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Exa Example (Solved example)

Eqn Equation (Particular equation of the above book)

AP Appendix to Example(Scilab Code that is an Appednix to a particular Example of the above book)

For example, Exa 3.51 means solved example 3.51 of this book. Sec 2.3 means a scilab code whose theory is explained in Section 2.3 of the book.

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Chapter 1

Fundamental Concepts

Scilab code Exa 1.1 Find Atomic weight of Boron

```
1 //Chapter 1, Example 1.1, Page 21
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Find Atomic weight of Boron
5 I10 = 0.199 // Isotopic abundance of B10 (Value used
    in question is wrong)
6 A10 = 10.012937 //Atomic weight of B10
7 I11 = 0.801 // Isotopic abundance of B11
8 A11 = 11.009306 //Atomic weight of B11
9 //Calculation
10 W = (I10*A10)+(I11*A11)
11 printf("The atomic weight of Boron = %f",W);
12
13 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 1.2 Number of ^{10}B molecules in 5g of Boron

```
1 //Chapter 1, Example 1.2, Page 22
```

```

2  clc
3  clear
4  //Find number of 10B molecules in 5g of Boron
5  m = 5 //g
6  Na = 0.6022*10**24 //atoms/mol
7  AB = 10.811 //Atomic weight of 10B , g/mol
8  NB = (m*Na)/(AB)
9  printf("The number of Boron atoms = %e atoms",NB);
10
11 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 1.3 Estimate the mass on an atom of U 238

```

1  //Chapter 1, Example 1.3, Page 22
2  clc
3  clear
4  //Estimate the mass on an atom of U 238. From Eq.
   (1.3)
5  //Calculating the approximate weight
6  Mapprox = 238/(6.022*10**23)
7  //Calculating the precise weight
8  M = 238.050782/(6.022142*10**23)
9  printf("The approximate mass on an atom of U 238 =
   %e g/atom",Mapprox);
10 printf("\n The precise mass on an atom of U 238 = %e
   g/atom",M);
11 printf("Varies by a negligible error")
12 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 1.4 Density of Hydrogen atom in water

```

1  //Chapter 1, Example 1.4, Page 23
2  clc

```



```
3 clear
4 //Density of Hydrogen atom in water
5 p = 1 // density of water in g cm-3
6 Na = 6.022*1023 // molucules/mol
7 A = 18 // atomic weight of water in g/mol
8 N = (p*Na)/A
9 NH = 2*N
10 printf("The density of water = %e molecules/cm3",N);
11 printf("\n The density of hydrogen atoms = %e atoms/
    cm3",NH);
12 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Chapter 2

Modern Physics Concepts

Scilab code Exa 2.1 Find the inscrease in mass of the satellite

```
1 //Chapter 2, Example 2.1, Page 29
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Find the inscrease in mass of the Satellite
5 v = 7.5*10**3
6 c = 2.998*10**8
7 //Calculating the expression using the taylor series
8 FMI = (1/2)*(v**2/c**2)
9 printf("The fractional mass increase = %e",FMI);
10 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 2.2 Find the energy equivalent in MeV of the electron rest mass

```
1 //Chapter 2, Example 2.2, Page 33
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Find the energy equivalent in MeV of the electron
  rest mass
```

```

5 m1 = 9.109*10**-31 // kg
6 m2 = 5.486*10**-4 // atomic mass units
7 c1 = 2.998*10**8 // m/s
8 c2 = 931.49 // MeV/u
9 E1 = (m1*c1*c1)/(1.602*10**-13)
10 E2 = m2*c2
11 printf("E = %f MeV",E1);
12 printf("\n E measured in atomic mass unit and
    appropriate conversion factor= %f MeV",E2);
13
14 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 2.3 Maximum wavelength of light required to liberate photoelectron

```

1 //Chapter 2, Example 2.3, Page 37
2 clc
3 clear
4 //maximum wavelength of light required to liberate
    photoelectrons
5 A = 2.35 //eV
6 h = 4.136*10**-15 // eV/s^-1
7 c = 2.998*10**8 // m/s
8 v = A/h
9 w = c/v
10 printf("v-min = %e s^-1",v);
11 printf("\n Maximum wavelength = %f nm which
    corresponds to green",w*10**9);
12
13 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 2.4 Recoil Kinetic Energy

