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PART A

Q1. A two-digit number is such that if the digit 4 is placed to its right, its value would increase by 490. Find the original number.

- (a) 48 (b) 54 (c) 64 (d) 56

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Let the two digit number be $10x + y$

From the question

$$100x + 10y + 4 - (10x + y) = 490 \Rightarrow 90x + 9y = 486 \Rightarrow 9(10x + y) = 486$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 10x + y = \frac{486}{9} = 54$$

Q2. Given that $K! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times K$, which is the largest among the following numbers?

- (a) $(2!)^{1/2}$ (b) $(3!)^{1/3}$ (c) $(4!)^{1/4}$ (d) $\frac{(3!)}{2}$

Ans.: (d)

$$\text{Solution: } (2!)^{1/2} = (2^6)^{1/12} = (64)^{1/12}, (3!)^{1/2} = (6^4)^{1/12} = (1296)^{1/12}$$

$$(4!)^{1/4} = (24^3)^{1/12} = (13824)^{1/12}, \frac{(3!)}{2} = 3 = (3^{12})^{1/12} = (43046721)^{1/12}$$

Hence $\frac{(3!)}{2}$ is largest

Q3. Of three children, Uma plays all three of cricket, football and hockey. Iqbal plays cricket but not football and Tarun plays hockey but neither football nor cricket. The number of games played by at least two of the children is

- (a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) zero

Ans.: (b)

Solution: From the table we see that cricket is played by two children and Hockey is also played by two children. Football is played by just one student.

	Cricket	Football	Hockey
Uma	✓	✓	✓
Iqbal	✓	X	
Tarun	X	X	✓

Hence number of games played by at least two of the children = 2

Q4. A multiple choice exam has 4 questions, each with 4 answer choices. Every question has only one correct answer. The probability of getting all answers correct by independent random guesses for each one is

- (a) 14 (b) $(1/4)^4$ (c) $(3/4)$ (d) $(3/4)^4$

Ans.: (b)

Solution:

First question	Second question	Third question	Fourth question
4 ways	4 ways	4 ways	4 ways

Each question can be answered in 4 ways. Hence total number of ways of answering the four questions = $4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 4^4$

There is only one way of providing the correct answer

Hence, required probability = $1/4^4$

Q5. The result of a survey to find the most preferred leader among A, B, C is shown in the table

Votes	A	B	C
1 st preference	13	54	33
2 nd preference	24	37	39
3 rd preference	63	9	28

First, second and third preferences are given weights 3,2,1, respectively. Statistically, which of the following can be said to represent the preferences of the voters?

- (a) A and C are within 10% of each other
 (b) B is the most preferred
 (c) B and C are within 10% of each other
 (d) C is the most preferred

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Taking into account their respective weights

$$\text{Number of votes of } A = 13 \times 3 + 24 \times 2 + 63 \times 1 = 150$$

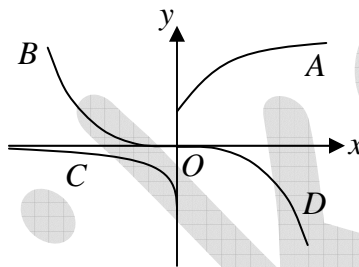
$$\text{Number of votes of } B = 54 + 37 \times 2 + 9 \times 1 = 245$$

$$\text{Number of votes of } C = 33 \times 3 + 39 \times 2 + 28 \times 1 = 205$$

Hence we can say that B is most preferred.

Q6. Which is the curve in the figure whose points satisfy the equation $y = \text{constant} \times e^x$?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

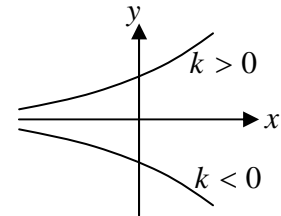


Ans.: (c)

Solution: The graph of the curve $y = k \times e^x$ is shown in the figure for

$k > 0$ and $k < 0$.

Hence the correct option is (c)



Q7. An ice cube of volume 10 cm^3 is floating over a glass of water of

10 cm^2 cross-section area and 10 cm height. The level of the water is exactly at the brim of the glass. Given that the density of ice is 10% less than that of water, what will be the situation when ice melts completely?

- (a) the level falls by 10% of the side of the cube.
- (b) The level falls by 10% of the original height of the water column
- (c) The level increases by 10% of the side of the cube and water spills out
- (d) There is no change in the level of the water.

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Let the density of water be ρ_w then density of ice = $\frac{9\rho_w}{10}$

For floating

Weight of cube = Buoyant force

$$\Rightarrow \rho_i v_i g = \rho_w v g \Rightarrow \frac{9\rho_w}{10}(10\text{cm}^3) = \rho_w v \Rightarrow v = 9\text{cm}^3$$

hence 9cm^3 if ice is initially submerged in water when ice melts its volume changes

from 10cm^3 to $(10\text{cm}^3) \times \frac{9}{10} = 9\text{cm}^3$. Thus we see that there is no change in the level of

water.

Q8. In a college admission where applicants have to choose only one subject, $1/4^{\text{th}}$ of the applicants opted for Biology. $1/6^{\text{th}}$ for chemistry, $1/8^{\text{th}}$ for Physics and $1/12^{\text{th}}$ for Maths. 18 applicants did not opt for any of the above four subjects. How many applicants were there?

- (a) 22 (b) 24 (c) 36 (d) 48

Ans.: (d)

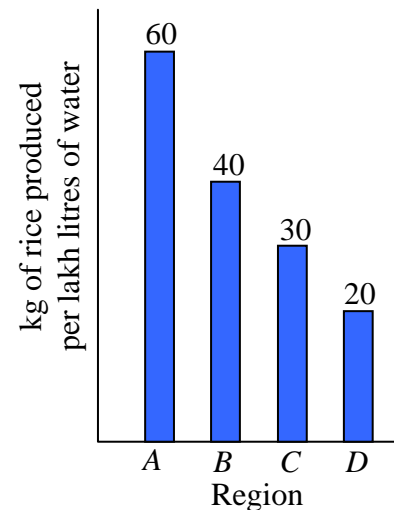
Solution: Let here be x applicants

From the question

$$x - \left(\frac{x}{4} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x}{8} + \frac{x}{12} \right) = 18 \Rightarrow x - \frac{15x}{24} = 18 \Rightarrow \frac{9x}{24} = 18 \Rightarrow x = 48$$

Q9. Based on the bar chart shown here, which of the following inferences is correct?

- (a) Region A uses maximum water per kg of rice
 (b) Average water consumption of the four regions is 37.5 lakh liters
 (c) Region D uses thrice the amount of water used by region A per kg of rice.
 (d) Region B uses 20 lakh litres of less water than region A



Ans.: (c)

Solution: Water used for the production of rice per kg in four regions A, B, C and D are

$$\frac{1}{60}, \frac{1}{40}, \frac{1}{30} \text{ and } \frac{1}{20} \text{ respectively}$$

Since $\frac{1}{20} = 3 \times \frac{1}{60}$, hence correct option is (c)

Q10. In a race five drivers were in the following situation. M was following V , R was just ahead of T and K was the only one between T and V . Who was in the second place at that instant?

- (a) V (b) R (c) T (d) K

Ans.: (c)

Solution: From the statement ' R was just ahead of T ', we have the following situation:

$$R, T$$

From the statement ' K was the only one between T and V ' we can write

$$R, T, K, V$$

From the statement ' M was following R ' we can write

$$R, T, K, V, M$$

Hence T was in the second place.

Q11. A bag contains 8 red balls, 17 green balls. What is the minimum number of balls that needs to be taken out from the bag to ensure getting at least one ball of each colour?

- (a) 19 (b) 18 (c) 28 (d) 27

Ans.: (c)

Solution: If we draw a red ball then certainly we have drawn at least one ball of each colour.

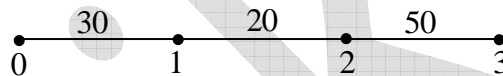
Hence the minimum number of balls that must be drawn to ensure that at least one ball of each colour is drawn = $17 + 10 + 1 = 28$.

Q12. In a very old, stable forest, a particular species of plants grows to a maximum height of $3m$. In a large survey, it is found that 30% of the plants have heights less than $1m$ and 50% have heights more than $2m$. From these observations we can say that the height of the plants increases

- (a) at the slowest rate when they are less than $1m$ tall
- (b) at the fastest rate when they are between $1m$ and $2m$ tall
- (c) at the fastest rate when they are more than $2m$ tall
- (d) at the same rate at all stages

Ans.: (b)

Solution: From the question we see that $20 + 50 = 70$ percent plants have heights more than



in which only 50% plants have height more than $2m$. Hence plants show maximum rate of increase of height when they are between $1m$ and $2m$.

