DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS PH.D. CANDIDACY EXAMINATION

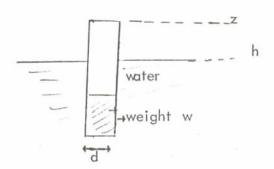
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1.

A rocket starts out at rest with total mass $M_{\rm o}$. This includes the fuel. The exhaust velocity (relative to the rocket) has the constant value of u. When the rocket engine cuts off, the final mass is M. What fraction of the energy generated by the rocket motor has gone into the kinetic energy of the rocket? Neglect gravity. (NOTE: Present day rockets do not travel with relativistic velocities.)

2.

Determine the vertical motion of a cylindrical bobber (see figure) which is steadily riding a surface wave, the latter being represented by a periodic change of the surface level, given by the formula, $h = a\cos(w)$. Assume that the frictional forces are small but nonzero.



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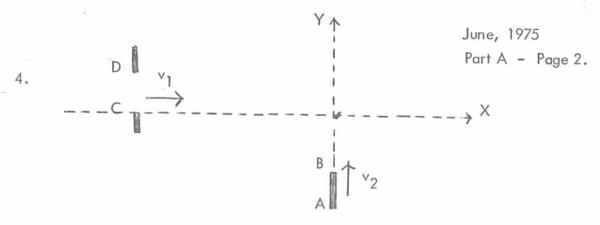
Particle accelerators of the ring type keep the accelerating particles in orbit by sets of magnets. (i) What is the required peak magnetic field strength for an accelerator 1 Km in radius which accelerates protons to 300 Gev? How about a similar machine for electrons? (ii) Charged particles moving in the circular orbit lose energy by radiation. Compute the energy loss per revolution due to radiation and again compare the result for protons and for electrons.

Hints:

- (i) $1 \text{ Gev} = 10^9 \text{ ev} = 1/3 \times 10^7$ (e x stat volt) where e is the electron charge.
- (ii) Rate of radiation of charged particle in motion:

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} \left(\frac{d u^{\mu}}{d\tau} \frac{d u_{\mu}}{d\tau} \right)$$

where $u^{LL} = \frac{dx^{LL}}{dT}$ is the 4 - velocity and τ the proper time of the particle.



Consider the system depicted in the above figure. A stick AB (of length ℓ) moves along the y – axis with constant velocity v_2 . A disc with a hole of diameter CD (equal to ℓ) moves along the x axis with constant velocity v_1 . It is so arranged that points A and C will pass the origin at the same time.

Write down and/or draw the trajectories of A, B, C, D in at least two of the three relevant inertial frames (i) the Lab. frame, (ii) the rest frame of AB and (iii) the rest frame of CD. (Relativistic effects are, of course, assumed to be important)

Which of the following naive arguments is false? (i) To an observer at rest with AB, the moving hole CD is Lorentz contracted; it cannot get past AB. (ii) To an observer at rest with CD, the moving stick AB is contracted and will pass the hole with no difficulty.

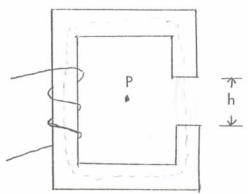
5.

An atom of rest mass M when it is in the ground state is in a uniform gravitational field of strength g. Initially it is at a height L and in an excited state of excitation energy E. It is then allowed to drop to the ground level, whereupon: (i) it de-excites to the ground state, (ii) it is bounced back with a velocity such that it will just get back to the original height, and (iii) a photon with the balance of the energy is emitted in the vertical direction. (The earth takes up the momentum transfer with negligible energy pick up.)

- a) What is the frequency of the photon when captured by a detector near the ground level?
- b) What is the frequency of the photon if it is captured by a detector at height ℓ ?
- c) Demonstrate why it would be inconsistent if one should <u>assume</u> that the frequency of the photon is unaffected by the gravitational field.

6.

A long iron rod of cross section A , length L and magnetic permeability μ is bent as shown, with a small air gap (distance = h). A coil is wound on the rod N times and energized with a time dependent current $\mathbb{T}(t) = bt$. What is the total work required to move a point charge q along a straight line (from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$) normal to the paper at point P.



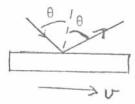
7.