```

1 //Chapter 2, Example 2.4, Page 39

```

```
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Recoil Kinetic Energy
5 m1 = 9.109*10**-31 // kg
6 c1 = 2.998*10**8 // m/s
7 E = 3 //Mev
8 mc2 = (m1*c1*c1)/(1.602*10**-13) // converting to
    MeV
9 E1 = 1/((1/E)+(1/mc2)*(1-cos(%pi/4)))
10 printf("\n Recoil kinetic energy = %f MeV",E1);
11
12 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Chapter 3

Atomic and Nuclear Models

Scilab code Exa 3.1 Energy required to remove electron in the ground state

```
1 //Chapter 3, Example 3.1, Page 66
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Energy required to remove electron in the ground
  state
5 //Obtaining values from table 1.5
6 h = 6.626*10**-34 // J s
7 m = 9.109*10**-31 // kg
8 e = 1.6022*10**-19 // C
9 E0 = 8.854*10**-12 // F m^-1
10 E1 = -(m*(2*e**2)**2)/(8*E0**2*h**2)
11 EJ = E1/(1.6022*10**-19) // converting to eV
12 printf("\n E1 in Joules = %e J",E1);
13 printf("\n E1 in eV = %f EV",EJ);
14
15 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 3.2 Estimate the mass of Ga

```

1 //Chapter 3, Example 3.2, Page 79
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Estimate the mass of Ga
5 //Based on equation 3.16
6 av = 15.835 // MeV
7 as = 18.33 // MeV
8 ac = 0.714 // MeV
9 aa = 23.30 // MeV
10 ap = 11.2 // MeV
11 A = 70
12 c2 = (1/931.5)
13 mn = 1.0072765
14 mp = 1.0086649
15 me = 0.00054858
16 a = av*A
17 b = as*A**(2/3)
18 c = ac*(31**2/A**(1/3))
19 d = aa*((A-62)**2/A)
20 c = ap/sqrt(A)
21 BE = (a-b-c-d)*c2 // BE/C^2
22 M = 31*mn+39*mp-BE+31*me
23 printf("\\n Nuclear binding energy = %f u",BE); //
    answer provided in the textbook is wrong
24 printf("\\n Atomic mass = %f u",M);
25
26 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Chapter 4

Nuclear Energetics

Scilab code Exa 4.1 Binding energy

```
1 //Chapter 4, Example 4.1, Page 86
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Binding energy
5 mn = 1.0078250
6 mp = 1.0086649
7 M = 4.0026032 // mass of He
8 MD = 2*mn+2*mp-M //Mass defect
9 BE = MD*931.5
10 printf("\n Mass defect = %f u",MD);
11 printf("\n Nuclear binding energy = %f MeV",BE); //
    answer provided in the textbook is wrong
12 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 4.2 Binding energy

```
1 //Chapter 4, Example 4.2, Page 89
2 clc
```

```

3 clear
4 //Binding energy
5 O15 = 15.0030654 // atomic mass of O15 isotope
6 mn = 1.00866492
7 O16 = 15.9949146 // atomic mass of O16 isotope
8 c2 = 931.5 // C^2 in MeV
9 S = (O15+mn-O16)*c2
10 printf("\n Binding energy = %f MeV",S);
11 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 4.3 Endothermic and exothermic reaction

```

1 //Chapter 4, Example 4.3, Page 94
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Q value of an endothermic and exothermic reaction
5 //Exothermic reaction
6 Be = 9.012182 //Reactants
7 He = 4.002603 //Reactants
8 C12 = 12 //Product
9 n = 1.008664 //Product
10 C2 = 931.5 // C^2 in MeV
11 Exo1 = Be+He
12 Exo2 = C12+n
13 Dif1 = Exo1-Exo2
14 Q1 = Dif1*C2
15 printf("\n Q of the exothermic reaction = %f MeV",Q1
);
16 //Endothermic reaction
17 O = 15.994915 //Reactants
18 n = 1.008664 //Reactant
19 C13 = 13.003354 //Product
20 He = 4.002603 //product
21 End1 = O+n
22 End2 = C13+He

