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$$\textcircled{1} \quad T_1 = \frac{1}{2} m (2l\dot{\theta})^2$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2} m [4l^2\dot{\theta}^2 + l^2\dot{\phi}^2 + 4l^2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi}\cos(\theta-\phi)]$$

$$V_1 = mg2l(1-\cos\theta)$$

$$V_2 = mg2l(1-\cos\theta) + mgl(1-\cos\phi)$$

For small angles

$$L = 4ml^2\dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}ml^2\dot{\phi}^2 + 2ml^2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} - 2mgl\theta^2 - \frac{1}{2}mgl\phi^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 4\ddot{\theta} + \ddot{\phi} + 2\omega_0^2\theta = 0$$

$$\omega_0^2 = g/l$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{\phi} + 2\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2\phi = 0$$

$$-4\omega^2\theta - \omega^2\phi + 2\omega_0^2\theta = 0$$

$$-\omega^2\phi - 2\omega^2\theta + \omega_0^2\phi = 0$$

$$(2\omega_0^2 - 4\omega^2)(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) - 2\omega^4 = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \left( \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \omega_0^2$$

Amplitudes:

Using first equation

$$\frac{\theta}{\phi} = \frac{\omega^2}{2\omega_0^2 - 4\omega^2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{-8 \mp 4\sqrt{5}}$$

Second equation

$$\frac{\theta}{\phi} = \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{2\omega^2} = \frac{-1 \mp \sqrt{5}}{6 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}$$

equivalent

②  $v_p \approx \text{constant}$  so in planet's frame

$$V_i' = V_i + V_p$$

to conserve K.E. in planet's frame

$$V_f' = V_i' + V_p$$

In sun's frame

$$V_f = V_i + 2V_p$$

③  $N - mg \cos \theta = -\frac{mv^2}{R}$  (Newton II)

$$v^2 = 2gR(1 - \cos \theta) \quad (\text{Energy conservation})$$

Look for  $N=0$

$$mg \cos \theta = \frac{m}{R} 2gR(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

④  $U(r) = U_0 \left[ \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^a - \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{2a} \right]$

Find equilibrium:  $\frac{1}{U_0} \frac{dU}{dr} = -\frac{a}{r_0} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{a+1} + \frac{2a}{r_0} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{2a+1}$

$$= 0 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{a+1} = 2 \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{2a+1}$$

$$r_{eq} = 2^{1/a} r_0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ \frac{d^2 U}{dr^2} \right]_{r=r_{eq}} \quad \mu = \text{reduced mass}$$

$$\frac{1}{U_0} \frac{d^2 U}{dr^2} = \frac{a(a+1)}{r_0^2} \left( \frac{r_0}{r} \right)^{a+2} - \frac{2a(a+1)}{r_0^2} \left( \frac{r_0}{r} \right)^{2a+2}$$

Evaluate at  $r_{eq}$  to get

$$\frac{1}{U_0} \left[ \frac{d^2 U}{dr^2} \right]_{r=r_{eq}} = \frac{a}{2r_0^2} \left[ \frac{a+1}{2^{2/a}} - \frac{2a+1}{2^{2/a}} \right] = \frac{-a^2}{2 \cdot 2^{2/a} r_0^2}$$

(Note  $U_0$  must be negative)

$$\omega^2 = \frac{-U_0 a^2 (m_1 + m_2)}{2 \cdot 2^{2/a} r_0^2 m_1 m_2}$$

E&amp;M # 1

$$A(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 \hat{z}}{c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{I(t_r)}{r} dz$$

retarded time  
distance to points on wire

for  $t \gg r/c$ , integrate over  $t_0$

$$z = \pm \sqrt{(ct)^2 - r^2}$$

$$A(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 \hat{z}}{c} 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{(ct)^2 - r^2}} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$$