Q13. What day of the week will it be 61 days from a Friday?

- (a) Saturday
- (b) Sunday
- (c) Friday
- (d) Wednesday

Ans.: (d)

Solution: After a given day every 7th day is the same day.

Now, in 61 days $7 \times 8 = 56$ th day will be a Friday. Hence 61th day will be a Wednesday

Q14. Which of the following 7 -digit numbers CANNOT be perfect squares?

$$A = 45xyz26, B = 2xyz175, C = xyz3310$$

- (a) Only A
- (b) Only B
- (c) Only C
- (d) All three

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Only a four digit number when squared can give a 7 -digit number.

$$\text{Suppose } A = 45xyz26 = (abc6)^2$$

But the second digits of $(abc6)^2$ is always 1 or 3 or 5 or 7

$$\text{Suppose } B = 2xyz175 = (xyz5)^2$$

But the second last digit of $(xyz5)^2$ is always 2

Suppose $C = xyz3310 = (pqr0)^2$

But the second last digit of $(pqr0)^2$ is always 0

Since all three numbers A, B and C do not satisfy the requirements for a perfect square, none of them is a perfect square. Hence the correct option is (d)

- Q15. A cyclist covers a certain distance at a constant speed. If a jogger covers half the distance in double the time as the cyclist, the ratio of the speed of the jogger to that of the cyclist is
- (a) 1:4 (b) 4:1 (c) 1:2 (d) 2:1

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Let the speed of cyclist be v and the distance covered be d .

$$\text{Then time taken by cyclist} = \frac{d}{v}$$

$$\text{Speed of Jogger} = \frac{d/2}{2d/v} = \frac{v}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence ratio of speed of Jogger to that of cyclist} = \frac{v/4}{v} = 1:4$$

- Q16. What is the ratio of the surface area of a cube with side 1 cm to the total surface area of the cubes formed by breaking the original cube into identical cubes of side 1 mm ?
- (a) $\frac{1}{6}$ (b) $\frac{1}{10}$ (c) $\frac{1}{100}$ (d) $\frac{1}{36}$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: surface area of cube $6(10\text{ mm})^2 = 600\text{ mm}^2$

Sum of surface areas of smaller cubes

$$6(1\text{ mm})^2 \times \text{number of smaller cubes}$$

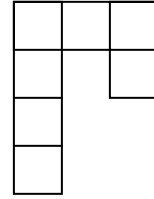
$$\text{Number of smaller cubes} = \frac{\text{Volume of original cube}}{\text{Volume of smaller cube}} = \frac{(10\text{ mm})^3}{(1\text{ mm})^3} = 1000$$

Hence, sum of surface areas of smaller cubes = 6000 mm^2

$$\text{Hence, the required ratio} = \frac{600\text{ mm}^2}{6000\text{ mm}^2} = \frac{1}{10} = 1:10$$

Q17. How many non-square rectangles are there in the following figure, consisting of 7 squares?

- (a) 8 (b) 9 (c) 10 (d) 11



Ans.: (c)

Solution: Number of rectangles having length one unit and width two or three or four units = 7

Number of rectangles having length three units and width one units = 2

Number of rectangles having length three units and width one units = 1

Hence total number of non-square rectangles = $7 + 2 + 1 = 10$

Q18. The mean of a set of 10 numbers is M . By combining with it a second set of M numbers, the mean of the combined set becomes 10. What is the sum of the second set of numbers?

- (a) $10M - 1$ (b) $10M + 1$ (c) 20 (d) 100

Ans.: (d)

Solution: The sum of all numbers in the first set = $10 \times M = 10M$

Te sum of numbers in the combined set = $(10 + M) \times 10 = 100 + 10M$

sum of second set of numbers

= sum of numbers in combined set – sum of numbers in first set

= $100 + 10M - 10M = 100$

Q19. Karan's house is $20m$ to the east of Rahul's house. Mehul's house is $25m$ to the North-East of Rahul's house. With respect to Mehul's house in which direction is Karan's house?

- (a) East (b) South (c) North-East (d) West

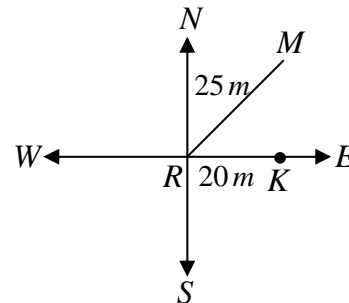
Ans.: (b)

Solution: Mehul's house is $\frac{25}{\sqrt{2}}m$ to the East of Rahul's house and

$\frac{25}{\sqrt{2}}m$ to the north of Rahul's house. Hence with respect to

Mehul's house Karan house is in the South-East direction.

None of the given options have this answer. So all of them are wrong.



Q20. A four-wheeled cart is going around a circular track. Which of the following statements is correct, if the four wheels are free to rotate independent of each other and the cart negotiates the track stably?

- (a) All wheels rotate at the same speed
- (b) The four wheels have different speeds each
- (c) The wheels closer to the inside of the track move slower than the outer-side wheels
- (d) The wheels closer to the inside of the track move faster than the outer-side wheels

Ans.: (c)

Solution: We consider that the angular speed of all parts of the car is uniform, call it ω .

Suppose that two types closer to the centre of the track are at a distance of r_1 from centre.

Also suppose that the two types that are farther from the centre of track are at a distance r_2 from the centre. Clearly $r_2 > r_1$

Speed of wheels closer to the inside of track = ωr_1

Speed of wheels farther away from the track = ωr_2

Since $r_2 > r_1 \Rightarrow \omega r_2 > \omega r_1$



PART B

Q21. The angular frequency of oscillation of a quantum harmonic oscillator in two dimensions is ω . If it is in contact with an external heat bath at temperature T , its partition function is (in the following $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$)

(a) $\frac{e^{2\beta\hbar\omega}}{(e^{2\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2}$ (b) $\frac{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2}$ (c) $\frac{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$ (d) $\frac{e^{2\beta\hbar\omega}}{e^{2\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $E_n = (n+1)\hbar\omega$ $n = n_x + n_y$ (2D Harmonic Oscillator)

$$z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)e^{-(n+1)\hbar\omega} \quad \text{degeneracy} = (n+1)$$

$$z = e^{-\hbar\omega} + 2e^{-2\hbar\omega} + 3e^{-3\hbar\omega} + \dots$$

$$z = \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}} + \frac{e^{-\beta 2\hbar\omega}}{(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})^2} = \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}) + e^{-\beta 2\hbar\omega}}{(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega} - e^{-2\beta\hbar\omega} + e^{-\beta 2\hbar\omega}}{(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})^2} = \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}{e^{-2\beta\hbar\omega}(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2} = \frac{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2}$$

Note: $S_n = ab + (a+d)br + (a+2d)br^2 + \dots$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{ab}{1-r} + \frac{dbr}{(1-r)^2}$$

Q22. A student measures the displacement x from the equilibrium of a stretched spring and reports it be $100 \mu\text{m}$ with a 1% error. The spring constant k is known to be 10 N/m with 0.5% error. The percentage error in the estimate of the potential energy $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

is

(a) 0.8% (b) 2.5% (c) 1.5% (d) 3.0%

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Percentage error in potential energy $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} \% = \frac{\Delta K}{K} \% + \frac{2\Delta x}{x} \%$$

Given $\frac{\Delta K}{K} \% = 0.5\%$ and $\frac{\Delta x}{x} \% = 1\%$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta V}{V} \% = 0.5\% + 2 \times 1\% = 2.5\%$$

Q23. The Hamiltonian of two interacting particles one with spin 1 and the other with spin $\frac{1}{2}$ is given by $H = A\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + B(S_{1x} + S_{2x})$, where \vec{S}_1 and \vec{S}_2 denote the spin operators of the first and second particles, respectively and A and B are positive constants. The largest eigenvalue of this Hamiltonian is

