

Physics 330 Example Exam 1

100 points

For all problems, first find the algebraic solution, then evaluate numerically if you have time.

1) A very fast moving electron has a total energy of  $E=2m_e c^2$ .

- a) (10 pts) What is the electron's kinetic energy?
- b) (10 pts) What is its velocity? Express in terms of  $c$ .
- c) (10 pts) What is the momentum?
- d) (10 pts) What is wavelength?

2) An electron is trapped in a region that has a potential of  $V(x)=1/2 m\omega^2$ .

- a) (10 pts) Write the Schrodinger equation.
- b) (10 pts) Draw the potential and wave function for the first two lowest energy levels.
- c) (10 pts) Draw the potential and the spatial probability distribution for the two lowest energy levels.
- d) (10 pts) For the lowest energy level,  $\Psi(x) = C \exp(-\alpha x^2)$  what is the probability that the particle is found a classically forbidden region. Express in terms of  $m, \omega, C$  and  $\alpha$ . Setup the integral, but don't attempt to solve.
- e) (10 pts) If the transition from the first excited state to the ground state emits a 500 nm wavelength photon, what is  $\omega$  (of  $1/2 m\omega^2$ )? How is this related to the angular frequency of the photon?

3) A proton has momentum of exactly  $p$ .

- a) (5 pts) What is  $\Psi(x)$ ?
- b) (5 pts) Where is the proton most likely to be found?