PHYSICS DEPARTMENT COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION #60

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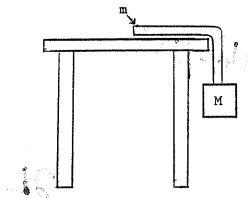
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Problem #1

An object of mass M is fastened to the end of a rope of length ℓ and mass m and hangs over the edge of a table as indicated schematically in the figure. The table is smooth and the rope is flexible.

- (a) Choose a convenient coordinate, and obtain the equation of motion.
- (b) Initially all of the rope is on the table and the system is at rest. How long does it take for the end of the rope to reach the edge of the table?



Problem #2

The heat capacity of a solid is $C = \alpha T^3$, where α is a constant. This solid is the low-temperature reservoir of a reversible refrigerator. The high-temperature reservoir is at room temperature. The solid is cooled from room temperature to absolute zero (approximately).

- (a) Find an expression for the amount of work required to cool this solid.
- (b) What is the decrease in entropy of the solid?
- (c) What is the decrease in internal energy of the solid?
- (d) What are the increases in entropy and internal energy of the high-temperature reservoir?

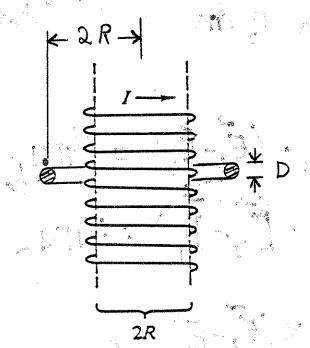
Problem #3

A spinless particle of mass M moves nonrelativistically in one dimension in the potential $V(x) = V_0$, where V_0 is a constant, for -a < x < a, and $V(x) = \infty$ elsewhere.

- (a) The energy of the particle is measured. What is the least value that may be found?
- (b) Suppose that the measurement of energy determines that the particle is in the ground state. Then its position is measured. What is the probability that the particle will be found in the following regions: (i) x > a/2? (ii) x > a?
- (c) Suppose that, after the particle has been determined to be in the ground state, its momentum is measured instead of its position. What values may be found for the momentum, and with what probabilities?

Problem #4

A particular electrical transformer consists of a very long solenoid of radius R having N turns per unit length and a single turn coaxial secondary winding of radius 2R, as indicated in the figure. The secondary loop is closed and has a total resistance r. The diameter of the secondary wire is D, as shown. A sinusoidal current of frequency ν is established in the long solenoid. The magnitude of ν is small enough that equations from magnetostatics can be used. In other words, radiative effects can be ignored. In addition, assume the secondary to be purely resistive, i.e., ignore its self inductance.



- (a) Determine the direction of the Poynting vector at the surface of the wire of the secondary turn. Discuss your results.
- (b) Assume R >> D, and calculate the total magnetic field along the axis of the solenoid.

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Problem #5

Coexistence of a gas and a solid: The Helmholz free energy of a gas is given by

$$F = N k_B T \left\{ ln \left[\frac{N}{VT^{3/2}C} \right] - 1 \right\},$$

where C is constant.

The same material as a solid has a partition function

$$Z = [1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}]^{-N}$$

This gas and solid are in equilibrium. Find the vapor pressure curve for this model. In other words, find the relation between the vapor pressure and the temperature.

Problem #6

A point particle slides frictionlessly down a sphere, starting from rest at the top. Using the Lagrange undetermined multiplier method, obtain the equations of motion and the radial constraint force. In addition, find the polar angle at which the particle leaves the sphere.

Problem #7

In spherical coordinates, a distribution of free charge is described by

$$\rho_{\rm f}({\rm r}) = {\rm q} \left[\delta^3({\rm r}) - \frac{1}{\pi {\rm r_0}^2} \frac{{\rm e}^{-2{\rm r}/{\rm r_0}}}{{\rm r}} \right].$$

This free charge is imbedded in an <u>inhomogeneous</u>, isotropic, linear dielectric of permittivity $\epsilon(r)$.

