

1.(15%) The following matrix product is used in discussing a thick lens in air:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (n-1)/R_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ d/n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -(n-1)/R_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $d$  is the thickness of the lens,  $n$  is its index of refraction, and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the radii of curvature of the lens surfaces. It can be shown that element  $A_{12}$  of  $A$  is  $-1/f$ , where  $f$  is the focal length of the lens.

(a) Evaluate  $A$  and  $\det A$ .

(b) Find the focal length  $f$ .

2.(20%) The momentum  $p$  of an electron at velocity  $v$  near the velocity  $c$  of light increases according to the formula

$$p = \frac{m_0 v}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}},$$

where  $m_0$  is a constant (the rest mass). If an electron is subject to a constant force  $F$ , Newton's second law describing its motion is

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{m_0 v}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \right) = F.$$

(a) Find the velocity as a function of time and show that the limiting velocity as  $t$  tends to infinity is  $c$ .

(b) Find the distance traveled by the electron in time  $t$  if it starts from rest.

3.(15%) The force of gravitational attraction on a mass  $m$  a distance  $r$  from the center of the earth ( $r >$  radius  $R$  of the earth) is  $mgR^2/r^2$ . Then the differential equation of motion of a mass  $m$  projected radially outward from the surface of the earth, with initial velocity  $v_0$ , is

$$m \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = -mg \frac{R^2}{r^2}.$$

(a) Find the velocity  $v$  as a function of  $r$  if  $v = v_0$  initially (that is, when  $r = R$ ).

(b) Find the maximum value of  $r$  for a given  $v_0$ , that is, the value of  $r$  when  $v = 0$ .

(c) Find the escape velocity, that is, the smallest value of  $v_0$  for which  $r$  can tend to infinity.

4. (15%) Evaluate the following two integrals using the residue theorem.

(a) (7%)  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{3 - 2\cos\theta + \sin\theta}$ ,

(b) (8%)  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 9)}$ .

5. (20%) Let  $\{\psi_n(x)\}$  be a set of orthogonal and complete basis functions for the range  $(x_1, x_2)$ . Then a well behaved function  $f(x)$  can be expanded as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \psi_n(x)$$

in this range with

$$c_n = \frac{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) \psi_n^*(x) dx}{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} |\psi_n(x)|^2 dx}.$$

(a) (10%) Given  $\psi_n(x) = e^{i2\pi n v_0 x}$ , determine the appropriate  $v_0$ 's to make  $\{\psi_n(x)\}$  orthogonal and complete for  $(x_1, x_2) = (-1, 1)$  and  $(-2, 2)$  respectively.

(b) (10%) After  $v_0$ 's are appropriately determined in (a), we can express

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{i2\pi x} & \text{for } -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{as} \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{i2\pi n v_0 x} \quad \text{in the ranges } (-1, 1) \text{ and}$$

$(-2, 2)$  respectively. Please determine the corresponding  $c_n$ 's.

6. (15%) Let  $\phi = \sin[(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{r})]$  and  $\vec{A} = x^2 y^2 \hat{x} + 2x^3 y \hat{y}$ , where  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are constant vectors as well as  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{y}$  are unit vectors along the perpendicular axes of a two dimensional Cartesian coordinate.

(a) (7%) derive  $\nabla \phi$  (hint:  $d\phi = \nabla \phi \cdot d\vec{r}$ ),

(b) (8%) Is the integral  $\int_{x=0, y=0}^{x=1, y=1} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$  path dependent? If so, calculate the integral

along the following two paths: (i)  $(0,0) \rightarrow (1,0) \rightarrow (1,1)$  and (ii)  $(0,0) \rightarrow (1,1)$ . If not, do your calculation along any single path.