

1. For the atom of Carbon (C), its atomic number is 6 and with an electronic configuration like $(1s)^2(2s)^2(2p)^2$.
 - (a) (5%) What are total spin S and total orbital angular momentum L for the two $2p$ electrons?
 - (b) (3%) What are the possible spectroscopic notations for the states if we don't consider the anti-symmetric property of the wave functions for the "identical" electrons?
 - (c) (3%) What are the possible spectroscopic notations for the states if the anti-symmetric property of the wave functions is considered?
 - (d) (3%) Using Hund's rule to determine the ground state of the carbon atom.

2. (a) (6%) Write down, and briefly explain, **three** experiments showing the evidences of energy quantization in an atom.
 - (b) (3%) What is the "exchange force"? Where is the "exchange force" coming from?

3. We have N ($N \gg 1$) identical fermions of spin $1/2$ which are trapped in a one-dimensional potential region $0 < x < D$, between two infinite walls. Assume the mass of each fermion is m . The interacting potential between the fermions is 0.
 - (a) (3%) What is the degeneracy for each energy level n for the N spin= $1/2$ fermions?
Note: the lowest energy level corresponds to $n=1$.
 - (b) (3%) What is the N -particle ground state energy, i.e., the lowest **total** energy for the N particles in the well. (useful formula: $\sum_{j=1}^n j^2 \sim n^3/3$, if $n \gg 1$).
 - (c) (3%) What is the Fermi energy E_F when constructing the N -fermion ground state?
 - (d) (3%) What is the corresponding de Broglie wave length for the particles at the energy level having the Fermi energy?
 - (e) (3%) Estimate the degenerate pressure of the N -fermion system while in the ground energy state.

4. (a) (6%) What is the Pauli's exclusion principle? It works for both bosons and fermions? Electron is a fermion? Photon and neutron are bosons? Please **briefly** explain your answers.
 - (b) (6%) What is the Bohr radius a_0 ? How big is it? Estimate the radius, in terms of a_0 , of a hydrogen atom in the **ground** state using the Bohr model.

5. Consider a rocket moving with velocity v relative to an observer in front of it. If the rocket sends out a laser pulse with speed c and frequency f towards the observer.
- (a) (5 %) What is the velocity of the pulse measured by the observer?
 - (b) (5 %) What is the frequency of the pulse measured by the observer?
 - (c) (5 %) Instead of a laser pulse, the rocket now sends out a radioactive beam of atoms. If the observer detects that the atom has a lifetime τ , find the lifetime of the atom when it is at rest.

6. Consider a particle of mass m confined in the potential well

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & |x| < a, \\ \infty & |x| \geq a, \end{cases}$$

where a is a positive constant. Suppose the particle is in a state described by the wave function

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} C(x^2 - a^2) & |x| < a, \\ 0 & |x| \geq a, \end{cases}$$

where C is a positive constant.

- (a) (5 %) Determine the constant C by normalizing the wave function $\psi(x)$.
 - (b) (5 %) If one measures the energy of the particle, what is the expectation value?
 - (c) (10 %) In the same measurement as in (b), what is the probability of obtaining the ground state energy?
7. (15 %) Suppose the conduction electrons in a metal can be treated as a free electron gas. If the Fermi temperature of the metal is T_F and the electron number is N , find an approximate expression for the magnetic susceptibility of the metal (denote the Boltzmann constant k_B , the Bohr magneton μ_B , and the permeability constant μ_0).