

Physics 132-3 Final Exam

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Questions (10 for 4 pts. apiece) Answer in complete, well-written sentences WITHIN the spaces provided.

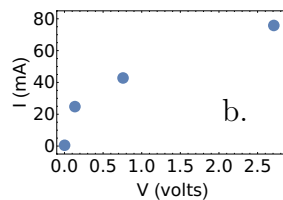
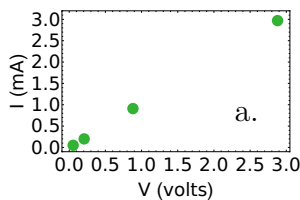
1. The energy levels of hydrogen can be described by the equation

$$E_n = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$$

where n is called the principal quantum number. How did you use this equation to compare with your measurements of the wavelengths of emission lines from hydrogen for the lab entitled 'The Optical Spectrum of Hydrogen'.

2. What is the difference between diffraction and interference? Explain.

3. The plots below show data from measurements of the voltage drop across two electrical devices (a and b) as a function of the electric current. Which device is ohmic, *i.e.* follows Ohm's Law. Explain.



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4. Consider the mathematical steps shown below in the calculation of the electric potential at a fixed point along the axis of a charged ring. Is the final step legal? Why or why not?

$$V = k \int \frac{dq}{r} = k \int \frac{dq}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \int dq$$

5. One day in class we did a demonstration where I dropped a metal cylinder down an aluminum tube. The cylinder fell through the tube at a normal rate. I then surreptitiously switched to a high-magnetic-field, cylindrical magnet of the same size and appearance. When I dropped that cylinder down the tube it fell very, very slowly. Why? Explain. This is an example of Lenz's Law.

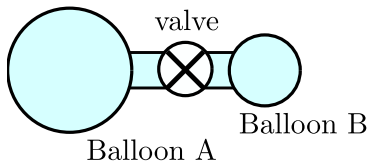
6. How does a mass spectrometer work?

7. Will ^{14}C dating work on anything? Explain.

8. Nobel-prize-winning physicist Richard Feynman once said 'the most powerful assumption of all, which leads one on and on in an attempt to understand life, it is that all things are made of atoms, and that everything that living things do can be understood in terms of the jiggings and wiggings of atoms.' Using things you learned from this course, how would you convince someone in the existence of atoms?

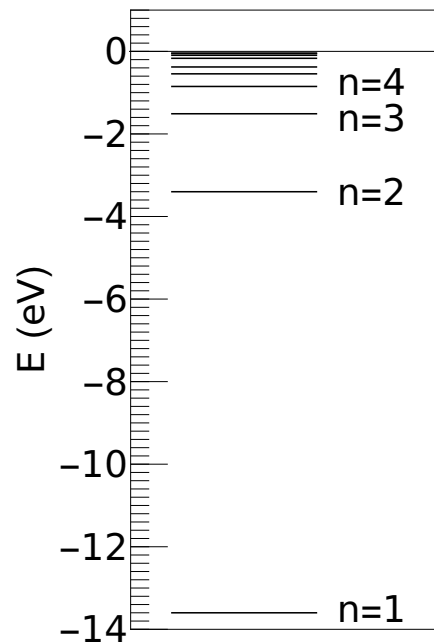
9. Where do electric fields come from? Cite evidence. Explain.

10. Consider two, air-filled balloons that are connected by a straight tube with a closed valve as shown in the figure. If the valve is now opened what will happen to the sizes of each balloon and the air in them? Explain. Hint: The elastic force of the balloon is stronger when the curvature of the balloon is large (*i.e* when the radius is smaller).

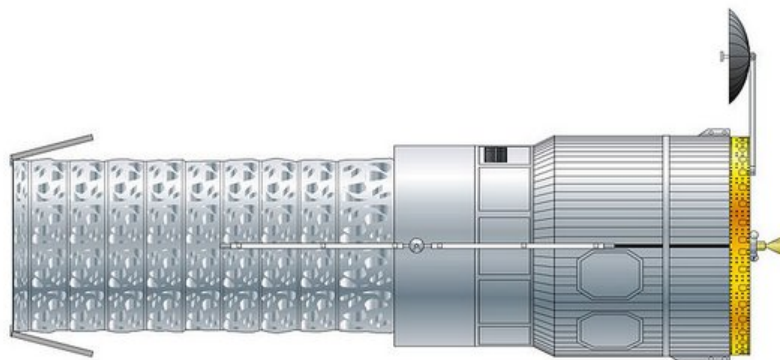


Problems (6). Clearly show all reasoning for full credit. Use a separate sheet to show your work.

