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Solution-Mathematical Methods

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Section A: Q.1-Q.10 Carry ONE mark each.

Q2. Which of the following fields has non-zero curl?

- (a) $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ (b) $(y+z)\hat{i} + (x+z)\hat{j} + (x+y)\hat{k}$
(c) $y^2\hat{i} + (2xy + z^2)\hat{j} + 2yz\hat{k}$ (d) $xy\hat{i} + 2yz\hat{j} + 3xz\hat{k}$

Ans: (d)

Solution.:

$$(a) \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0-0) - \hat{j}(0-0) + \hat{k}(0-0) = 0$$

$$(b) \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y+z & x+z & x+y \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(1-1) - \hat{j}(1-1) + \hat{k}(1-1) = 0$$

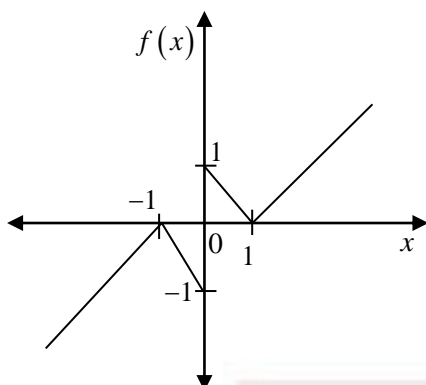
$$(c) \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y^2 & 2xy + z^2 & 2yz \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(2z-2z) - \hat{j}(0-0) + \hat{k}(2y-2y) = 0$$

$$(d) \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy & 2yz & 3xz \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0-2y) - \hat{j}(3z-0) + \hat{k}(0-x) \neq 0$$

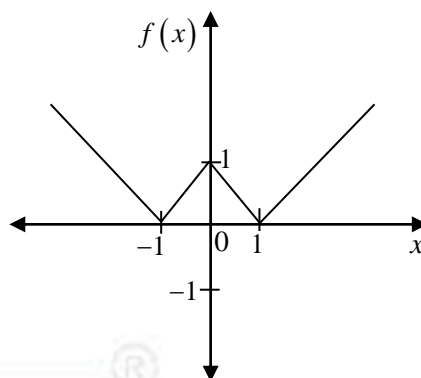
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Q4. The plot of the function $f(x) = ||x| - 1|$ is

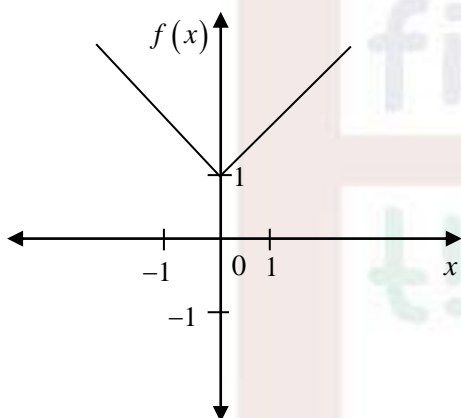
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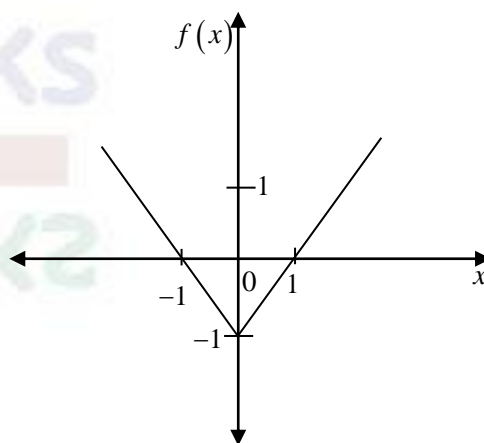
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(c)



(d)



Ans: (b)

Solution. :

$$\because f(x) = ||x| - 1| \quad \Rightarrow f(0) = ||0| - 1| = 1$$

$$f(1) = ||1| - 1| = 0; \quad f(-1) = ||-1| - 1| = |1 - 1| = 0$$

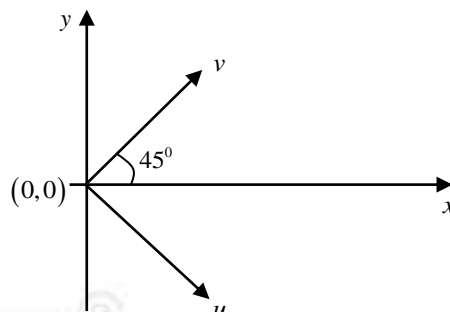
$$f(2) = ||2| - 1| = 1; \quad f(-2) = ||-2| - 1| = |2 - 1| = 1$$

Thus option (b) is correct.

Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

Q13. The Jacobian matrix for transforming from (x, y) to another orthogonal coordinates system (u, v) as shown in the figure is

- (a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$



Ans: (c)

Solution.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\because \theta = 45^\circ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos 45^\circ & -\sin 45^\circ \\ \sin 45^\circ & \cos 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q15. Inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is

- (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (c) $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

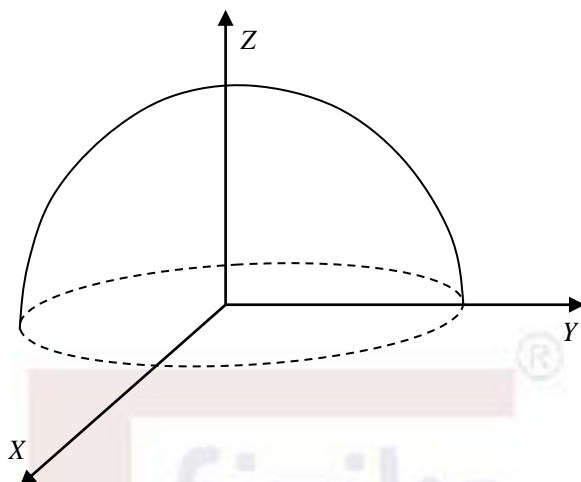
Ans: (b)

Solution.: $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 = 3 - 2 = 1$

Cofactor Matrix $[C_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [C_{ij}]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} [C_{ij}]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Q21. For a given vector $\vec{F} = -y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x^2\hat{k}$, the surface integral $\int_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{r} dS$ over the surface S of a hemisphere of radius R with the centre of the base at the origin is



(a) πR^2

(b) $\frac{2\pi R^2}{3}$

(c) $-\pi R^2$

(d) $-\frac{2\pi R^2}{3}$

Ans.: (a)

Solution.: $\because \int_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{r} dS = \oint_{\text{line}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$

$\because z=0, d\vec{l} = dx\hat{x} + dy\hat{y} \Rightarrow \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = -ydx + zdy = -ydx$

Let $x = R \cos \phi$, $y = R \sin \phi$ and $dx = -R \sin \phi d\phi$.

Thus $\oint_{\text{line}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint_{\text{line}} (-ydx) = \int_0^{2\pi} (-R \sin \phi)(-R) = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \phi d\phi = \pi R^2$

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Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

Q32. A periodic function $f(x) = x^2$ for $-\pi < x < \pi$ is expanded in a Fourier series. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Coefficients of all the sine terms are zero
- (b) The first term in the series is $\frac{\pi^2}{3}$
- (c) The second term in the series is $-4\cos x$
- (d) Coefficients of all the cosine terms are zero

Ans: (a), (b), (c)

Solution.: $f(x) = x^2$ for $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x^2 \left(\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right) - 2x \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right) + 2 \left(-\frac{\sin nx}{n^3} \right) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{4}{n^2} \cos n\pi = \frac{4}{n^2} (-1)^n$$

For $n=1 \Rightarrow a_1 = -4$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x^2 \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) - 2x \left(-\frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\cos nx}{n^3} \right) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

Q43. The absolute error in the value of $\sin \theta$ if approximated up to two terms in the Taylor's series for $\theta = 60^\circ$ is _____ (rounded off to three decimal places).

Ans.: 0.011

Solution:

Absolute value of $\sin \theta$ for $\theta = 60^\circ$ is $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0.87$

Expected value of $\sin \theta$ if approximated up to two terms in the Taylor's series is

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{\pi^3}{3^3} = 1.05 - 0.19 = 0.86$$

$$\text{The absolute error in the value of } \sin \theta \text{ is } \left| \frac{0.87 - 0.86}{0.86} \right| = \frac{0.01}{0.86} = 0.011$$

Q48. Unit vector normal to the equipotential surface of $V(x, y, z) = 4x^2 + y^2 + z$ at $(1, 2, 1)$ is given by $(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k})$. The value of $|b|$ is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 0.44

Solution.: $V(x, y, z) = 4x^2 + y^2 + z \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}V = 8x\hat{x} + 2y\hat{y} + \hat{z}$

Unit vector normal to the equipotential surface $\hat{n}_{1,2,1} = \frac{\vec{\nabla}V}{|\vec{\nabla}V|} = \frac{8\hat{x} + 4\hat{y} + \hat{z}}{\sqrt{64+16+1}} = \frac{8}{9}\hat{x} + \frac{4}{9}\hat{y} + \frac{1}{9}\hat{z}$

Thus $|b| = \frac{4}{9} = 0.44$

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each.

Q55. The sum of the eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 of matrix $B = I + A + A^2$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$ is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 7.75

Solution.:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.5 & 2.5 \\ -1.25 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = I + A + A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3.5 & 2.5 \\ -1.25 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6.5 & 3.5 \\ -1.15 & 1.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{Trace } B = 6.5 + 1.25 = 7.75$$

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Q10. A projectile of mass m is moving in the vertical $x-y$ plane with the origin on the ground and y -axis pointing vertically up. Taking the gravitational potential energy to be zero on the ground, the total energy of the particle written in planar polar coordinates (r, θ) is (here g is the acceleration due to gravity)

(a) $\frac{m}{2} \dot{r}^2 + mgr \sin \theta$

(b) $\frac{m}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + mgr \cos \theta$

(c) $\frac{m}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + mgr \sin \theta$

(d) $\frac{m}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) - mgr \cos \theta$

Ans: (c)

Solution.:

The total energy of the particle is

$$E = T + V$$

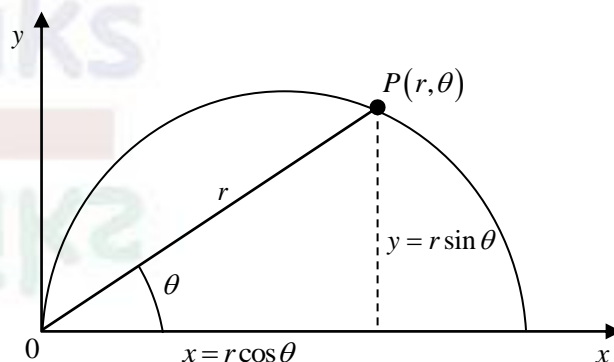
where $T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)$ and $V = mgy$.