- (a) Determine the electric field everywhere.
- (b) Calculate the distribution of bound charge for two cases:
 - (i) The permittivity, ϵ , is constant.
 - (ii) The permittivity is not constant.

Instead,

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 (1 + x_0 e^{-\alpha r})$$
, where $x_0 \ll 1$.

Problem #8

A spin-1/2 particle of mass m moves non-relativistically in three dimensions in a potential given by

$$V = - \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{R}|}$$

where R is the particle's position, and e is a real constant.

- (a) What are the energy and degeneracy of the ground state and the first excited state?
- (b) At time t = -1 second, the energy of the particle is measured and is found to be in the first excited state. Afterwards, at time t = 0, the projection of the particle's total angular momentum is measured to have its maximum possible value along the z axis. Then, starting at t = 0, the following time-dependent external potential is applied:

$$\delta H(t) = G(t) \frac{(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{S}}{\mathbf{m} |\mathbf{R}|^2}$$

where **P** and **S** are the particle's momentum and spin respectively, and G(t) is given by $G(t) = G_0 t e^{-\gamma t}$ for t > 0 where γ and G_0 are both very small constants. At the end of this experiment, the particle's orbital angular momentum L^2 and its total angular momentum J^2 are measured. What values may be found?

- (c) Find an approximate expression for the probability that the particle is in an excited state after a long time $t >> 1/\gamma$. You need not evaluate the radial integrals.
- (d) Explain the conditions for your answer to part (c) to be valid: Compared to what quantity G_{max} should G_0 be small, $G_0 << G_{max}$? Compared to what quantity G_{max} should G_0 be small, G_0 compared to what quantity G_0 should G_0 be small, G_0 compared to what quantity G_0 should G_0 be small, G_0 compared to what quantity G_0 compared to what quantity G_0 should G_0 be small, G_0 compared to what quantity G_0 compared to what G_0 compared to G_0 co

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for the section still on the table
$$T = \lambda(l-x) \overset{\sim}{\times}$$

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$$\frac{M_g + \lambda \times g - \lambda(l - x) \times = \lambda \times \times \times + M \times \times}{(M + \lambda l)^2 - \lambda g \times = Mg}$$

the solution of the homogeneous eq may be obtained by ossuming $X = e^{rt}$ thus hads to the $x = re^{rt}$ $(M+\lambda L)r^2 - \lambda s = 0$ from which $r = \pm \sqrt{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{m}{m+m}} = \pm \omega$ $x = re^{rt}$

the general solution is
$$X = Ae^{rt} + Be^{-rt} + C$$

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 the positivator solution C satisfies the equation of motion when the initial conditions require $C = -M = -M L$

then
$$x = \frac{ML}{2m} \left(e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t} \right) - \frac{M}{m} L$$

$$= \frac{M}{m} \ell \cosh w \ell - \frac{M}{m} \ell$$

$$\times (\ell) = \frac{M}{m} \ell \left(\cosh w \ell - 1 \right)$$

when
$$x=l$$
: $\frac{M}{m} L \cosh t = L + \frac{H}{m} L$

$$t = \frac{1}{w} \cosh^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{m}{M}\right)$$

when
$$\frac{M}{M} \rightarrow 0$$
 $E=0$

$$\frac{M}{M} = 1$$

$$E=1.3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \sqrt{\frac{m+M}{m}}$$

1 = m/2

$$T\Delta \frac{US}{TS} = \frac{1}{S} \Delta U = -\frac{1}{S} \frac{\partial U}{\delta} \Delta T$$

$$\frac{dW}{dT} = \frac{T_{Room} - T}{T} \propto T^{3}$$

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$$\Delta S = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha T^{2} dT = -\frac{\alpha}{3} T_{R}^{3}$$

$$T_{R}$$

#3

HIND = EIV) Stationary State Schr. eq. QM1 a. (x | 2 >= 4'(x) coordinate representation $\left(-\frac{K^2}{2m}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)\right)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$ Schir. eq.

