

1. Two events occur at points x_1 and x_2 in the x axis at the same time t in the inertial reference frame S . In reference frame S' moving along x axis at speed v relative to frame S .

(a) What is the spatial separation of these events measured in frame S' ? (10%)

(b) What is the time interval of these events measured in frame S' ? (10%)

2. In an inertial reference frame S , suppose two photons, one with energy 5 MeV and the second with energy 3 MeV , approach each other along the x axis. (a) What is the rest energy of this system? (10%) (b) In another inertial frame S' moving along the x axis at the speed v relative to frame S , what is the rest energy of the system of the two photons? (10%)

3. Planck's law, expressed in terms of the frequency f , for the energy density distribution

$$\text{function } u(f) \text{ of the radiation in the cavity } u(f) = \frac{8\pi hc^{-3} f^3}{e^{hf/kT} - 1}. \text{ The energy reaching Earth}$$

from the sun at the top of the atmosphere is 1500 W/m^2 . Assuming that Earth radiates like a blackbody at uniform temperature, and at thermal equilibrium.

(a) What is the temperature of Earth? (10%)

(b) Find the peak of the spectrum of the thermal radiation of Earth? (10%)

(Note that, Boltzmann's constant $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} = 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$,

Planck's constant $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$, Stefan's constant $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}^4$)

4. Why doesn't the energy of the hydrogen atom depend on the orbital quantum? (5%)

5. A hydrogen atom is in a state with quantum numbers, principal quantum number $n = 4$, orbital quantum number $l = 3$. (a) What are the possible values of the total angular momentum quantum number j ? (5%) (b) What are the possible values of the magnitude of the total angular momentum? (5%) (c) What are the possible z components of the total angular momentum? (10%)

6. Consider a particle moving in a two-dimensional space defined by $V(x, y) = V_0$ for

$$-\frac{l}{2} < x < \frac{l}{2} \text{ and } -\frac{l}{2} < y < \frac{l}{2}, \text{ and } V = \infty \text{ elsewhere. (a) Write down the eigenstates for the particle in this well. (10%) (b) Find the expression for the corresponding energies. (5%)}$$