PHYS 212E **Name** ____________________

Third Hour Exam **April 22, 2004**

<u>Show all work for full credit</u>! Answers must have correct units and appropriate number of significant digits. For all the problems (except for multiple choice questions), start with either (a) a generally applicable equation or statement; (b) a sentence explaining your approach; or (c) a sketch.

<u>electron</u>

$m = 9.11\times10^{-31}\text{kg} = 511\,\text{keV}/c^2$

$\mu_z = 9.27\times10^{-24}\,\text{J/T} = 5.8\times10^{-5}\,\text{eV/T}$

<u>proton</u>

$m = 1.67\times10^{-27}\,\text{kg} = 938\,\text{MeV}/c^2$

$\mu_z = 1.41\times10^{-26}\,\text{J/T} = 8.8\times10^{-8}\,\text{eV/T}$

$c = 3.0\times10^{8}\,\text{m/s} = 3.0\times10^{17}\,\text{nm/s}$ $hc = 1240\,\text{eV}\cdot\text{nm}$ $1\,\text{eV} = 1.6\times10^{-19}\,\text{J}$

$h = 6.626\times10^{-34}\,\text{J}\cdot\text{s} = 4.136\times10^{-15}\,\text{eV}\cdot\text{s}$ $\hbar = 1.05\times10^{-34}\,\text{J}\cdot\text{s} = 6.585\times10^{-16}\,\text{eV}\cdot\text{s}$

Integral table provided on separate sheet.

1. (8 points) Circle either **T**(rue) or **F**(alse) for the following statements about a material in its superconducting state:

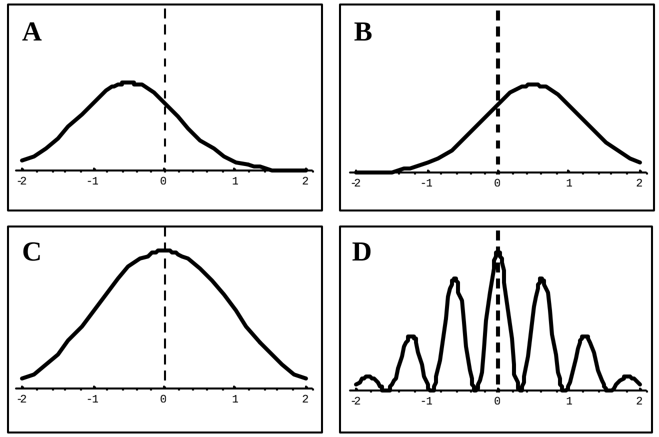
T **F** The electric field is zero within the superconductor.

T **F** If the current flowing through the superconductor is too low, it loses its superconducting properties.

T **F** If it is heated up enough, it loses its superconducting properties.

T **F** The superconducting state relies on the fact that electrons are bosons.

2. (12 points) Consider two narrow, closely spaced slits. Below are four possible intensity (vertical axis) vs. position (horizontal axis) patterns that could be formed on some kind of screen. Unless otherwise indicated, assume there is no detector at either slit. For each situation below, write down as many letters correspond to that situation as necessary.



a) Pattern formed by electrons going through the slits, one electron at a time (assume electrons have same velocity).

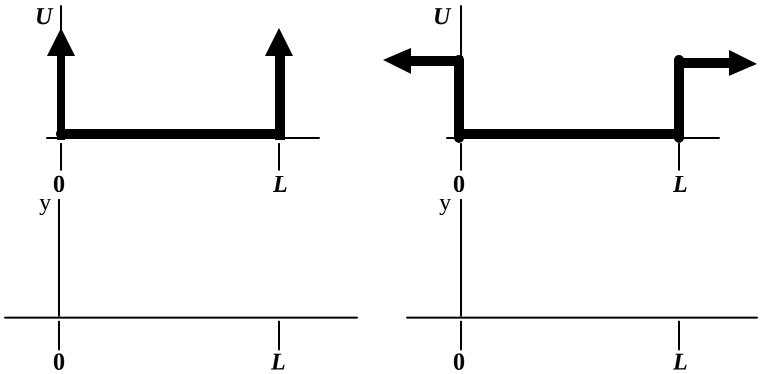
b) Pattern formed by classical particles going through the slits.

c) Pattern formed when one of the slits is closed off.

d) Pattern formed by a laser beam incident on the slits.

e) Pattern formed by beam of coherent electrons going through the slits, with an electron detector at ONE of the slits.

