

Mid Semester Examination I – Monsoon 2018 IIIT-Hyderabad

Subject: Science I

Full Marks: 40 Time: 90 min

Use of non-programmable scientific calculator is allowed

Derive the one-dimensional diffusion equation starting from the one-dimensional random walk model. [2]

Solve the one-dimensional diffusion equation using the Fourier transformation method. Plot (in a single plot) the solutions of the diffusion equation at time t = 0, $t \to \infty$, and $t = t_1$, and $t = t_2$ such that $\infty > t_2 > t_1 > 0$. [5+2]

2) Calculate the mean displacement and the mean square displacement of

a random walker in one-dimension after N steps starting from the origin.
b) a solute, which is restricted to move in one dimension, surrounded by solvent molecules whose diffusion is described by the one-dimensional diffusion equation (after N steps starting from the origin).

a one-dimensional solute in a solvent whose dynamics is described by the Langevin's equation. [6+6+5]

(a) Define the Hamiltonian function for an isolated classical system consisting of N interacting particles. (b) What is phase space? (c) How do you describe the microscopic dynamics of this system using the Hamiltonian function? [1+1+2]

4) Consider the random walk problem in one dimension, the probability of a displacement between s and s+ds being

$$w(s)ds = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{-1}{2}}e^{-(s-1)^2/2\sigma^2}ds$$

After N steps,

(a) What is the mean displacement $\langle x \rangle$ from the origin?

(b) What is the dispersion of $\langle (x-\langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle$? (Here, *l* and σ are constants.)

[10]

$$p^{2} (p+a)^{N}$$
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Total: 45 marks Time: 1.5 hrs

- 1) When a particle with spin 1/2 is placed in a magnetic field H, its energy level is split into -μH and +μH and it has a magnetic moment μ or -μ along the direction of the magnetic field, respectively. Suppose a closed system consisting of N such particles is in a magnetic field H and is kept at a constant temperature T. Find the internal energy, the entropy, the specific heat capacity and the total magnetic moment M of this system.
 - 2) N monomeric units are arranged along a straight line to form a chain molecule. Each monomeric unit is assumed to be capable of being either in an α state or in a β state. In the former state, the length is a and the energy is E_{α} . The corresponding values in the latter state are b and E_{β} . Derive the relation between the length L of the chain molecule and the tension X applied between the both ends of the molecule. (Hint: assume that it is a closed system at constant tension). (10)
- Calculate the number of accessible microstates and the entropy of an isolated system of N ideal gas atoms confined in a cubic box of volume V. (4)
 - 4) A cylinder of radius R and length b rotates about its axis with a constant angular velocity ω . Evaluate the density distributions of an ideal gas enclosed in the cylinder. Ignore the effect of gravitation. Carry out classical calculations assuming that thermal equilibrium is established at T. (Hint: The Hamiltonian that describes the motion in a rotating coordinate system is $H^* = H \omega L$, where H is the Hamiltonian in the coordinate system at rest and L denotes the angular momentum). (10)
- Derive the equation of state for a) an ideal gas and b) a dilute real gas consisting of N identical particles in a cubic box of volume V maintained at temperature T. (4 + 6)
- Derive the relationship between the energy fluctuation and heat capacity of a closed system. (4)

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Total: 60 marks Time: 3 hrs

1) Consider a classical system of N noninteracting identical homonuclear diatomic molecules enclosed in a box of volume V at temperature T. The Hamiltonian for a single molecule is taken to be

$$H(p_1, p_2, r_1, r_2) = \frac{1}{2m}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}K|r_1 - r_2|^2$$

where p_1 , p_2 , r_1 , r_2 are the momenta and coordinates of the two atoms in a molecule, m is the mass of each atom, and K is a positive constant. Find

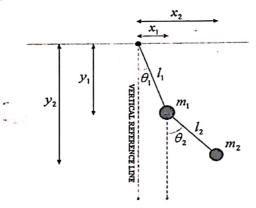
(a) the Helmholtz free energy of the system;

(b) the heat capacity at constant volume;

(c) the mean square molecule diameter $<|\mathbf{r_1}-\mathbf{r_2}|^2>$.

[10]

2) Determine the equation of motion of a coplanar double pendulum (shown below) using the (a) Lagrangian mechanics and (b) Hamiltonian mechanics. [12]



- 3) a) An electron is moving freely inside a one-dimensional infinite potential box with walls at x = 0 and x = L. The width of the box is 2×10^{-10} m. If the wave function of the first excited state is $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\frac{2\pi x}{L})$, what is the probability of finding the electron between x = 0 and $x = 10^{-10}$ m in that state.
 - b) Calculate the expectation values of position $\langle x \rangle$ and of the momentum $\langle p_x \rangle$ of a particle in the one-dimensional box when it is in the n^{th} state. [3 + 3]
- (4) Calculate the entropy of an isolated one-dimensional classical harmonic oscillator of energy E. [4]

5) (a) What are Euler angles? Why do we need them? You need to write the final rotation matrix in terms of Euler angles.

Using space-fixed and rotated frames of reference, determine the rotation matrix for a rotation about an arbitrary axis by an arbitrary angle. [5+3]

Calculate the mean square displacement of a solute in a solvent using (a) the random walk model (b) the diffusing equation and (c) the Langevin dynamics. You may assume that the system is one dimensional. [4+4+4]

7) (a) Using a phase diagram, discuss (a) phase boundaries (b) phase transitions (c) phase stability (d) triple point.

(b) How do you determine the equation of a phase boundary? You may consider any phase boundary of your choice. [4+4]