- (a) $\frac{1}{2}(A\hbar^2 + 3B\hbar)$ (b) $3A\hbar^2 + B\hbar$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}(3A\hbar^2 + B\hbar)$ (d) $A\hbar^2 + 3B\hbar$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: $H = A\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + B(S_{1x} + S_{2x})$

$$S_1 = 1 \quad S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad S = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$

$$H = A \frac{|S|^2 - |S_1|^2 - |S_2|^2}{2} + B(S_{1x} + S_{2x})$$

For largest eigen value for $s = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow |S| = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 1 \right) \hbar^2 = \frac{15}{4} \hbar^2$

$$|S_1|^2 = 1(1+1)\hbar^2 = 2\hbar^2$$

$$|S_2|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \hbar^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2$$

$$S_{1x} = \hbar \quad S_{2x} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$H = A \frac{\frac{15}{4}\hbar^2 - 2\hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2}{2} + B \left(\hbar + \frac{\hbar}{2} \right)$$

$$= A \frac{(15-11)\hbar^2}{8} + \frac{3B\hbar}{2} = A \frac{4}{8}\hbar^2 + \frac{3B\hbar}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(A\hbar^2 + 3B\hbar)$$

- Q24. Consider the set of polynomials $\{x(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1}\}$ in t of degree less than n , such that $x(0) = 0$ and $x(1) = 1$. This set
- (a) constitutes a vector space of dimension n
 - (b) constitutes a vector space of dimension $n - 1$
 - (c) constitutes a vector space of dimension $n - 2$
 - (d) does not constitute a vector space

Ans.: (d)

Solution: $x(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1}$

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$0 = a_0$$

$$x(t) = a_1t + a_2t^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1}$$

also, $x(1) = 1$

$$1 = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \quad (i)$$

t, t^2, t^3, \dots will make basis vector if

$$c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3 + \dots = 0$$

If $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = \dots = 0$

Which is contradicting with (i)

So, It does not constitute a vector space. For our case if $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = 0$

Its summation can't be $= 1$.

- Q25. Consider black body radiation in thermal equilibrium contained in a two-dimensional box. The dependence of the energy density on the temperature T is

- (a) T^3
- (b) T
- (c) T^2
- (d) T^4

Ans.: (a)

Solution: The energy density at the temperature T is,

$$\text{Energy density for } 2D \text{ photon, } u = \frac{2\zeta(3)(k_B T)^3}{\hbar c^2 \pi}, \zeta(s) = 1 + \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} + \dots, \text{ Riemann Zeta}$$

function $u \propto T^3$

Q26. The energy eigenvalues of a particle of mass m , confined to a rigid one-dimensional box of width L , are E_n ($n=1,2,\dots$). If the walls of the box are moved very slowly toward each other, the rate of change of time-dependent energy $\frac{dE_2}{dt}$ of the first excited state is

- (a) $\frac{E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$ (b) $\frac{2E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$ (c) $-\frac{2E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$ (d) $-\frac{E_1}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$

Ans.: (c)

Solution: $E_2 = \frac{4\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dE_2}{dt} = -2 \frac{4\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^3} \frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{-2}{L} E_2 \frac{dL}{dt}$

$$\frac{dE_2}{dt} = \frac{-2E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$$

Q27. A ball, initially at rest, is dropped from a height h above the floor bounces again and again vertically. If the coefficient of restitution between the ball and the floor is 0.5, the total distance traveled by the ball before it comes to rest is

- (a) $\frac{8h}{3}$ (b) $\frac{5h}{3}$ (c) $3h$ (d) $2h$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $v = \sqrt{2gh}$ and $v_1 = e\sqrt{2gh}$

$$0 = (ev)^2 - 2gh_1 \Rightarrow h_1 = \frac{e^2 \times 2gh}{2g} = e^2h$$

Similarly, $h_2 = e^4h$

$$H = h + 2h_1 + 2h_2 + \dots \infty = h + 2(e^2h + e^4h + \dots \infty)$$

$$= h + 2e^2h \left(\frac{1}{1-e^2} \right) = h \times \left(\frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2} \right)$$

Put $e = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 = h \times \left(\frac{1+0.25}{1-0.25} \right) = h \times \frac{125}{75} = \frac{5h}{3}$

- Q28. Two spin $\frac{1}{2}$ fermions of mass m are confined to move in a one-dimensional infinite potential well of width L . If the particles are known to be in a spin triplet state, the ground state energy of the system (in units of $\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}$) is
- (a) 8 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5

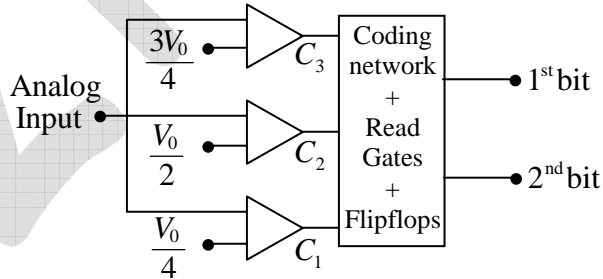
Ans.: (d)

Solution: If probability in triplet state means $S_{1z} = \frac{1}{2}$ and $S_{2z} = \frac{1}{2}$. So one electron in $n = 1$ state and another in $n = 2$ state. So ground state energy of configuration is

$$(1^2 + 2^2) \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} = \frac{5\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$$

- Q29. The figure below shows a 2-bit simultaneous analog-to-digital (A/D) converter operating in the voltage range 0 to V_0 . The output of the comparators are C_1 , C_2 and C_3 with the reference inputs $V_0/4$, $V_0/2$ and $3V_0/4$, respectively. The logic expression for the output corresponding to the less significant bit is

- (a) $C_1 C_2 C_3$
 (b) $C_2 \bar{C}_3 + \bar{C}_1$
 (c) $C_1 \bar{C}_2 + C_3$
 (d) $C_2 \bar{C}_3 + C_2$



Ans.: (c)

Solution: Least significant bit is (0,1) i.e. C_1 will be selected and $C_2 = 0, C_3 = 0$

$$\text{So output} = C_1 \bar{C}_2 + C_3 = C_1 \cdot \bar{0} + 0 = C_1$$

- Q30. The yz - plane at $x = 0$ carries a uniform surface charge density σ . A unit point charge is moved from a point $(\delta, 0, 0)$ on one side of the plane to a point $(-\delta, 0, 0)$ on the other side. If δ is an infinitesimally small positive number, the work done in moving the charge is

- (a) 0 (b) $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \delta$ (c) $-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \delta$ (d) $\frac{2\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \delta$

Ans.: (a)

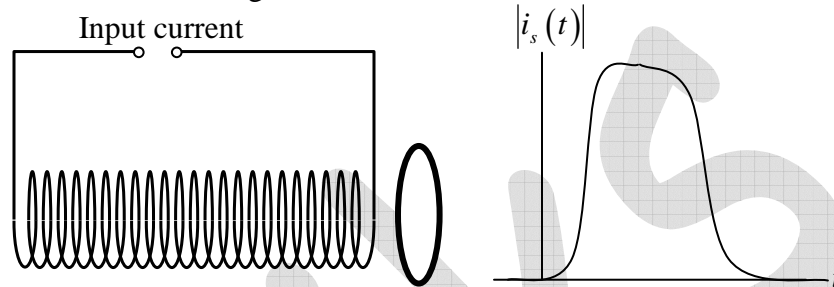
Solution: Work done $q[V(b) - V(a)]$

Since work done depends on potential difference between two points,

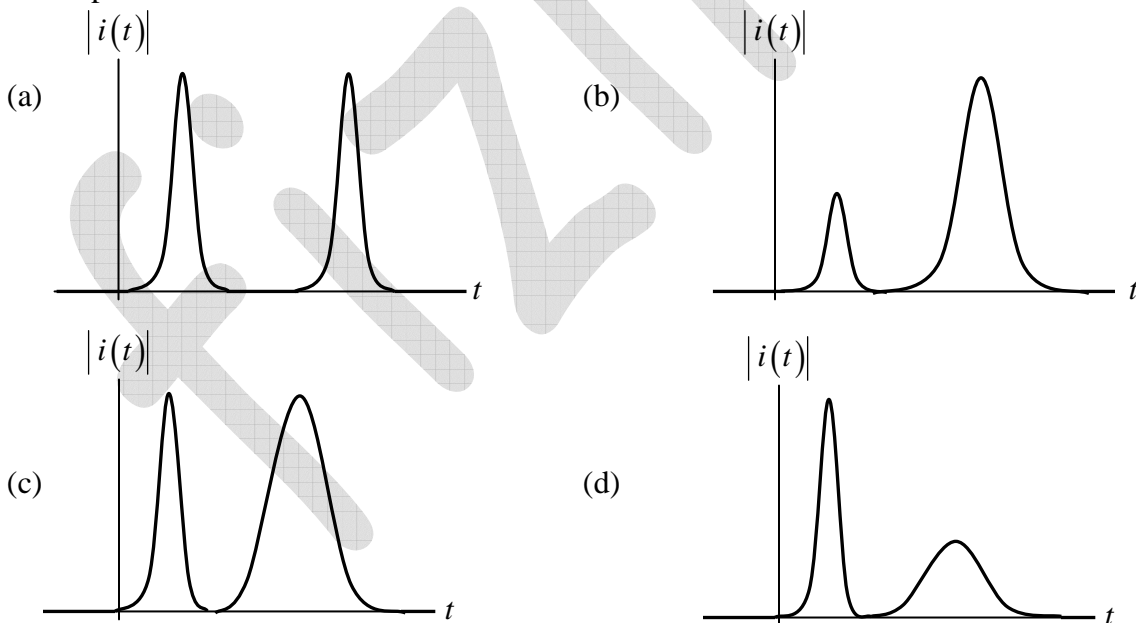
So $W = 0$ (Potential = constant)

Q31. A circular conducting wire loop is placed close to a solenoid as shown in the figure below.