Since $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \theta - r \dot{\theta} \sin \theta \text{ and } \dot{y} = \dot{r} \sin \theta + r \dot{\theta} \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

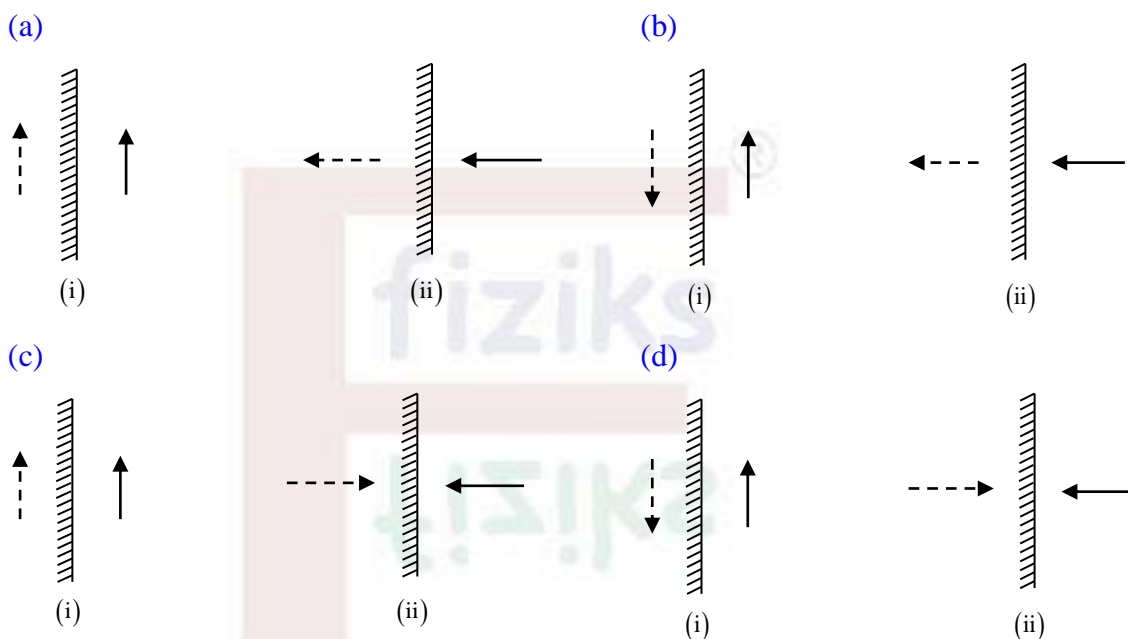
Thus $E = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + mgr \sin \theta$



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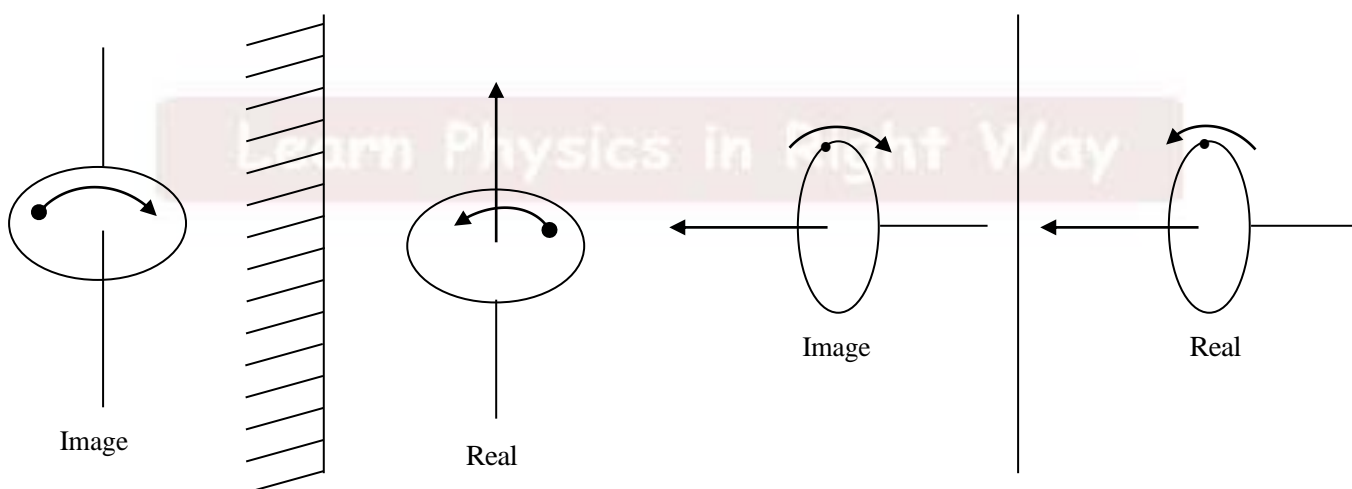
Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

Q14. A rotating disc is held in front of a plane mirror in two different orientations which are (i) angular momentum parallel to the mirror and (ii) angular momentum perpendicular to the mirror. Which of the following schematic figures correctly describes the angular momentum (solid arrow) and its mirror image (shown by dashed arrows) in the two orientations?



Ans: (b)

Solution.:



Q23. A uniform stick of length l and mass m pivoted at its top end is oscillating with an angular frequency ω_r . Assuming small oscillations, the ratio ω_r/ω_s , where ω_s is the angular frequency of a simple pendulum of the same length, will be

- (a) $\sqrt{3}$ (b) $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$
(c) $\sqrt{2}$ (d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Ans: (b)

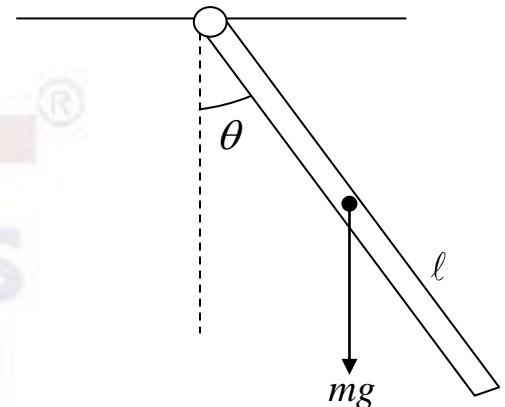
Solution.:

Simple pendulum $\omega_s = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$

Compound pendulum

$$\tau = I\alpha \Rightarrow -mg \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{m l^2}{3} \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{3g}{2l} \theta \Rightarrow \omega_r = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{2l}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega_r}{\omega_s} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$



Q25. Water from a tank is flowing down through a hole at its bottom with velocity 5 ms^{-1} . If this water falls on a flat surface kept below the hole at a distance of 0.1 m and spreads horizontally, the pressure (in kNm^{-2}) exerted on the flat surface is closest to

Given: acceleration due to gravity $= 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ and density of water $= 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

- (a) 13.5 (b) 27.0
(c) 17.6 (d) 6.8

Ans: (b)

Solution.: Final Velocity is $u^2 = u_0^2 + 2gh$

$$u = \sqrt{(5)^2 + 2 \times 9.8 \times 0.1} = \sqrt{25 + 1.96} = \sqrt{26.96} \text{ m/sec}$$

Mass flow rate = density \times velocity \times area

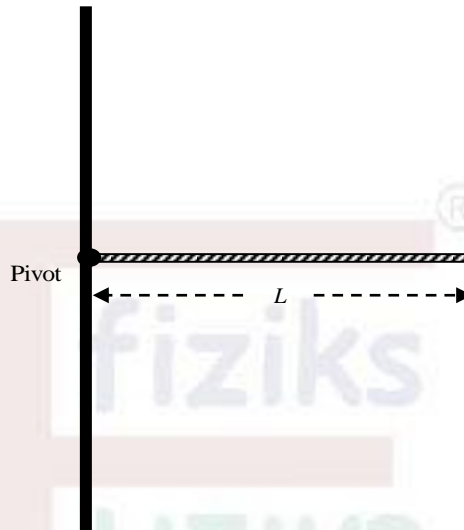
Momentum flow rate = Force = density \times (velocity)² \times area

Pressure on the flat surface is = density \times (velocity)² $= 1000 \times 26.96 \approx 27 \text{ kN/m}^2$

$\Rightarrow P \approx 27 \text{ kN/m}^2$. Thus correct option is (b)

Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

- Q34.** A rod of mass M , length L and non-uniform mass per unit length $\lambda(x) = \frac{3Mx^2}{L^3}$, is held horizontally by a pivot, as shown in the figure, and is free to move in the plane of the figure. For this rod, which of the following statements are true?



- (a) Moment of inertia of the rod about an axis passing through the pivot is $\frac{3}{5}ML^2$
- (b) Moment of inertia of the rod about an axis passing through the pivot is $\frac{1}{3}ML^2$
- (c) Torque on the rod about the pivot is $\frac{3}{4}MgL$
- (d) If the rod is released, the point at a distance $\frac{2L}{3}$ from the pivot will fall with acceleration g

Ans: (a), (c)

Solution.: The position of centre of mass is given by

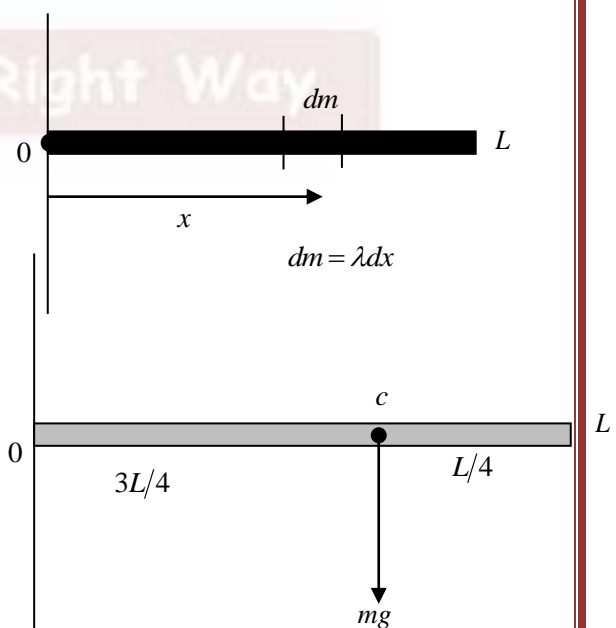
$$X_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \int_0^L x dm$$

$$= \frac{1}{M} \int_0^L x (\lambda dx) = \frac{1}{M} \frac{3M}{L^3} \int_0^L x^3 dx = \frac{3}{L^3} \frac{L^4}{4} = \frac{3L}{4}$$

So, option (2) is wrong.

$$I = \int x^2 dm = \int x^2 (\lambda dx) = \frac{3M}{L^3} \int_0^L x^4 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{3M}{L^3} \frac{L^5}{5} = \frac{3}{5}ML^2$$



Option (1) is correct.

Option (4) is wrong.

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}; |\vec{\tau}| = \frac{3L}{4} \cdot mg \cdot \sin 90^\circ \Rightarrow |\vec{\tau}| = \frac{3}{4} mgL$$

Q36. A particle (p_1) of mass m moving with speed v collides with a stationary identical particle (p_2). The particles bounce off each other elastically with p_1 getting deflected by an angle $\theta = 30^\circ$ from its original direction. Then, which of the following statement(s) is/are true after the collision?

- (a) Speed of p_1 is $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}v$
- (b) Kinetic energy of p_2 is 25% of the total energy
- (c) Angle between the directions of motion of the two particles is 90°
- (d) The kinetic energy of the centre of mass of p_1 and p_2 decreases

Ans: (a), (b), (c)

Solution.: Conservation of momentum

(a) x -direction: $mV_2 \cos \phi + mV_1 \cos \theta = mv$

$$V_2 \cos \phi = v - V_1 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \dots(1)$$

(b) y -direction: $mV_2 \sin \phi = mV_1 \sin \theta$

$$V_2 \sin \phi = \frac{V_1}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2); $V_2^2 = v^2 + V_1^2 - vV_1\sqrt{3} \quad \dots(3)$

Conservation of Mechanical energy $\frac{1}{2}mV_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}mV_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow V_2^2 = v^2 - V_1^2 \quad \dots(4)$

On solving (3) and (4), we get $V_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}v$, $V_2 = \frac{1}{2}v$

Option (a) is correct.