Two parallel beams of charges, each having a charge density $\lambda = 10^{-6}$ Coulomb/cm travel with velocity v_x in the x - direction. The separation between the beams is D = 2 cm. Calculate the direction and magnitude of the force per unit length experienced by each beam when

a)
$$v_{x} = \frac{1}{2} c$$
 b) $v_{x} = c$ (c is the velocity of light)

8.

A mirror is moving with velocity v in a direction parallel to the mirror face. Show that for reflection of light off this mirror the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection, correct to all orders in v/c.



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9.

Explain the observation of the rainbow. Does its size depend on the time of day? Explain.

10.

When a rubber band is stretched adiabatically it becomes warmer. Using this fact, show that if a rubber band is held stretched at a fixed length and heated, the tension must increase.

11.

There is a theory which asserts that the quarks obey parafermi statistics of order 3. In simple terms, it means that each quantum state of the quark may be occupied up to three times. Following the standard techniques used in statistical mechanics, derive the distribution function f for a quark gas.

[The number dN of quarks of each kind and spin direction within a phase space volume element d Ω is given by dN = f d Ω]

12.

Solve:

$$f(z) = z^2 + f(z^2)$$

 $f(0) = 1$

and show that the singularities of f(z) lie dense everywhere on the unit circle |z| = 1 in the complex plane.

13.

Calculate the energy gap for electrons in a weak one-dimensional periodic potential

$$V = V_0 \cos (2\pi x/a)$$

14.

Calculate (i) the Fermi energy E_F (in eV), (ii) the Fermi temperature T_F and (iii) the magnetic moment M per unit volume in a magnetic field $B = 10^4$ gauss of a system of $n = 10^{22}$ electrons per cm³ in a box near T = 0.

15.

When measuring a scattering cross-section with a liquid hydrogen target, one must take some data with an empty target in order to measure the background. If the signal to background is expected to be approximately 10 to 1, what fraction of the running time should be spent with empty target in order to minimize the uncertainty in the calculated cross-section?

16.

Describe the principal components of a frequency to voltage converter circuit, whose output voltage is proportional to the frequency of the sinusoidal input and independent (within a reasonable range) of the magnitude of the input voltage.

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17.

Consider a particle of mass m in an infinitely deep square well in one dimension. The width of the well is a. Repeated measurements of the kinetic energy on identically prepared systems yield a value

$$E = \pi^2 \hbar^2 / 2 ma^2$$

in one half of the trials and

$$E = 4 \pi^2 \hbar^2 / 2 ma^2$$

in the other half. [Here energy is measured with respect to the bottom of the well] Further, at time t=0 the expectation value of the momentum is $8\hbar/3a$.

What is the wave function ψ (x, t) of the system?

18.

A non-relativistic spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particle is in a potential $V = V_1$ (r) + S · L V_0 ,

$$V = V_1 (r) + S \cdot L V_0$$

where \overrightarrow{S} and \overrightarrow{L} are the spin and orbital angular momentum operators respectively. The wave function of an arbitrary state $|\psi\rangle$ is $\psi(\vec{r}, s_i) = \langle \vec{r}, s_i | \psi \rangle$ (i) Write down a maximal set of commuting operators which include the Hamiltonian.

- (ii) Label the stationary basis vectors corresponding to the eigenvalues of these operators and specify the eigenvalues except for the Hamiltonian.
- (iii) Write down (not derive) the coordinate space angular wave function for these states in terms of spherical harmonics and Pauli spinors. Derive the Schrödinger equation for the corresponding radial wave function.

(HINT: Write $p^2 = p_r^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} L^2$ and $p_r = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{\delta}{\delta r} \right)$ in the coordinate representation.)

19.

The low energy neutron-proton scattering amplitude is given by the formula $A = \cancel{\alpha} + \beta \, \vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{\sigma}_p$

where \vec{q}_n and \vec{q}_p are the Pauli spin operators for neutron and proton respectively. Derive the cross section for the scattering of an unpolarized beam of neutrons with an energy equivalent to 1° K by a hydrogen molecule (H₂) under each of the following conditions

| | Initial state of H ₂ | Final state of H ₂ |
|----|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) | S = 1 | S = 1 |
| b) | S = 0 | S= 0 |
| c) | S = 1 | S = 0 |
| d) | S = 0 | S = 1 |

(S designates the total nuclear spin of the hydrogen.)

