradient of this graph is equal to the spring constant k .

Energy stored by a stretched/compressed material (obeying Hooke's Law) is the area under the graph.



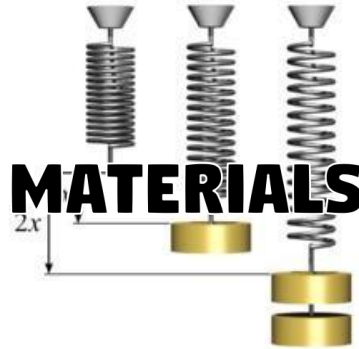
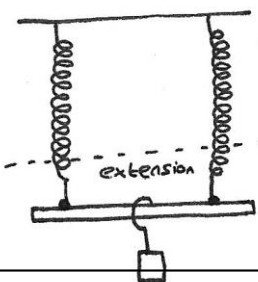
$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} F\Delta L$$

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} k\Delta L^2$$

SPRINGS IN PARALLEL

In Parallel the weight is supported by both of the springs,

$$k_{eq} = k_1 + k_2$$



$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

Density is the mass per unit volume of a material, a measure of how much mass each cubic metre of volume contains. It is measured in kgm^{-3}

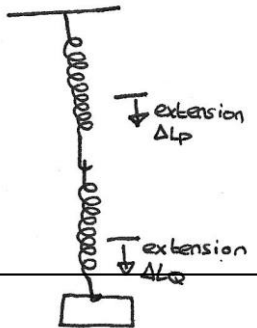
$$\rho = \frac{\rho_1 V_1 + \rho_2 V_2}{V_1 + V_2}$$

An alloy is a solid mixture of two or more metals. The density of the alloy can be found by dividing the mass of both metals by the volume.

SPRINGS IN SERIES

For springs in series, the extension of the springs is doubled (if they are identical). This then means the equivalent spring constant is:

$$\frac{1}{k_{eq}} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}$$



YOUNG MODULUS

$$\text{Young Modulus} = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}}$$

The **Young Modulus** of a material is a measure of how difficult it is to change the shape of a material. The higher the value, the stiffer the material. It is measured in *Pa*.

$$\text{Tensile Stress} = \frac{F}{A}$$

This is the force applied in deforming a material divided by its cross-sectional area. Measured in Nm^{-2} or *Pa*

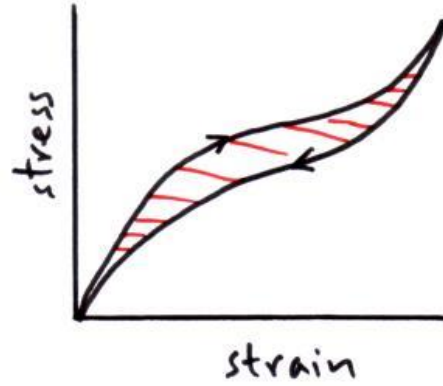
$$\text{Tensile Strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

Strain is the extension of a material divided by its original length. It has no units as it is a ratio

Young Modulus then, can be expressed by:

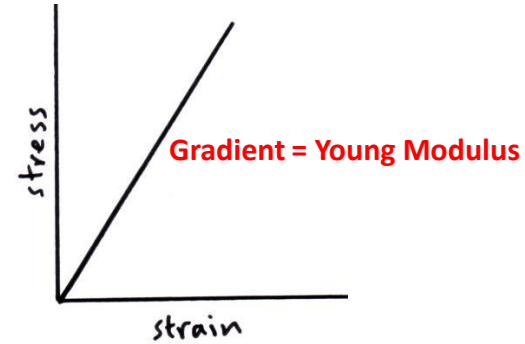
$$\text{Young Modulus} = \frac{FL}{A\Delta L}$$

STRETCHING RUBBER



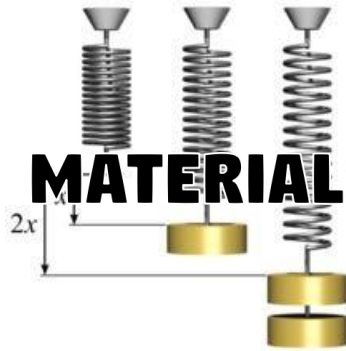
When rubber is stretched and released energy is lost as heat and this is called **hysteresis**. The area between the two lines is the **energy lost per unit volume**.

STRESS VS STRAIN: BRITTLE

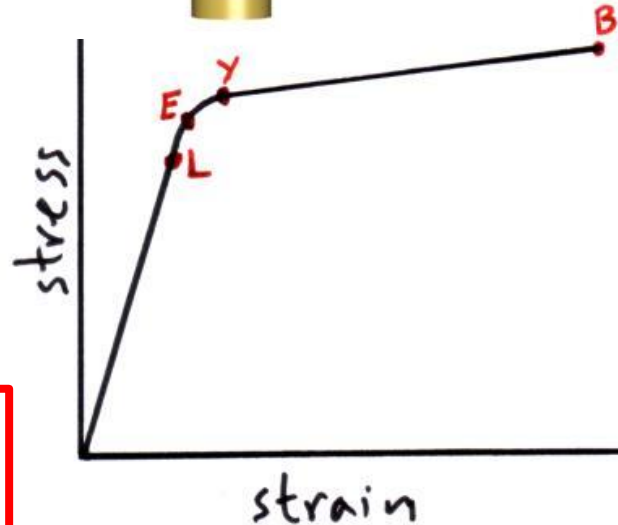


$$\text{Energy lost per unit volume} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Stress} \times \text{Strain}$$

MATERIALS



STRESS VS STRAIN: DUCTILE



L = the limit of proportionality, Hooke's law applies up to this point.