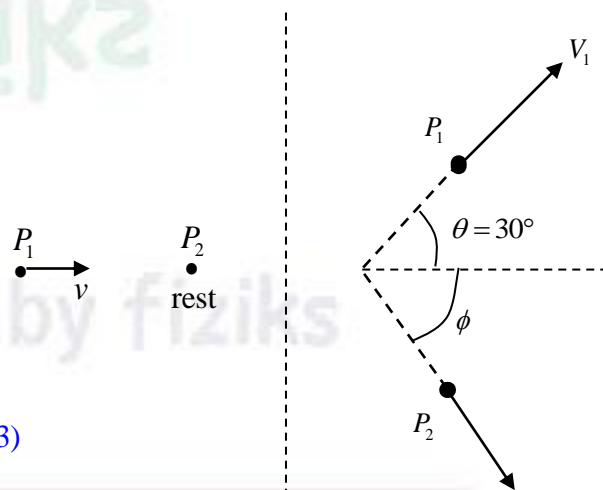
$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2}mV_1^2 = \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right) = \frac{3}{4}K; K_2 = \frac{1}{2}mV_2^2 = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right) = \frac{1}{4}K \quad \text{Option (b) is correct}$$

Option (d) is wrong

$$\tan \phi = \frac{V_1/2}{v - V_1 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}v/4}{v - \frac{3v}{4}} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \phi = 60^\circ$$

$$\theta + \phi = 30^\circ + 60^\circ = 90^\circ$$

Option (c) is correct.



Q40. For a particle moving in a general central force field, which of the following statement(s) is/are true?

- (a) The angular momentum is a constant of motion
- (b) Kepler's second law is valid
- (c) The motion is confined to a plane
- (d) Kepler's third law is valid

Ans: (a), (b), (c)

Solution. :

$$(a) \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{r} \times f(r)\hat{r} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{L} = \text{constant}$$

$$(b) \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{l}{2m} = \text{constant}$$

$$(c) \vec{L} \perp \vec{r}$$

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

Q46. The sum of the x-components of unit vectors \hat{r} and $\hat{\theta}$ for a particle moving with angular speed 2 rad s^{-1} at angle $\theta = 215^\circ$ is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 2.83

Solution.:

$$\hat{r} = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) \hat{i} + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) \hat{j}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = -\sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j}$$

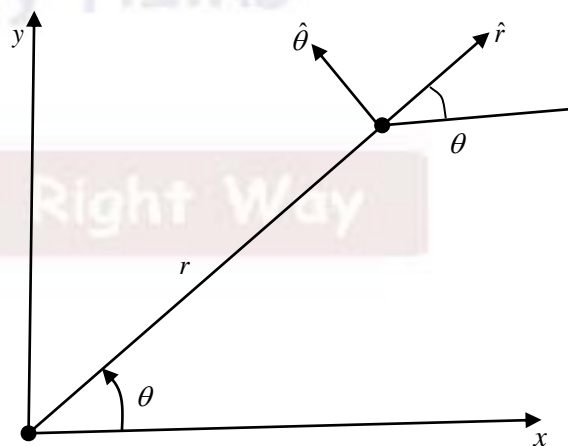
$$\left[\hat{r}\right]_x = \cos \theta; \quad \left[\hat{\theta}\right]_x = -\sin \theta$$

$$\left[\hat{r}\right]_x + \left[\hat{\theta}\right]_x = [\cos \theta - \sin \theta]$$

$$= [\cos 215^\circ - \sin 215^\circ]$$

$$= \left[\cos\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right] = \left[-\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right] = \left[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] = 0$$

$$\left[\hat{r}\right]_x + \left[\hat{\theta}\right]_x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} = 1.414 \Rightarrow \left[\hat{r}\right]_x + \left[\hat{\theta}\right]_x = 2.83$$



- Q49.** A rectangular pulse of width 0.5 cm is travelling to the right on a taut string (shown by full line in the figure) that has mass per unit length μ_1 . The string is attached to another taut string (shown by dashed line) of mass per unit length μ_2 . If the tension in both the strings is the same, and the transmitted pulse has width 0.7 cm, the ratio μ_1/μ_2 is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).



Ans: 1.96

Solution.:

$$v = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \sqrt{\mu_1} = \lambda_2 \sqrt{\mu_2} \Rightarrow \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} = \frac{\lambda_2^2}{\lambda_1^2} = \left(\frac{0.7}{0.5} \right)^2 = \frac{49}{25} = 1.96$$

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each. (No Question)



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(No Question)

Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

Q18. A linearly polarized light of wavelength 590 nm is incident normally on the surface of a $20\mu\text{m}$ thick quartz film. The plane of polarization makes an angle 30° with the optic axis. Refractive indices of ordinary and extraordinary waves differ by 0.0091, resulting in a phase difference of $f\pi$ between them after transmission. The value of f (rounded off to two decimal places) and the state of polarization of the transmitted light is

- (a) 0.62 and linear (b) 0.62 and elliptical
(c) -0.38 and elliptical (d) 0.5 and circular

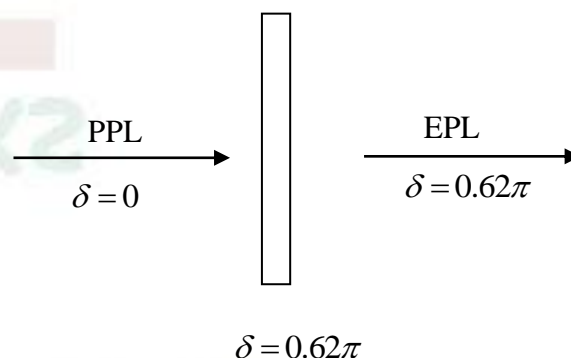
Ans: (b)

Solution.:

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\mu_o - \mu_e) t = \pi \frac{2 \times 0.0091 \times (20 \times 10^{-6})}{(590 \times 10^{-9})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = 0.612\pi \approx 0.62\pi = f\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 0.62$$



Q19. The phase velocity v_p of transverse waves on a one-dimensional crystal of atomic separation d is related to the wavevector k as $v_p = c \frac{\sin(kd/2)}{(kd/2)}$. The group velocity of these waves is

- (a) $c \left[\cos(kd/2) - \frac{\sin(kd/2)}{(kd/2)} \right]$ (b) $c \cos(kd/2)$
(c) $c \left[\cos(kd/2) + \frac{\sin(kd/2)}{(kd/2)} \right]$ (d) $c \frac{\sin(kd/2)}{(kd/2)}$

Ans: (b)

Solution: $v_p = c \frac{\sin(kd/2)}{(kd/2)} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{k} = c \frac{\sin(kd/2)}{kd/2} \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{2c}{d} \sin \frac{kd}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{2c}{d} \frac{d}{2} \cos \frac{kd}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow v_g = c \cos \left(\frac{kd}{2} \right)$$

Q24. An oil film in air of thickness 255 nm is illuminated by white light at normal incidence. As a consequence of interference, which colour will be predominantly visible in the reflected light? Given the refractive index of oil = 1.47

- (a) Red (~ 650 nm) (b) Blue (~ 450 nm)
(c) Green (~ 500 nm) (d) Yellow (~560 nm)

Ans: (c)

Solution.:

$$2\mu t \cos r = (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{4\mu t}{(2n+1)} = \frac{4 \times 1.47 \times 255}{(2n+1)} \quad \because r = 0^\circ \text{ (Normal incidence)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1499.4}{(2n+1)} = 499.8 \text{ nm for } n=1$$

Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

Q37. A wave travelling along the x -axis with y representing its displacement is described by (v is the speed of the wave)

- (a) $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0$ (b) $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0$
(c) $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 0$ (d) $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 0$

Ans: (a) and (d)

Solution.:

For a wave travelling along x -axis is represented by $y = A \sin(\omega t - kx)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = -Ak^2 \sin(\omega t - kx); \quad \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = -A\omega^2 \sin(\omega t - kx) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = k^2 \frac{1}{\omega^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

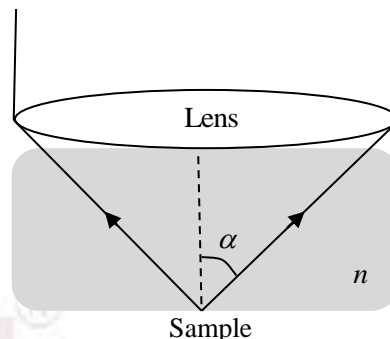
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = +A\omega \cos(\omega t - kx); \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -Ak \cos(\omega t - kx) = -\frac{k}{\omega} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0}$$

Q38. An objective lens with half angular aperture α is illuminated with light of wavelength λ . The refractive index of the medium between the sample and the objective is n . The lateral resolving power of the optical system can be increased by

- (a) decreasing both λ and α
- (b) decreasing λ and increasing α
- (c) increasing both α and n
- (d) decreasing λ and increasing n



Ans: (b), (c), (d)

Solution.: Resolving power of microscope $RP = \frac{2n \sin \alpha}{\lambda}$

Resolving power of the optical system can be increased by

- (a) with decreases λ , (b) with increasing n , (c) with increasing α

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

Q44. A single pendulum hanging vertically in an elevator has a time period T_0 when the elevator is stationary. If the elevator moves upward with an acceleration of $a = 0.2g$, the time period of oscillations is T_1 . Here g is the acceleration due to gravity. The ratio $\frac{T_0}{T_1}$ is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 1.10

Solution.: $T_0 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$; $T_1 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g+0.2g}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{1.2g}} \Rightarrow \frac{T_0}{T_1} = \sqrt{1.2} = 1.095 = 1.10$

Q47. Consider a spring mass system with mass 0.5 kg and spring constant $k = 2 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ in a viscous medium with drag coefficient $b = 3 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$. The additional mass required so that the motion becomes critically damped is _____ kg (rounded off to three decimal places).

