

Color of quarks:

There are three colors of quarks: red, blue, and green.

The color property of quark has been assigned to satisfy the Pauli exclusion principle. (quarks, being fermions, should obey Pauli exclusion principle).



The antiquark colors are: anti red, anti-blue, and anti-green respectively.

Flavor of quarks:

The flavor of quark indicates the varieties (types) of quarks. So, there are six flavors of quarks: *up, down, charm, strange, top, bottom*.

Short questions:

Q.1) What quarks combination will give a proton?

Ans: Proton has a quark combination of *uud*.

Verification:

For proton:

$$\text{Charge, } Q = 1e = 1$$

$$\text{Baryon number, } B = 1$$

$$\text{Lepton number, } L = 0$$

For *uud* combination:

$$\text{Charge, } Q = +\frac{2}{3}e + \frac{2}{3}e - \frac{1}{3}e = 1e = 1$$

$$\text{Baryon number, } B = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$\text{Lepton number, } L = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

Thus, the quark combination of neutron is *uud*.

Q.2) What quarks combination will give a neutron?

Ans: The quark combination of neutron is: *udd*.

Verification:

For neutron:

$$\text{Charge, } Q = 0$$

$$\text{Baryon number, } B = 1$$

$$\text{Lepton number, } L = 0$$

For *udd* combination:

$$\text{Charge, } Q = +\frac{2}{3}e - \frac{1}{3}e - \frac{1}{3}e = 0$$

$$\text{Baryon number, } B = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$\text{Lepton number, } L = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

Thus, the quark combination of neutron is *udd*.