20.

The spectral line of mercury at $1850\,\text{\AA}$ splits under the influence of a magnetic field of 10^3 gauss into three components separated by $0.0016\,\text{\AA}$ intervals. Determine whether this Zeeman effect is normal or anomalous and thereby determine the orbital or spin character of the current affected by the field.

21.

Calculate and sketch the temperature dependence of the spin contribution to the heat capacity of a paramagnetic material ($S = \frac{1}{2}$) containing 10^{21} spins per cm³ in a magnetic field of $B = 10^4$ gauss. The coordinates of your sketch should have scales accurate to within a factor 2.

22.

Consider the possibility of producing a new particle X having a mass of 10 GeV/ c^2 by protons on a lead (Pb) target. Estimate the threshold (minimum) proton energy required under each of the following assumptions. APL ~ 208

a) $p + Pb \rightarrow p + Pb + X$

b) p + N \rightarrow p + N + X where N is a nucleon inside a Pb nucleus. Regard the nucleus as a Fermi gas of quasi-free nucleons.

(23)

We want to determine whether the newly discovered ψ particle decays via the strong interaction. To begin, we make a list of the decay modes which are allowed or forbidden according to the strong interaction selection rules. Assuming the # has a mass of 3100 MeV/ c^2 ; a spin parity 1^- ; isotopic spin = 0; baryon number = 0; indicate which of the following are forbidden; and why

a) + +pn - violetes Ne conservation V (b) + → PPPP ME 938021/Nev. violates only conservation + N c) ₩→π π+ π°

l=1 only

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- Choose the correct answers for each of the following questions. (There may be more than one in some cases.)
 - When a fast charged particle goes through matter it suffers energy loss, this
 is mainly due to collisions with: (a) electrons; (b) nuclei.
 The change in the trajectory of the charged particle is due mainly to collisions
 with: (c) electrons; (d) nuclei.

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2) A μ^- meson is captured by a lead nucleus in a 1 S orbit. Let R = radius of the nucleus, $a_{\hat{\mu}}^-$ = radius of the μ^- orbit, $a_{\hat{e}}^-$ = radius of orbit of an 1S electron and $\lambda_{\hat{e}}^-$ = Compton wavelength of the electron, then:

$$\lambda_{e} = \text{Compton wavelength of the electron, then:}$$

$$(a) R < \lambda_{e} < \alpha_{\mu} < \alpha_{e} ; (b) \alpha_{\mu} < R < \lambda_{e} < \alpha_{e}$$

$$(c) R < \alpha_{\mu} < \lambda_{e} < \alpha_{e} ; or (d) R < \lambda_{e} < \alpha_{e} < \alpha_{\mu}.$$

- 3) The wavelength of a thermal neutron is nearest to: (a) 10^{-2} cm; (b) 10^{-5} cm; (c) 10^{-8} cm; or (d) 10^{-11} cm.
- 4) The specific heat (in units of cal/gram degree) of common rock is nearest to: water the
- Which of the following can in principle cause the orbit of a planet around the sun to precess? (a) Finite mass of the sun; (b) Finite size of the sun;(c) Non-spherical shape of the sun; (d) Relativistic effects.
- (The σ 's are scattering cross sections.)
- 7) The boiling temperature of nitrogen is about : (a) 10° K (b) 40° K (c) 80° K (d) 120° K (e) 160° K .

- 8) The interaction mean free path of a 1 Gev neutron in the air is: a) \sim 5 cm; (b) \sim 5 m; (c) \sim 500 m.
- 9) An electron enters a long Cerenkov counter.

Does the electron or Cerenkov light reach the far end of the counter first?

(a) The electron; (b) The Cerenkov light; (c) The electron and Cerenkov light reach the far end simultaneously.

10) A 4000 lb Cadillac automobile is parked on 57th Street. What surface area on each tire is touching the ground? (Assume that the tires are inflated to a pressure of 30 lbs/in².) (a) 25 in²; (b) 35 in²; (c) 45 in².

