

1. Consider two inertial reference frames S' and S . The frame S' moves with speed v relative to frame S . When an observer in each frame measures the following quantities,
- (a) The distance between two events. (5%)
 - (b) The speed of light. (5%)
 - (c) The time interval between two events. (5%)
- Which measurements made by the two observers yield the same results?
You must use the space-time diagram or Lorentz transformation to explain your reason for each answer.
2. Consider two particles, each with the rest mass m . Before the collision between the two particles, in the inertial reference frame S , the particles are moving toward each other, with speeds u . After a totally inelastic collision, the system of the two particles with the total rest mass M is at rest in the frame S . The same events as seen in inertial reference frame S' moving at speed u relative to frame S , so that one of the initial particles is at rest. (a) In frame S' , what is the initial speed of the other particle? (10%)
- (b) After the collision, in frame S' , what are the final momentum and the rest mass of the system? (20%)
 - (c) After the collision, in frame S , what is the rest mass of the system? (5%)
3. (a) Why is it extremely difficult to observe the Compton effect using visible light? (10%)
- (b) What is the energy of a photon whose wavelength is equal to the Compton wavelength of the electron? (10%)
- (Note that the electron mass $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$, Planck's constant $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$)
4. An electron moving in a thin metal wire $d=0.1 \text{ cm}$ long. The potential inside the wire is constant on the average, but rises sharply at each end.
- (a) If the electron's energy is equal to the average kinetic energy of molecules in a gas at $T=300\text{K}$, what is the electron's quantum number n ? (10%)
 - (b) If the electron is in its ground state. What would be the probability of finding it somewhere in the region $d/4 < x < d$. (10%)
- (Note that the Boltzmann's constant $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} = 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$)
5. What is Bose-Einstein condensation? (10%)