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Physics 212
Final Exam

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Part I- Relativity

1)-15 Marks

A particle at rest with mass M decays into two particles of equal mass m . Calculate the speed of the two decay particles. Give numerical answer for the decay of a rho particle ($M_p = 770 \text{ MeV}/c^2$) into two charged pions ($m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$).

2)- 15 Marks

Two protons are directed toward each other. As measured in the laboratory frame, the protons have speed $|\vec{v}_1| = |\vec{v}_2| = 0.85 c$. What is the speed of one proton in the rest frame of the other?

3)- 15 Marks

Calculate the speed of a galaxy relative to the Earth if the red shift causes the photon wavelength to be doubled.

4)- 25 Marks

Two protons each with energy of 500 GeV, travel in the opposite direction and collide. Calculate the energy of one of the protons in the frame where the other proton is at rest.

Part II- Quantum physics

5)- 15 Marks

- What should the energy of the photons be so that the maximum change in wavelength due to Compton scattering by electrons is one percent?
- Using these photons, what is $\Delta\lambda$ in \AA for Compton scattered photons at 60° from the incident beam?
- What is the energy of the recoil electron in this case?

6)- 15 Marks

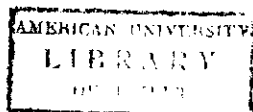
It is possible for a muon μ^- to be captured by a proton to form a muonic atom. The muon mass is $105.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$.

- Calculate the radius of the first Bohr orbit of a muonic atom (taking into account the reduced mass effect).
- Calculate the magnitude of the lowest energy.
- What is the shortest wavelength in the Lyman series for this atom?

7)- 15 Marks

Consider a system of two electrons, each with $\ell = 1$, and $s = \frac{1}{2}$.

- Neglecting spin, what are the possible values of the quantum number for the total orbital angular momentum $\vec{L} = \vec{L}_1 + \vec{L}_2$?



- b)- What are the possible values of the quantum number S for the total spin $\vec{S} = \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2$
- c)- Using the results of parts a) and b), find the possible quantum numbers j for the combination $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$.
- d)- What are the possible numbers j_1 and j_2 for the total angular momentum of each particle?
- e)- Use the result of part d) to calculate the possible values of j from the combination of j_1 and j_2 . Are these the same as in part c) ?

8)- 15 Marks

Which of the following transitions in Sodium do not occur as electric dipole transition? Give the selection rule that is violated. The levels are written in the spectroscopic notation : $n[\text{symbol of } \ell]j$

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| a)- $4S_{1/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2}$ | d)- $4D_{3/2} \rightarrow 3P_{1/2}$ |
| b)- $4S_{1/2} \rightarrow 3P_{3/2}$ | e)- $4D_{3/2} \rightarrow 3P_{1/2}$ |
| c)- $4P_{3/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2}$ | f)- $4D_{3/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2}$ |

9)- 20 Marks

The wavefunction of the Hydrogen ground state is $\Psi_{1,0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{a_B^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{r}{a_B}}$

- a)- What is the radial probability density to find the electron anywhere in the spherical shell of radius r and thickness dr ?
- b)- Calculate the probability that the electron in the ground state of Hydrogen will be found outside the first Bohr radius a_B . You may use the integration by parts :

$$\int_a^b u dv = uv|_a^b - \int_a^b v du$$

Part III- Nuclear and Elementary Physics

10)- 15 Marks

Calculate the decay rate per gram per min. of a living organism, assuming the ratio $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C} = 1.3 \times 10^{-12}$, and $t_{1/2}(^{14}\text{C}) = 5730$ years.

11)- 25 Marks

A person works for 4 hours in a room that contains an unshielded 10 mCi ^{60}Co source. Knowing that $^{60}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{60}\text{Ni}(\text{stable}) + e^- (\sim 1\text{MeV}) + X$. The angular distribution of the emitted electrons is isotropic.

- a)- Identify the particle X.
- b)- What is the activity of the source. ($1\text{Ci} = 3.7 \times 10^{10}\text{Bq}$)
- c)- What is the total energy that appears in electrons in 4 hours.
- d)- If all of this energy were absorbed by a person of mass 60 kg, what is the radiation absorbed dose in Gray (Gy) and in Sievert (Sv)? ($1\text{Gy} = 6.24 \times 10^{12}\text{MeV/kg}$).

- e)- The maximal recommended occupational dose is 50 mSv per year. To get one-hundredth of this dose what is the fraction of the electrons absorbed?
- f)- If the area of the person is 0.5 m^2 , at what distance the person must keep from the source, to limit the dose to 0.5 mSv ?

12)- 10 Marks

In the quark model, the nucleon {p,n} and the two Δ - particles $\{\Delta^+, \Delta^0\}$ are represented by the same combinations : { uud, udd }. Even that, these two sets of particles are different. What is the main difference between them?

Given:

$$\lambda_c = h/mc = 0.0243 \text{ \AA}, \quad 1 \text{ nm} = 10 \text{ \AA}, \quad m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2, \quad m_p = 938.28 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$r_n = n^2 \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e k e^2} = 0.53 n^2 \text{ \AA}, \quad v_n/c = \alpha/n, \quad E_n = -m_e c^2 \alpha^2/2n^2, \quad hc = 1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm},$$

$$k e^2 = 1.44 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}, \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{137}, \quad c \tau (e^- \sim 1.7 \text{ eV}) = 1.$$