

**PHYS 2380 Quantum Physics I**  
**Term Test March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 19:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs**  
**403 Allen Bldg.**

1. The Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of velocities for atoms of a gas at temperature  $T$  is given by:

$$h(v) = 4\pi N \left( \frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-mv^2/2kT}$$

Where  $N$  is the total number of particles in the system,  $m$  is the mass of an individual particle,  $k$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $v$  is the velocity of the particle and  $T$  is the temperature in Kelvins. The number of particles with a velocity between  $v$  and  $v+dv$  is given by  $h(v)dv$ . Use this definition of  $h(v)$  to find the most probable velocity for the atoms in the gas. (5 points)

2. A radiating cavity has the maximum of its spectral distribution of radiated power at a wavelength of  $27.0 \mu m$ . The temperature of the cavity is then changed so that the total power radiated by the cavity doubles.
- What was the original temperature of the cavity? (2 marks)
  - What is the new temperature of the cavity? (2 marks)
  - At what wavelength does the new spectral distribution have its maximum value? (2 marks)
3. The work function for molybdenum (Mo) is  $4.22 eV$ .
- Find the threshold wavelength and frequency for the photoelectric effect for light incident on a Mo surface. (3 points)
  - What is the maximum energy of electrons (in  $eV$ ) emitted from a Mo surface when it is struck by photons with a wavelength of  $180 nm$ ? (2 points)
4. The series of hydrogen spectral lines from transitions terminating on the  $n = 4$  level from levels above is called the Brackett series.
- What are the two longest wavelengths in the series? (3 points)
  - What is the shortest wavelength in this series? (2 points)
5. An electron is confined to a region of space that is  $20 nm$  wide.
- What is the minimum uncertainty in its momentum? (2 points)
  - What is the minimum kinetic energy that this electron could have? (3 points)
6. A particle is described by a wave function  $\psi(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$  in the region  $0 \leq x \leq L$ . It is zero everywhere else.
- Show that  $A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}$  is required to normalize the wave function. (3 points)
  - What is the probability density as a function of position? Sketch the probability density for the range  $0 \leq x \leq L$ . Clearly show the maxima and minima and their locations. (3 points)
  - Use the wavefunction to find the average position of the electron,  $\bar{x}$ . (3 points)
  - Use this wave function and the momentum operator,  $p_{op} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ , to find the average momentum of the particle,  $\bar{p}$ . (3 points)

**The End**

**Appendix: Some information from the text and lectures:**

**Special Relativity:**

Relativistic momentum and energy:

$$\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{v}$$

$$E = \gamma mc^2 = mc^2 + K$$

$$E^2 = c^2 p^2 + m^2 c^4$$

**Electromagnetic radiation:**

Power received by a detector from a wave:

$$P = \left( \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} \right) E_0^2 A \sin^2(kz - \omega t + \phi)$$

$$P_{ave} = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} P dt = \frac{E_0^2 A}{2\mu_0 c}, \quad I = \frac{P_{ave}}{A} = \frac{E_0^2}{2\mu_0 c}$$

Where  $P$  is the instantaneous power,  $P_{ave}$  is the average power delivered to a detector of area  $A$  and  $I$  is the intensity of the light.

**Interference and diffraction:**

Pattern Type	Bright Fringes	Dark Fringes
Single slit (width $w$ )	$\frac{w}{2} \sin \theta = m\lambda$	$\frac{w}{2} \sin \theta = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$
Double slit (spacing $d$ )	$d \sin \theta = m\lambda$	
Grating (lines spaced $d$ apart)	$d \sin \theta = m\lambda$	
Bragg (layers of atoms $d$ apart)	$2d \sin \theta = m\lambda$	
Circular object		First fringe at $1.22\lambda/d$

**Photons and light:**

$$\lambda \nu = c$$

$$E_{ph} = h\nu = cp_{ph}$$

$$p_{ph} = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

Where  $K$  is the kinetic energy of the emitted electrons,  $\phi$  is the work function of the material and  $V_s$  is the stopping potential.

