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Physics 120 Quiz 5, May 20, 2011

Please show all work, thoughts and/or reasoning in order to receive partial credit. The quiz is worth 10 points total.

1. An electron is traveling at a speed of $v_{ie} = 0.99c$ when it encounters a region where there is a constant electric force directed opposite to its momentum. After traveling a distance d in this region, the electrons speed was observed to decrease to $v_{fe} = 0.93c$. How much work was done by the electric force slowing the electron down?

a. $W = (\gamma_f - \gamma_i)m_e c^2$ b. $W = \frac{1}{2}m_e(v_{fe}^2 - v_{ie}^2) - 2m_e c^2$
c. $W = (\gamma_f - \gamma_i - 2)m_e c^2$ d. $W = \frac{1}{2}m_e(v_{fe}^2 - v_{ie}^2)$

- 2a. Sodium-24 is radioactive and when it decays there is an emission of a beta particle (a high speed electron) and the sodium nucleus *transmutates* to a magnesium nucleus. The decay sequence for the beta decay of sodium is given as ${}^{24}_{11}\text{Na} \rightarrow {}^0_{-1}\text{e} + {}^{24}_{12}\text{Mg}$. Applying the energy and momentum principles, what is the speed of the beta particle if the ${}^{24}\text{Na}$ is at rest when the beta particle is emitted? (Hints: Assume that the beta particle and the magnesium nucleus move at non-relativistic speeds and take the rest mass of ${}^{24}\text{Na}$ to be $23.98492u$, the electron $5.49 \times 10^{-4}u$, and ${}^{24}\text{Mg}$ 23.97845 and where an atomic mass unit, $1u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}\text{kg}$.)

- 2b. What is the speed of the recoiling ${}^{24}\text{Mg}$?

Useful formulas:

$$\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{v} \quad k_{\text{eff, parallel}} = n_{\text{parallel}} k_{\text{individual}}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad k_{\text{eff, series}} = \frac{k_{\text{individual}}}{n_{\text{series}}}$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{v}_i + \vec{v}_f}{2} \quad \text{stress} = Y \text{strain} \rightarrow \frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

$$\vec{F}_g = m \vec{g}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{spring}} = -k \vec{s}; \quad \vec{s} = (L - L_o) \hat{s}$$

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \Delta KE = -\Delta U$$

$$U_g = -\frac{GM_1 M_2}{r}$$

$$U_g = mgy$$

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2} k s^2$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$KE = (\gamma - 1) m c^2$$

Momentum Principle:

$$\vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i + \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \Delta t; \quad \Delta t = \text{large}$$

$$\vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i + \vec{F}_{\text{net}} dt; \quad dt = \frac{\Delta t}{n} = \text{small}$$

Position-update:

$$\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_{\text{avg}} \Delta t = \vec{r}_i + \frac{\vec{p}}{m \sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m^2 c^2}}} \Delta t; \quad \Delta t = \text{large}$$

$$\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_f dt; \quad dt = \frac{\Delta t}{n} = \text{small}$$

$$\Delta E = W = \Delta U_g + \Delta U_s + \Delta KE$$

Energy principle:

Geometry /Algebra

Circles Triangles Spheres

$$C = 2\pi r \quad A = \frac{1}{2} bh \quad A = 4\pi r^2$$

$$A = \pi r^2 \quad V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

Quadratic equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,

whose solutions are given by: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Vectors

magnitude of a vector: $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$

writing a vector: $\vec{a} = \langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle = |\vec{a}| \hat{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}$

Useful Constants

$$g = 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}$$

$$1e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$$

$$1eV = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} J$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{Tm}{A}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} Js$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} kg = \frac{0.511 MeV}{c^2}$$

$$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} kg = \frac{937.1 MeV}{c^2}$$

$$m_n = 1.69 \times 10^{-27} kg = \frac{948.3 MeV}{c^2}$$

$$1amu = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} kg = \frac{931.5 MeV}{c^2}$$

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$$

$$Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