Ans: 6.25

Solution.: For critically damped oscillator $r^2 = \omega_0^2 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2 = \frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{4m} = k$

$\Rightarrow m = \frac{b^2}{4k} = \frac{(3)^2}{4 \times 2} = \frac{9}{8} = 1.125 \text{ kg}$. The additional mass required $= 1.125 - 0.5 = 0.625 \text{ kg}$

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each. (No Question)



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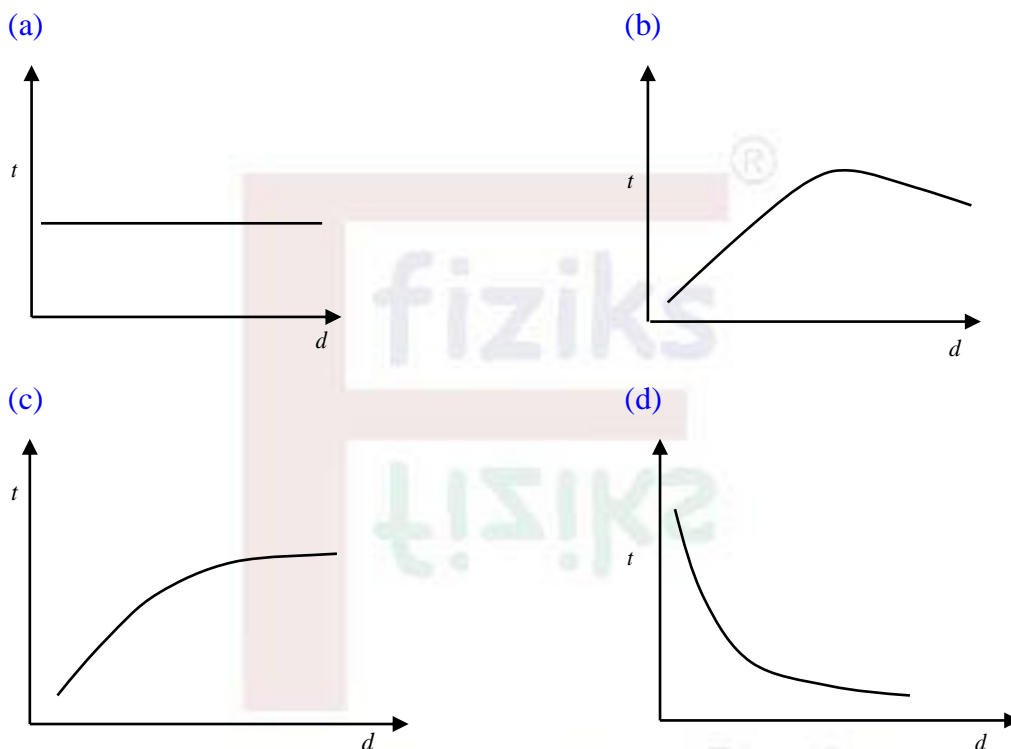
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Section A: Q.1-Q.10 Carry ONE mark each. (No Question)

Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

Q11. A small bar magnet is dropped through different hollow copper tubes with same length and inner diameter but with different outer diameter. The variation in the time (t) taken for the magnet to reach the bottom of the tube depends on its wall thickness (d) as



Ans: (c)

Solution.:

If a bar magnet is dropped through a hollow copper tube, then the magnetic flux linked with the metal tube changes and hence eddy currents are generated in the body of the tube.

According to Lenz's Law, eddy currents oppose the falling of magnetic bar. Due to this the bar magnet experiences retarding force that is proportional to the strength of magnetic field, the area of the loop, the rate of change of flux and inversely proportional to the resistivity of the material.

$\therefore \rho = R \frac{l}{A}$, if $A \uparrow, \rho \downarrow$, then retarding force is large so it will take more time to reach the bottom of the tube.

Q16. Suppose the divergence of magnetic field \vec{B} is nonzero and is given as $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = \mu_0 \rho_m$, where μ_0 is the permeability of vacuum and ρ_m is the magnetic charge density. If the corresponding magnetic current density is \vec{J}_m , then the curl $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}$ of the electric field \vec{E} is

(a) $\vec{J}_m - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

(b) $\mu_0 \vec{J}_m - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

(c) $-\vec{J}_m - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

(d) $-\mu_0 \vec{J}_m - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

Ans: (d)

Solution.:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}_m - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = \mu_0 \rho_m, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}_e + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Q20. In a dielectric medium of relative permittivity 5, the amplitudes of the displacement current and conduction current are equal for an applied sinusoidal voltage of frequency $f = 1\text{MHz}$. The value of conductivity (in $\Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$) of the medium at this frequency is

(a) 2.78×10^{-4}

(b) 2.44×10^{-4}

(c) 2.78×10^{-3}

(d) 2.44×10^{-3}

Ans: (a)

Solution.:

Let sinusoidal field is $E = E_0 \sin \omega t$ and $\epsilon_r = 5.0$

Displacement current $J_d = \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = E_0 \omega \epsilon \cos \omega t$ and conduction current $J_c = \sigma E = \sigma E_0 \sin \omega t$

Since amplitudes of the displacement current and conduction current are equal then

$$E_0 \omega \epsilon = \sigma E_0 \Rightarrow \sigma = \omega \epsilon = (2\pi f) \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = (4\pi \epsilon_0) \frac{f \epsilon_r}{2} = \frac{1}{9 \times 10^9} \frac{1 \times 10^6 \times 5}{2} = \frac{2.5}{9} \times 10^{-3} = 2.78 \times 10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$$

Q26. At the planar interface of two dielectrics, which of the following statements related to the electric field (\vec{E}), electric displacement (\vec{D}) and polarization (\vec{P}) is true?

- (a) Normal component of both \vec{D} and \vec{P} are continuous
- (b) Normal component of both \vec{D} and \vec{E} are discontinuous
- (c) Normal component of \vec{D} is continuous and that of \vec{P} is discontinuous
- (d) Normal component of both \vec{E} and \vec{P} are continuous

Ans: (c)

Solution.: $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \because \rho_f = 0$. Thus Normal component of \vec{D} is continuous

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = -\epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \neq 0$. Normal component of \vec{P} is discontinuous

Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

Q39. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true for a LC circuit with $L = 25 \text{ mH}$ and $C = 4 \mu\text{F}$?

- (a) Resonance frequency is close to 503 Hz
- (b) The impedance at 1 kHz is 15Ω
- (c) At a frequency of 200 Hz, the voltage lags the current in the circuit
- (d) At a frequency of 700 Hz, the voltage lags the current in the circuit

Ans: (a), (c)

Solution.: In a series LCR circuit, resonant freq. is given by

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{0.159}{\sqrt{25 \times 10^{-3} \times 4 \times 10^{-6}}} = \frac{0.159}{\sqrt{10^{-7}}} = \frac{0.159\sqrt{10}}{10^{-3}} \approx 503 \text{ Hz}$$

At $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$; $X_L = \omega L = 2\pi fL = 2 \times 3.14 \times 1 \times 10^{-3} \times 25 \times 10^{-3} = 157 \Omega$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} = \frac{1}{2 \times 3.14 \times 1 \times 10^{-3} \times 4 \times 10^{-6}} \approx 40 \Omega$$

Impedance $Z = \sqrt{(X_L - X_C)^2} = (X_L - X_C) = 157 \Omega - 40 \Omega = 117 \Omega$

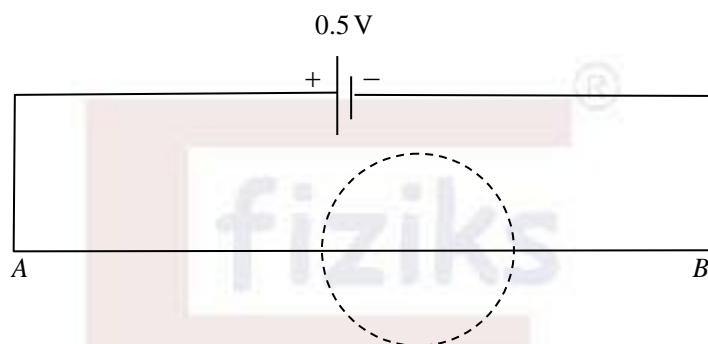
At $f = 200 \text{ Hz}$ i.e. $f < f_r$; $X_L < X_C$. So behavior of the circuit is capacitive. Thus voltage lags the current in the circuit.

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

(No Question)

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each.

Q59. A conducting wire AB of length 1 m has resistance of 1.6Ω . It is connected to a voltage source of 0.5 V with negligible resistance as shown in the figure. The corresponding electric and magnetic fields give Poynting vectors $\vec{S}(\vec{r})$ all around the wire. Surface integral $\int \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a}$ is calculated over a virtual sphere of diameter 0.2 m with its centre on the wire, as shown. The value of the integral is _____W. (rounded off to three decimal places).



Ans: 0.031

Solution: $E = \frac{V}{l} = \frac{0.5}{1} = 0.5\text{ V/m}$; $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{0.5}{1.6} = \frac{5}{16}\text{ A}$

Resistance of wire of length 0.2 m is $R' = \frac{1.6\Omega}{1\text{ m}} \times 0.2\text{ m} = 0.32\Omega$

$\int \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a}$ through sphere is power radiated i.e.

$$P = I^2 R' = \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^2 \times 0.32 = \frac{25}{16 \times 16} \times 0.32 = \frac{25 \times 10^{-2} \times 2}{16} = \frac{25}{8} \times 10^{-2} = 0.031\text{ W}$$

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Q60. A metallic sphere of radius R is held at electrostatic potential V . It is enclosed in a concentric thin metallic shell of radius $2R$ at potential $2V$. If the potential at the distance $\frac{3}{2}R$ from the centre of the sphere is fV , then the value of f is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 1.67

Solution: $\because \nabla^2 V = 0$

In Spherical polar coordinate system,

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = A \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{A}{r^2} \Rightarrow V = -\frac{A}{r} + B$$

$$\text{At } r = R, V = V_0 \Rightarrow V_0 = -\frac{A}{R} + B \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{and at } r = 2R, V = 2V_0 \Rightarrow 2V_0 = -\frac{A}{2R} + B \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{From (2)-(1); } 2V_0 - V_0 = \left(-\frac{A}{2R} + B \right) - \left(-\frac{A}{R} + B \right) \Rightarrow V_0 = \frac{A}{2R} \Rightarrow A = 2RV_0$$

$$\text{From } V_0 = -\frac{2RV_0}{R} + B \Rightarrow B = 3V_0$$

$$\text{Thus at } r = \frac{3}{2}R, V = -\frac{2RV_0}{\frac{3}{2}R} + 3V_0 = \frac{5}{3}V_0 = 1.67V_0$$

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Section A: Q.1-Q.10 Carry ONE mark each.

Q3. Which of the following statements about the viscosity of a dilute ideal gas is correct?

- (a) It is independent of pressure at fixed temperature
- (b) It increases with increasing pressure at fixed temperature
- (c) It is independent of temperature
- (d) It decreases with increasing temperature

Ans: (a)

Solution.:

Viscosity $\eta = \frac{1}{3} mn \bar{v} \lambda$ where $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} n d^2}$, $\bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{m\pi}}$ and $n = \frac{P}{kT}$.

Thus $\eta \propto \frac{T^{3/2}}{P} = \text{constant}$ at fixed T . Since $PV = \mu RT \Rightarrow \frac{T}{P} = \text{constant}$

Q5. A system has N spins, where each spin is capable of existing in 4 possible states. The difference in entropy of disordered states (where all possible spin configurations are equally probable) and ordered states is

- (a) $2(N-1)k_B \ln 2$
- (b) $(N-1)k_B \ln 2$
- (c) $4k_B \ln N$
- (d) $Nk_B \ln 2$

Ans: (a)

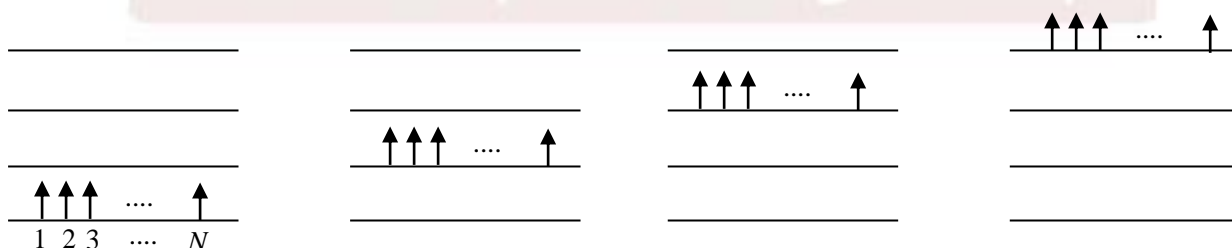
Solution.:

Since a system has N spins, where each spin is capable of existing in 4 possible states.