- 8 pts. Two hydrogen atoms collide head-on. The collision brings both atoms to a halt. Immediately after the collision, both atoms emit a 104.5 nm photon. What was the speed of each atom just before the collision? Why did both atoms come to a halt? The figure shows the hydrogen atom energy levels with the first few states labeled.



2. 10 pts. A spy satellite, military, commercial or otherwise, like the KH-11 satellite shown here (based on the Hubble Space Telescope) consists of a large-diameter concave mirror forming an image on a digital sensor. It is an astronomical telescope looking down instead of up. The KH-11 telescope may have an aperture of size $a = 0.70 \text{ m}$ and orbited the Earth at an altitude of $L = 681 \text{ km}$. Could the camera be used to read a license plate on Earth? The range of visible light is $\lambda = 400 - 700 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$. Show your reasoning.



SIDE VIEW

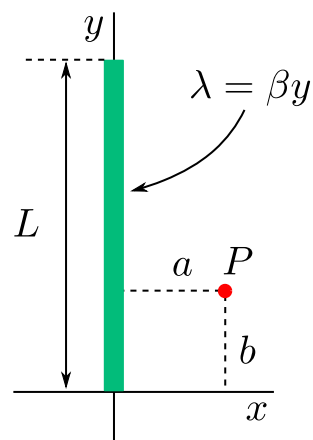
3. 10 pts. A newly-created material has a multiplicity

$$\Omega = \alpha N E^{5/2}$$

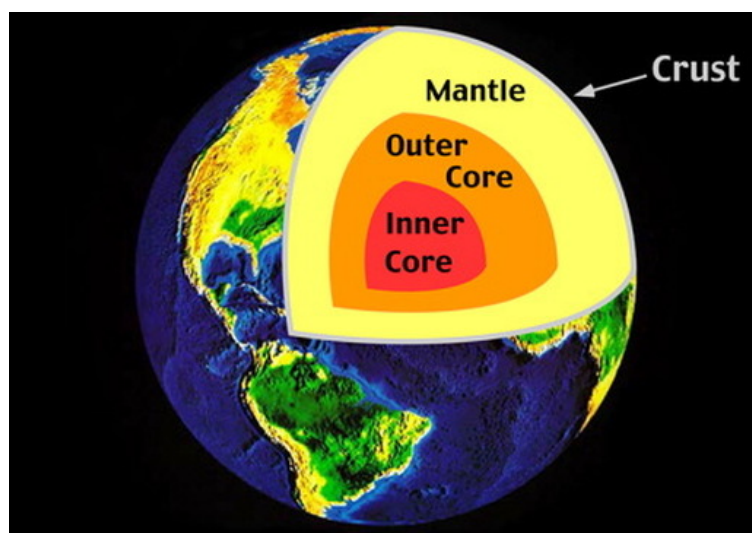
where N is the number of atoms in the solid, E is the total internal energy in the solid, and α is a constant. How is the energy E of the material related to the temperature T ? What is the molar specific heat? Does this result make sense? Explain.

4. 10 pts. After the sudden release of radioactivity from the Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident in 1986, the radioactivity of milk in Poland rose to 1500 Bq/liter due to iodine-131 present in the grass eaten by dairy cattle (1 Bq = 1 Becquerel = 1 decay/s). Radioactive iodine, with half-life $t_I = 8.04 \text{ days}$, is particularly hazardous because the thyroid gland concentrates iodine. The Chernobyl accident caused a measurable increase in thyroid cancers among children in Belarus. For comparison, find the activity of milk due to potassium. Assume that one liter of milk contains a mass $m_K = 2.5 \text{ g}$ of potassium, of which a fraction $f = 0.0117\%$ is the isotope ^{40}K with half-life $t_K = 1.28 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}$.

5. 10 pts. A rod of length L (see figure) lies along the y axis with its bottom end at the origin. It has a nonuniform charge density $\lambda = \beta y$, where β is a positive constant. (a) What are the units of β ? (b) What is the electric potential at the point P located at $\vec{r} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$? Give your answer in terms of λ , β , L , a , b , and any other necessary constants.