E = elastic limit, beyond this point the material is permanently stretch and it will not go back to its original length.

Y = **yield point**, beyond this point small increases in force give much big increases in length.

B = **breaking point / breaking stress**, the material breaks at this point.

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POWER AND ENERGY IN CIRCUITS

$$I = \frac{Q}{\Delta t}$$

Current is the rate of flow of charge passing a point per second. **Measured in amps, A or Cs^{-1}**

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

Potential difference is the work done per coulomb of charge passing between two points in a circuit. It is **measured in volts, V or JC^{-1}**

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Resistance is the ratio of the potential difference across a component to the current passing through it. It is **measured in Ω**

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

Resistivity is a property specific to a material which measures the resistance to the flow of current when taking into account the cross sectional area and its length. It is **measured in Ωm** .

ELECTRICITY

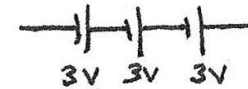
$$P = IV = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Electrical Power is the rate of energy transfer from an electrical component. **Doubling the current** through a component will **quadruple the power** losses of a component.

$$E = VQ = ItV$$

Total energy transferred by a component in a given time

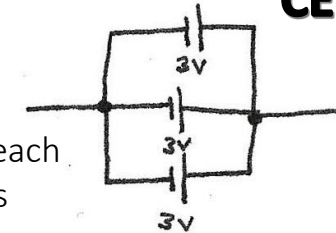
CELLS IN SERIES



When **cells are positioned in series**, the total emf is equal to the sum of all the potential differences.

$$V_T = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \dots$$

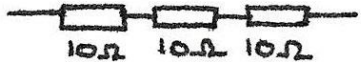
CELLS IN PARALLEL



When **cells are in parallel**, the total potential difference supplied is equal to the pd of one of the cell

$$V_T = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$

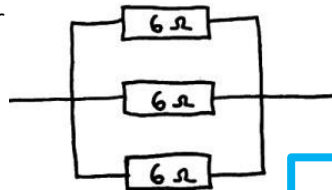
RESISTORS IN SERIES



Resistors are in series with each other there total resistance is just there individual resistance added together.

$$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \dots$$

RESISTORS IN PARALLEL



Resistors are in parallel with each other there total resistance is lower than in series

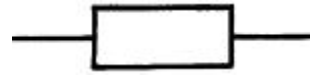
$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \dots$$

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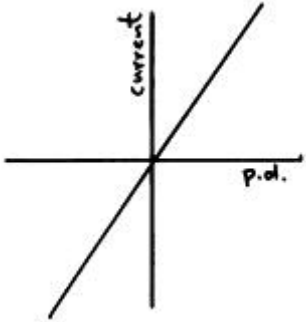
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OHMIC CONDUCTOR



Ohms Law: The electrical current in a conductor is **directly proportional** to the potential difference applied to it provided the temperature remains constant.



DIODE (FORWARD BIASED)

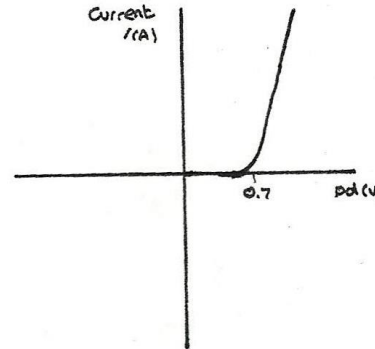


LED



Diode

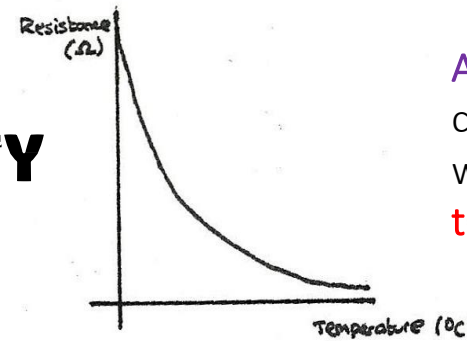
Diodes are designed to only allow current to **flow in one direction**. The forward bias of a diode is the direction in which the current is allowed to flow. Most diodes have a threshold of around 0.6V-0.7V before they will conduct.



