

**Justify all your answers to all problems. Write clearly.**

Time dilation; Length contraction:  $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0$  ;  $L = L_0 / \gamma$  ;  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Lorentz transformation:  $x' = \gamma(x - ut)$  ;  $y' = y$  ;  $t' = \gamma(t - ux/c^2)$

Velocity:  $v'_x = \frac{v_x - u}{1 - uv_x/c^2}$  ;  $v'_y = \frac{v_y}{\gamma(1 - uv_x/c^2)}$  ;  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}$

Inverse transformations:  $u \rightarrow -u$ , primed  $\leftrightarrow$  unprimed; Doppler:  $f' = f \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm u/c}{1 \mp u/c}}$

Momentum:  $\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{v}$  ; Energy:  $E = \gamma mc^2$  ; Kinetic energy:  $K = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$   
 $E = \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}$  ; rest energy:  $E_0 = mc^2$

Electron:  $m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ; Proton:  $m_p = 938.26 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ; Neutron:  $m_n = 939.55 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Atomic unit:  $1u = 931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ; electron volt:  $1eV = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

Photoelectric effect:  $eV_s = K_{\max} = hf - \phi = hc/\lambda - \phi$  ;  $\phi =$  work function

Stefan law:  $I = \sigma T^4$  ,  $\sigma = 5.67037 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4$  ; Wien's law:  $\lambda_m T = 2.8978 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$

$I(T) = \int_0^\infty I(\lambda, T) d\lambda$  ;  $I = (c/4)u$  ;  $u(\lambda, T) = N(\lambda)E_{av}(\lambda, T)$  ;  $N(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4}$

Boltzmann distribution:  $N(E) = Ce^{-E/kT}$  ;  $N = \int_0^\infty N(E) dE$  ;  $E_{av} = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty EN(E) dE$

Classical:  $E_{av} = kT$  ; Planck:  $E_n = n\varepsilon = nhf$  ;  $N = \sum_{n=0}^\infty N(E_n)$  ;  $E_{av} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^\infty E_n N(E_n)$

Planck:  $E_{av} = \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$  ;  $hc = 1,240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}$  ;  $\lambda_m T = hc/4.96k$  ;  $\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15c^2 h^3}$

Boltzmann constant:  $k = (1/11,604) \text{ eV/K}$  ;  $1\text{\AA} = 1\text{A} = 0.1 \text{ nm}$

Compton scattering:  $\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos\theta)$  ;  $\frac{h}{m_e c} = 0.0243 \text{ A}$

de Broglie:  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$  ;  $f = \frac{E}{h}$  ;  $\omega = 2\pi f$  ;  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$  ;  $E = \hbar\omega$  ;  $p = \hbar k$  ;  $E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

Uncertainty:  $\Delta x \Delta k \sim 1$  ;  $\Delta t \Delta \omega \sim 1$  ;  $\Delta x \Delta p \sim \hbar$  ;  $\Delta t \Delta E \sim \hbar$  ;  $\Delta A = \sqrt{\langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2}$

$\hbar c = 197.3 \text{ eV nm}$  ; group and phase velocity :  $v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$  ;  $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$

Schrodinger equation :  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + U(x)\Psi(x,t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t}$  ;  $\Psi(x,t) = \psi(x)e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}$

Time – independent Schrodinger equation :  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + U(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$  ;  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi^* \psi = 1$

$P(x_1 < x < x_2) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} |\psi(x)|^2 dx$  ;  $\langle f(x) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 f(x) dx$

$\infty$  square well:  $\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  ;  $E_n = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{2mL^2}$  ;  $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} = 0.0381 \text{ eV nm}^2$  (electron)

2D square well:  $\Psi_{n_1 n_2}(x,y) = \psi_{1,n_1}(x)\psi_{2,n_2}(y)$  ;  $E_{n_1 n_2} = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{n_1^2}{L_1^2} + \frac{n_2^2}{L_2^2}\right)$  ;  $\Psi_{i,n}(w) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L_i}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi w}{L_i}\right)$

**Problem 1 (6 points)**

A free electron at time  $t=0$  is described by the wavepacket

$y(x) = A \frac{\cos(4nm^{-1}x)\sin(0.01nm^{-1}x)}{x}$

- (a) Make a qualitative graph of  $y(x)$ , indicate the uncertainty in the position of the electron,  $\Delta x$ , in this graph, and give the numerical value of  $\Delta x$ , in nm.
- (b) Estimate the phase velocity of this electron, give your answer as its value divided by the speed of light. You can assume the electron is non-relativistic.

**Problem 2 (6 points)**

An electron is localized in a region of size 0.0001nm.

- (a) From the uncertainty principle, find the uncertainty in its momentum,  $\Delta p$ , in units MeV/c.
- (b) Using the result of (a) for  $\Delta p$ , estimate its kinetic energy in MeV.

**Problem 3 (6 points)**

An electron in a stationary state is described by the wavefunction:

$\psi(x) = A\sqrt{1-|x|}$  for  $|x| \leq 1$  ;  $\psi(x) = 0$  for  $|x| > 1$

- (a) Find A. Justify your answer.
- (b) Find approximately the probability that the electron is located in the region  $-0.01 \leq x \leq +0.01$ . Justify your procedure.

**Problem 4 (6 points)**

An electron is in the lowest energy state (ground state) of an infinite potential energy well, and has energy 0.1e V.

- (a) Find the length of the well L, in nm
- (b) The electron absorbs an incoming photon and makes a transition to the next-lowest energy state (first excited state). Find the energy and wavelength of the photon, in eV and nm respectively.

**Problem 5 (6 points)**

For the electron of Problem 4, find the probability that it is located in the region

$$0 \leq x \leq L/4 :$$

- (a) After absorbing the photon.
- (b) Before absorbing the photon.