

**Formulas:**

Time dilation; Length contraction :  $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t' \equiv \gamma \Delta t_p$  ;  $L = L_p / \gamma$  ;  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Lorentz transformation :  $x' = \gamma(x - vt)$  ;  $y' = y$  ;  $z' = z$  ;  $t' = \gamma(t - vx/c^2)$  ; inverse :  $v \rightarrow -v$

Velocity transformation :  $u_x' = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - u_x v/c^2}$  ;  $u_y' = \frac{u_y}{\gamma(1 - u_x v/c^2)}$  ; inverse :  $v \rightarrow -v$

Spacetime interval :  $(\Delta s)^2 = (c\Delta t)^2 - [\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2]$

Relativistic Doppler shift :  $f_{obs} = f_{source} \sqrt{1 + v/c} / \sqrt{1 - v/c}$

Momentum :  $\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{u}$  ; Energy :  $E = \gamma mc^2$  ; Kinetic energy :  $K = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$

Rest energy :  $E_0 = mc^2$  ;  $E = \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}$

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

Stefan's law :  $e_{tot} = \sigma T^4$  ,  $e_{tot}$  = power/unit area ;  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \text{K}^4$

$e_{tot} = cU/4$  ,  $U$  = energy density =  $\int_0^\infty u(\lambda, T) d\lambda$  ; Wien's law :  $\lambda_m T = \frac{hc}{4.96 k_B}$

Boltzmann distribution :  $P(E) = C e^{-E/(k_B T)}$

Planck's law :  $u_\lambda(\lambda, T) = N_\lambda(\lambda) \times \bar{E}(\lambda, T) = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} \times \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1}$  ;  $N(f) = \frac{8\pi f^2}{c^3}$

Photons :  $E = hf = pc$  ;  $f = c/\lambda$  ;  $hc = 12,400 \text{ eV \AA}$  ;  $k_B = (1/11,600) \text{ eV/K}$

Photoelectric effect :  $eV_s = K_{max} = hf - \phi$  ,  $\phi$  = work function; ]

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

Coulomb force :  $F = \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r^2}$  ; Coulomb energy :  $U = \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r}$  ; Coulomb potential :  $V = \frac{kq}{r}$

Force in electric and magnetic fields (Lorentz force) :  $\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$

Rutherford scattering :  $\Delta n = C \frac{Z^2}{K_\alpha^2} \frac{1}{\sin^4(\phi/2)}$  ;  $ke^2 = 14.4 \text{ eV \AA}$

Hydrogen spectrum :  $\frac{1}{\lambda_{mm}} = R \left( \frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)$  ;  $R = 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1} = \frac{1}{911.3 \text{ \AA}}$  ;  $\hbar c = 1973 \text{ eV \AA}$

Bohr atom :  $E_n = -\frac{ke^2 Z}{2r_n} = -E_0 \frac{Z^2}{n^2}$  ;  $E_0 = \frac{ke^2}{2a_0} = \frac{m_e (ke^2)}{2\hbar^2} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$  ;  $K = \frac{m_e v^2}{2}$  ;  $U = -\frac{ke^2 Z}{r}$

$hf = E_i - E_f$  ;  $r_n = r_0 n^2$  ;  $r_0 = \frac{a_0}{Z}$  ;  $a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e ke^2} = 0.529 \text{ \AA}$  ;  $L = m_e v r = \hbar n$  angular momentum

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

Wave packets :  $y(x, t) = \sum_j a_j \cos(k_j x - \omega_j t)$ , or  $y(x, t) = \int dk a(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)}$  ;  $\Delta k \Delta x \sim 1$  ;  $\Delta \omega \Delta t \sim 1$

group and phase velocity :  $v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$  ;  $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$  ; Heisenberg :  $\Delta x \Delta p \sim \hbar$  ;  $\Delta t \Delta E \sim \hbar$

Probability:  $P(x)dx = |\Psi(x)|^2 dx$  ;  $P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b dx P(x)$  ;  $\hbar c = 1973 \text{ eV}\text{\AA}$

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

$\infty$  square well:  $\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L})$  ;  $E_n = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{2mL^2}$  ;  $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} = 3.81 \text{ eV}\text{\AA}^2$  (electron)

Harmonic oscillator:  $\Psi_n(x) = H_n(x)e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}x^2}$  ;  $E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega$  ;  $E = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2$