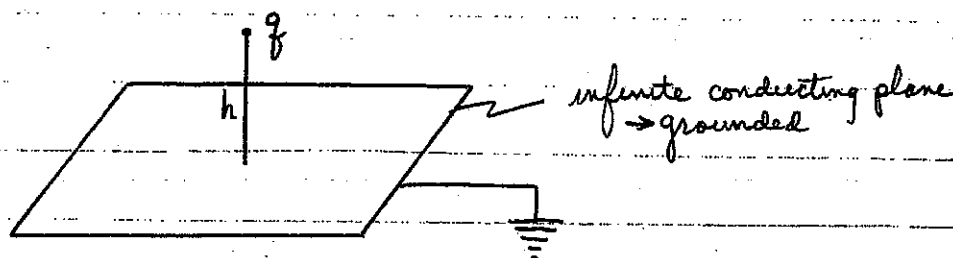
$V = 0$  - Nothing is ever charged

$$\vec{E}(r, t) = -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

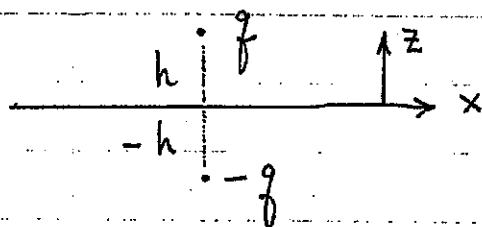
$|\vec{A}|$  is an increasing function of time,  
so  $\vec{E}$  must point in the  $-z$  direction

$|\vec{A}|$  clearly decreases with distance

B is  $\hat{y}$  direction  $\uparrow \uparrow$  this gives a curl pointing into  
B is  $-\hat{y}$  direction on left. The paper (out of paper on right)

Electromagnetism #2

Replace the sheet by a negative image charge.



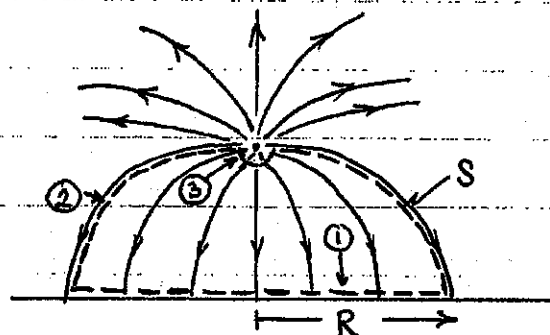
The potential is clearly zero everywhere on the plane  $z=0$ .

For  $z > 0$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q[(z-h)\hat{z} + x\hat{x}]}{[(z-h)^2 + x^2]^{3/2}} - \frac{q[(z+h)\hat{z} + x\hat{x}]}{[(z+h)^2 + x^2]^{3/2}}$$

where  $q$  has been set  $= 0$  with no loss of generality

Consider the following Gaussian surface (dashed line) drawn on the field lines:



$$\int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad \text{since no charge is enclosed.}$$

$S$  is composed of ①, the region in the midplane bounded by the field lines which emanate horizontally from the charge  $q$ ,

Electromagnetism #2 (cont.)

- ②, the surface formed by the field lines emanating horizontally from  $q$ ,  
and ③, a hemisphere very near to the charge  $q$ .

$$\int_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad \text{since the field lines are everywhere parallel to the surface}$$

$$\int_{S_3} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = -2\pi q \quad \text{since the field lines very near to the charge } q \text{ are essentially radial and unaffected by the charge } -q \text{ at } z = -h.$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 2\pi q \quad \text{to satisfy } \int_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

$$\vec{E}(z=0) = \frac{q(-h\hat{z} + x\hat{x})}{[h^2 + x^2]^{3/2}} - \frac{q(h\hat{z} + x\hat{x})}{[h^2 + x^2]^{3/2}} = \frac{-2qh\hat{z}}{[h^2 + x^2]^{3/2}}$$

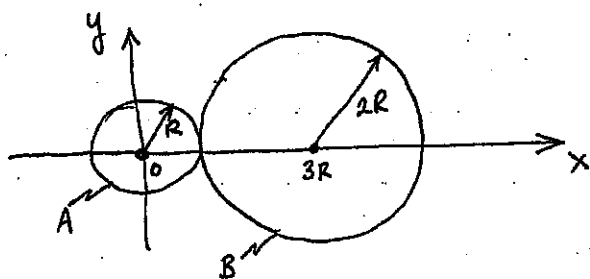
$$\int_0^R \frac{-2qh\hat{z}}{[h^2 + x^2]^{3/2}} 2\pi x dx (-\hat{z}) = 4\pi qh \int_0^R \frac{x dx}{[h^2 + x^2]^{3/2}}$$

$$= 4\pi qh \left[ \frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{[h^2 + R^2]^{1/2}} \right]$$