So total possibilities for N spins $= 4 \times 4 \times 4 \dots \times 4 = 4^N$

Entropy of disordered states $S_d = k_B \ln 4^N = Nk_B \ln 4 = 2Nk_B \ln 2$

Ordered state is obtained when all N spins are in a particular state. There exists 4 such options.



Since $\Omega_{\text{ordered}} = 4$ so $S_{\text{ordered}} = S_o = k_B \ln 4 = 2k_B \ln 2$.

Thus $S_d - S_o = 2Nk_B \ln 2 - 2k_B \ln 2 = 2k_B (N-1) \ln 2$

Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

Q17. For a thermodynamic system, the coefficient of volume expansion $\beta = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P$ and compressibility $\kappa = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T$, where V , T , and P are respectively the volume, temperature, and pressure. Considering that $\frac{dV}{V}$ is a perfect differential, we get

- (a) $\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial P} \right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial T} \right)_P$ (b) $\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T} \right)_P = -\left(\frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial P} \right)_T$
(c) $\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial P} \right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial T} \right)_P$ (d) $\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T} \right)_P = \left(\frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial P} \right)_T$

Ans: (c)

Solution.: Coefficient of volume expansion $\beta = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P$ and compressibility $\kappa = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T$

Let $V = V(T, P) \Rightarrow dV = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P dT + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T dP \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{V} = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P dT + \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T dP$
 $\Rightarrow dU = \frac{dV}{V} = \beta dT - \kappa dP \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_P = \beta, \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial P} \right)_T = -\kappa \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial P} \right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial T} \right)_P$

Q27. Consider a system of large number of particles that can be in three energy states with energies 0 meV, 1 meV, and 2 meV. At temperature $T = 300 K$, the mean energy of the system (in meV) is closest to

Given: Boltzmann constant $k_B = 0.086 \text{ meV K}^{-1}$

- (a) 0.12 (b) 0.97
(c) 1.32 (d) 1.82

Ans: (b)

Solution.:

Partition function $z = \sum g_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} = e^{-0} + e^{-\beta \epsilon} + e^{-2\beta \epsilon} = 1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon} + e^{-2\beta \epsilon}$

$g_i = 1, \epsilon = \text{meV}$

Mean Energy $\langle E \rangle = \frac{\sum \epsilon_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}{z} = \frac{0 \times 1 + \epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} + 2\epsilon e^{-2\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon} + e^{-2\beta \epsilon}} = \frac{\epsilon (e^{-\beta \epsilon} + 2e^{-2\beta \epsilon})}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon} + e^{-2\beta \epsilon}}$

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$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\epsilon (e^{\beta \epsilon} + 2)}{e^{2\beta \epsilon} + e^{\beta \epsilon} + 1} \Rightarrow \langle E \rangle = \frac{1 \text{ meV} (e^{0.03} + 2)}{e^{0.06} + e^{0.03} + 1} = \frac{3.03}{3.09} = 0.98$

$\therefore \beta \epsilon = \frac{1}{k_B T} \epsilon = \frac{1}{0.086 \text{ meV K}^{-1} \times 300 K} \text{ meV} = \frac{11.62}{300} = 0.03$

Q28. For the Maxwell-Boltzmann speed distribution, the ratio of the root-mean-square speed (v_{rms}) and the most probable speed (v_{max}) is

Given: Maxwell-Boltzmann speed distribution function for a collection of particles of mass m is

$$f(v) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi v^2 \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \right)$$

where, v is the speed and $k_B T$ is the thermal energy.

(a) $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$

(b) $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

(c) $\frac{3}{2}$

(d) $\frac{2}{3}$

Ans: (a)

Solution.:

$$v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_B T}{m}}, \quad v_{\text{mp}} = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}} \Rightarrow \frac{v_{\text{rms}}}{v_{\text{mp}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Q30. A container is occupied by a fixed number of non-interacting particles. If they are obeying Fermi-Dirac, Bose-Einstein, and Maxwell-Boltzmann statistics, the pressure in the container is P_{FD} , P_{BE} and P_{MB} , respectively. Then

(a) $P_{FD} > P_{MB} > P_{BE}$

(b) $P_{FD} > P_{MB} = P_{BE}$

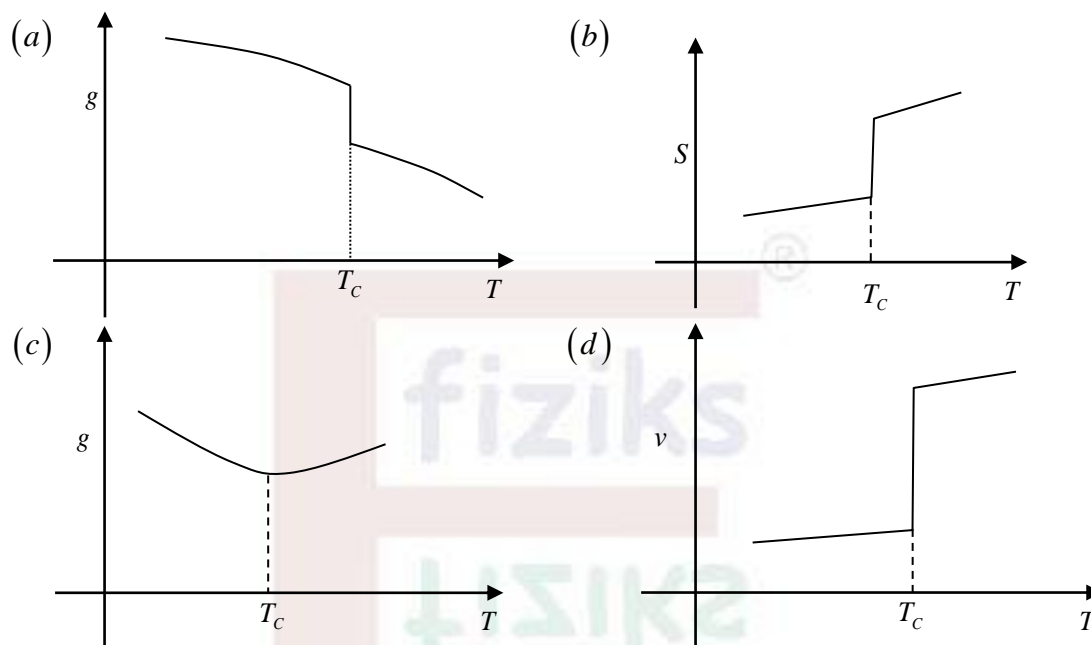
(c) $P_{FD} > P_{BE} > P_{MB}$

(d) $P_{FD} = P_{MB} = P_{BE}$

Ans: (a)

Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

Q35. Which of the following schematic plots correctly represent(s) a first order phase transition occurring at temperature $T = T_C$? Here g, s, v are specific Gibbs free energy, entropy and volume, respectively.



Ans: (b), (c)

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each. (No Question)

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each.

Q56. A container of volume V has helium gas in it with N number of He atoms. The mean free path of these atoms is λ_{He} . Another container has argon gas with the same number of Ar atoms in volume $2V$ with their mean free path being λ_{Ar} . Taking the radius of Ar atoms to be 1.5 times the radius of He atoms, the ratio $\lambda_{Ar}/\lambda_{He}$ is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 0.89

Solution.: $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n\pi d^2} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}N\pi d^2} \Rightarrow \lambda_{He} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}N\pi d_{He}^2}, \lambda_{Ar} = \frac{2V}{\sqrt{2}N\pi d_{Ar}^2}$

$$\frac{\lambda_{Ar}}{\lambda_{He}} = 2 \left(\frac{d_{He}}{d_{Ar}} \right)^2 = 2 \left(\frac{r_{He}}{r_{Ar}} \right)^2 = 2 \left(\frac{1}{1.5} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{2.25} = 0.89$$

$$\because r_{Ar} = 1.5r_{He}$$



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Section A: Q.1-Q.10 Carry ONE mark each.

Q8. If the ground state energy of a particle in an infinite potential well of width L_1 is equal to the energy of the second excited state in another infinite potential well of width L_2 , then the ratio $\frac{L_1}{L_2}$ is equal to

- (a) 1 (b) 1/3 (c) $1/\sqrt{3}$ (d) 1/9

Ans: (b)

Solution: The energy of a particle in Infinite Square well potential of length L is $E_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$

For $L = L_1$ and $n = 1$; $E_1 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL_1^2}$ and For $L = L_2$ and $n = 3$; $E_3 = \frac{9\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL_2^2}$

$$\text{Since, } E_1 = E_3 \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL_1^2} = \frac{9\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL_2^2} \Rightarrow \frac{L_1^2}{L_2^2} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{L_1}{L_2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Thus correct option is (b).

Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each. (No Question)

Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

Q31. The spectral energy density $u_T(\lambda)$ vs wavelength (λ) curve of a black body shows a peak at $\lambda = \lambda_{\max}$. If the temperature of the black body is doubled, then

- (a) the maximum of $u_T(\lambda)$ shifts to $\lambda_{\max}/2$
(b) the maximum of $u_T(\lambda)$ shifts to $2\lambda_{\max}$
(c) the area under the curve becomes 16 times the original area
(d) the area under the curve becomes 8 times the original area

Ans: (a), (c)

Solution.:

$$\therefore \lambda_{\max} = \frac{b}{T} \text{ when } T' = 2T \Rightarrow \lambda'_{\max} = \frac{b}{T'} = \frac{b}{2T} = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{2}$$

Thus option (a) is correct.

$$\text{Now, the area under the curve (A)} \propto T^4 \Rightarrow A = aT^4$$

$$\text{when } T' = 2T \text{ then } A' = aT'^4 = a(2T)^4 = 16aT^4 \Rightarrow A' = 16A$$

Thus option (c) is also correct.

Therefore correct options are (a) and (c).

Q33. The state of a harmonic oscillator is given as $\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\psi_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\psi_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\psi_2$, where ψ_0, ψ_1 and ψ_2 are the normalized wave functions of ground, first excited, and second excited states, respectively. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true?

- (a) A measurement of the energy of the system yields $E = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$ with non-zero probability
- (b) A measurement of the energy of the system yields $E = \frac{5}{3}\hbar\omega$ with non-zero probability
- (c) Expectation value of the energy of the system $\langle E \rangle = \frac{5}{3}\hbar\omega$
- (d) Expectation value of the energy of the system $\langle E \rangle = \frac{7}{6}\hbar\omega$

Ans: (a), (c)

Solution.:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|\psi_0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|\psi_1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\psi_2\rangle = C_0|\psi_0\rangle + C_1|\psi_1\rangle + C_2|\psi_2\rangle$$

The $|\psi\rangle$ is normalized so $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

Since, $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$ with $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, the various measurements of the energy of the system yield values $E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$, $E_1 = \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega$ and $E_2 = \frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega$ with the following probability.

$$P_0(E_0) = |C_0|^2 = \frac{1}{3}; \quad P_1(E_1) = |C_1|^2 = \frac{1}{6}; \quad P_2(E_2) = |C_2|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now, the expectation value of the energy is

$$\langle E \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^2 P_i E_i = P_0 E_0 + P_1 E_1 + P_2 E_2 = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega + \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega = \frac{5}{3}\hbar\omega$$

Thus, the correct options are (a) and (c).

