

# Physics 60 Final Exam REVIEW

## 10:30 - 12:30 Monday of finals week

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You may use a 3"x5" card of notes, both sides. No phones.

**There is no acceptable reason for your work to look exactly like someone else's work.**

"Someone else" includes other people, the textbook, anything on the web, and handed out solutions.

### Present clear and complete solutions

Start solutions with definitions (e.g.  $\vec{v} \equiv \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}$ ), theorems (e.g. Newton's laws), and commonly used equations (e.g. constant acceleration equations).

Any physics/engineering major should be able to understand what you did just by reading your solution. A diagram and words usually help. A correct final answer without a reasonably organized justification will earn no credit.

### Leave some values and integrals uncalculated.

Do all derivatives.

Do simple integrals:  $\int az^n dz$ ,  $\int ae^x dx$ ,  $\int a(\cos \theta) d\theta$ ,  $\int a(\sin \phi) d\phi$ , and  $\int a \ln(g) dg$ .

Leave other integrals unintegrated. Include the limits of integration, move constants out of the integral, and simplify.

Do simple calculations: (1) multiply, divide, subtract and add integers with powers of 10, (2) simple fractions and square roots, and (3) sine and cosine of common angles such as  $0, \pi, \pi/4, \pi/3, \dots$

Leave other calculations uncalculated. Provide an expression that requires a single calculation from your calculator. This means using the correct units.

- Tell us (or write me) a quantum or special relativity related joke. If yours is the same as another person's, no points for either of you.
- Given a wavefunction  $\Psi(x, t)$  calculate the
  - expectation value of position
  - uncertainty in position
  - most likely position
  - expectation value of momentum
  - uncertainty in momentum
- Given  $\Psi(x, t)$ , show that it satisfies the uncertainty principle for position and momentum.
- Identify if an integral is equal to zero. No calculation required; you should be able to do this by considering the even-ness of the function.
- Consider a beam of particles traveling towards
  - a potential barrier with an energy less than the barrier,  $E < U_0$
  - a potential step with an energy greater than the step,  $E > U_0$

Draw an energy diagram for each of these situations. What is expected classically in each case? What is the quantum result?
- Use the transmission and reflection coefficient equations correctly.
- Consider a given  $U(x)$  and  $E$ . For each region,
  - write the TISE,
  - write the general solution  $\psi(x)$
  - discard terms, if necessary
- Consider the spherically symmetric solutions to the hydrogen atom,  $R(r)$ . Calculate the
  - most likely position the electron will be found
  - expectation value of the electron's position
  - probability that the electron will be found between  $r_a$  and  $r_b$ .
  - What is the Bohr radius,  $a_0$ ? Use words.
- Calculate the photon wavelengths associated with transitions between states in the hydrogen atom.
- In the hydrogen atom, what are the possible values
  - of the electron's orbital angular momentum? Give this in terms of  $\hbar$ .
  - the z-component of the orbital angular momentum,  $L_z$ .
  - of the angle that the angular momentum vector makes with the z-axis.
- What is intrinsic angular momentum? Compare and contrast it with orbital angular momentum.
- How are intrinsic angular momentum and intrinsic magnetic dipole moment related? Use text, equations and/or diagrams.
- What is the Stern-Gerlach experiment? What do the results say about angular momentum? Use text, equations and/or diagrams.
- Consider a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particle. What are the possible values of  $|\vec{S}|$  and  $S_z$ .  
Repeat for a spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  and a spin-1 particle.
- An electron is in a magnetic field  $\vec{B} = B(z)\hat{z}$ .
  - Use  $\vec{F} = -\nabla U$ ,  $U = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$ , and the relationship (equation!) between  $\vec{\mu}$  and  $\vec{S}$ , to derive the following expression for the force:
 
$$\vec{F} = -\frac{e}{m_e} m_s \hbar \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$
    - How many possible values of the force are there? What are they?
- Consider a particle with magnetic moment,  $\vec{\mu}$  and spin  $s$ . It sits in a uniform magnetic field  $B_0\hat{z}$ .
  - Determine the possible energies of the particle.
  - Calculate the photon frequencies that the particle can absorb or emit while in this field.
- Show, by explicit calculation, that the symmetric wave function is symmetric under label exchange. That is,  $\psi_S(x_1, x_2) = +\psi_S(x_2, x_1)$ .  
Show, by explicit calculation, that the antisymmetric wave function is antisymmetric under label exchange. That is,  $\psi_A(x_1, x_2) = -\psi_A(x_2, x_1)$ .  
How are the probability densities,  $|\psi_S|^2$  or  $|\psi_A|^2$ , affected by label exchange?
- From a graph of  $P(x_1, x_2)$ , determine whether the system consists of distinguishable particles, indistinguishable bosons, or indistinguishable fermions.
- What is the Pauli Exclusion Principle? Include text, equations, and possibly an example.
- Write the possible configurations (total energy  $E$  and state  $\psi$ ) for N particles if the particles are
  - distinguishable
  - fermions
  - bosons.