This should equal  $2\pi q$ , from above

$$\text{So, } 1 - \frac{h}{[h^2 + R^2]^{1/2}} = 1/2 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 = \frac{4h^2}{[h^2 + R^2]}$$

$$\boxed{R = \sqrt{3}h}$$

Electromagnetism #3

- a. E field at the origin is centered in sphere A, outside of B

Thus,  $E_x = -\frac{Q}{(3R)^2}$  from B  $E_x = 0$  from A

$$\boxed{E_x = -\frac{Q}{9R^2}} \quad E_y = E_z = 0 \text{ by symmetry}$$

- b. At  $x = R/2$

$$E_x = \frac{Q(<1)}{r^2} \text{ from A} \quad E_x = -\frac{Q}{(5/2R)^2} \text{ from B}$$

$$= \frac{Q(1/R)^3}{r^2} = \frac{Q(1/2)^3}{(1/2)^2 R^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_x = \frac{Q}{2R^2} - \frac{4Q}{25R^2} \quad (\text{at } r = R/2)$$

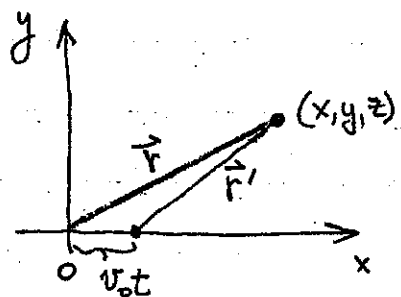
$$\boxed{E_x = \frac{17Q}{50R^2} \text{ at } r = R/2}$$

For the case where charge  $Q$  is distributed over the two spheres, weighted by volume, the corresponding answers are:

a.  $E_x = -\frac{8Q}{81R^2}$

b.  $E_x = \frac{1}{18} \frac{Q}{R^2} - \frac{32}{225} \frac{Q}{R^2} = -0.087 \frac{Q}{R^2}$

↑  
note sign reversal

Electromagnetism #4


The electric field of a uniformly moving charge is

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q \gamma \vec{r}'}{[(x-v_0 t)^2 + y^2 + z^2]^{3/2}}$$

It always points radially away from the current position of the charge, but its strength depends on direction.

For low velocities  $\gamma \rightarrow 1$

$$\vec{E} \cong \frac{q \vec{r}'}{r^3}$$

where  $\vec{r}' = (x-v_0 t)\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$

or shorthand,  $\vec{r}' = [(x-v_0 t), y, z]$

The displacement current density is

$$\vec{J}_D = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{-v_0 \hat{x}}{r^3} + \frac{3\vec{r}'(x-v_0 t)v_0}{r^5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q v_0}{4\pi r^5} \left[ +3\vec{r}'(x-v_0 t) - \hat{x} r^2 \right]$$

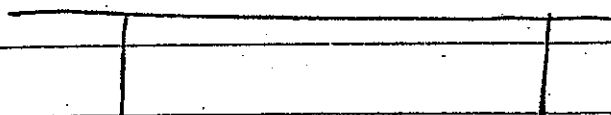
$$= \frac{q v_0}{4\pi r^5} \left[ 3(x-v_0 t)^2 \hat{x} + 3y(x-v_0 t) \hat{y} + 3z(x-v_0 t) \hat{z} - \hat{x}(x-v_0 t)^2 - \hat{x} y^2 - \hat{x} z^2 \right]$$

$$\boxed{\vec{J}_D = \frac{q v_0}{4\pi r^5} \left[ (2(x-v_0 t)^2 - y^2 - z^2), 3y(x-v_0 t), 3z(x-v_0 t) \right]}$$