Also shown is the current through the solenoid as a function of time.



The magnitude $|i(t)|$ of the induced current in the wire loop, as a function of time t , is best represented as



Ans.: (d)

Solution: Induced e.m.f $\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\phi}{dt}$, $|i(t)| = \frac{|\mathcal{E}|}{R} \propto \left| \frac{dI_s}{dt} \right|$

So when current increases, $|i(t)|$ will increase and when it will decrease $|i(t)|$ will decrease.

Q32. A mole of gas at initial temperature T_i comes into contact with a heat reservoir at temperature T_f and the system is allowed to reach equilibrium at constant volume. If the specific heat of the gas is $C_v = \alpha T$, where α is a constant, the total change in entropy is

- (a) zero
 (b) $\alpha(T_f - T_i) + \frac{\alpha}{2T_f}(T_f - T_i)^2$
 (c) $\alpha(T_f - T_i)$
 (d) $\alpha(T_f - T_i) + \frac{\alpha}{2T_f}(T_f^2 - T_i^2)$

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Change in entropy of gas

$$Tds = C_v dT + PdV, dV=0$$

$$Tds = \alpha TdT$$

$$\Delta s_{gas} = \alpha [T_f - T_i]$$

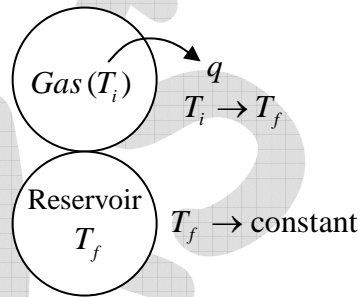
Change in entropy of reservoir (at constant temperature T_f)

$$T_f ds = \alpha TdT$$

$$dQ = \alpha TdT$$

$$T_f \Delta s_{Res} = \alpha \frac{T^2}{2} \Big|_{T_i}^{T_f} = \frac{\alpha}{2} [T_f^2 - T_i^2]$$

$$\Delta s_{Res} = \frac{\alpha}{2T_f} [T_f^2 - T_i^2], \quad \Delta s_{total} = \alpha [T_f - T_i] + \frac{\alpha}{2T_f} [T_f^2 - T_i^2]$$



Q33. An ideal Carnot engine extracts 100 J from a heat source and dumps 40 J to a heat sink at 300 K. The temperature of the heat source is

- (a) 600 K (b) 700 K (c) 750 K (d) 650 K

Ans.: (c)

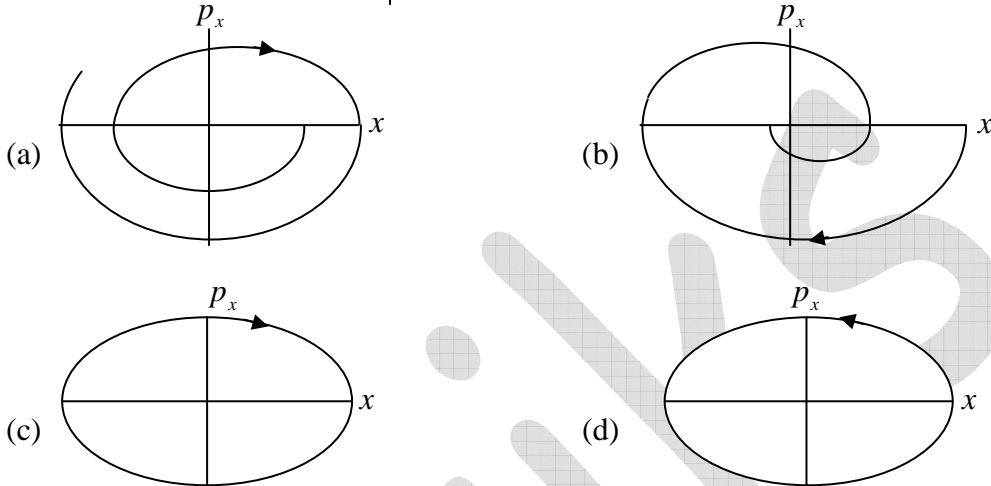
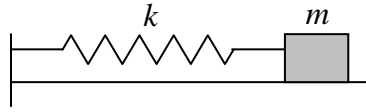
Solution: $Q_1 = 100 J, Q_2 = 40 J$

$$T_1 = ? \quad T_2 = 300 K$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{T_1}{T_2} \Rightarrow \frac{100}{40} = \frac{T_1}{300} \Rightarrow T_1 = \frac{100 \times 300}{40}$$

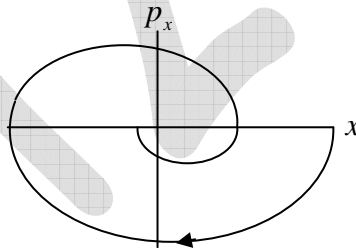
$$\Rightarrow T_1 = 750 K$$

Q34. A block of mass m , attached to a spring, oscillates horizontally on a surface. The coefficient of friction between the block and the surface is μ . Which of the following trajectories best describes the motion of the block in the phase space (xp_x -plane)?



Ans.: (b)

Solution: Due to friction amplitude and momentum of oscillation continuously decreases. So option (b) is correct.



Q35. Let C be the circle of radius $\frac{\pi}{4}$ centered at $z = \frac{1}{4}$ in the complex z -plane that is

traversed counter-clockwise. The value of the contour integral $\oint_C \frac{z^2}{\sin^2 4z} dz$ is

- (a) 0 (b) $\frac{i\pi^2}{4}$ (c) $\frac{i\pi^2}{16}$ (d) $\frac{i\pi}{4}$

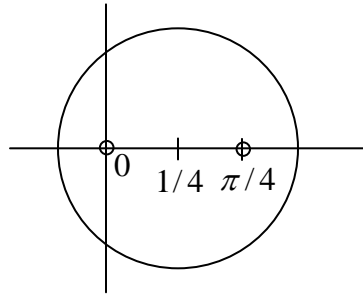
Ans.: (c)

Solution: $f(z) = \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin 4z} \right)^2$

$z_0 = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}$ are poles

$4z = n\pi, z = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}$

Others are outside the contour.



Residue at $z = 0$ is $\left[\frac{\pi}{4z - \frac{4^3 z^3}{3!} + \dots} \right]^2$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{4 - \frac{4^3 z^2}{3!} + \dots} \right]^2$$

$$= \left[4 - \frac{4^3 z^2}{3!} + \dots \right]^{-2}$$

No terms for $\frac{1}{z}, b_1 = 0$

Residue for $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$z - \frac{\pi}{4} = t$$

$$\sin(4t + \pi) = -\sin 4t \quad (\text{But square so no effect})$$

$$\left[\frac{t + \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin 4\left(t + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \right]^2$$

$$\left(\frac{t + \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin 4t} \right)^2 = \frac{t^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 2t \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin^2 4t}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{t}{16t^2 [1 - \dots]^2} = \frac{\pi}{32t} [1 - \dots]^{-2} \quad (\text{from first term})$$

$$b_1 = \frac{\pi}{32}$$

$$\oint_c \frac{z^2}{\sin^2 4z} dz = 2\pi i \left[0 + \frac{\pi}{32} \right] = \frac{i\pi^2}{16}$$

Q36. If the rank of an $n \times n$ matrix A is m , where m and n are positive integers with $1 \leq m \leq n$, then the rank of the matrix A^2 is

- (a) m (b) $m-1$ (c) $2m$ (d) $m-2$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Let $\sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\substack{2 \times 2 \\ n=2}} = A \quad m=2$

$$1 \leq 2 \leq 2 \quad 1 \leq m \leq n$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \quad m=2$$

(b), (c), (d) can't be correct so option (a) is correct.