3. (20 points) Consider an infinite square well potential and a finite square well potential, both with the same width L as shown below.



a) On the axes provided below the **infinite square well**, carefully sketch the wave function of a particle of mass *m* in its first excited state (i.e. the second lowest energy state).

b) On the axes provided below the **finite square well**, carefully sketch the wave function of a particle, also of mass *m*, in its first excited state (i.e. the second lowest energy state).

c) Carefully indicate on your sketch of the wave function for the **finite square well** the region(s) where you are *most likely* to find the particle.

d) Call the energy of the state you sketched for the infinite square well E_a. Call the energy of the state you sketched for the finite square well E_b. Which of the following is true about the relationship between E_a and E_b? (Circle one.)

$E_a > E_b$ $\qquad$ $E_a = E_b$ $\qquad$ $E_a < E_b$ $\qquad$ not enough information to compare energies

4. (17 points) Consider a hydrogen atom that has been excited to some unknown state.

a) You measure the z-component of orbital angular momentum, and find it to be $-2\hbar$. Write down a possible combination of n, ℓ, and m_ℓ that corresponds to the LOWEST energy state this hydrogen atom could be in.

b) The atom eventually transitions down to its ground state, with normalized wave function $\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\left(\frac{1}{a_0}\right)^{3/2} e^{-r/a_0}$, where a_0 is the Bohr radius. Determine the probability of finding the electron in the region $2a_0 < r < \infty$ Show all your work for full credit.

5. (22 points) Many protons are prepared in the state $|\psi\rangle = -a|+z\rangle + 2a|-z\rangle$, where a is a constant, $|+z\rangle$ means the z-component of spin is positive, and $|-z\rangle$ means the z-component of spin is negative. These protons are in a uniform magnetic field $\vec{B} = 3.4\hat{k}$, where the magnetic field is measured in Tesla.

a) You measure the z-component of the spin angular momentum of this proton. Determine the **numerical probability** of finding the z-component of spin to be $-\hbar/2$.

b) Let's say that you find one of the protons to have z-component of spin angular momentum $-\hbar/2$. What wavelength photon is associated with a spin-flip transition of this proton?

5c) Again, many protons are prepared in the state $|\psi\rangle = -a|+z\rangle + 2a|-z\rangle$, and are placed in the magnetic field $\vec{B} = 3.4\hat{k}$ T. Determine the expectation value of the **energy** of these protons.

6. (6 points) When you crush a Wint-O-Green Lifesavers™ candy between your teeth, you disrupt the crystal structure of the candy. Photons of energy 10 eV (approximately) are emitted from processes associated with this disruption; however these photons are outside the visible spectrum. Briefly **explain** why you are able to see sparks when you bite into a Wint-O-Green candy (don't just name a phenomenon).

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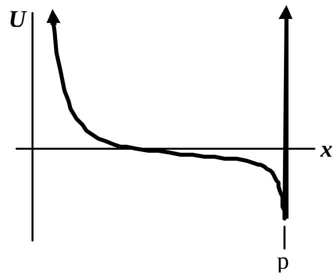
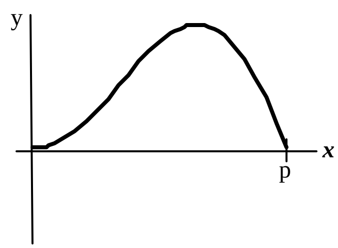
7. (15 points) A particle of mass m is in a peculiar potential given by

$U(x) = U_0 \dfrac{\cos(x)}{x\sin(x)}$ (wit U_0 constant) in the region $0 \le x \le \pi$, and $U(x) = \infty$ elsewhere. This potential is sketched to the right.



A particle with total energy E is **known** to have the wave function $\psi(x) = Ax\sin(x)$ in the region $0 \le x \le \pi$, and $\psi(x) = 0$ elsewhere; this wave function is also sketched to the right.



Remember that the Schroedinger Equation is:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + U(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x).$$

Note that $U(x)\psi(x) = U_0 \dfrac{\cos(x)}{x\sin(x)} Ax\sin(x) = U_0 A\cos(x)$ in the region $0 \le x \le \pi$.

Determine the energy E of the particle as well as the constant U_0. Leave your answer in terms of fundamental constants and the given m.