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

Q45. A spacecraft has speed $v_s = fc$ with respect to the earth, where c is the speed of light in vacuum. An observer in the spacecraft measures the time of one complete rotation of the earth to be 48 hours. The value of f is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 0.87

Solution. :

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_s^2}{c^2}}} \Rightarrow 24 = \frac{48}{\sqrt{1 - f^2}} \Rightarrow f^2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow f = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0.87$$

Q50. An α particle with energy of 3MeV is moving towards a nucleus of ^{50}Sn . Its minimum distance of approach to the nucleus is $f \times 10^{-14}$ m. The value of f is _____ (rounded off to one decimal place).

Ans: 4.8

Solution.:

$$K_\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(+2e)(+Ze)}{x_0} \Rightarrow 3\text{MeV} = (1.44\text{MeV}\cdot\text{fm}) \times \frac{2 \times 50}{x_0}$$

$$x_0 = \frac{144}{3} \text{ fm} = \frac{144}{3} \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} = \frac{14.4}{3} \times 10^{-14} \text{ m} \Rightarrow x_0 = 4.8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m} = f \times 10^{-14} \text{ m} \Rightarrow f = 4.8$$

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each.

Q51. In a X-Ray tube operating at 20 kV, the ratio of the de-Broglie wavelength of the incident electrons to the shortest wavelength of the generated X-rays is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Given: e/m ratio for an electron $= 1.76 \times 10^{11} \text{ C kg}^{-1}$ and the speed of light in vacuum is $3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Ans: 0.12 to 0.16

Solution.: de-Broglie Wavelength

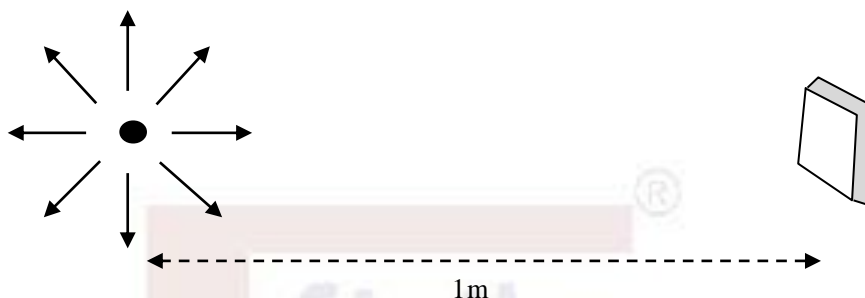
$$\lambda_d = \sqrt{\frac{150}{V}} (A^\circ) = \sqrt{\frac{150}{20 \times 10^3}} = 0.0866 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \Rightarrow \lambda_d = 8.66 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Shortest wavelength of X-rays produced is } \lambda_p = \frac{hc}{E} = \frac{1.24 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}}{20 \times 10^3 \text{ eV}} = 6.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\lambda_d}{\lambda_p} = \frac{8.66 \times 10^{-12}}{6.2 \times 10^{-11}} = 0.14$$

Q52. A point source emitting photons of 2 eV energy and 1 W of power is kept at a distance of 1m from a small piece of a photoelectric material of area 10^{-4} m^2 . If the efficiency of generation of photoelectrons is 10%, then the number of photoelectrons generated are $f \times 10^{12}$ per second. The value of f is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

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



Ans: 2.30 to 2.70

Solution.:

Energy emitted in one second is $E = 1 \text{ J}$.

The number of Photon emitted in one second is

$$n = \frac{E}{hv} = \frac{1 \text{ J}}{2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} = 3.125 \times 10^{18} \text{ photons}$$

Now, area of sphere of radius $r = 4\pi r^2$

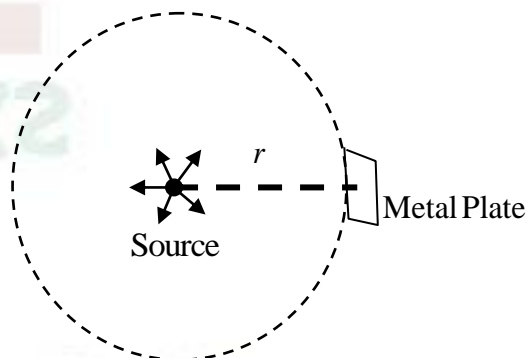
$$\text{Number of photons per unit area} = \frac{n}{4\pi r^2}$$

Number of photons incident on metal plate of area 10^{-4} m^2 is $n' = \frac{n}{4\pi r^2} \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$

$$\Rightarrow n' = \frac{3.12 \times 10^{18}}{4 \times 3.14 \times 1^2} \times 10^{-4} = 2.48 \times 10^{13} \text{ photons}$$

Given the efficiency of generation of Photoelectron = 10%

$$\text{Thus number of photoelectrons} = 10\% \text{ of } n' = \frac{10}{100} \times 2.48 \times 10^{13} = 2.48 \times 10^{12} \Rightarrow f = 2.48$$



Q53. Consider the α -decay ${}^{90}\text{Th}^{232} \rightarrow {}^{88}\text{Ra}^{228}$. In an experiment with one gram of ${}^{90}\text{Th}^{232}$, the average count rate (integrated over the entire volume) measured by the α -detector is $3000 \text{ counts s}^{-1}$. If the half life of ${}^{90}\text{Th}^{232}$ is given as $4.4 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}$, then the efficiency of the α -detector is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places). Given: Avogadro's number = $6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Ans: 0.73

Solution.: Actual decay rate $\left| \frac{dN}{dt} \right| = N\lambda = \left(\frac{1 \text{ gm}}{232} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \right) \times \frac{0.693}{4.4 \times 10^{17}} = 4086 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Measured decay rate = 3000 s^{-1} . So, efficiency of α -detector = $\frac{3000}{4086} = 0.73$

Q54. In the Thomson model of hydrogen atom, the nuclear charge is distributed uniformly over a sphere of radius R . The average potential energy of an electron confined within this atom can be taken as $V = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$. Taking the uncertainty in position to be the radius of the atom, the minimum value of R for which an electron will be confined within the atom is estimated to be $f \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$. The value of f is _____ (rounded off to one decimal places).

Given: The uncertainty product of momentum and position is $\hbar = 1 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}^{-1}$,
 $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$, and $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$.

Ans: 2.2 to 2.7

Solution.: Energy of electron $E = \frac{p_e^2}{2m_e} - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$

As electron is bounded within the atom, so $E \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{p_e^2}{2m_e} - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \leq 0 \Rightarrow p_e \leq \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2m_e}{R}}$

From uncertainty principle $\Delta r \cdot \Delta p = 10^{-34}$ where $\Delta r = R$, and $\Delta p = p_e^{\max} \leq \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2m_e}{R}}$

Thus $R \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2m_e}{R}} = 10^{-34} \Rightarrow R = \frac{10^{-68}}{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times 2m_e} = \frac{10^{-68}}{(9 \times 10^9)(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 (2 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31})}$

$\Rightarrow R = \frac{10^{-68}}{(9 \times 10^9)(2.56 \times 10^{-38})(2 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31})} = \frac{10^{-68}}{419.33 \times 10^{-60}} = \frac{10^{-8}}{419.33} = \frac{1000}{419.33} \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$

$\Rightarrow R = 2.38 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$. So answer is 2.38.

Q57. Three frames F_0, F_1 and F_2 are in relative motion. The frame F_0 is at rest, F_1 is moving with velocity $v_1\hat{i}$ with respect to F_0 and F_2 is moving with velocity $v_2\hat{i}$ with respect to F_1 . A particle is moving with velocity $v_3\hat{i}$ with respect to F_2 . If $v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = c/2$, where c is the speed of light, the speed of the particle with respect to F_0 is fc . The value of f is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 0.93

Solution.:

$$\vec{v}_{01} = v_1\hat{i} = \frac{c}{2}\hat{i}; \quad \vec{v}_{21} = v_2\hat{i} = \frac{c}{2}\hat{i}; \quad \vec{v}_{p2} = v_3\hat{i} = \frac{c}{2}\hat{i}$$

$$v_{p1} = \frac{v_{p2} - v_{12}}{1 - \frac{v_{p2}v_{12}}{c^2}} = \frac{\frac{c}{2} - \left(-\frac{c}{2}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{c^2}\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{c}{2}\right)} = \frac{4}{5}c; \quad v_{p0} = \frac{\frac{4}{5}c - \left(-\frac{c}{2}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{c^2}\left(\frac{4}{5}c\right)\left(-\frac{c}{2}\right)} = \frac{13}{14}c = 0.93c \Rightarrow f = 0.93$$

Q58. A fission device explodes into two pieces of rest masses m and $0.5m$ with no loss of energy into any other form. These masses move apart respectively with speeds $\frac{c}{\sqrt{13}}$ and $\frac{c}{2}$, with respect to the stationary frame. If the rest mass of the device is fm then f is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Ans: 1.61

Solution.:

$$MC^2 = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{13}}} + \frac{(0.5m)c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}}} \Rightarrow M = 1.04m + 0.57m \Rightarrow M = 1.61m = fm \Rightarrow f = 1.61$$



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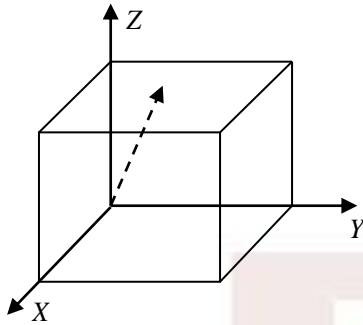
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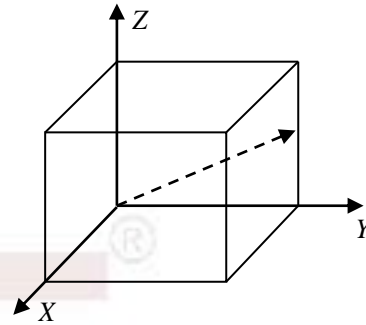
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Q1. For a cubic unit cell, the dashed arrow in which of the following figures represents the direction $[220]$?