Q37. A particle of mass m is confined to a box of unit length in one dimension. It is described

by the wavefunction $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x (1 + \cos \pi x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and zero outside this interval. The expectation value of energy in this state is

- (a) $\frac{4\pi^2}{3m} \hbar^2$ (b) $\frac{4\pi^2}{5m} \hbar^2$ (c) $\frac{2\pi^2}{5m} \hbar^2$ (d) $\frac{8\pi^2}{5m} \hbar^2$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $\sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x (1 + \cos \pi x)$

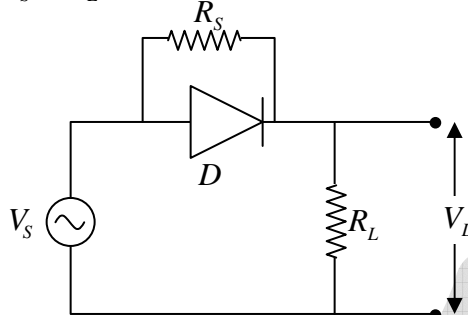
$$\sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x + \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x \cos \pi x$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1}} \sin \pi x + \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1}} \sin 2\pi x$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} |\phi_1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} |\phi_2\rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{4}{5} \times E_0 + \frac{1}{5} \times 4E_0 = 2 \times \frac{4}{5} E_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 \hbar^2}{5m} \quad \text{where } E_0 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2m}$$

Q38. In the circuit below, D is an ideal diode, the source voltage $V_s = V_0 \sin \omega t$ is a unit amplitude sine wave and $R_s = R_L$



The average output voltage, V_L , across the load resistor R_L is

- (a) $\frac{1}{2\pi} V_0$ (b) $\frac{3}{2\pi} V_0$ (c) $3V_0$ (d) V_0

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Positive half cycle $V_L = V_s = V_0 \sin \omega t$

Negative half cycle $V_L = \frac{V_s}{2} = \frac{V_0}{2} \sin \omega t$

$$V_{av} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^\pi V_0 \sin \theta d\theta + \int_\pi^{2\pi} \frac{V_0}{2} \sin \theta d\theta \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} V_0$$

Q39. The normalized wavefunction of a particle in three dimensions is given by

$$\psi(x, y, z) = N z \exp[-a(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)]$$

where a is a positive constant and N is a normalization constant. If L is the angular momentum operator, the eigenvalues of L^2 and L_z , respectively, are

- (a) $2\hbar^2$ and \hbar (b) \hbar^2 and 0 (c) $2\hbar^2$ and 0 (d) $\frac{3}{4}\hbar^2$ and $\frac{1}{2}\hbar$

Ans.: (c)

Solution: $\psi(x, y, z) = Nz \exp[-a(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)]$

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = Nr \cos \theta \exp(-r^2) \text{ so } m = 0, l = 1$$

$$L^2 = 2\hbar^2 \text{ and } L_z = 0\hbar$$

Q40. The electric field of an electromagnetic wave is $\vec{E} = \hat{i}\sqrt{2} \sin(kz - \omega t) Vm^{-1}$. The average flow of energy per unit area per unit time, due to this wave, is

- (a) $27 \times 10^4 W / m^2$ (b) $27 \times 10^{-4} W / m^2$
 (c) $27 \times 10^{-2} W / m^2$ (d) $27 \times 10^2 W / m^2$

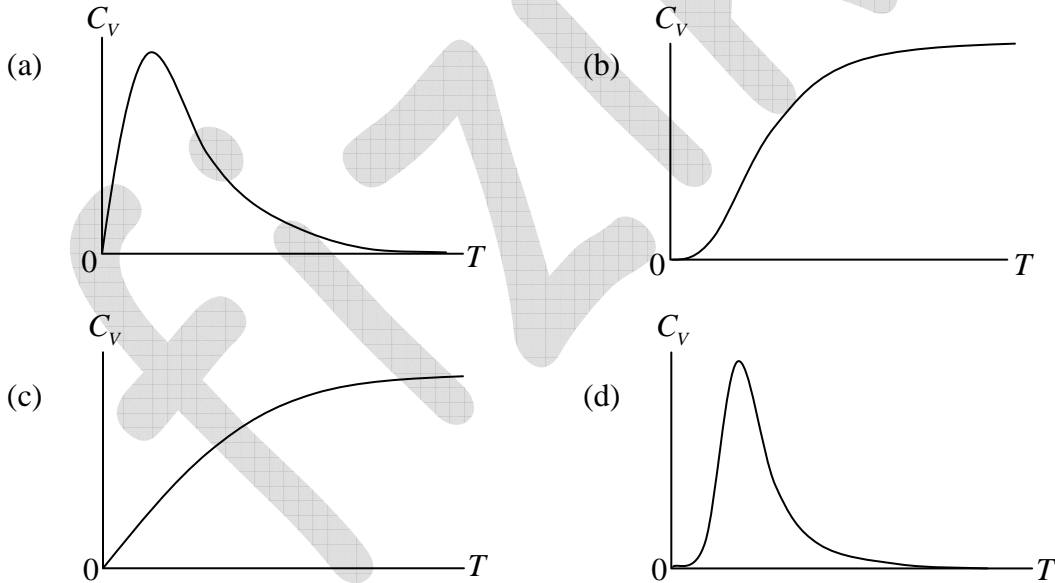
Ans.: (b)

Solution: $\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{E/t}{A} = I = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 c$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \times 8.86 \times 10^{-12} (\sqrt{2})^2 \times 3 \times 10^8$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx 27 \times 10^{-4} W / m^2$$

Q41. The energies available to a three state system are $0, E$ and $2E$, where $E > 0$. Which of the following graphs best represents the temperature dependence of the specific heat?



Ans.: (d)

Q42. The values of a and b for which the force $F = (axy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + bxz^2\hat{k}$ is conservative are

- (a) $a = 2, b = 3$ (b) $a = 1, b = 3$ (c) $a = 2, b = 6$ (d) $a = 3, b = 2$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: For conservative force $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ axy + z^3 & x^2 & bxz^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x}(0-0) - \hat{y}(bz^2 - 3z^2) + \hat{z}(2x - ax) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b-3=0 \text{ and } z-a=0 \text{ or } a=2, b=3$$

Q43. A positively charged particle is placed at the origin (with zero initial velocity) in the presence of a constant electric and a constant magnetic field along the positive z and x -directions, respectively. At large times, the overall motion of the particle is adrift along the

(a) positive y - direction

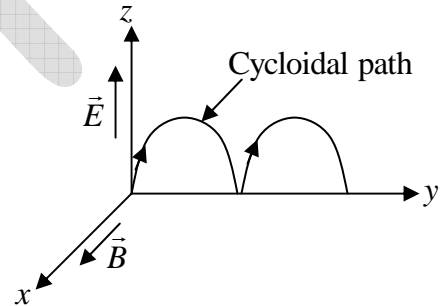
(b) negative z - direction

(c) positive z - direction

(d) negative y - direction

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Initially charged particle will experience electric force and will gain velocity then it will deflect in magnetic field $[\vec{F} \propto (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \rightarrow \hat{y}]$.



Q44. A box contains 5 white and 4 black balls. Two balls are picked together at random from the box. What is the probability that these two balls are of different colours?

(a) $\frac{1}{2}$

(b) $\frac{5}{18}$

(c) $\frac{1}{3}$

(d) $\frac{5}{9}$

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Probability that the two balls are of different colors

$5W, 4B$

$$= \frac{{}^5C_1 \times {}^4C_1}{{}^9C_2} = \frac{5!}{4! \times 1!} \times \frac{4!}{3! \times 1!} = \frac{5 \times 4}{9 \times 8} = \frac{5}{9}$$

Q45. Which of the following terms, when added to the Lagrangian $L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y})$ of a system with two degrees of freedom will not change the equations of motion?