Expectation value of  $[Q]$ :  $\langle Q \rangle = \int \psi^*(x)[Q]\psi(x) dx$  ; Momentum operator :  $p = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

Eigenvalues and eigenfunctions :  $[Q]\Psi = q\Psi$  ( $q$  is a constant) ; uncertainty :  $\Delta Q = \sqrt{\langle Q^2 \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2}$

Step potential: reflection coef :  $R = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}$  ,  $T = 1 - R$  ;  $k = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(E - U)}$

Tunneling:  $\psi(x) \sim e^{-\alpha x}$  ;  $T = e^{-2\alpha \Delta x}$  ;  $T = e^{-2 \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \alpha(x) dx}$  ;  $\alpha(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2m[U(x) - E]}{\hbar^2}}$

Schrodinger equation in 3D:  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + U(\vec{r})\Psi(\vec{r},t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t}$  ;  $\Psi(\vec{r},t) = \psi(\vec{r})e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}$

3D square well:  $\Psi(x,y,z) = \Psi_1(x)\Psi_2(y)\Psi_3(z)$  ;  $E = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2m} (\frac{n_1^2}{L_1^2} + \frac{n_2^2}{L_2^2} + \frac{n_3^2}{L_3^2})$

Spherically symmetric potential:  $\Psi_{n,\ell,m_\ell}(r,\theta,\phi) = R_{n,\ell}(r)Y_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta,\phi)$  ;  $Y_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta,\phi) = P_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta)e^{im_\ell\phi}$

Angular momentum:  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$  ;  $[L_z] = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$  ;  $[L^2]Y_\ell^{m_\ell} = \ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2 Y_\ell^{m_\ell}$  ;  $[L_z]Y_\ell^{m_\ell} = m_\ell \hbar Y_\ell^{m_\ell}$

Radial probability density:  $P(r) = r^2 |R_{n\ell}(r)|^2$  ; Energy:  $E_n = -\frac{ke^2 Z^2}{2a_0 n^2}$

Ground state of hydrogen-like ions:  $\Psi_{1,0,0} = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}} (\frac{Z}{a_0})^{3/2} e^{-Zr/a_0}$  ;  $\int_0^\infty dr r^n e^{-\lambda r} = \frac{n!}{\lambda^{n+1}}$

**Problem 1** (10 points)



Electrons coming from the left, all with the same kinetic energy, are incident on the step potential shown in the figure, of height  $8\text{eV}$ .  $1/4$  of the incident electrons are reflected,  $3/4$  are transmitted.

- What is the kinetic energy of the reflected electrons, in eV? What is the kinetic energy of the transmitted electrons, in eV?
- How much slower or faster do the transmitted electrons move compared to the reflected electrons? Give the ratio of their speeds.
- Assume now instead that electrons are incident from right to left, so they go from higher potential to lower potential. If again  $1/4$  of the incident electrons are reflected and  $3/4$  are transmitted, what is the kinetic energy of the reflected and transmitted electrons in eV? Justify your answers.

**Problem 2** (10 points)

Consider an electron in a three-dimensional box of side lengths  $L_1=L_2=L$ ,  $L_3=2L$ . The energy of the lowest state is  $2.25\text{ eV}$ .

- Find the quantum numbers and degeneracy of the four lowest energy levels in this box.
- Give the energy of these energy levels, in eV (the lowest one is  $2.25\text{ eV}$ , give the other three).
- Assume now  $L_3$  is reduced to a value smaller than  $2L$ ,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  stay the same ( $=L$ ). For which value of  $L_3$  larger than  $L$  will one of the four lowest energy levels be triply degenerate? Give  $L_3$  in terms of  $L$ .

**Problem 3** (10 points)

An electron in a hydrogen-like ion has wavefunction

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = C r e^{-r/a_0} \cos \theta$$

where  $C$  is a constant and  $a_0$  is the Bohr radius.

- Give the values of the quantum numbers  $n$ ,  $\ell$  and  $m_\ell$  and of the ionic charge  $Z$ . Justify each of your answers.
- Find the uncertainties in (i)  $L_z$  and in (ii)  $L_x$ , the  $z$  and  $x$ -components of the angular momentum, denoted by  $\Delta L_z$  and  $\Delta L_x$ , as numbers multiplying  $\hbar$ . Justify your answers.
- Calculate the average value of  $r$  for the electron in this state. Give your answer in terms of  $a_0$ .