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Physics 120 Quiz #5, February 23, 2007

Please circle the best choice to question 1. For the problems, the parts have the points shown.

1. Two children ride on a merry-go-round, with child 1 at a greater distance from the axis of rotation than child 2. The angular speed of child 1 is
- a. greater than child 2.
 - b. less than child 2.
 - c. the same as the angular speed of child 2.
 - d. unable to be determined.

2. Consider a relativistic proton moving through a region of space.

- 2a. What is the proton's rest energy in MeV? (Hint: MeV stands for millions of electron volts, where $1\text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{ J}$ and the mass of the proton is $1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{ kg}$.) (2 points)

$$E_r = m_p c^2 = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{ kg} \times (3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 \times \frac{1\text{ eV}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{ J}} \times \frac{1\text{ MeV}}{1 \times 10^6\text{ eV}} = 939.4\text{ MeV}$$

- 2b. Suppose that the total energy of the proton is three times its rest energy, what speed is the proton moving. Express your answer as a fraction of the speed of light, c . (3 points)

$$E_{total} = KE + E_r \rightarrow KE = E_{total} - E_r = 3E_r - E_r = 2E_r$$

$$KE = (\gamma - 1)m_p c^2 = 2m_p c^2 \rightarrow \gamma = 3$$

$$\therefore \gamma = 3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \rightarrow v = 0.943c$$

- 2c. What is the kinetic energy (in eV) of the proton in part b? (1 point)

$$KE = (\gamma - 1)m_p c^2 = 2m_p c^2 = 2 \times 939.4\text{ MeV} = 1878.8\text{ MeV} = 1.8788 \times 10^9\text{ eV}$$

- 2d. What is the proton's momentum? (2 points)

$$E_{total}^2 = p^2 c^2 + m_p^2 c^4 \rightarrow p^2 c^2 = (3m_p c^2)^2 - (m_p c^2)^2 = 8(m_p c^2)^2 = 8(939.4\text{ MeV})^2 = 7.0598 \times 10^6\text{ MeV}^2$$

$$\therefore p = \sqrt{\frac{7.0598 \times 10^6\text{ MeV}^2}{c^2}} = \frac{2657\text{ MeV}}{c} = 1.42 \times 10^{-18}\text{ kg } \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Motion in the x-direction

$$x_f = x_i + v_{ix}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$$

$$v_{fx} = v_{ix} + a_x t$$

$$v_{fx}^2 = v_{ix}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$$

$$F_x = ma_x$$

Vectors

$$\text{magnitude of a vector} = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

$$\text{direction of a vector} \rightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v_y}{v_x}\right)$$

Forces

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{F}_s = -k\Delta\vec{x}$$

$$F_c = m\frac{v^2}{r}$$

Relativity

$$L = \frac{L_p}{\gamma}$$

$$\Delta t = \gamma\Delta t_p$$

$$p = \gamma mv$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$E_r = mc^2$$

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4 = \gamma m c^2$$

$$KE = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$$

Motion in the y-direction

$$y_f = y_i + v_{iy}t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$$

$$v_{fy} = v_{iy} + a_y t$$

$$v_{fy}^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$$

$$F_y = ma_y$$

Useful Constants

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

$$\text{Quadratic Equation: } ax^2 + bx + c = 0; \text{ solutions: } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Work - Energy-Momentum

$$W = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \Delta KE$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$PE_g = mgy$$

$$PE_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{I} = \int \vec{F} dt = \Delta\vec{p}$$

Rotational Motion

$$s = r\theta; \quad v = r\omega; \quad a_t = r\alpha$$

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$$

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

$$\tau = I\alpha = rF \sin \theta = \frac{dL}{dt}$$

$$L = I\omega$$

$$KE_{rot} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$