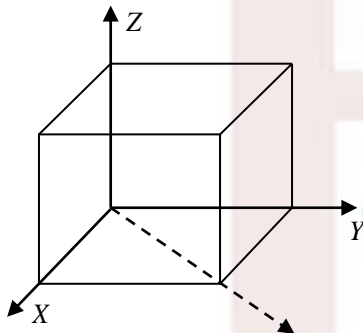
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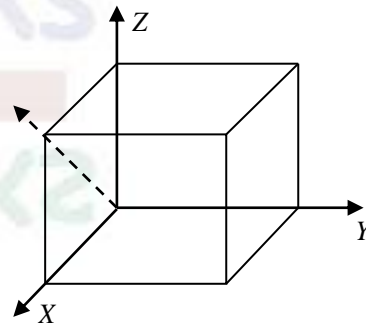
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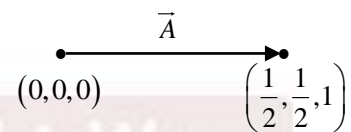


Ans: (c)

Solution.:

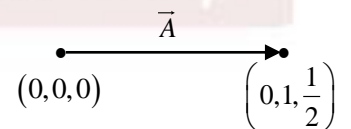
(a) Line equation is $\vec{A} = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + \hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Thus line indices is $[hkl] = [112]$



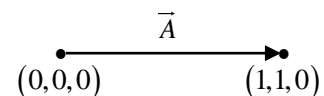
(b) Line equation is $\vec{A} = 0\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{k} = 0\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$

Thus line indices is $[hkl] = [021]$



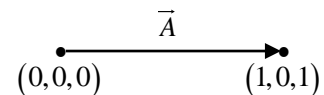
(c) Line equation is $\vec{A} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$

Thus line indices is $[hkl] = [110]$ or $[220]$

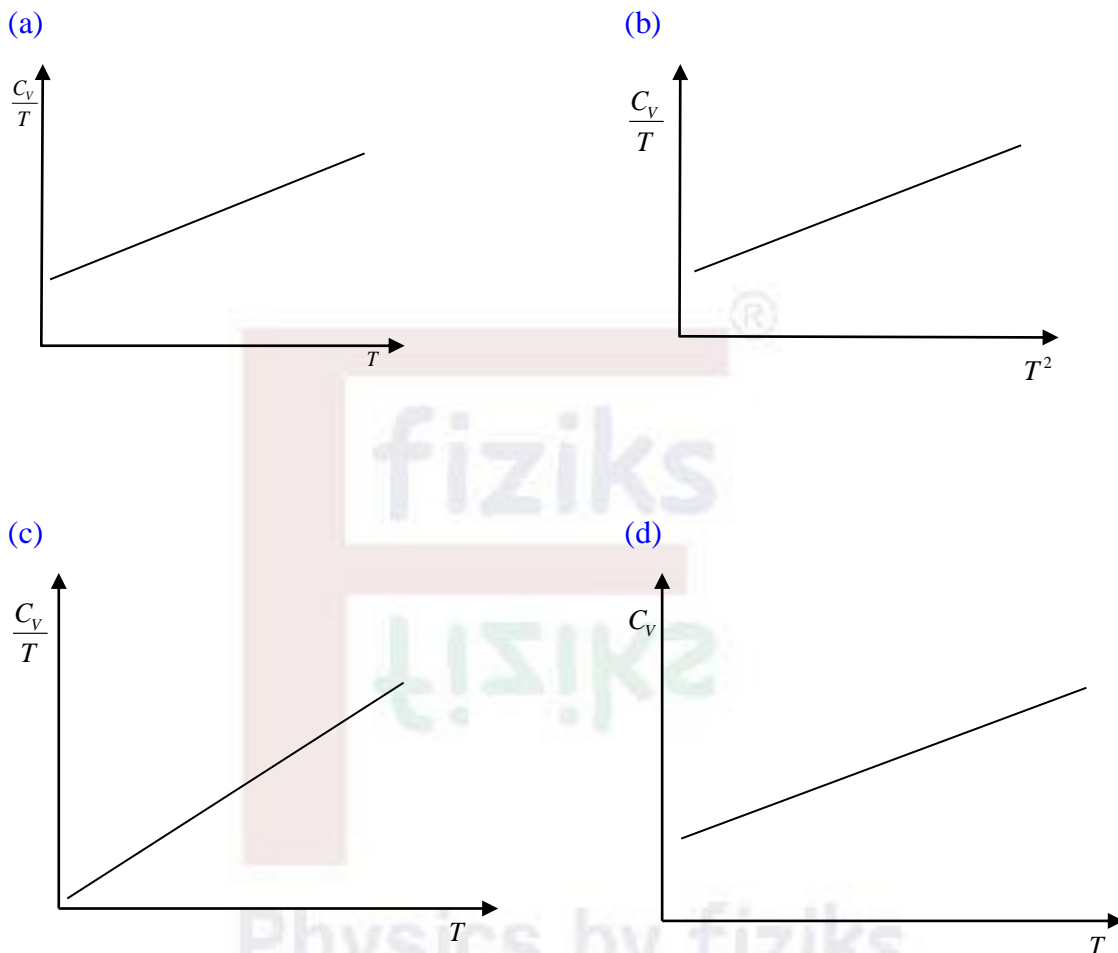


(d) Line equation is $\vec{A} = 1\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$

Thus line indices is $[hkl] = [101]$



Q6. Temperature (T) dependence of the total specific heat (C_v) for a two dimensional metallic solid at low temperatures is



Ans: (a)

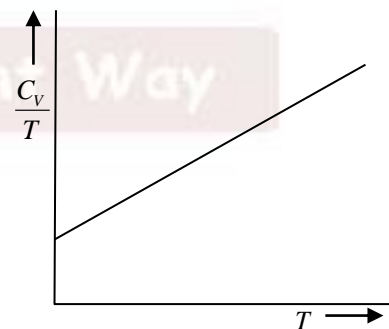
Solution:

The specific heat of metal is sum of phonon heat capacity and electronic heat capacity.

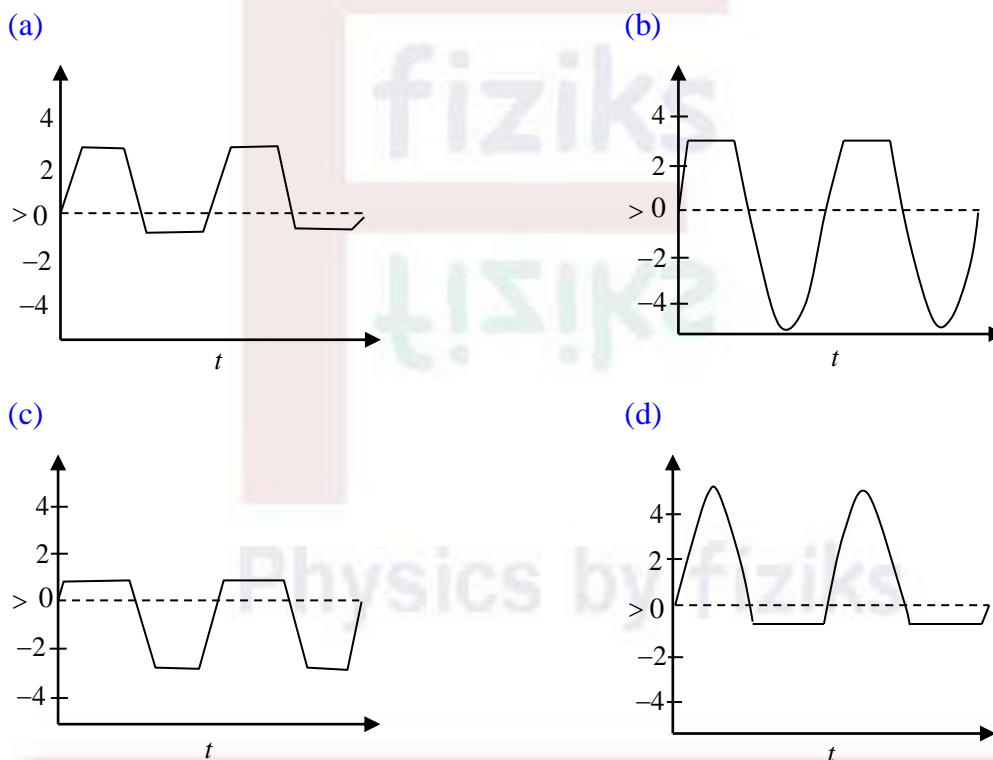
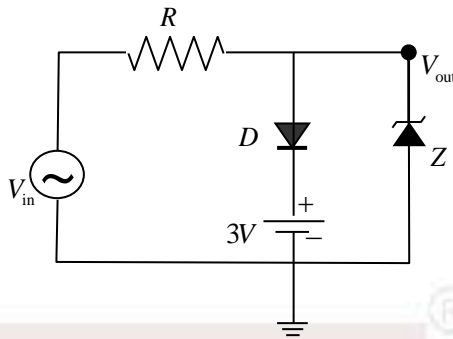
$$C_v = C_{ph} + C_e = aT^2 + \gamma T$$

$$\frac{C_v}{T} = aT + \gamma$$

Thus correct option is (a).



- Q7.** For the following circuit, choose the correct waveform corresponding to the output signal (V_{out}). Given $V_{in} = 5 \sin(200\pi t)$ V, forward bias voltage of the diodes (D and Z) = 0.7 V and reverse Zener voltage = 3 V.



Ans: (a)

Solution.:

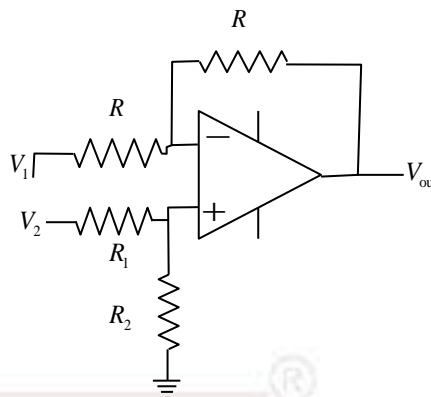
If $0 < v_{in} < +3V$, diode is reverse bias and zener diode is OFF then $v_o = v_{in}$.

If $v_{in} > +3V$, diode is forward bias and zener diode is ON then $v_{in} = +3V$.

In negative half cycle if v_{in} exceeds $-0.7V$, diode is reverse bias and zener diode is forward bias then $v_{in} = -0.7V$.

Q9. In the given circuit, with an ideal op-amp for what value of $\frac{R_1}{R_2}$ the output of the amplifier $V_{out} = V_2 - V_1$?

- (a) 1
(b) $1/2$
(c) 2
(d) $3/2$



Ans: (a)

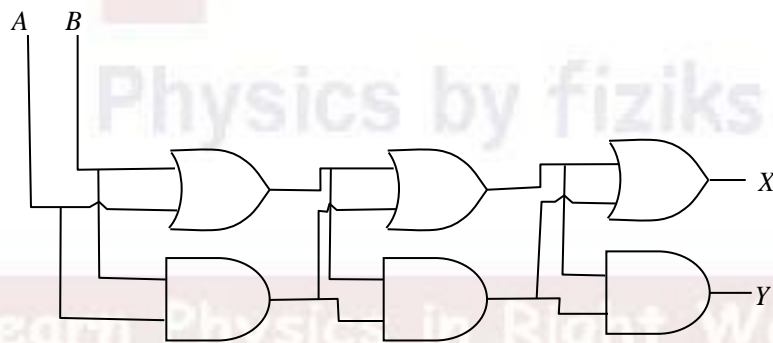
Solution.: From Superposition theorem

$$V_{out} = V_{01} + V_{02} = -\frac{R}{R}V_1 + \left(1 + \frac{R}{R}\right)\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}V_2 = -V_1 + \frac{2R_2}{R_1 + R_2}V_2$$

$$\therefore V_{out} = V_2 - V_1 \text{ so } \frac{2R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 1 \Rightarrow R_2 = R_1 \Rightarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2} = 1$$

Section A: Q.11-Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

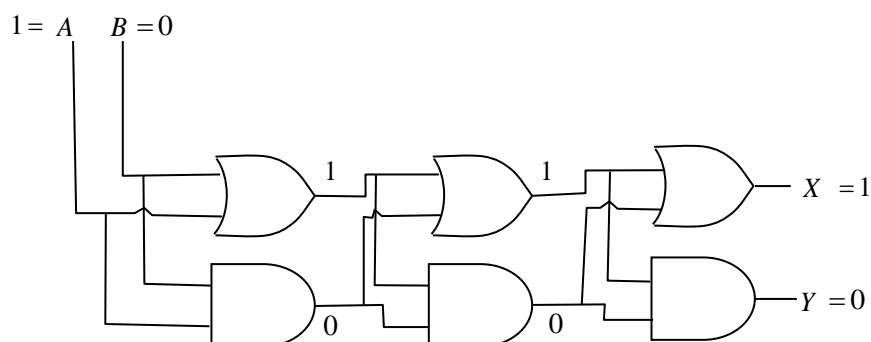
Q12. Two digital inputs A and B are given to the following circuit. For $A = 1, B = 0$, the values of X and Y are



- (A) $X = 0, Y = 0$ (B) $X = 1, Y = 0$
(C) $X = 0, Y = 1$ (D) $X = 1, Y = 1$

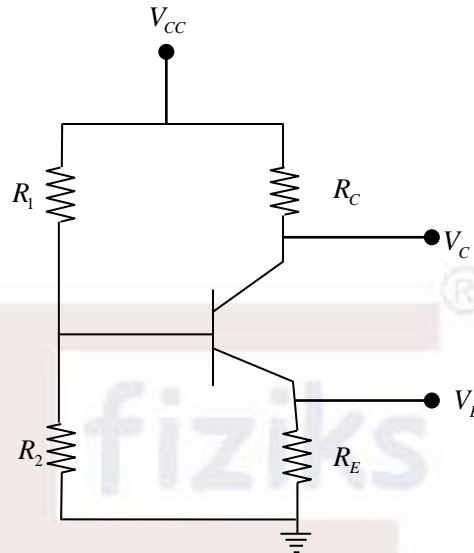
Ans: (b)

Solution.:



Q22. In the circuit shown, assuming the current gain $\beta = 100$ and $V_{BE} = 0.7V$, what will be the collector voltage V_C in V?