> for -a(x ca) - 1/2 ox = (E-Va) + = / = An sin bx + Bn cos kx $k = \sqrt{2m(E-V_0)/h}$ otherwise, 4=0

H has even party => An=0 or Bn=0

normalise 1 = \int \frac{9}{4} dx 14(x) 12 = a (AnorBn2) => AnorBn= \frac{1}{4} Continuity Ph(a) = 0 = Th= HT GorAn +0

or ahn=(n+1) The Bk+0 lowest E > lowest kn > ko = T/2a, Egs = Vo + \frac{\frac{1}{2m}(\frac{1}{2a})^2}{2m(\frac{1}{2a})^2}

b. probability density = |4(x)|2= | ta cos = 2 for |x|ka

i) Prob (x>a/2) = \int_{a/2} dx |\psi(x)|^2 = \int_{a/2} dx |\frac{1}{\psi_a} dx |\frac{1}{\p

 $= \int_{a/2}^{a} \frac{dx}{a} \cos^2 \frac{\pi x}{2a} , \quad y = \frac{\pi x}{2a}$

 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} dy \ dx^2 y = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} dy \ \frac{1 + \omega x^2 y}{2}$

 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/y}^{\pi/y} (\frac{1}{x}) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/y}^{\pi/z} dy \, ds \, 2y, \quad 2 = 2y$

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R(x)a) = 0

C. Mementum probability densities =
$$\overline{\psi}(p) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\pi a}h} e^{-ipx/h} \psi(x)$$

all help less of power possible.

Probability = $|\psi(p)|^2 dp^2$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}ha} \int_{-a}^{a} dx e^{-ipx/h} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cos \frac{\pi x}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}ha} \int_{-a}^{a} dx e^{ipx/h} \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{i\pi x/2a} + e^{-i\pi x/2a}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}ha} \left[\frac{e^{i(\frac{p}{h} + \frac{\pi}{1a})x}}{i(\frac{p}{h} + \frac{\pi}{1a})x} + \frac{e^{i(\frac{p}{h} - \frac{\pi}{2a})x}}{i(\frac{p}{h} - \frac{\pi}{2a})} \right]^{-a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}ha} \left[\frac{e^{iph/h} - e^{-iph/h}}{\frac{p}{h} + \frac{\pi}{2a}} + \frac{e^{iph/h} - e^{-ipa/h}}{\frac{\pi}{h} - \frac{\pi}{2a}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}ha} \sin \frac{pa}{h} \left[\frac{p}{h} + \frac{\pi}{2a} + \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2a} - \frac{p}{h}} \right]$$

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a) $\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{I} = \int \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$, where $\vec{B} = \mu_0 N \vec{I} \vec{A}$ and I=Iosinwt. By symmetry, ADDIP = MATITIP2 If $\rho = 2R$, $Aa = \frac{16NR}{4}I_0 = m\omega t$, $E_{\phi} = -\frac{\partial A\rho}{\partial t} = -\omega A_{\alpha} \cos \omega t$, where Am = MONRIO. The current in the secondary Follows Eq. So, a segment of secondary wine appeals in cross section as follows: Eg X Becomdary is inward,

A Secondary allowing field energy to flow into the secondary winding to

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Gas
$$M_{0} = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V} = \frac{N}{N} \frac{N}{\sqrt{T}} \frac{N}{N} c$$

$$P_{0} = \frac{N}{N} \frac{N}{N} \frac{N}{N} c$$

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$$F = -\Omega T h Z$$

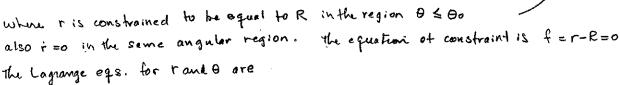
$$= N \Lambda T h 1 - e + \lambda \omega / \alpha T$$

$$M_{\delta} = \Lambda T h 1 - e + \lambda \omega / \alpha T$$

#6. Take the Lagrange multiplier approach and find the generalized force of constraint.

