

FORMULAE SHEET

for use in GCSE Design & Technology Examinations

Emitter current (I_e) = $I_b + I_c$

Voltage gain = $\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}$

Capacitor time constant $T = C \times R$
 where $T =$ time in seconds
 $C =$ capacitance in farads
 $R =$ resistance in ohms

Capacitors in series

$$\frac{1}{C_{total}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \text{ etc.}$$

Capacitors in parallel

$$C_{total} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \text{ etc.}$$

Mark space ratio = $\frac{t_1}{t_2}$

where t_1 is mark time in seconds
 t_2 is space time in seconds

Astable frequency (f) = $\frac{1}{1.4 \times C_1 \times R_1}$

555 astable frequency (f) = $\frac{1.44}{(R_a + 2R_b)C}$

output high time (t_1) = $0.693 (R_a + R_b)C$
 output low time (t_2) = $0.693 (R_b)C$

555 monostable time constant

on time = $1.1 R_a C$

Op amp gain (A_v) = $\frac{\text{change in output voltage}}{\text{change in input voltage}}$

Differential amplifier

output voltage (V_{out}) = $A(V_2 - V_1)$
 where $A =$ open loop gain
 $V_1 =$ inverting input voltage
 $V_2 =$ non inverting input voltage

Inverting amplifier

Voltage gain (A_v) = $\frac{-R_f}{R_{in}}$

Non inverting amplifier

Voltage gain = $\frac{R_f + R_{in}}{R_{in}}$

where $R_f =$ feedback resistor value in ohms
 $R_{in} =$ input resistor value in ohms

Moment = force × distance

where moment is in newton metres
force is in newtons
distance is in metres

In equilibrium $M_c = M_{ac}$

where M_c = clockwise moment
 M_{ac} = anticlockwise moment

Stress = $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{cross sectional area}}$

where force is in newtons
area is in mm^2

Strain = $\frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{original length}}$

Young modulus of elasticity = $\frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}}$

Change in length due to change in temperature = coefficient of linear expansion × original length × temp rise

where coefficient is given
length is in m or mm
temperature is in °C

Factor of safety = $\frac{\text{ultimate stress}}{\text{working stress}}$

Heat loss = $u \times \text{temperature difference} \times \text{area}$

where heat loss is in watts
 u is in $\text{W/m}^2/\text{°C}$
temperature is in °C
area is in m^2

Force = pressure × area

where force is in newtons
pressure is in newtons per mm^2
area is in mm^2

Mechanical advantage = $\frac{\text{load moved}}{\text{effort applied}}$

where load is in newtons
effort is in newtons

Velocity ratio = $\frac{\text{distance moved by effort}}{\text{distance moved by load}}$

Efficiency = $\frac{\text{MA} \times 100}{\text{VR}}$ (%)