# Quantum #1

a) Ground state is the symmetric state



$$A e^{K(x+a)} \quad B(e^{-K(x+a)} + e^{K(x-a)}) \quad A e^{-K(x-a)}$$

$$A = B(1 + e^{-2Ka})$$

b)

$$\psi'' + \frac{2m\eta}{\hbar^2} \delta(x) \psi = K^2 \psi \quad \text{in each region}$$

integrate this around  $x=a$

$$\int_{a-\epsilon}^{a+\epsilon}$$

$$\psi'(a+\epsilon) - \psi'(a-\epsilon) + \frac{2m\eta}{\hbar^2} \psi(a) = 0$$

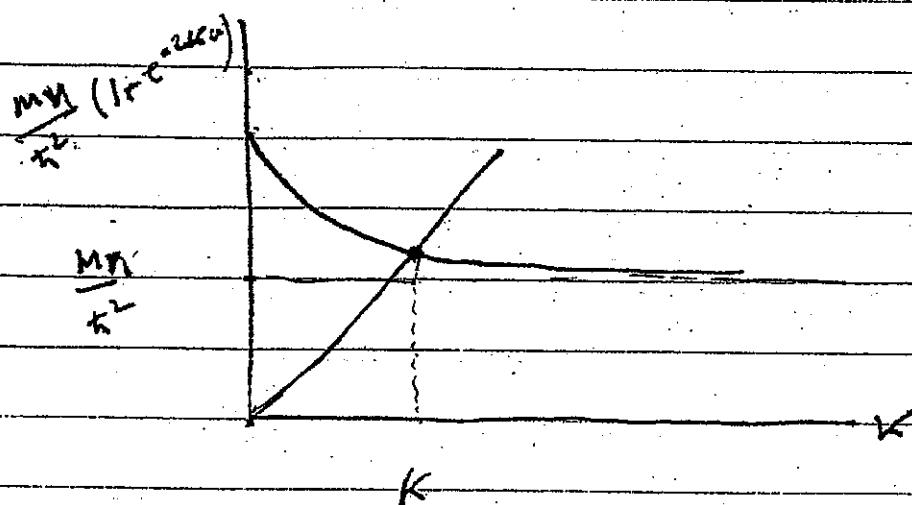
$$\psi'_{(x < a)}(x=a) = B(-e^{-2Ka} + 1)K$$

$$\psi'_{(x > a)}(x=a) = B(-e^{-2Ka} - 1)K$$

so

$$B(-e^{-2Ka} - 1)K - B(-e^{-2Ka} + 1)K + \frac{2m\eta}{\hbar^2} B(e^{-2Ka} + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore K = \frac{m\eta}{\hbar^2} (1 + e^{-2Ka}) \quad E = -\frac{\hbar^2 K^2}{2m}$$



c) If  $a$  is very large,  $ka \gg 1$

$$k = \frac{m\eta}{\hbar^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2ka}\right)$$

If  $a \rightarrow \infty$ , this is the same as a single well in terms of energy. For  $a < \infty$ ,  $k$  is larger than it would be otherwise, therefore the Energy,  $E = -\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$ , is lower in the case of the double well when compared to the single well.

## Quantum #2

a) Stationary state  $\rightarrow$  ~~this~~  $S = 0$

b) This is probably easier to do if you remember that  $S = -\frac{\hbar}{m} \ln[\Psi(\nabla\Psi^*)]$

but you can do it using  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}$

as follows  $\rightarrow$

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$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) e^{-3i\omega_0 t} \right] e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

$$\psi^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) e^{+3i\omega_0 t} \right] e^{+i\omega_0 t}$$

$$\psi^* \psi = \frac{1}{b} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) e^{-3i\omega_0 t} + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) e^{3i\omega_0 t} \right]$$

+ sep part

$$\psi^* \psi = \frac{2}{b} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) \right] \cos 3\omega_0 t$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{6\omega_0}{b} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) \sin 3\omega_0 t = -\frac{dJ}{dx}$$

$$S = \int_0^x \left( \frac{6\omega_0}{b} \sin 3\omega_0 t \right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{b}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{b}x\right) dx$$

$$\sin 2u = 2 \cos u \sin u$$

$$S = \frac{12\omega_0}{\pi} \sin 3\omega_0 t \int_0^x \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{D}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{D}x\right) dx$$

$$\text{let } u = \frac{\pi}{D}x \quad du = \frac{\pi}{D} dx$$

$$S = \frac{12\omega_0}{\pi} \sin 3\omega_0 t \int_0^u \sin^2 u \cos u du$$

$$\text{let } d = \sin u \quad dd = \cos u du$$

$$S = \frac{12\omega_0}{\pi} \sin 3\omega_0 t \int_0^{d'} d^2 dd = \left[ \frac{4\omega_0}{\pi} \sin 3\omega_0 t \sin^3\left(\frac{\pi}{D}x\right) \right]$$

