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## Preliminary Examination - Day 2 Friday, May 11, 2018

This test covers the topics of Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics (Topic 1) and Quantum Mechanics (Topic 2). Each topic has 4 "A" questions and 4 " B " questions. Work two problems from each group. Thus, you will work on a total of 8 questions today, 4 from each topic.

Note: If you do more than two problems in a group, only the first two (in the order they appear in this handout) will be graded. For instance, if you do problems A1, A3, and A4, only A1 and A3 will be graded.

A1 A mass of 0.4 kg of a certain gas is contained within a piston-cylinder assembly. The gas undergoes a process for which the pressure-volume relationship is $p V^{1.5}=$ constant. The initial pressure is 300 kPa , the initial volume is $0.1 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$, and the final volume is $0.2 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$. The change in specific internal energy of the gas in the process is $u_{2}-u_{1}=-55 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{kg}$. Deter-
 mine the net heat transfer for the process.

A2 Consider an engine working in a reversible cycle and using an ideal gas with constant heat capacity $c_{p}$ as the working substance. The cycle consists of two processes at constant pressure, joined by two adiabatics. Which temperature of $T_{a}, T_{b}, T_{c}$, $T_{d}$ is the highest and which is the lowest? Justify your answer.


A3 An automobile engine whose thermal efficiency is $\varepsilon=22.0 \%$ operates at 95.0 cycles per second and does work at the rate of 120 hp . How much heat does the engine absorb per cycle? ( 1 hp $=1$ horsepower $=746$ watts.)

A4 A mixture of 1.78 kg of water and 262 g of ice at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is, in a reversible process, brought to a final equilibrium state where the water/ice ratio (by mass) is $1: 1$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calculate the entropy change of the system during this process.

## Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics Group B - Answer only two Group B questions

B1 Given a round table, we randomly place three legs under the table. What is probability that the table will fall?

B2 Two fluids, $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$, of fixed volumes and constant heat capacities $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$, are initially at temperatures $T_{1}$ and $T_{2}\left(T_{1}>T_{2}\right)$, respectively. They are adiabatically insulated from each other. A quasistatically acting Carnot engine uses $F_{1}$ as heat source and $F_{2}$ as heat sink, and acts between the systems until they reach a common temperature $T_{0}$. Find this $T_{0}$, and also find the total work done by the Carnot engine.

B3 Consider the Joule-Thomson expansion in which a gas is allowed to flow slowly through a porous plug between two containers, which are otherwise isolated from each other and from their surroundings. The enthalpy is defined as $H=U+p V$. The temperature change of such an expansion is measured by the Joule-Thomson coefficient $j \equiv\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{H}$.
a. Show that $d H=T d S+V d p$.
b. Subsequently, show that $j=\frac{V}{C_{p}}\left(T \alpha_{p}-1\right)$ where the coefficient of volume expansion at constant pressure is defined as $\alpha_{p}=\frac{1}{V}\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p}$.
c. Finally, compute the coefficient $j$ for an ideal gas.

B4 Consider a system of $N$ particles with only three possible energy levels: $0, \varepsilon$, and $2 \varepsilon$. The system occupies a fixed volume $V$ and is in thermal equilibrium with a reservoir at temperature $T$. Ignore interactions between particles, and assume that Boltzmann statistics applies.
a. What is the partition function for a single particle in the system?
$b$. What is the average energy per particle?
c. For each of the three energy levels, what is probability that it is occupied in the hightemperature limit, $k_{\mathrm{B}} T \gg \varepsilon$ ?
d. What is the average energy per particle for $k_{\mathrm{B}} T \gg \varepsilon$ ?
e. Find the heat capacity of the system, $C_{V}$, and give the limits for $k_{\mathrm{B}} T \ll \varepsilon$ and for $k_{\mathrm{B}} T \gg \varepsilon$

## Quantum Mechanics Group A - Answer only two Group A questions

A1 A monochromatic point source of light radiates 25 W at a wavelength 500 nm . A metal plate is placed 0.1 m from the source. The work function of the metal is 2.1 eV .
(a) What is the photon current density when they strike the metal?
(b) What is the maximum kinetic energy of the emitted electrons?

A2 An operator $B$ is called anti-Hermitian when $B^{+}=-B$. Show that the expectation values of anti-Hermitian operators are purely imaginary.

A3 For a set of square-integrable function on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$ prove that
(a) the operator $\frac{d}{d x}$ is antihermitian;
(b) the expectation value of the kinetic energy of a particle with mass $m$ is

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\langle T\rangle=\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2 m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\left|\frac{d \psi}{d x}\right|^{2} d x
$$

A4 Let the kets $\left|\varphi_{i}\right\rangle(i=1,2,3, \ldots)$ be an orthonormal basis of some Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$. We consider the operator $P=\Sigma_{i}\left|\varphi_{i}\right\rangle\left\langle\varphi_{i}\right|$.
a. Show that $P$ is idempotent, i.e. $P^{2}=P$.
b. Is $P$ Hermitian?