**Photoelectric effect:**  $K = h\nu - \phi = eV_s$

**Black body radiation:**

$$I = \sigma T^4$$

$$\lambda_{max} T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} m \cdot K$$

$$u(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi hc \lambda^{-5}}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

$$R(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4} u(\lambda)$$

$$dI = R(\lambda) d\lambda$$

**Compton Scattering:**

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

**Bremsstrahlung:**  $\lambda_{min} = \frac{hc}{eV}$

**Wavelike properties of particles:**

**De Broglie wavelength:**  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$

**Heisenberg uncert. relationships:**

$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\Delta p_x \Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

**Wave packets:**

$$p = h / \lambda = \hbar k$$

$$\hbar \omega = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$v_{group} = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

$$v_{phase} = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

**Schrödinger equation:**  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x,t) \Psi(x,t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x,t)}{\partial t}$

**Time independent:**  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \Psi(x) = E \Psi(x)$

**Probability Current:**  $S(x,t) = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left\{ \Psi \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial x} - \Psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right\}$

**Normalization (1-D):**  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Psi^* \Psi dx = 1$

**Nuclear Physics:**

$$R = R_0 A^{1/3} = 1.2 A^{1/3} \text{ fm}$$

$$B = \left[ Zm \left( {}^1_1H \right) + Nm_n - m \left( {}^A_ZX \right) \right] c^2$$

$$Q = [M_{parent} - M_{Daughter} - M_{emitted}] c^2$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$A = \lambda N$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

**Rutherford Scattering:**

$$b = \frac{zZ}{2K} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b^2 v^2}{r_{\min}^2} \right) + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{zZ}{r_{\min}}$$

$$d = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{zZe^2}{K}$$

**Bohr model:**

$$E_n = -\frac{Z_{\text{eff}}^2 m e^4}{32\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2} = -\frac{13.6 Z_{\text{eff}}^2}{n^2} eV$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R Z^2 \left( \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

$$R = R_{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 + m/M} \right)$$

$$R_{\infty} = \frac{m k^2 e^4}{4\pi c \hbar^3}$$

- Where  $R_{\infty} = 1.0973732 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$  is the Rydberg constant

**X-rays:**

$$\text{K-series: } E_{\text{photon}} = (13.6eV) \left( \frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) (Z-1)^2$$

$$\text{L-series: } E_{\text{photon}} = (13.6eV) \left( \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) (Z-3)^2$$

$$\text{M-series: } E_{\text{photon}} = (13.6eV) \left( \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) (Z-5)^2$$

**Some useful mathematical relations:**

$$\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}\right)} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}\right)}} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c^2} \quad \text{For } u^2/c^2 \ll 1$$

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin(A) \cos(B) + \cos(A) \sin(B)$$

$$\cos(A + B) = \cos(A) \cos(B) - \sin(A) \sin(B)$$

$$\sin(2A) = 2 \sin(A) \cos(A)$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

**Some useful Integrals:**

$$\int \sin^2(u) du = \frac{1}{2}(u - \sin u \cos u)$$

$$\int \sin u \cos u du = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 u$$

$$\int \cos^2 u du = \frac{1}{2}(u + \sin u \cos u)$$

$$\int u \sin^2 u du = \frac{u^2}{4} - \frac{u \sin 2u}{4} - \frac{\cos 2u}{8}$$

$$\int u \cos^2 u du = \frac{u^2}{4} + \frac{u \sin 2u}{4} + \frac{\cos 2u}{8}$$

$$\int u^2 \sin^2 u du = \frac{u^3}{6} - \left( \frac{u^2}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right) \sin 2u - \frac{u \cos 2u}{4}$$

$$\int u^2 \cos^2 u du = \frac{u^3}{6} + \left( \frac{u^2}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right) \sin 2u + \frac{u \cos 2u}{4}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} u^n e^{-u} du = n! \text{ for } n > 0$$

$$\int \cos^n u \sin u du = -\frac{\cos^{n+1} u}{n+1} \text{ for } n > 0$$

$$\int \sin^n u \cos u du = \frac{\sin^{n+1} u}{n+1} \text{ for } n > 0$$

**Constants:**

Constant	Standard value	Alternate units
Speed of light	$c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$	
Electronic charge	$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$	$8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$
Planck's constant	$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$	$4.136 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV}\cdot\text{s}$
	$\hbar = 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$	$0.652 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV}\cdot\text{s}$
Avogadro's constant	$N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mole}^{-1}$	
Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4$	
Electron mass	$m_e = 5.49 \times 10^{-4} \text{ u or } 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	$0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Proton mass	$1.007276 \text{ u or } 1.67262171 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	$938.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Neutron mass	$1.008665 \text{ u or } 1.67492728 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	$939.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Mass of <sup>4</sup> He	<b>4.002603 u</b>	
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2 / m_e e^2 = 0.0529 \text{ nm}$	
Hydrogen ionization energy	13.6 eV	
	$hc = 1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm}$	
	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	
Atomic mass unit (dalton)	$1 \text{ u} = 931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
	$kT = 0.02525 \text{ eV} \approx \frac{1}{40} \text{ eV}$ at T=293 K	
	$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{C}^{-2}$	
	$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 1.44 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm}$	