# Quantum #3 Solution

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$P_{1 \rightarrow 0} = \left| \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^T dt e^{i\omega_{10}t} \langle 0 | b x | 1 \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\omega_{10} = \frac{E_1 - E_0}{\hbar} = \omega$$

$$\langle 0 | x | 1 \rangle = \langle 0 | \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger) | 1 \rangle$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}$$

$$\left| \int_0^T dt e^{i\omega t} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{e^{i\omega T} - 1}{i\omega} \right|^2 = \frac{4 \sin^2\left(\frac{\omega T}{2}\right)}{\omega^2}$$

$$P_{1 \rightarrow 0} = \frac{2 b^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\omega T}{2}\right)}{m \omega^3 \hbar}$$

## Problem #4 (Quantum Mechanics)

Consider a particle in a three dimensional square well potential of depth  $V_0$  and radius  $a$ . What is the necessary condition that at least one bound state exists when the particle has no angular momentum?

<Solution>

The Schrödinger equation for a bound state with no angular momentum is

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \chi(r)}{dr^2} = \begin{cases} (V_0 - |E|) \chi & \text{for } 0 \leq r < a \\ -|E| \chi & \text{for } a < r \end{cases}$$

where

$$R(r) = \frac{\chi(r)}{r}$$

The solution is

$$\chi(r) = \begin{cases} A \sin \alpha r & \text{for } 0 \leq r < a \\ B e^{-\beta r} & \text{for } a < r \end{cases}$$

where

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 - |E|)}{\hbar^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}$$

The boundary condition at  $r = a$  gives

$$\beta = -\alpha \cot \alpha a \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2}$$

Finding a condition that the two graphs have intersection is

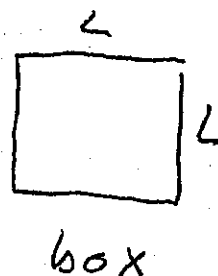
$$\frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} \leq \left( \frac{\pi}{2a} \right)^2 \quad \text{or} \quad V_0 a^2 \leq \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{8m}$$

<End>

Problem 1 - 10 pts.

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[1] (a)  $D(\vec{k}) dk_x dk_y = \underbrace{2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2 \text{ spin states}}} \cdot \overbrace{L^2}^A \cdot \frac{dk_x dk_y}{(2\pi)^2}$



$D(\vec{k}) = A/2\pi^2$

[2] (b)  $\epsilon_k = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$   
 $d\epsilon = \hbar^2 k dk / m$

$dk_x dk_y = 2\pi k dk = \frac{2\pi m}{\hbar^2} d\epsilon$

so  $D(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \frac{A}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{2\pi m}{\hbar^2} d\epsilon \right)$

$D(\epsilon) = \frac{mA}{\pi \hbar^2} = \text{constant}$

[2] (c)  $N = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} D(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \frac{mA}{\pi \hbar^2} \epsilon_F \rightarrow \epsilon_F = \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{m} \frac{N}{A}$

$\hbar^2 k_F^2 / 2m = \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{m} \frac{N}{A} \rightarrow \underline{k_F = \sqrt{2\pi N/A}}$

[2] (d)  $E = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \epsilon D(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \frac{mA}{\pi \hbar^2} \frac{\epsilon_F^2}{2} = \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{2m} \frac{N^2}{A}$

[2] (e)  $dE = T ds + \gamma dA + \mu dT, \quad \gamma = \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial A} \right)_{S,T}$

also,  $s=0$  at  $T=0 \rightarrow \underline{\gamma = -\frac{\pi \hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{N}{A} \right)^2}$

[1] (f) Temperature dependence will be weaker in two dimensions because  $D(\epsilon)$  is constant.