## Quantum Mechanics Group B - Answer only two Group B questions

B1 Consider a charged oscillator, of positive charge $q$ and mass $m$, which is subject to an oscillating electric field $E_{0} \cos (\omega t)$. The particle's Hamiltonian is $\hat{H}=\frac{\hat{P}^{2}}{2 m}+\frac{1}{2} k \hat{X}^{2}+q E_{0} \hat{X} \cos (\omega t)$.
a. Calculate $d\langle\hat{X}\rangle / d t, d\langle\hat{P}\rangle / d t$, and $d\langle\hat{H}\rangle / d t$.
b. Find $\langle\hat{X}\rangle(t)$, the expectation value of $\hat{X}$ as a function of time.

B2 At time $t=0$, a hydrogen atom is in the superposition state

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\psi(\mathbf{r}, 0)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left[\psi_{100}(\mathbf{r})+\psi_{210}(\mathbf{r})\right]
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where $\psi_{n l m}(\mathbf{r})$ are stationary eigenstates.
(a) Find the expectation value of the Cartesian coordinate $z$ at $t=0$.
(b) Find the expectation value of $z(t)$ at $t>0$.
(c) Write the Heisenberg equation of motion for $z(t)$, and find the expectation value of $p_{z}(t)$ from it.

B3 (a) Using the properties of the lowering and raising angular momentum operators,

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\begin{gathered}
\langle j m| J_{ \pm}\left|j^{\prime} m^{\prime}\right\rangle=\left[\left(j^{\prime} \mp m^{\prime}\right)\left(j^{\prime} \pm m^{\prime}+1\right)\right]^{1 / 2} \hbar \delta_{j j^{\prime}} \delta_{m, m^{\prime} \pm 1} \\
J_{x}=\frac{1}{2}\left(J_{+}+J_{-}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

find the matrix representation for the Cartesian component $J_{x}$ of the spin operator $\mathbf{J}$ of a particle with spin $j=1$.
(b) Find the eigenvalues and eigenstates of $J_{x}$.
(c) Suppose the particle is in the eigenstate of $J_{x}$ with the eigenvalue $\hbar$, and $J_{z}$ is measured. What are possible outcomes of this measurement, and what are the corresponding probabilities?
(d) Answer the question (c), if the particle is initially in the eigenstate of $J_{x}$ with the eigenvalue 0 .

B4 In a one-dimensional scattering experiment, a steady, uniform beam of protons with kinetic energy $E=400 \mathrm{eV}$ and density $\rho_{i}=225 \mathrm{~m}^{-1}$ is sent to a potential step of height $V_{0}=600 \mathrm{eV}$, so that the potential energy $V(x)$ is

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V=0 \text { for } x<0, \quad V=V_{0} \text { for } x>0 .
$$

(a) Calculate the amplitude $A$ of the incident wave.
(b) Write down the wavefunction $\psi(x)$ for $x<0$ and $x>0$. All parameters (coefficients) should be expressed in terms of given quantities ( $\rho_{i}, E$ and $V_{0}$ ).
(c) Find the total proton density $\rho$ as a function of $x$. Simplify it as much as you can.
(d) Show that the total current density $J(x)=0$ everywhere.
(e) Explain why $J$ is independent of the position $x$ in spite of the fact that $\rho$ does depend on $x$.

## Physical Constants

speed of light $\qquad$ $c=2.998 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$

Planck's constant $\qquad$ $h=6.626 \times 10^{-34} \mathrm{~J} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$

Planck's constant $/ 2 \pi \ldots . \hbar=1.055 \times 10^{-34} \mathrm{~J} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$
Boltzmann constant ...... $k_{\mathrm{B}}=1.381 \times 10^{-23} \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{K}$
elementary charge $\ldots . . . . . . . e=1.602 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{C}$ electric permittivity ...... $\varepsilon_{0}=8.854 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{~F} / \mathrm{m}$ magnetic permeability ... $\mu_{0}=1.257 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{m}$ molar gas constant. $\qquad$ $R=8.314 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{mol} \cdot \mathrm{K}$ Avogadro constant ....... $N_{\mathrm{A}}=6.022 \times 10^{23} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$
electrostatic constant ... $k=\left(4 \pi \varepsilon_{0}\right)^{-1}=8.988 \times 10^{9} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{F}$
electron mass $\qquad$ $m_{\text {el }}=9.109 \times 10^{-31} \mathrm{~kg}$
electron rest energy...... 511.0 keV
Compton wavelength .. $\lambda_{\mathrm{C}}=h / m_{\mathrm{el}} c=2.426 \mathrm{pm}$
proton mass .................. $m_{\mathrm{p}}=1.673 \times 10^{-27} \mathrm{~kg}=1836 m_{\text {el }}$
1 bohr $a_{0}=\hbar^{2} / k e^{2} m_{\text {el }}=0.5292 \AA$