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| The following list of constants may be use | ed for com | puting problems: |
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| Acceleration due to gravity at surface of earth | g | 980 cm/sec ² or 32.2 ft/sec ² $6.67 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{dyne cm}^2}{2}$ |
| Gravitational constant | | $6.67 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{dyne cm}^2}{\text{gm}^2}$ |
| Radius of the earth | | 4000 mi or 6370 km |
| Volume of one mole of gas at STP | | 22.4 liters |
| Boltzmann constant | k | $1.37 \times 10^{-16} \frac{\text{ergs}}{\text{atom}} ^{\circ} \text{K}$ |
| Gas constant per mole | R | 8.31 × 10 ⁷ ergs / mole oK = 2 cal/mole |
| Avogadro's number | No | 6.02×10^{23} |
| Velocity of light | С | 3×10^{10} cm/sec |
| Pressure of 1 standard atmosphere | | $15 \text{ lb/in}^2 = 10^6 \text{ dynes/cm}^2 = 760 \text{ mm of H}$ |
| Density of air STP | | 1.29 gm/liter |
| Charge of electron | е | 1.6×10^{-19} coulombs |
| Charge of electron | е | 4.8×10^{-10} e.s.u. |
| Specific electronic charge | e/m | 1.76 x 10 ⁸ coulombs/gm |
| l ev | | 1.602 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ joule |
| Ratio mass of proton to mass electron | | 1840 |
| Mass of proton | | 1.00760 amu = 938.24 Mev. |
| Mass of electron 0.00055 amu | m | $9.1 \times 10^{-28} \text{gm} = 0.511 \text{MeV}$ |
| Mass of neutron | | 1.00898 amu = 939.52 Mev |
| 1 atomic mass unit | | $1.66 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm} = 931.16 \text{ MeV}$ |
| Planck's constant of action | h | 6.6 x 10 ⁻²⁷ erg sec |
| Bohr radius (n = 1 for H) t^2/me^2 | | 0.53 Å |
| | | |

One Bohr magneton $\mu = eh/2 mc$

 $(1 cm)^{-1}$ corresponds to

Radiation density constant

Stefan-Boltzmann constant

Magnetic moment of proton

Wave number

Rydberg constant

Energy conversion

 0.927×10^{-20} ergs/gauss

 $1.99 \times 10^{-16} \text{ ergs}$

109,737 cm⁻¹

4.19 joules/cal

2.79 nucleon magnetons

 $7.6 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ deg}^{-4}$

 $5.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ deg}^{-4} \text{ sec}^{-1}$

3).
$$E = \frac{N}{1-v^2}$$
, $\frac{dE}{dt} = F.V = Q = U.$ $(V \times B) = D = \frac{1}{1-v^2}$

The energy schathout variation remains constant

$$E' = \frac{q(V \times B)}{|V|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \times B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} = \frac{1$$

$$W = \frac{eB}{m} \sqrt{1-t^2}, \quad V = WR \implies R = \frac{mU}{eB\sqrt{1-v^2}} \text{ or}$$

$$R = \frac{PC}{eB}, \text{ the same formula}, \text{ if we now it}$$

$$Classically.$$
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 $F_{E} - F_{B} = \frac{21^{2}}{d} \left(1 - \frac{3^{2}}{2} \right)$ Ftot independental u

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Nz = occupation number.

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 $f(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\theta(\varepsilon + 1)} + 2}$ $N = \int f(\varepsilon) \rho(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$ shearing of states

distribution function.

 $N_{7} = -\frac{3(\beta Q)}{3(\beta h)}$ $-\beta Q = \ln 2 = \ln \left(1 + e^{\beta \left(1 - \delta \eta\right)}\right)$ The number of particles

 $N_{\tau} = \frac{e^{\delta(t-\xi_1)}}{1+e^{\delta(t-\xi_1)}}$ $N_{\tau} = \frac{1}{e^{\delta(\xi_1-\xi_1)}}$ in the number of particles in the set τ . Aske

$$N = \sum_{e \in \{E_{1}, f_{1}\}} \frac{1}{2^{e} |E_{1}|} \sim \int_{e^{e}} f(\varepsilon) \rho(s) d\varepsilon = \int_{e^{e} |E_{1}|} \frac{1}{2^{e} |E_{1}|} \rho(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\varepsilon} = f(\varepsilon) \exp(\varepsilon).$$

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$$= 2 h_B^2 B \int -\left(\frac{3f}{5\epsilon}\right) P(\xi) d\xi$$

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