```



```

23 Dif2 = End1-End2
24 Q2 = Dif2*C2
25 printf("\n Q of the exothermic reaction = %f MeV",Q2
    );
26 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 4.4 Q value in a reaction

```

1 //Chapter 4, Example 4.4, Page 95
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Q value in a reaction
5 MH = 1.00782503
6 MD = 2.01410178
7 me = 0.00054858
8 C2 = 931.5
9 Q = (2*MH-MD-2*me)*C2
10 printf("\n Q of the reaction = %f MeV",Q);// Answer
    provided in the text is wrong
11 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 4.5 Q value of the reaction

```

1 //Chapter 4, Example 4.5, Page 96
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Q value of the reaction
5 mn = 1.0086649
6 MB = 10.0129370
7 MHe = 4.0026032
8 MLi = 7.0160040
9 C2 = 931.5
10 Q = (mn+MB-MHe-MLi)*C2 -0.48

```

```
11 printf("\n Q of the reaction = %f MeV",Q);  
12 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Chapter 5

Radioactivity

Scilab code Exa 5.1 Initial Kinetic energy

```
1 //Chapter 5, Example 5.1, Page 103
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Initial Kinetic energy
5 MRa = 226.025402
6 MRn = 222.017571
7 MHe = 4.00260325
8 C2 = 931.5
9 Ad = 222
10 Aa = 4
11 Q = (MRa-MRn-MHe)*C2
12 E = Q*(Ad/(Ad+Aa))
13 R = Q-E
14 printf("\n Q of the reaction = %f MeV",Q);
15 printf("\n Kinetic Enerfy of the reaction = %f MeV",
    E);
16 printf("\n The reminder of Q is the kinetic energy
    of the product nucleus ,Rn = %f MeV",R);
17 // Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 5.2 Probability of decay by positron emission

```
1 //Chapter 5, Example 5.2, Page 117
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Probability of decay by positron emission
5 //3 decay modes
6 LBp = 0.009497
7 LBm = 0.02129
8 LEC = 0.02381
9 L = LBp+LBm+LEC
10 P = LBp/L
11 printf("\\n Probability of decay = %f ",P);
12 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 5.4 Time takes for the activity

```
1 //Chapter 5, Example 5.4, Page 127
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Time takes for the activity of daughter is within
   5% of that of parent
5 t = -log(1-0.95)/(1.083*10^-2)
6 printf("\\n Time = %f h ",t);
7 printf("\\n Time = %f d ",t/24);
8 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 5.6 Age of the wood

```

1 //Chapter 5, Example 5.6, Page 129
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Age of the wood
5 //based on eq 5.74
6 t = -(5730/log(2))*log(1.2/6.4)
7 printf("\n Time = %f y ",t);
8 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 5.7 Calculate the time

```

1 //Chapter 5, Example 5.7, Page 129
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Calculate the time
5 //based on eq 5.74
6 t = (14.05*10**9/log(2))*log(1+(0.31232/1.37208))
7 printf("\n Time = %e y ",t);
8 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 5.8 Calculate the time

```

1 //Chapter 5, Example 5.8, Page 130
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Calculate the time
5 //based on eq 5.74
6 t = (4.88*10**10/log(2))*log(1+((0.80-0.710)
    /1.37208))
7 printf("\n Time = %e y ",t);
8 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Chapter 6

Binary Nuclear Reactions

Scilab code Exa 6.1 Minimum Kinetic energy

```
1 //Chapter 6, Example 6.1, Page 142
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Minimum Kinetic energy
5 Q = [1.311 -0.6259 -0.1582] //Q in MeV of all the
   reactions
6 Ex = [1.994 2.11 0.1695]
7 KE = Q+Ex
8 printf("Kinetic Energy for 13C(d,t)12C = %f \n",KE
   (1))
9 printf(" Kinetic Energy for 14C(p,n)14N = %f \n",KE
   (2))
10 printf(" Kinetic Energy for 14C(n,a)11B = %f",KE(3))
```

Scilab code Exa 6.2 Maximum Energy loss