- (a) $x\ddot{x} - y\ddot{y}$ (b) $x\ddot{y} - y\ddot{x}$ (c) $x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}$ (d) $y\dot{x}^2 + x\dot{y}^2$

(check question)

Ans.: (b)

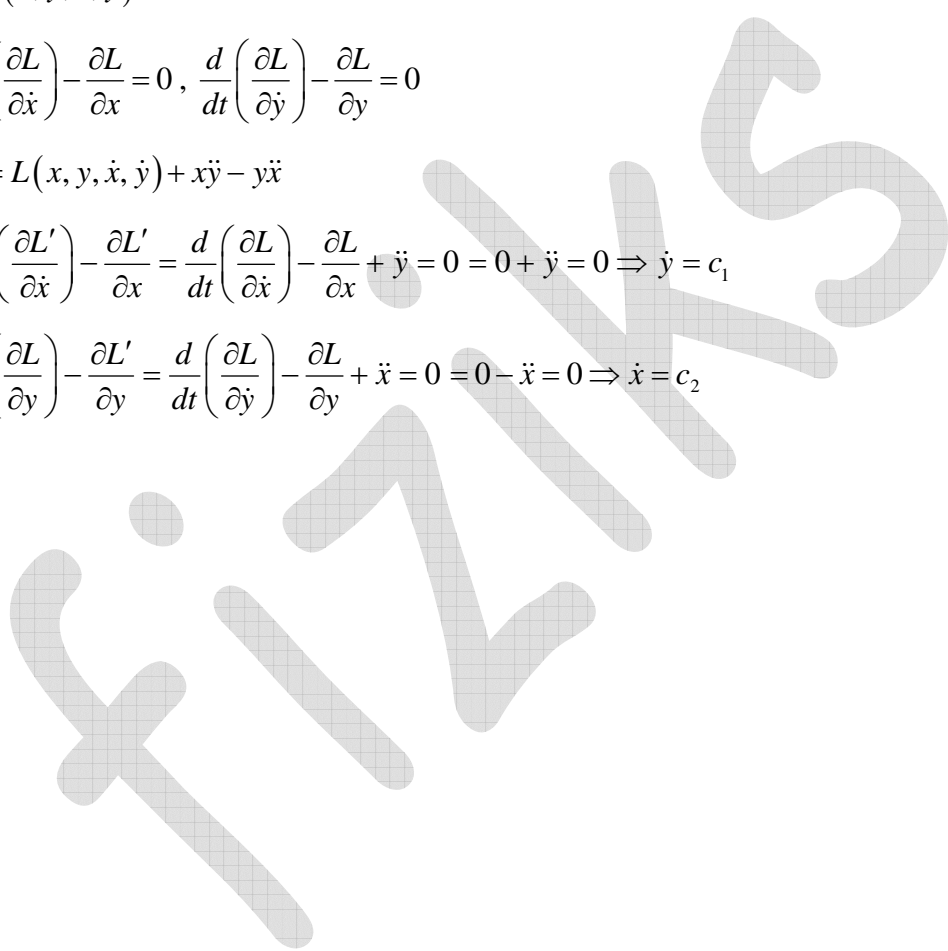
Solution: $L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y})$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$L' = L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y}) + x\ddot{y} - y\ddot{x}$$

$$\frac{d'}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L'}{\partial x} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} + \ddot{y} = 0 = 0 + \ddot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{y} = c_1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L'}{\partial y} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} + \ddot{x} = 0 = 0 - \ddot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} = c_2$$



PART C

Q46. The outermost shell of an atom of an element is $3d^3$. The spectral symbol for the ground state is

- (a) ${}^4F_{3/2}$ (b) ${}^4F_{9/2}$ (c) ${}^4D_{7/2}$ (d) ${}^4D_{1/2}$

Ans. : (a)

Solution: For d^3 : $M_L = -2 - 1 + 1 + 2$

$$\text{Highest } S = \sum M_S = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Highest } L = \left| \sum M_L \right| = |-2 - 1 + 0| = 3$$

$$\text{Lowest } J = |L - S| = \left| 3 - \frac{3}{2} \right| = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Spectral term} = {}^{2S+1}L_J = {}^4F_{3/2}$$

Thus correct option is (a)

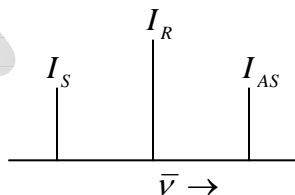
Q47. In a spectrum resulting from Raman scattering, let I_R denote the intensity of Rayleigh scattering and I_S and I_{AS} denote the most intense Stokes line and the most intense anti-Stokes line, respectively. The correct order of these intensities is

- (a) $I_S > I_R > I_{AS}$ (b) $I_R > I_S > I_{AS}$ (c) $I_{AS} > I_R > I_S$ (d) $I_R > I_{AS} > I_S$

Ans. : (b)

Solution: Intensity of Rayleigh line is always higher than intensity of Stokes and Anti-Stokes line.

Whereas the intensity of Stokes-line is lighter than anti-Stokes line



Thus $I_R > I_S > I_{AS}$

Q48. A particle hops randomly from a site to its nearest neighbour in each step on a square lattice of unit lattice constant. The probability of hopping to the positive x -direction is 0.3, to the negative x -direction is 0.2, to the positive y -direction is 0.2 and to the negative y -direction is 0.3. If a particle starts from the origin, its mean position after N steps is

- (a) $\frac{1}{10}N(-\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ (b) $\frac{1}{10}N(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$ (c) $N(0.3\hat{i} - 0.2\hat{j})$ (d) $N(0.2\hat{i} - 0.3\hat{j})$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $\langle r_i \rangle = \sum_i p_i r_i$

$$= 0.3\hat{i} - 0.2\hat{i} + 0.2\hat{j} - 0.3\hat{j} = 0.1\hat{i} - 0.1\hat{j}$$

For N steps, $= \frac{N}{10}[\hat{i} - \hat{j}]$

Q49. Let \hat{x} and \hat{p} denote position and momentum operators obeying the commutation relation $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$. If $|x\rangle$ denotes an eigenstate of \hat{x} corresponding to the eigenvalue x , then $e^{ia\hat{p}/\hbar}|x\rangle$ is

- (a) an eigenstate of \hat{x} corresponding to the eigenvalue x
 (b) an eigenstate of \hat{x} corresponding to the eigenvalue $(x+a)$
 (c) an eigenstate of \hat{x} corresponding to the eigenvalue $(x-a)$
 (d) not an eigenstate of \hat{x}

Ans.: (c)

Solution: $e^{\frac{iaP}{\hbar}}|x\rangle$

$$= \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{iaP}{\hbar} \right)^n \right] |x\rangle = \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-a\nabla)^n \right]^h |x\rangle$$

$$= |x\rangle - a\bar{\nabla}|x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}(a\bar{\nabla})^2|x\rangle \dots = |x-a\rangle$$

$$X|x-a\rangle = (x-a)|x-a\rangle$$

Q50. The strong nuclear force between a neutron and a proton in a zero orbital angular momentum state is denoted by $F_{np}(r)$, where r is the separation between them. Similarly, $F_{nn}(r)$ and $F_{pp}(r)$ denote the forces between a pair of neutrons and protons, respectively, in zero orbital momentum state. Which of the following is true on average if the inter-nucleon distance is $0.2 \text{ fm} < r < 2 \text{ fm}$?

- (a) F_{np} is attractive for triplet spin state, and F_{nn}, F_{pp} are always repulsive
- (b) F_{nn} and F_{np} are always attractive and F_{pp} is repulsive in the triplet spin state
- (c) F_{pp} and F_{np} are always attractive and F_{nn} is always repulsive
- (d) All three forces are always attractive

Ans. : (b)

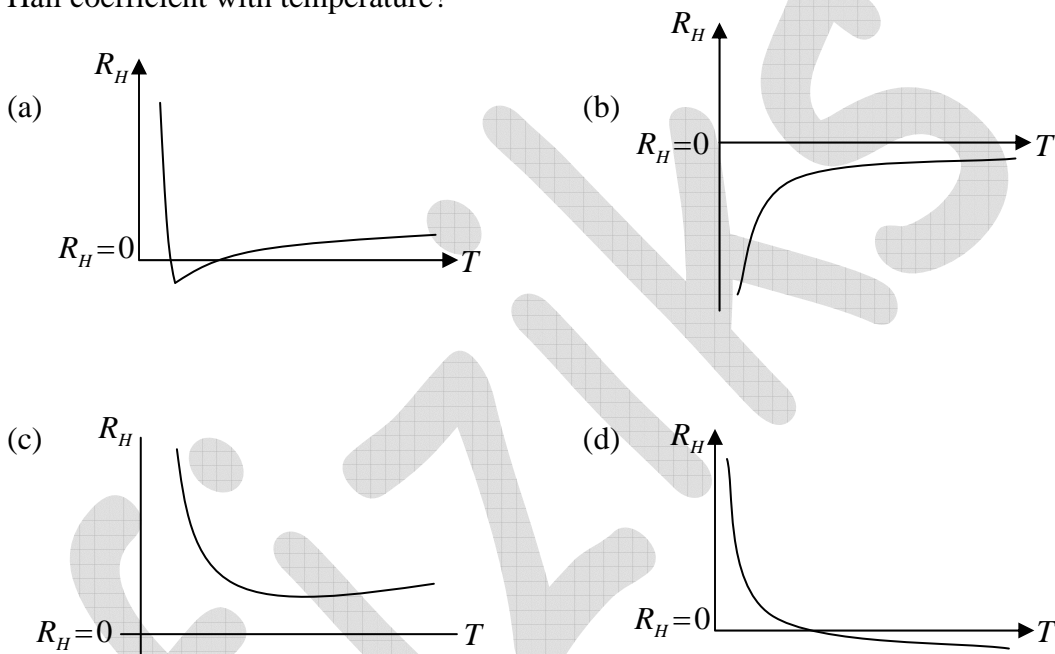
Solution: Inside the nucleus the interaction between neutron neutron and neutron-proton is always attractive due to nuclear force whereas between proton-proton it is repulsive due to coulombic interaction:

Thus F_{nn} and F_{np} are always attractive and F_{pp} is repulsive

Q51. The Hall coefficient for a semiconductor having both types of carriers is given as

$$R_H = \frac{p\mu_p^2 - n\mu_n^2}{|e|(p\mu_p + n\mu_n)^2}$$

where p and n are the carrier densities of the holes and electrons, μ_p and μ_n are their respective mobilities. For a p -type semiconductor in which the mobility of holes is less than that of electrons, which of the following graphs best describes the variation of the Hall coefficient with temperature?