6. 12 pts. At the North Magnetic Pole the Earth's magnetic field is vertical and has a strength $|\vec{B}| = 6.2 \times 10^{-5} T$. Suppose this field is created by the flow of electrons in the equatorial region of the iron-rich core of the Earth. The radius of the Earth's iron core is $r_c = 3.6 \times 10^6 m$. The radius of the Earth is $r_E = 6.37 \times 10^6 m$. How large a current flowing around the equatorial region of the core would be needed to create a field of this strength at the North Magnetic Pole? In what direction does the current flow? Remember the north end of a compass points toward the Arctic.



Physics 132-3 Constants and Conversions

Avogadro's number (N_A)	6.022 × 10 ²³	Speed of light (c)	3 × 10 ⁸ m/s
Boltzmann constant (k_B)	1.38 × 10 ⁻²³ J/K	proton/neutron mass	1.67 × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
atomic mass unit (u)	1.66 × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg	g	9.8 m/s ²
Gravitation constant (G)	6.67 × 10 ⁻¹¹ N – m ² /kg ²	Earth's radius	6.37 × 10 ⁶ m
Coulomb constant (k_e)	8.99 × 10 ⁹ $\frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$	Earth's mass	5.98 × 10 ²⁴ kg
Electron mass	9.11 × 10 ⁻³¹ kg	Earth-Sun distance	1.5 × 10 ¹¹ m
Elementary charge (e)	1.60 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ C	Proton/Neutron mass	1.67 × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
Permittivity constant (ϵ_0)	8.85 × 10 ⁻¹² $\frac{kg^2}{N \cdot m^2}$	1.0 eV	1.6 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ J
1 MeV	10 ⁶ eV	atomic mass unit (u)	1.66 × 10 ⁻²⁷ kg
Planck's constant (h)	6.626 × 10 ⁻³⁴ J – s	Planck's constant (h)	4.14 × 10 ⁻¹⁵ eV – s
Planck's constant 2 ($\hbar = h/2\pi$)	1.0546 × 10 ⁻³⁴ J – s	Gas constant R	8.315 J/K – mol
Planck's constant 2 ($\hbar = h/2\pi$)	6.58 × 10 ⁻¹⁶ J/K – mole	Rydberg constant (R)	1.097 × 10 ⁷ m ⁻¹
Permittivity constant (ϵ_0)	8.85 × 10 ⁻¹² $\frac{kg^2}{N \cdot m^2}$	Absolute Zero	–273.2°C
Permeability constant (μ_0)	1.26 × 10 ⁻⁶ T – m/A	Becquerel (Bq)	1 decay/s

Physics 132-3 Equation Sheet, Final

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \quad a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad \vec{F}_c = -m\frac{v^2}{r}\hat{r} \quad KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad ME_0 = ME_1 = KE_1 + PE_1 \quad \vec{p} = m\vec{v} \quad \vec{p}_0 = \vec{p}_1$$

$$P = \frac{dE}{dt} \quad x = \frac{a}{2}t^2 + v_0t + x_0 \quad v = at + v_0 \quad Q = C\Delta T = cm\Delta T = nC_v\Delta T \quad Q_{f,v} = mL_{f,v}$$

$$\Delta E_{int} = Q + W \quad W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \rightarrow P\Delta V \quad \langle \vec{F} \rangle = \frac{\Delta\vec{p}}{\Delta t} \quad P = \frac{|\vec{F}|}{A} \quad PV = Nk_B T = nRT$$

$$\vec{I} = \int \vec{F} dt = \langle \vec{F} \rangle \Delta t = \Delta\vec{p} \quad \langle KE \rangle = \langle E_{kin} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}m\overline{v^2} \quad \langle E_{kin} \rangle = \frac{3}{2}k_B T = \frac{1}{2}mv_{rms}^2 \quad E_{int} = N \langle E_{kin} \rangle = \frac{3}{2}Nk_B T$$

