

Concepts of Modern Natural Science

Spring Semester 2020

1. Kinematics in the Special Theory of Relativity. Basic Notions of Prerelativistic Physics.
2. Michelson's Experiment.
3. Einstein's Postulates of Relativistic Mechanics.
4. Dilation of Time.
5. Contraction of Length (Lorentz Contraction).
6. Lorentz Transformation.
7. Relativistic Dynamics. Relativistic Momentum.
8. Fundamental Equation of Relativistic Dynamics.
9. Kinetic Energy of a Relativistic Particle.
10. Mass-Energy Relation.
11. Elements of Quantum Mechanics. The Unusual Properties of Microparticles.
12. De Broglie's Hypothesis. Wave properties of Matter.
13. The Uncertainty Principle.
14. The Schroedinger Equation.
15. The Schroedinger Equation for Stationary States.
16. The Meaning of the Wave Function.
17. Quantization of Energy.
18. Penetration of Particles through a Potential Barrier. The Tunnel Effect.
19. The Superposition Principle.
20. Quantum algorithms. Qubits, Superposition and Measurement.
21. Classical Computations and Quantum Computations. Bloch Sphere Representation.

Literature

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3. M. A. Nielsen, I. L. Chang, Quantum Computation and Quantum Information, Cambridge University, 2010.
4. S. Dasgupta, C. H. Papadimitriou, U. V. Vazirani Algorithms, 2006.