

**Problem 1**

(4 Points)

A space ship with a length of 20 m is flying with a velocity of  $0.9 c$  directly towards an observer. Radio signals are emitted on both ends of the space ship.

- How long is the space ship in the frame of reference of the observer?
- How long is the time interval between the two radio signals in the frame of the space ship, when both signals reach the observer at the same time?
- How long is the time interval for the emission of the two radio signals in the frame of the observer?
- How large is the distance between the places of emission in the frame of the observer?

**Problem 2**

(4 Points)

- What is a relativistic four vector?
- Write up the four vector of frequency and wave number of an electromagnetic wave in vacuum.
- Write up the Lorentz transformation of frequency and wave number.
- An observer passes with the velocity  $0.9 c$  a light source which emits light at frequency  $5.1 \cdot 10^{14}$  Hz. Calculate the observed frequency, when the light source is seen by the observer under an angle of  $90^\circ$  with respect to the velocity.

**Problem 3**

(4 Points)

- Describe the properties of a photon.
- In which processes leading to thermal radiation is the photon involved?
- Why is it possible to describe the spectrum of thermal radiation by an universal law with the temperature  $T$  as the only parameter?
- How can the temperature of thermal radiation be determined?

**Problem 4**

(4 Points)

- What are the basic assumptions of Bohr's model of the atom?
- What is the de Broglie wave length?
- Show that the de Broglie wave length justifies a basic assumption of Bohr's atomic model.
- Calculate for an electron bound to a proton the radius of the circular orbit with the smallest energy using the assumptions of Bohr's model.

**Problem 5**

(4 Points)

- Give the wave function for a beam of particles with momentum  $\vec{P}$  and energy  $E$ .
- Write up the quantum mechanical operators of energy and momentum.
- Write up the eigenvalue equations for energy and momentum.
- Write up the Schrödinger equation for a particle of charge  $q$  moving in the electric potential  $\Phi(\vec{r})$ .

**Problem 6**

(4 Points)

Consider an electron moving in the Coulomb potential of a nucleus. The motion is characterized by the spherical coordinates  $r$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$ .

- Why are the electron orbits not planar, whereas the corresponding motion of planets around the sun is planar?
- Give for the coordinates  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  the corresponding quantum numbers and the range of their values.
- What is a  $\pi$ -orbital? Make a sketch of a  $\pi$ -orbital.
- Sketch the radial part of the wave function corresponding to a  $\pi$ -orbital of smallest energy.

**Problem 7**

(4 Points)

The magnetic moment of an electron orbiting around a nucleus is  $\vec{\mu} = -\mu_B \vec{L}/\hbar$ .

- Calculate for a p-electron the potential energy due to the magnetic moment in a field of  $B = 1$  T and sketch the corresponding energy level scheme.
- Write up the intrinsic magnetic moment of an electron at rest. Which values take its projection on the z-axis?
- For  $B = 0$ , sketch the energy level scheme of a p-orbital due to the intrinsic magnetic moment and explain the corresponding quantum numbers.
- Give the values of all quantum numbers characterizing a p-electron.

**Problem 8**

(4 Points)

- Explain the Pauli principle.
- Two electrons occupy the one particle quantum states  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$ . Write up the corresponding two-particle wave function.
- Explain why the atomic exchange interaction favors a maximal value of the electron spin.
- Explain why the exchange interaction can bind to atoms together in a chemical bond.

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**Required physical constants:**

Electric field constant:	$\varepsilon_0 = 8.86 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{As}}{\text{Vm}}$
Velocity of light:	$c = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
Planck's constant:	$h = 4.14 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ eVs}$
Elementary charge:	$e = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ As}$
Mass of the electron:	$m_e = 500 \text{ keV}/c^2$
Bohr's magneton:	$\mu_B = 5.8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T}$