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## Equations That May Be Helpful

## TRIGONOMETRY

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\begin{aligned}
& \sin (\alpha+\beta)=\sin \alpha \cos \beta+\cos \alpha \sin \beta \\
& \sin (\alpha-\beta)=\sin \alpha \cos \beta-\cos \alpha \sin \beta \\
& \cos (\alpha+\beta)=\cos \alpha \cos \beta-\sin \alpha \sin \beta \\
& \cos (\alpha-\beta)=\cos \alpha \cos \beta+\sin \alpha \sin \beta
\end{aligned}
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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sin (2 \theta)=2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\
& \cos (2 \theta)=\cos ^{2} \theta-\sin ^{2} \theta=1-2 \sin ^{2} \theta=2 \cos ^{2} \theta-1
\end{aligned}
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$$
\sin \alpha \sin \beta=\frac{1}{2}[\cos (\alpha-\beta)-\cos (\alpha+\beta)]
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$$
\cos \alpha \cos \beta=\frac{1}{2}[\cos (\alpha-\beta)+\cos (\alpha+\beta)]
$$

$$
\sin \alpha \cos \beta=\frac{1}{2}[\sin (\alpha+\beta)+\sin (\alpha-\beta)]
$$

$$
\cos \alpha \sin \beta=\frac{1}{2}[\sin (\alpha+\beta)-\sin (\alpha-\beta)]
$$

## THERMODYNAMICS

Partition function $=\quad Z=\Sigma_{i} e^{-\beta E_{i}}$
Average energy $=\quad\langle E\rangle=-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}(\ln Z)$

Heat capacity $=\quad C_{V}=N \frac{d\langle E\rangle}{d T}$
Clausius' theorem: $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{Q_{i}}{T_{i}} \leq 0$, which becomes $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{Q_{i}}{T_{i}}=0$ for a reversible cyclic process of $N$ steps. $\frac{d p}{d T}=\frac{\lambda}{T \Delta V}$

For adiabatic processes in an ideal gas with constant heat capacity, $p V^{\gamma}=$ const.
$d U=T d S-p d V$
$H=U+p V \quad F=U-T S \quad G=F+p V \quad \Omega=F-\mu N$
$C_{V}=\left(\frac{\delta Q}{d T}\right)_{V}=T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{V} \quad C_{p}=\left(\frac{\delta Q}{d T}\right)_{p}=T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{p} \quad T d S=C_{V} d T+T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{T} d V$
$\kappa=-\frac{1}{V}\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p}\right)_{T} \quad \alpha=\frac{1}{V}\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p}$

Triple product: $\left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial Y}\right)_{Z} \cdot\left(\frac{\partial Y}{\partial Z}\right)_{X} \cdot\left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial X}\right)_{Y}=-1$

Maxwell's relations:

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\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_{S}=-\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial S}\right)_{V}, \quad\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{S}=\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_{p}, \quad\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{T}=\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_{V}, \quad-\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial p}\right)_{T}=\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p}
$$

## Data for water

specific heat $\quad C=4186 \mathrm{~J} /(\mathrm{kg} \cdot \mathrm{K})$
heat of fusion $\quad L_{\mathrm{F}}=334 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{kg}$
heat of vaporization $L_{\mathrm{V}}=2256 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{kg}$

## QUANTUM MECHANICS

Ground-state wavefunction of the hydrogen atom: $\psi(\mathbf{r})=\frac{e^{-r / a_{0}}}{\pi^{1 / 2} a_{0}^{3 / 2}}$, where $a_{0}=\frac{4 \pi \varepsilon_{0} \hbar^{2}}{m e^{2}}$ is the Bohr radius, using $m \approx m_{\mathrm{el}}$, in which $m_{\mathrm{el}}$ is the electron mass.
$\psi_{n l m}(\mathbf{r})=R_{n l}(r) Y_{l m}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad E_{n}=-\frac{1}{n^{2}} \frac{m k^{2} e^{4}}{2 \hbar^{2}}$
$R_{10}(r)=\frac{2}{a_{0}^{3 / 2}} e^{-r / a_{0}}$
$R_{21}(r)=\frac{1}{3^{1 / 2}\left(2 a_{0}\right)^{3 / 2}} \frac{r}{a_{0}} e^{-r / 2 a_{0}}$

Particle in one-dimensional, infinitely-deep box with walls at $x=0$ and $x=a$ :
Stationary states $\psi_{n}=(2 / a)^{1 / 2} \sin (n \pi x / a)$, energy levels $E_{n}=n^{2} \frac{\pi^{2} \hbar^{2}}{2 m a^{2}}$
Angular momentum: $\left[L_{x}, L_{y}\right]=i \hbar L_{z}$ et cycl.