The particle will start to leave the sphere at the angle θ 0 where $\frac{mu^2}{\varrho} = mg \cos\theta$

the Lagrangian is



$$m\ddot{r} - mr\dot{\theta}^2 + mg\cos\theta - \lambda(\theta) = 0$$
 [1]
 $mr^2\ddot{\theta} + 2mr\dot{\theta} - mgr\sin\theta = 0$ (2)

where I is expressed as a function of O. I represents the radial constraint force and as such is a function of time.

Using r=R, r=0 and r=0 (1) and (2) become

$$-m R \dot{\theta}^{2} + mg \cos \theta = \lambda(\theta)$$

$$m R^{2} \ddot{\theta} - mg R \sin \theta = 0$$
(4)

Differentiating (1) with respect to time and using the fact that

$$-2 \text{ mR\ddot{\Theta}} - \text{mg sin}\Theta = \frac{dl}{dt}$$
or
$$- \text{mR\ddot{\Theta}} - \frac{\text{mgR sin}\Theta}{2} = \frac{R}{2} \frac{d\lambda}{dt}$$

adding this to (4) we get

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = -3mg \sin\theta$$

Integrating, and using the initial condition 100 = mg, we find

$$\lambda(\theta) = 3mg \cos\theta - 2mg$$

how, the particle will remain on the surface as long as the radial constraint force 2101 is positive.

$$\therefore \theta_0 = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

Tota lineary dielectric, $f_b = -\frac{1}{\pi v_b^2} \frac{e^{-2v/v_b}}{v}$.

This out we calculate $D(\vec{r})$, $E(\vec{r})$, $P(\vec{r})$, and \vec{r} . D.(N). 4712 = 9/1- 4/1/2 / te- 24/10/4) = 8/1-42/- 4/0 e-24/10/+ 1/2 [e-24/10/1] = 9 \(1 - \forall 2 \) - \forall 1e - 21/10 - \forall 2 \(e^{-21/10} - 1) \] } = 9[e-21/40(2x +1)], or, D= 4/1/2]] P. Also, == 476 +2 []A), and (b) P= xg /2 []A. $P_{b}(\vec{r}) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = -\frac{\chi_{a}}{4\pi(4\pi)} \int [1] \vec{P} \cdot (\vec{\lambda}) + \vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{P} \cdot \vec{P}$ = - \frac{\chi}{4\pi} 8\left\ S^3(\vec{r}) + \frac{1}{4\pi\vec{r}} \pi. \tasks \left\ \frac{1}{\vec{r}} e^{-2\psi_0} \left\ \frac{2\vec{r}}{\vec{r}} + 1\right\ \left\} $= -\frac{\chi}{1+\chi} g \left[\int_{-\pi/2}^{3} (\vec{r}) - \frac{1}{\pi v_{0}^{2}} \frac{e^{-2t/v_{0}}}{v_{0}} \right]$ If x = x0e - x+, fb = - x95(P)+262(e-(x+3))*(1+24)

GIVE C1. This is the hydrogen atom

$$E_h = E_1 / h^2, \quad p=1, 2, \dots, E_r = \frac{1}{2k^2}$$

$$Q_r^{st}, \quad E = -\frac{me^2}{8k^2}, \quad degen = 2 \quad des = 5 \text{ for } 5 \text{ for } 6 \text{$$

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Probability = $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{K^3 G_0}{2m(E_n-E_1)^2} \int_0^2 dr \, u_{h1}(r) + u_{11}(r) \right]^2$ d. Condition for $V: V \leq \langle E_f - E_1 \rangle \langle K_1 \rangle \langle E_1 \rangle$

d. Condition for Go is Prot <<1

=> Go << [\lambda \frac{\text{X36}}{2m \text{E}_0 - \text{E}_1)^2} \int_0^3 \dr u_{n_1} (i) \frac{1}{12} u_1(v) \right] - 1

dominated by n=2, estimate radial integral $n\frac{1}{a_0}$