Ans. : (d)

Solution: Case I: At low temperature: $p \gg n, \mu_p < \mu_n$

$$\Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 > n\mu_n^2 \Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 - n\mu_n^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_H = \text{Positive}$$

Case II: At moderate temperature $\frac{p}{n} > 1$

$$\Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 \approx n\mu_n^2 \quad (\text{since } \mu_p < \mu_n)$$

$$\therefore R_H \approx 0$$

Case III: At high temperature $\frac{p}{n} \approx 1$

$$\Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 - n\mu_n^2 < 0 \quad (\text{since } \mu_p < \mu_n)$$

$$\therefore R_H < 0$$

Thus graph (d) correctly repeated the variation of R_H with respect to temperature

Q52. The generator of the infinitesimal canonical transformation $q \rightarrow q' = (1 + \epsilon)q$ and $p \rightarrow p' = (1 - \epsilon)p$ is

- (a) $q + p$ (b) qp (c) $\frac{1}{2}(q^2 - p^2)$ (d) $\frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2)$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $q \rightarrow q' = (1 + \epsilon)q$

$$p \rightarrow p' = (1 - \epsilon)p$$

If G is generator then $p' - p = \delta p_j = -\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial q_j} \Rightarrow p' - p = -\epsilon p$

$$q' - q = \delta q_i = \epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_j} \Rightarrow q' - q = \epsilon p$$

We must check all options but if $G = qp$

$$-\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial q} = -\epsilon p = \delta p$$

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial p} = \epsilon q = \delta q$$

Q53. Assume that the noise spectral density, at any given frequency, in a current amplifier is independent of frequency. The bandwidth of measurement is changed from 1 Hz to 10 Hz . The ratio A/B of the RMS noise current before (A) and after (B) the bandwidth modification is

- (a) $1/10$ (b) $1/\sqrt{10}$ (c) $\sqrt{10}$ (d) 10

Ans. : (b)

Q54. Let the normalized eigenstates of the Hamiltonian $H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ be $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$ and $|\psi_3\rangle$. The expectation value $\langle H \rangle$ and the variance of H in the state $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle - i|\psi_3\rangle)$ are

- (a) $\frac{4}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ (b) $\frac{4}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ (c) 2 and $\frac{2}{3}$ (d) 2 and 1

Ans.: (c)

Solution: $H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Eigenvalue} = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$(\lambda-2)[(2-\lambda-1)(2-\lambda+1)] = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 3$$

$$E_1 = 2, E_2 = 1, E_3 = 3$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle - i|\psi_3\rangle)$$

Hence coefficient $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$ and $|\psi_3\rangle$ in $|\psi\rangle$ are same so this is not any need to find eigenstate.

$$P(E=2) = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(E=1) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(E=3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\langle H \rangle = 2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} + 3 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2+1+3}{3} = 2$$

$$\langle H^2 \rangle = 2^2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 3^2 \times \frac{1}{3} = 2^2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 9^2 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4+1+9}{3} = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$(\Delta E)^2 = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 = \frac{14}{3} - (2)^2 = \frac{14-12}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Q55. For a crystal, let ϕ denote the energy required to create a pair of vacancy and interstitial defects. If n pairs of such defects are formed, and $n \ll N, N'$, where N and N' are respectively, the total number of lattice and interstitial sites, then n is approximately

(a) $\sqrt{NN'} e^{-\phi/(2k_B T)}$

(b) $\sqrt{NN'} e^{-\phi/(k_B T)}$

(c) $\frac{1}{2}(N + N') e^{-\phi/(2k_B T)}$

(d) $\frac{1}{2}(N + N') e^{-\phi/(k_B T)}$

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Thermodynamic probability of such Frenkel defects is

$$W = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!n!} \frac{N'!}{(N'-n)!n!}$$

change in entropy is

$$\Delta s = k \ln w = k \ln \left[\frac{N!}{(N-n)!n!} \cdot \frac{N'!}{(N'-n)!n!} \right]$$

$$\Delta s = k \ln [N \ln N + N' \ln N' - (N-n) \ln (N-n) - (N'-n) \ln (N'-n) - 2n \ln n]$$

change in free energy in creating n Frenkel defects

$$\Delta G = n\phi - T\Delta s$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = n\phi - T \left\{ k \ln [N \ln N + N' \ln N' - (N-n) \ln (N-n) - (N'-n) \ln (N'-n) - 2n \ln n] \right\}$$

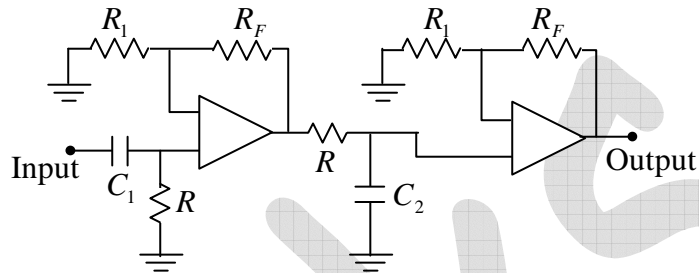
since $\frac{\partial(\Delta G)}{\partial n} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(\Delta G)}{\partial n} = \phi - kT [0 + 0 + \ln(N-n) + 1 - 2 \ln n - 2] \Rightarrow \phi - kT \ln \left[\frac{N-n(N'-n)}{n^2} \right] = 0$$

since $n \ll N, N' \Rightarrow N-n \cong N$ and $N'-n \cong N'$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \phi - kT \ln \left(\frac{NN'}{n^2} \right) &= 0 \quad \Rightarrow \phi - kT \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{NN'}}{n} \right]^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{NN'}}{n} \right] &= \frac{\phi}{2kT} \Rightarrow n = \sqrt{NN'} e^{-\frac{\phi}{2kT}} \end{aligned}$$

Q56. In the circuit diagram of a band pass filter shown below, $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$.



In order to get a lower cut-off frequency of 150 Hz and an upper cut-off frequency of 10 kHz , the appropriate values of C_1 and C_2 respectively are

- (a) $0.1 \mu\text{F}$ and 1.5 nF (b) $0.3 \mu\text{F}$ and 5.0 nF
 (c) 1.5 nF and $0.1 \mu\text{F}$ (d) 5.0 nF and $0.3 \mu\text{F}$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Lower cut-off frequency of $H.P.F = \frac{1}{2\pi RC_1} = 10 \text{ Hz}$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 10 \times 10^3 \times 10} \approx 0.1 \mu\text{F}$$

Higher cut-off frequency of $L.P.F = \frac{1}{2\pi RC_2} = 10 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 10 \times 10^3 \times 10^4} \approx 1.5 \text{ nF}$$

Q57. The Bethe-Weizsacker formula for the binding energy (in MeV) of a nucleus of atomic number Z and mass number A is

$$15.8A - 18.3A^{2/3} - 0.714 \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - 23.2 \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A}$$

The ratio Z/A for the most stable isobar of a $A = 64$ nucleus, is nearest to

- (a) 0.30 (b) 0.35 (c) 0.45 (d) 0.50

Ans. : (c)