Given: $V_{CC} = 15V$, $R_1 = 100k\Omega$, $R_2 = 50k\Omega$, $R_C = 4.7k\Omega$ and $R_E = 3.3k\Omega$



(a) 8.9

(b) 5.1

(c) 4.3

(d) 3.2

Ans: (a)

Solution.:

$$E_{Th} = \frac{V_{CC} R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{15V \times 50k\Omega}{100k\Omega + 50k\Omega} = \frac{15V \times 50k\Omega}{150k\Omega} = 5V$$

$$R_{Th} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{100k\Omega \times 50k\Omega}{100k\Omega + 50k\Omega} = \frac{100}{3} k\Omega$$

$$I_B = \frac{E_{Th} - V_{BE}}{R_{Th} + (\beta + 1) R_E} = \frac{5V - 0.7V}{\frac{100}{3} k\Omega + 101 \times 3.3k\Omega}$$

$$I_B = \frac{4.3 \times 3}{100 + 303 \times 3.3} = \frac{12.9}{1099.9} = 0.0117mA$$

Thus $I_C = \beta I_B = 100 \times 0.0117mA = 1.17mA$

$$\Rightarrow V_C = V_{CC} - I_C R_C = 15V - (1.17 \times 4.7) = 9.5V$$

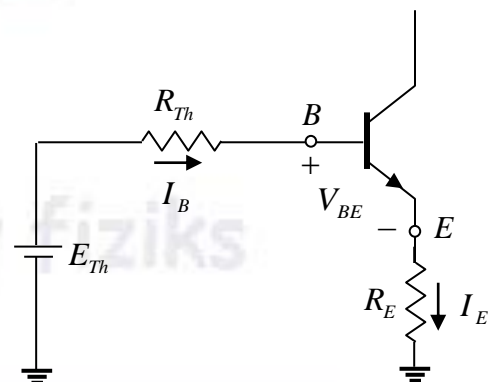
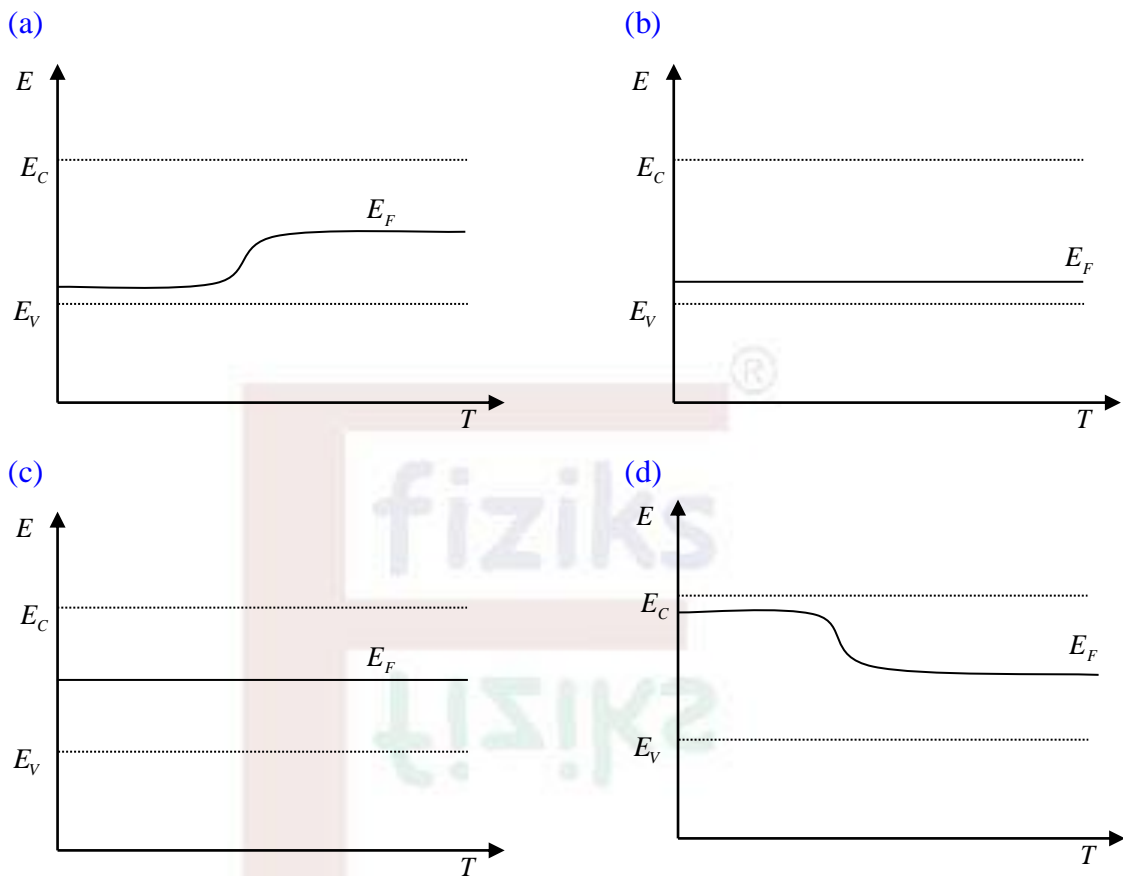


Figure: Thevenin equivalent circuit.

Q29. In an extrinsic p -type semiconductor, which of the following schematic diagram depicts the variation of the Fermi energy level (E_F) with temperature (T)?



Ans: (a)

Solution.:

In a p -type semiconductor Fermi-level is near valance band at lower temperature. As temperature increases Fermi-level moves towards middle of the band gap.

Relationship between Fermi level (E_F) and the intrinsic Fermi level (E_{F_i}) in term of hole concentration (p_0) and intrinsic carrier concentration (n_i) for p -type semiconductor is

$$E_{F_i} - E_F = k_B T \ln \left(\frac{p_0}{n_i} \right)$$

At lower temperature $p_0 > n_i$, thus $E_{F_i} > E_F$

At high temperature, n_i increases and at very high temperature $n_i = p_0$

$\Rightarrow E_{F_i} - E_F = 0 \Rightarrow E_F = E_{F_i}$. Therefore, with increasing temperature, E_F moves closer to the E_{F_i} .

Thus, the correct option is (a).

Section B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each. (No Question)

Section C: Q.41 - Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

Q41. The lattice constant (in Å) of copper, which has FCC structure, is _____ (rounded off to two decimal places).

Given: density of copper is 8.91 g cm^{-3} and its atomic mass is 63.55 g mol^{-1} ; Avogadro's number = $6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Ans: 3.60 to 3.65

Solution.:

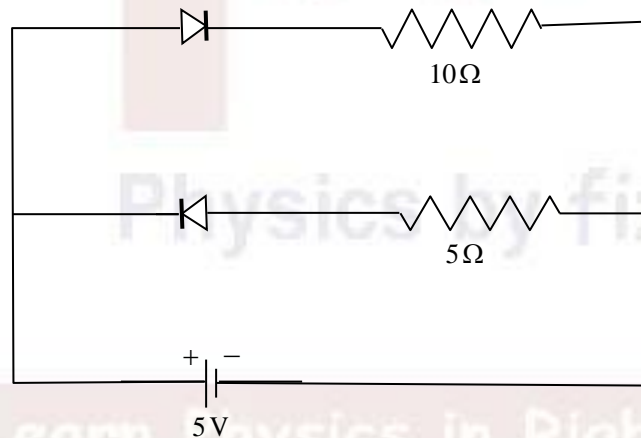
$$\rho = \frac{n_{\text{eff}} \times M}{N_A \times a^3} \Rightarrow a^3 = \frac{n_{\text{eff}} \times M}{N_A \times \rho}$$

Given, $n_{\text{eff}} = 4$, $\rho = 8.91 \text{ g/cm}^3$, $M = 63.55 \text{ g/mol}$ and $N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

$$\therefore a^3 = \frac{4 \times 63.55}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 8.91} = 4.737 \times 10^{-23} \Rightarrow a = 3.61 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 3.61 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \Rightarrow a = 3.61 \text{ Å}$$

Q42. Two silicon diodes are connected to a battery and two resistors as shown in the figure. The current through the battery is _____ A (rounded off to two decimal places).

Given: The forward voltage drop across each diode = 0.7 V



Ans: 0.43

Solution.:

Upper diode is forward bias and lower diode is reverse bias (open circuit) so current in the

battery is $I = \frac{5V - 0.7V}{10\Omega} = 0.43 \text{ A}$

Section C: Q.51-Q60 Carry TWO marks each. (No Question)

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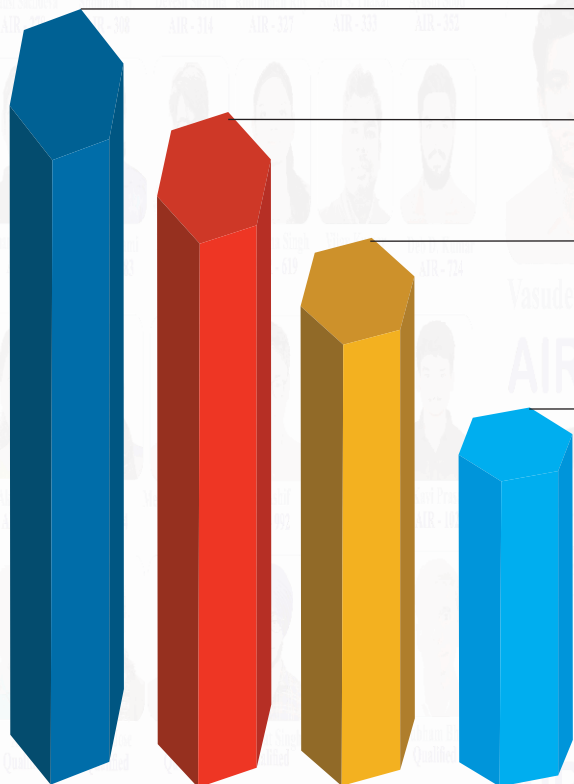


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