Problem 2 - 10 points

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$$N = n_+ + n_-$$

$$X = \ell(n_+ - n_-) = \ell(2n_+ - N) \rightarrow n_{\pm} = \frac{N}{2} \pm \frac{X}{2\ell}$$

(a)  $S = k \ln \Gamma$

$\Gamma =$  # ways of distributing  $N$  elements into  $n_+, n_-$

$$\Gamma = \frac{N!}{n_+! n_-!}$$

$$S = k (\ln N! - \ln n_+! - \ln n_-!)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &\approx (N \ln N - N) - (n_+ \ln n_+ - n_+ + n_- \ln n_- - n_-) \\ &= N \ln N - n_+ \ln n_+ - \frac{n_- \ln n_-}{(N - n_+) \ln(N - n_+)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = N \ln \left( \frac{N}{N - n_+} \right) - n_+ \ln \left( \frac{n_+}{N - n_+} \right), \quad S = k \Sigma$$

(2) (b)  $F = U - TS = U - kT \Sigma$

$U$  is independent of  $X$  and  $n_+$ , can shift to 0

(4) (c)  $\tau = \frac{\partial F}{\partial X} = -kT \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial X}$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial X} = - \left[ \frac{n_+}{n_+} \frac{dn_+}{dX} + \frac{dn_+}{dX} \ln n_+ + \frac{n_-}{n_-} \frac{dn_-}{dX} + \frac{dn_-}{dX} \ln n_- \right]$$

$$dn_{\pm}/dX = \pm 1/2\ell$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial X} = - \frac{1}{2\ell} (\ln n_+ - \ln n_-) = - \frac{1}{2\ell} \ln \frac{n_+}{n_-}$$

$$\tau = \frac{kT}{2\ell} \ln \frac{n_+}{n_-} = \frac{kT}{2\ell} \ln \left( \frac{\frac{N}{2} + \frac{X}{2\ell}}{\frac{N}{2} - \frac{X}{2\ell}} \right) = \frac{kT}{2\ell} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \frac{X}{NL}}{1 - \frac{X}{NL}} \right)$$

Problem 3 - 10 points

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canonical partition fn for a perfect gas:  $z = \frac{3^N}{N!}$

$$z = \sum_s e^{-\epsilon(s)/kT} = \frac{V}{\lambda_T^3} g e^{-\epsilon/kT}$$

$s$  = microstate

$\lambda_T$  = thermal wavelength

$g$  = degeneracy factor

$$F = -kT \ln z, \quad \mu = (\partial F / \partial N)_{T,V}$$

$$\ln z = N \ln z - \ln N! = N \ln z - N \ln N + N$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln z}{\partial N} = \ln z - \ln N - 1 + 1 = \ln(z/N)$$

$$\mu = -kT \ln(z/N)$$

7] (a) for the A(B)-state molecules,

$$\mu_A = -kT \ln \left( \frac{V}{\lambda_T^3} \frac{g_A}{N_A} e^{-\epsilon_A/kT} \right)$$

$$\mu_B = -kT \ln \left( \frac{V}{\lambda_T^3} \frac{g_B}{N_B} e^{-\epsilon_B/kT} \right)$$

3] (b)  $\mu_A = \mu_B$

$$\frac{g_A}{N_A} e^{-\epsilon_A/kT} = \frac{g_B}{N_B} e^{-\epsilon_B/kT}$$

$$\frac{N_A}{N_B} = \frac{g_A}{g_B} e^{\Delta \epsilon/kT}, \quad \Delta \epsilon = \epsilon_B - \epsilon_A$$

For a sequence of random variations, each with standard deviation  $\sigma$  (not necessarily distributed in a Gaussian manner), after a very large number of steps,  $N$ , the Central Limit Theorem applies - the distribution will be Gaussian with standard deviation  $\sigma\sqrt{N}$ . Also, since ~~the~~ in this problem the mean step length is  $l$ , the distribution after  $N$  steps will be centered at  $x = Nl$ :

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi N\sigma^2}} \exp - \frac{(x - Nl)^2}{2N\sigma^2}$$

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Alternate solution After  $N$  steps,

$$P(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_N W(x_1) W(x_2 - x_1) \dots W(x - x_N)$$

$P(x)$  may be obtained from the characteristic function,

$$\Phi(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W(s) e^{iks} ds$$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\Phi(k)]^N e^{-ikx} dk$$

For the given  $W(s)$ ,

$$\Phi(k) = \exp(-k^2\sigma^2 + ik l)$$

and

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi N\sigma^2}} \exp - \frac{(x - Nl)^2}{2N\sigma^2}$$

Note that this latter solution holds even if  $N$  is not very large.