THERMISTOR

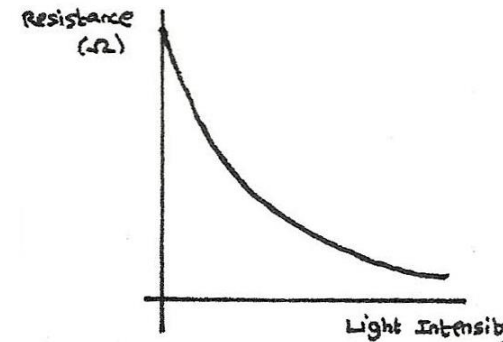


A **NTC** (negative temperature coefficient) **thermistor** is a resistor where the **resistance decreases as the temperature increases**.



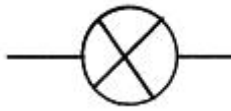
LDR

Light dependent resistors are resistors where the **resistance decreases as the light intensity increases**.

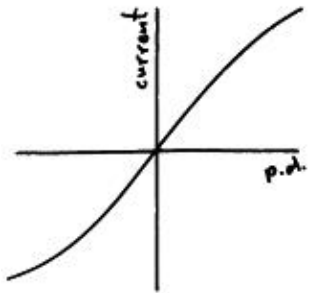


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FILAMENT LAMP

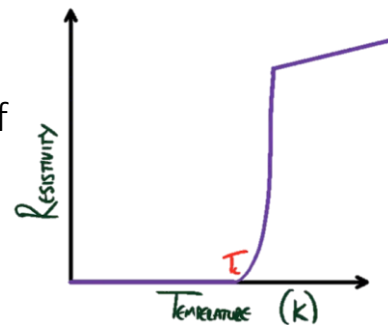


I and V start off directly proportional but the graph curves because as the filament heats its resistance goes up.



SUPERCONDUCTORS

When some materials are cooled to a **critical temperature (TC)** the resistance of the material falls to **ZERO**. This state of zero resistance is when the materials become superconducting.

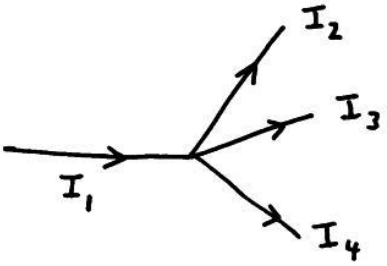


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KIRCHOFF'S FIRST LAW

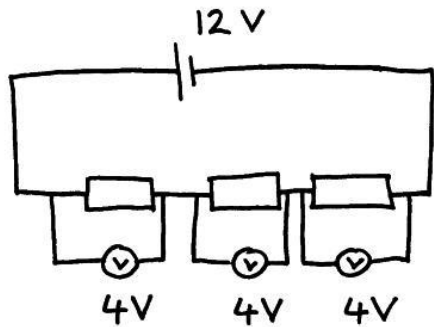


Kirchoff's First law states that the current entering a junction is equal to the current leaving it.

Conservation of charge : the total charge flowing into a junction of wires must equal the total charge flowing out of the junction".

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 + I_4$$

KIRCHOFF'S SECOND LAW



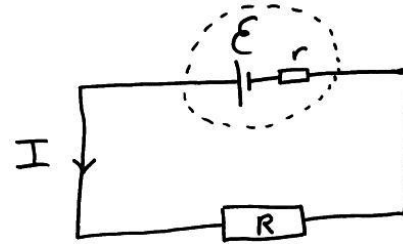
Kirchoff's Second law states the sum of the Emf's in any closed loop in a circuit must be equal to the sum of the potential differences in the closed loop in the circuit.

$$V_0 = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

EMF and Internal Resistance

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

Electromotive force (e.m.f), ϵ is the amount of electrical energy supplied per coulomb of charge from a source. It is measured in volts, V

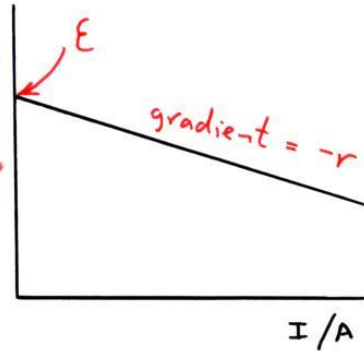


If a power supply has internal resistance, some energy is wasted per coulomb of charge. This is referred to as lost volts (v). The useful energy transferred per coulomb of charge to the rest of the circuit is called the terminal p.d. (V)

$$\epsilon = V + v$$

$$\epsilon = IR + Ir$$

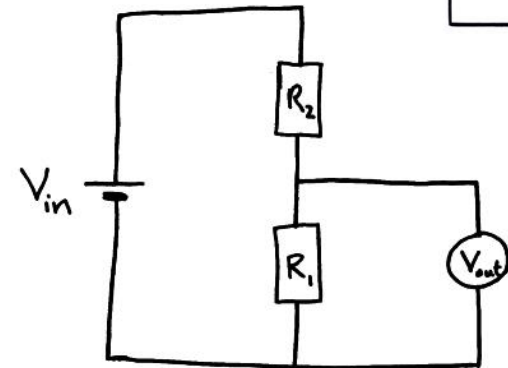
$$\epsilon = I(R + r)$$



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POTENTIAL DIVIDERS

Potential dividers are 2 or more resistors connected in series. They are used to divide the potential difference supplied by a source to different components



$$V_{out} = \frac{V_{in} R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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