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} \quad C_V = \frac{f}{2}N_A k_B \quad E_f = \frac{k_B T}{2} \quad E_{int} = \frac{f}{2}Nk_B T \quad f \equiv \text{number of degrees of freedom}$$

$$E_{atom} = (n_x + n_y + n_z + \frac{3}{2})\epsilon_i \quad E = \sum_{i=1}^{3N} n_i \epsilon_i = q\epsilon_i \quad \Omega(N, q) = \frac{(q + 3N - 1)!}{q!(3N - 1)!} \quad S = k_B \ln \Omega$$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{dS}{dE} \quad q = \frac{E}{\hbar\omega_0} \quad C = \frac{1}{n} \frac{dE}{dT} \quad E = 3Nk_B T$$

$$\vec{F}_G = -G\frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}\hat{r} \quad \vec{F}_C = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}\hat{r} \quad \vec{E} \equiv \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0} \quad \vec{E} = k_e \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i^2}\hat{r}_i \quad \vec{E} = k_e \int \frac{dq}{r^2}\hat{r} \quad \vec{E}_{dipole} = -k_e \frac{q(2a)}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E}_{ring} = k_e \frac{qx}{(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}\hat{i} \quad \vec{E}_{plane} = 2\pi k_e \eta \hat{k} = \frac{\eta}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{k} \quad \Delta V \equiv \frac{\Delta PE}{q_0} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad V = k_e \frac{q}{r} \quad PE = qV$$

$$V = k_e \sum_n \frac{q_n}{r_n} \quad V = k_e \int \frac{dq}{r} \quad V = Ed \quad I \equiv \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad V = IR \quad P = IV \quad R_{equiv} = \sum R_i \quad I = nev_d A$$

The algebraic sum of the potential changes across all the elements of a closed loop is zero.

$$\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} \quad |\vec{F}_B| = |qvB \sin \alpha| \quad \vec{B} = k_m \int \frac{Id\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad k_m = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \quad \vec{B}_{ring} = \frac{\mu_0 IR^2}{2} \frac{1}{(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N \quad N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t} \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} \quad y = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \quad k\lambda = 2\pi = \omega T \quad \frac{\lambda}{T} = c \quad f = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$E = E_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad B = B_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \quad |\vec{S}| = I = \frac{E^2}{2\mu_0 c} \quad \frac{E_m}{B_m} = c$$

$$I = I_m \cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi d}{\lambda} \sin \theta \right) \quad I = I_m \left[\frac{\sin \left(\frac{\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta \right)}{\frac{\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta} \right]^2 \quad I = I_m \cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi d}{\lambda} \sin \theta \right) \left[\frac{\sin \left(\frac{\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta \right)}{\frac{\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta} \right]^2$$

$$\delta = d \sin \theta = m\lambda \quad \delta = a \sin \theta = m\lambda \quad \phi = k\delta \quad \sin \theta_R = \frac{\lambda}{a} \quad \sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta \quad \sin \theta \approx \frac{y}{L} \quad L = I\omega = mv_t r \quad L_0 = L_1 \quad E = \frac{1}{2} m (v_r^2 + v_t^2) - k_e \frac{e^2}{r} = \frac{1}{2} m v_r^2 + \frac{L^2}{mr^2} - k_e \frac{e^2}{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) \quad E_n = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2} \quad E = hf = h \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \quad \frac{dx^n}{dx} = nx^{n-1} \quad \frac{de^x}{dx} = e^x \quad \frac{df(u)}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \cdot g(x) = f \frac{dg}{dx} + g \frac{df}{dx} \quad \frac{d \ln x}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad \frac{d \cos ax}{dx} = -a \sin ax \quad \frac{d \sin ax}{dx} = a \cos ax$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=1}^N f(x) \Delta x \quad \int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad \int \sin^2(ax) dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin(2ax)}{4a} \quad \int e^x dx = e^x$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x \quad \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} dx = \ln \left[x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} \right] \quad \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} dx = \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} \quad \int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$$

$$\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} - \frac{1}{2} a^2 \ln \left[x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} \right] \quad \int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} dx = \frac{1}{3} (-2a^2 + x^2) \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} dx = \frac{x}{a^2 \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \quad \int \frac{x}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} dx = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \quad A = 4\pi r^2 \quad V = Ah \quad V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i x_i \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2}{N-1}} \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{i} - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \hat{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \alpha \text{ (right-hand-rule direction)}$$

