

Physics 370 Homework #5

5 problems

Due by Monday, September 26th

▷ 1.

For the Compton effect as outlined in the notes, write the equations for conservation of energy and momentum in units where $h = c = 1$, and derive the equation

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{1}{m}(1 - \cos \theta)$$

▷ 2.

(a) What are the SI units for h/c and h/c^2 ?

(b) In the units where $h = c = 1$, you can write mass in terms of inverse meters or in terms of inverse seconds. How many kilograms are equivalent to $1/\text{m}$?

(c) How many kilograms are equivalent to $1/\text{s}$?

▷ 3.

A 0.057 nm X-ray photon “bounces off” an initially stationary electron and scatters with a wavelength of 0.061 nm . Find the directions of scatter of

(a) ... the photon

(b) ... the electron

(c) How fast is the electron moving after the collision?

▷ 4.

A stationary muon μ^- annihilates with a stationary antimuon μ^+ (same mass, $1.88 \times 10^{-28}\text{ kg}$, but opposite charge). The two disappear, replaced by electromagnetic radiation.

(a) Why is it not possible for a single photon to result?

(b) Suppose two photons result. Describe their possible directions of motion and wavelengths.

▷ 5.

How fast would you have to run to have a wavelength of 10^{-10} m ? If the speed is relativistic, don't forget to use relativistic quantities!