Ladder operators: $\quad L_{+}|\ell, m\rangle=\hbar \sqrt{(\ell+m+1)(\ell-m)}|\ell, m+1\rangle$

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L_{-}|\ell, m\rangle=\hbar \sqrt{(\ell+m)(\ell-m+1)}|\ell, m-1\rangle
$$

Creation, annihilation operators:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\hat{a}^{\dagger}=\sqrt{\frac{m \omega}{2 \hbar}}\left(\hat{x}-i \frac{\hat{p}}{m \omega}\right) & \hat{a}=\sqrt{\frac{m \omega}{2 \hbar}}\left(\hat{x}+i \frac{\hat{p}}{m \omega}\right) \\
\hat{a}^{\dagger}|n\rangle=\sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle & \hat{a}|n\rangle=\sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle
\end{array}
$$

Probability current density: $J(x)=\frac{\hbar}{2 m i}\left(\psi^{*} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}-\psi \frac{\partial \psi^{*}}{\partial x}\right)=\frac{\hbar}{m} \operatorname{Im}\left(\psi^{*} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}\right)$.

Table Spherical harmonics and their-expressions in Cartesian coordinates.

| $Y_{l m}(\theta, \varphi)$ | $Y_{l m}(x, y, z)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $Y_{00}(\theta, \varphi)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \pi}}$ | $Y_{00}(x, y, z)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \pi}}$ |
| $Y_{10}(\theta, \varphi)=\sqrt{\frac{3}{4 \pi}} \cos \theta$ | $Y_{10}(x, y, z)=\sqrt{\frac{3}{4 \pi}} \frac{z}{r}$ |
| $Y_{1, \pm 1}(\theta, \varphi)=\mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8 \pi}} e^{ \pm i \varphi} \sin \theta$ | $Y_{1, \pm 1}(x, y, z)=\mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8 \pi}} \frac{x \pm i y}{r}$ |
| $Y_{20}(\theta, \varphi)=\sqrt{\frac{5}{16 \pi}}\left(3 \cos ^{2} \theta-1\right)$ | $Y_{20}(x, y, z)=\sqrt{\frac{5}{16 \pi}} \frac{3 z^{2}-r^{2}}{r^{2}}$ |
| $Y_{2, \pm 1}(\theta, \varphi)=\mp \sqrt{\frac{15}{8 \pi}} e^{ \pm i \varphi} \sin \theta \cos \theta$ | $Y_{2, \pm 1}(x, y, z)=\mp \sqrt{\frac{15}{8 \pi}} \frac{(x \pm i y) z}{r^{2}}$ |
| $Y_{2, \pm 2}(\theta, \varphi)=\sqrt{\frac{15}{32 \pi}} e^{ \pm 2 i \varphi} \sin ^{2} \theta$ | $Y_{2, \pm 2}(x, y, z)=\mp \sqrt{\frac{15}{32 \pi}} \frac{x^{2}-y^{2} \pm 2 i x y}{r^{2}}$ |

$H_{\text {mag }}=-\gamma \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}$
Pauli matrices: $\quad \sigma_{x}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0\end{array}\right), \sigma_{y}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}0 & -i \\ i & 0\end{array}\right), \sigma_{z}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1\end{array}\right)$

Compton scattering: $\quad \lambda^{\prime}-\lambda=\lambda_{\mathrm{C}}(1-\cos \theta)$


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## CARTESIAN AND SPHERICAL UNIT VECTORS

$\hat{\mathbf{x}}=(\sin \theta \cos \phi) \hat{\mathbf{r}}+(\cos \theta \cos \phi) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}-\sin \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$
$\hat{\mathbf{y}}=(\sin \theta \sin \phi) \hat{\mathbf{r}}+(\cos \theta \sin \phi) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}+\cos \phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$
$\hat{\mathbf{z}}=\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{r}}-\sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$

## INTEGRALS



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\begin{aligned}
& \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+b x^{2}} d x= \\
& \int_{n}^{\infty} x^{n} e^{-b x} d x=\frac{n}{b^{n}}
\end{aligned}
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