```
1 //Chapter 6, Example 6.2, Page 145
2 clc
```

```

3 clear
4 // Maximum Energy loss
5 me = 0.0005486
6 M = 4.003
7 EM = 4
8 Emax = 4*(me/M)*EM
9 printf("Emax = %f keV",Emax*10^3)
10 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 6.4 Initail fragment of KE

```

1 //Chapter 6, Example 6.4, Page 155
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Initail fragment of KE
5 MU = 235.043923
6 mn = 1.008665
7 MXE = 138.918787
8 MSr = 94.919358
9 Ep = abs(MU+mn-MXE-MSr-(2*mn*931.5))
10 printf("Ep = %f keV",Ep)// Answer provided in the
    textbook is wrong
11 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 6.5 Energy released

```

1 //Chapter 6, Example 6.5, Page 158
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Energy released
5 MLa = 138.906348
6 MMo = 94.905842
7 MXE = 138.918787

```

```
8 MSr = 94.919358
9 Ep = (MXE+MSr-MLa-MMo)*(931.5)
10 printf("Ep = %f MeV",Ep)
11 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Chapter 7

Radiation Interactions with Matter

Scilab code Exa 7.1 Thickness of shield

```
1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.1, Page 177
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Thickness of shield
5 Wmu = 0.07066 // meu of water
6 Lmu = 0.7721 // meu of lead
7 Wx= log(10)*(1/Wmu)
8 Lx= log(10)*(1/Lmu)
9 printf("Thickness of water shield = %f cm\n",Wx)
10 printf(" Thickness of lead shield = %f cm",Lx)
11 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 7.2 Total interaction coefficient

```
1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.2, Page 179
2 clc
```

```

3 clear
4 // Total interaction coefficient
5 Femu = 0.05951 // meu/p of iron
6 PbmU = 0.06803 // meu/p of lead
7 w = 0.5
8 mew= (w*Femu)+(w*PbmU)
9 Pmix = 2*(1/((1/7.784)+(1/11.35)))
10 mmix = mew*Pmix
11 printf("(mew/p)^mix = %f cm^2/g\n",mew)
12 printf("(mew)^mix = %f cm^-1",mmix)
13 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 7.3 Absorption coefficient

```

1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.3, Page 180
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Absorption coefficient
5 AbsC = 0.03343*((2*0.99985*0.333)
      +(2*0.00015*0.000506)+(0.99756*0.000190)
      +(0.00039*0.239)+(0.000160*0.00205))
6 printf(" Absorption coefficient = %f cm^-1",AbsC)
7 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 7.4 Flux density

```

1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.4, Page 186
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Flux density
5 Sp = 1.295*10**13
6 r = 100
7 mew = 0.3222

```

```

8 phimax = 2*10**3
9 phi = Sp*10^-2/(4*%pi*r**2)
10 t = -(1/mew)*log(phimax/phi)
11 printf(" phi = %e cm^-2/s^-1\n",phi)
12 printf(" t = %f cm^-1",t)
13 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 7.5 Activity of the sample

```

1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.5, Page 199
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Activity of the sample
5 lambda = 7.466*10**-5
6 m = 2
7 Na = 0.6022*10**24
8 A = 55
9 sigma = 13.3*10**-24
10 delta = 10**13
11 t = 120
12 Activity= lambda*(m*Na/A)*sigma*delta*t
13 printf(" Activity = %e Bq\n",Activity)
14
15 //Answers may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 7.6 Energy required

```

1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.6, Page 206
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Energy required
5 Z = 79
6 E = 700/Z

```

```
7 printf("E = %f MeV\n",E)
8
9 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 7.7 Range in water

```
1 //Chapter 7, Example 7.7, Page 209
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Range in water
5 x = poly([-2.5839, 1.3767, 0.20954], 'x', 'c')
6 r = log10(2)
7 pow = horner(x,r)
8 Rp = 10**pow
9 RT = 3*Rp
10 printf("Rp = %f cm\n",Rp)
11 printf("RT = %f cm\n",RT)
12 //Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Chapter 9

Radiation Doses and Hazard Assessment

Scilab code Exa 9.1 Iron kerma and absorbed dose rates

