

Spring 2009 Physics 2170 Final Exam Formula Sheet

Gamma: $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$

Time dilation: $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0$

Length contraction: $L = L_0/\gamma$

Lorentz transformations for frame S' traveling at speed v with respect to frame S .

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \gamma(x - vt) & x &= \gamma(x' + vt') \\ y' &= y & y &= y \\ z' &= z & z &= z \\ t' &= \gamma(t - vx/c^2) & t &= \gamma(t' + vx'/c^2) \end{aligned}$$

Relativistic velocity addition:

$$\begin{aligned} u'_x &= \frac{u_x - v}{1 - u_x v/c^2} & u_x &= \frac{u'_x + v}{1 + u'_x v/c^2} \\ u'_y &= \frac{u_y}{\gamma(1 - u_x v/c^2)} & u_y &= \frac{u'_y}{\gamma(1 + u'_x v/c^2)} \\ u'_z &= \frac{u_z}{\gamma(1 - u_x v/c^2)} & u_z &= \frac{u'_z}{\gamma(1 + u'_x v/c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

Doppler effect: $f_{\text{observer}} = f_{\text{source}} \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}}$ for source and observer moving toward each other at speed β .

Relativistic momentum: $\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{u}$

Relativistic energy: $E = \gamma mc^2$

Rest energy: $E_{\text{rest}} = mc^2$

Relativistic kinetic energy: $KE = E - E_{\text{rest}} = E - mc^2 = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$

Useful relation: $\beta = pc/E$

Energy-momentum relation: $E^2 = (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2$

Force: $\vec{F} = d\vec{p}/dt$

Non-relativistic kinetic energy: $K = mv^2/2 = p^2/2m$

Angular momentum: $\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega} = \vec{r} \times \vec{r}$

Work function: minimum energy needed to eject an electron from a metal: ϕ

Photoelectric effect: $K_{\text{max}} = hf - \phi$

de Broglie relations: $p = h/\lambda = \hbar k$ and $E = hf = \hbar \omega$

Heisenberg uncertainty relations: $\Delta x \Delta p > \hbar/2$, $\Delta E \Delta t > \hbar/2$

Sinusoidal wave parameters: $k = 2\pi/\lambda$, $f = \omega/2\pi = 1/T$

1D time dependent Schrödinger equation: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x,t)\Psi(x,t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x,t)}{\partial t}$

General solution for time independent potential: $\Psi(x,t) = \psi(x)\phi(t)$

Time solution for time independent potential: $\phi(t) = e^{-iEt/\hbar}$

1D time independent Schrödinger equation: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$

Spatial solution to 1D infinite square well of length a : $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$

Allowed energies for 1D infinite square well of width a : $E_n = n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2 / (2ma^2)$

Generic solution for free particle traveling right: $\Psi(x,t) = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

Generic solution for free particle traveling left: $\Psi(x,t) = Ae^{-i(kx + \omega t)}$

Generic spatial solution in classically forbidden regions ($E < V$) in 1D: $\psi(x) = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{-\alpha x}$

Normalization condition: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 1$

Euler formula: $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

Penetration depth: $\lambda = 1/\alpha = \hbar/\sqrt{2m(V - E)}$

Quantum tunneling probability: $P \approx e^{-2\alpha L}$

Balmer-Rydberg formula: $1/\lambda = R(1/n'^2 - 1/n^2)$

Angular momentum quantization in Bohr model: $L = n\hbar$

Bohr model energy levels for Hydrogen atom: $E_n = -E_R/n^2$

Bohr model classical orbital radii for hydrogen atom: $r = n^2 a_B$

Bohr model energy levels for hydrogen-like ions (one electron bound to a charge of Ze): $E_n = -Z^2 E_R/n^2$

Bohr model classical orbital radii for hydrogen-like ions: $r = n^2 a_B/Z$

For orbits: $E = \frac{1}{2}U$ and $K = -E = -\frac{1}{2}U$

Hydrogen wave function: $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{n\ell}(r)\Theta_{\ell m}(\theta)e^{im\phi} = R_{n\ell}(r)Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$

Probability of being around r is $P(r) = r^2|R_{n\ell}(r)|^2$

Electron quantum numbers in atom:

n = principal quantum number. $E_n = -Z_{\text{eff}}^2 E_R/n^2$

ℓ = orbital angular momentum quantum number. $\ell < n$ and $L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)}\hbar$

m = z-component of orbital angular momentum quantum number. $|m| \leq \ell$ and $L_z = m\hbar$

s = electron spin quantum number = 1/2. $S = \sqrt{s(s + 1)}\hbar$

m_s = z-component of spin quantum number. $m_s = \pm 1/2$. $S_z = m_s\hbar$

Total angular momentum: $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$ and $J_z = L_z + S_z$

Atomic energy level order: 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 4s, 3d, 4p, 5s, 4d, 5p, 6s

Energy levels for atoms: $E_n = -Z_{\text{eff}}^2 E_R/n^2$

Most probable radius for electron: $r \approx n^2 a_B/Z_{\text{eff}}$

Constants and conversions

$c = 3.00 \times 10^8$ m/s

$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ J · s = 4.14×10^{-15} eV · s

$hc = 1.99 \times 10^{-25}$ J · m = 1240 eV · nm = 1240 MeV · fm

$\hbar = h/2\pi = 1.05 \times 10^{-34}$ J · s = 6.58×10^{-16} eV · s

$\hbar c = 3.15 \times 10^{-26}$ J · m = 197 eV · nm = 197 MeV · fm

Elementary charge: $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ C

Bohr radius: $a_B = \hbar^2/(ke^2 m_e) = 5.39 \times 10^{-11}$ m

Rydberg constant: $R = m_e k^2 e^4 / (4\pi c \hbar^3) = 0.0110$ nm⁻¹

Rydberg energy: $E_R = hcR = ke^2/2a_B = m_e k^2 e^4 / (2\hbar^2) = 13.6$ eV

energy conversion: 1 eV = 1.60×10^{-19} J

mass conversion: 1 eV/ c^2 = 1.783×10^{-36} kg

electron mass: $m_e = 0.511$ MeV/ c^2 = 9.11×10^{-31} kg

proton mass: $m_p = 938.3$ MeV/ c^2 = 1.6726×10^{-27} kg

neutron mass: $m_n = 939.6$ MeV/ c^2 = 1.6749×10^{-27} kg

unified atomic mass unit: $u = 931.5$ MeV/ c^2 = 1.6605×10^{-27} kg

Avogadro's constant: $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

Boltzmann's constant: $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K = 8.62×10^{-5} eV/K

Coulomb force constant: $k = 8.99 \times 10^9$ N m²/C²