```
1 //Chapter 9, Example 9.1, Page 241
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Iron kerma and absorbed dose rates
5 Sp = 10**14
6 r = 100
7 mew = 0.03031
8 mtr = 0.02112 // mew/pro
9 men = 0.01983 // mew/pro
10 p0 = 10**-6*Sp*exp(-mew*r)/(4*%pi*r**2)
11 K0 = 1.602*10**-10*mtr*p0
12 D0 = 1.602*10**-10*men*p0
13 printf("p0 = %f cm^-2s^-1\n",p0)
14 printf(" K0 = %e Gy/s\n",K0)
15 printf(" D0 = %e Gy/s\n",D0)
16 // Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 9.2 Kerma rate

```
1 //Chapter 9, Example 9.2, Page 242
2 clc
3 clear
4 // kerma rate
5 fsMs = (0.6022/18)*((2*12.8*0.5)+(3.5*0.1107))
6 K = 1.602*10**-10*fsMs*10**10*0.1
7 printf(" fsUs/p = %f cm^2/g\n",fsMs)
8 printf(" K = %f Gy/s\n",K)
9 // Answers may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 9.3 Find fluence and H

```
1 //Chapter 9, Example 9.3, Page 245
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Find fluence and H
5 Sp = 10**9
6 dt = 600
7 r = 1500
8 E = 0.03103
9 phi = Sp*dt/(4*%pi*r**2)
10 H = 1.602*10**-10*E*phi
11 printf(" fluence = %e cm^2\n",phi)
12 printf(" H = %f microSv\n",H*10**8)
13 // Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Chapter 10

Principles of Nuclear Reactors

Scilab code Exa 10.1 Thermal utilization factor

```
1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.1, Page 280
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Thermal utilization factor
5 Summation = ((0.0055*103.4)+(0.720*687)
6             +(99.2745*2.73))/100
7 sigma = 0.0034
8 f = 7.662/(7.662+(sigma*450))
9 printf("Total thermal macroscopic = %f N^U cm^1\n",
10        Summation)
11 printf(" f = %f \n",f)
12 // Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 10.2 Thermal fission factor

```
1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.2, Page 280
2 clc
3 clear
```

```

4 // Thermal fission factor
5 neeta = (2.42*587)/(687 +(2.73*0.98/0.02))
6 printf(" Thermal fission factor = %f \n",neeta)
7 // Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 10.3 Find the probability

```

1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.3, Page 282
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Find the probability
5 P = exp(-6.85*10**-4*368)
6 Pn1 = 1/(1+(578*6.85*10**-4))
7 printf("Fast-neutron nonleakage probability = %f \n"
      ,P)
8 printf(" Thermal-neutron nonleakage probability = %f
      \n",Pn1)
9 // Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 10.4 Find the value of K

```

1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.4, Page 283
2 clc
3 clear
4 // k of a homogeneous
5 f = 687/(687 +(0.0034*40000))
6 k = 2.07*f
7 printf(" f = %f \n",f)
8 printf(" k = %f \n",k)
9 //Answer may vary due to round off error

```

Scilab code Exa 10.5 Calculate radius R

```
1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.5, Page 284
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Calculate radius R
5 L = 578
6 T = 368
7 Bc = 6.358*10**-4
8 R = sqrt(%pi^2/Bc)
9 printf(" R = %f cm \n",R)
10 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 10.6 mass of U235

```
1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.6, Page 285
2 clc
3 clear
4 // mass of U235
5 m = (((4/3)*%pi*125**3*1.60)*235)/(40000*12)
6 printf(" m = %f kg \n",m*10**-3)
7 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 10.7 Value of Keff

```
1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.7, Page 285
2 clc
3 clear
4 // Keff
5 Keff = 1/(1-0.0065*0.1)
6 printf(" Keff = %f \n",Keff)
7 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```

Scilab code Exa 10.8 Resulting reactor period

```
1 //Chapter 10, Example 10.8, Page 293
2 clc
3 clear
4 //Resulting reactor period
5 bt = 0.0065
6 dt = 0.00065
7 T = (bt*12.8)/dt
8 Pt = 10000
9 P0 = 10
10 t = T*log(Pt/P0)
11 printf(" Resulting reactor period = %f sec \n",T)
12 printf(" t = %f sec\n",t)
13 //Answer may vary due to round off error
```