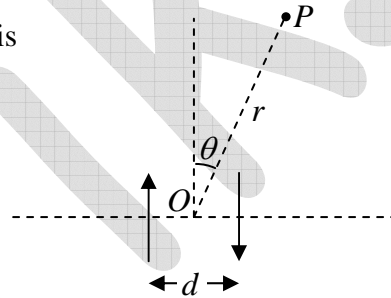
$$\text{Solution: } Z_0 = \frac{A}{2 + \frac{a_c}{2a_a} A^{2/3}} \Rightarrow \frac{Z_0}{A} = \frac{1}{2 + \frac{a_c}{2a_a} A^{2/3}}$$

given $a_c = 0.714$ and $a_a = 23.2$

$$\therefore \frac{Z_0}{A} = \frac{1}{2 + \frac{0.714}{2 \times 23.2} A^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{2 + 0.015 A^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{2 + 0.015 (64)^{2/3}} = 0.45$$

Thus correct option is (c)

Q58. The phase difference between two small oscillating electric dipoles, separated by a distance d , is π . If the wavelength of the radiation is λ , the condition for constructive interference between the two dipolar radiations at a point P when $r \gg d$ (symbols are as shown in the figure and n is an integer) is



(a) $d \sin \theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$

(b) $d \sin \theta = n \lambda$

(c) $d \cos \theta = n \lambda$

(d) $d \cos \theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$

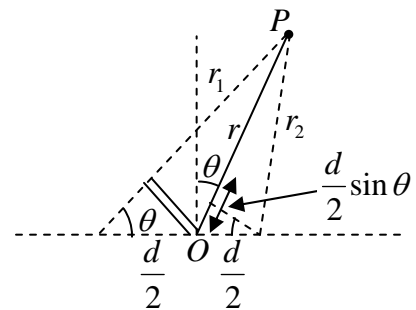
Ans. : (a)

Solution: Since dipole are in opposite direction, initial phase change will be π .

$$\text{Thus, } (\Delta\phi + \pi) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\text{path difference}) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (d \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi + \pi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta \Rightarrow d \sin \theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$$

$$(n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$



$$r_1 = r + \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta, \quad r_2 = r - \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta$$

Q59. The Hamiltonian of two particles, each of mass m , is

$$H(q_1, p_1; q_2, p_2) = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} + k \left(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{1}{4} q_1 q_2 \right), \text{ where } k > 0 \text{ is a constant. The value}$$

of the partition function

$$Z(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_2 e^{-\beta H(q_1, p_1; q_2, p_2)} \text{ is}$$

(a) $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{16}{15}}$ (b) $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{15}{16}}$ (c) $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{63}{64}}$ (d) $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{64}{63}}$

Ans. : (d)

Solution: $Z(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_2 e^{-\beta H(q_1, p_1; q_2, p_2)}$

$$z(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \frac{p_1^2}{2m}} dp_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \frac{p_2^2}{2m}} dp_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta k \left(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{q_1 q_2}{4} \right)} dq_1 dq_2$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\beta/2m}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\beta/2m}} (,,) = \frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{\beta k} \sqrt{\frac{16}{63}} = \frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{64}{63}}$$

Calculation of (,,)

$$q_1 = u + v, \quad q_2 = u - v, \quad u = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{2}, \quad v = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2}$$

$$q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{q_1 q_2}{4} = u^2 + v^2 + 2uv + u^2 + v^2 - 2uv + \frac{u^2 - v^2}{4}$$

$$= 2[u^2 + v^2] + \frac{u^2 - v^2}{4} = \frac{8u^2 + 8v^2 + u^2 - v^2}{4} = \frac{9u^2 + 7v^2}{4}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta k \left(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{q_1 q_2}{4} \right)} dq_1 dq_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} J(u, v) e^{-\frac{\beta k}{4} (9u^2 + 7v^2)} dudv$$

$$J(u, v) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2, \quad \text{So, } = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-9\beta \frac{k}{4} u^2} e^{-7\beta \frac{k}{4} v^2} dudv$$

$$= 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi 4}{9\beta k}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi 4}{7\beta k}} = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{\beta k} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{16}{63}} = \frac{\pi}{\beta k} \sqrt{\frac{64}{63}}$$

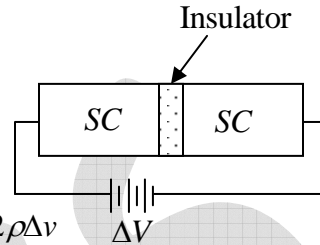
Q60. In the AC Josephson effect, a supercurrent flows across two superconductors separated by a thin insulating layer and kept at an electric potential difference ΔV . The angular frequency of the resultant supercurrent is given by

- (a) $\frac{2e\Delta V}{\hbar}$ (b) $\frac{e\Delta V}{\hbar}$ (c) $\frac{e\Delta V}{\pi\hbar}$ (d) $\frac{e\Delta V}{2\pi\hbar}$

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Current density through thin insulating layer is

$$J = J_0 \sin \left[\delta(0) - \frac{2\rho\Delta v}{\hbar} t \right] = J_0 \sin [\delta(0) - \omega t]$$



the angular frequency of the super current is $\therefore \omega = \frac{2\rho\Delta v}{\hbar}$

Thus correct option is (a)

Q61. A negative muon, which has a mass nearly 200 times that of an electron, replaces an electron in a *Li* atom. The lowest ionization energy for the muonic *Li* atom is approximately

- (a) the same as that of *He*
 (b) the same as that of normal *Li*
 (c) 200 times larger than that of normal *Li*
 (d) the same as that of normal *Be*

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Ionization energy

$$I = \frac{R_C R_\infty}{n^2} (Z - S)^2 \left(\frac{m'}{m_e} \right) \Rightarrow I = A \left(\frac{m'}{m_e} \right)$$

For Normal Li-atom

$$m' = \frac{7m_p \times m_e}{7m_p + m_e} \Rightarrow \frac{m'}{m_e} = \frac{7 \times 1836}{7 \times 1836} \cong 1$$

$$\therefore I_{Li} = A$$

For Muonic Li-atom

$$m' = \frac{7m_p \times m_{\mu^-}}{7m_p \times m_{\mu^-}} \cong \frac{7 \times 1836 \times 200 m_e^2}{(7 \times 1836 + 200) m_e} = 197 m_e$$

$$\therefore I_{Li}^{\mu} = 197 A = 197 I_{Li}$$

Thus correct option is (c)

Note: Answer does not match

Q62. The wavefunction of a particle of mass m , constrained to move on a circle of unit radius centered at the origin in the xy -plane, is described by $\psi(\phi) = A \cos^2 \phi$, where ϕ is the azimuthal angle. All the possible outcomes of measurements of the z -component of the angular momentum L_z in this state, in units of \hbar are

- (a) ± 1 and 0 (b) ± 1 (c) ± 2 (d) ± 2 and 0

Ans. : (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } \psi(\phi) &= A \cos^2 \phi = \frac{A}{2} (\cos 2\phi + 1) \\ &= \frac{A}{2} \left(\frac{e^{2i\phi} + e^{-2i\phi}}{2} + e^{0i\phi} \right) \\ m &= 2, -2, 0 \end{aligned}$$

Q63. An alternating current $I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$ flows through a circular wire loop of radius R , lying in the xy -plane, and centered at the origin. The electric field $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$ and the magnetic field $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$ are measured at a point \vec{r} such that $r \gg \frac{c}{\omega} \gg R$, where $\vec{r} = |\vec{r}|$.

Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) The time-averaged $|\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)| \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$
 (b) The time-averaged $|\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)| \propto \omega^2$
 (c) The time-averaged $|\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)|$ as a function of the polar angle θ has a minimum at

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

- (d) $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$ is along the azimuthal direction

Ans.: (b)

Solution: We know that $\langle \vec{S} \rangle \propto \omega^4$ and $|\vec{E}| \propto \omega^2$, $|\vec{B}| \propto \omega^2$

Q64. The positive zero of the polynomial $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ is determined using Newton-Raphson method, using initial guess $x = 1$. Let the estimate, after two iterations, be $x^{(2)}$. The

percentage error $\left| \frac{x^{(2)} - 2}{2} \right| \times 100\%$ is

- (a) 7.5% (b) 5.0% (c) 1.0% (d) 2.5%

Ans.: (d)

Solution: $x_0 = 1$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{(x_n^2 - 4)}{2x_n}$$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{(x_0^2 - 4)}{2x_0} = 1 - \frac{(-3)}{2} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{(x_1^2 - 4)}{2x_1} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{\left(\frac{25}{4} - 4\right)}{2 \times \frac{5}{2}} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{9}{20} = \frac{41}{20}$$

$$\left| \frac{\frac{41}{20} - 2}{2} \right| \times 100 = \frac{1}{40} \times 100 = 2.5\%$$

Q65. Which of the following decay processes is allowed?

- (a) $K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$ (b) $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \gamma$
 (c) $n \rightarrow p + \pi^-$ (d) $n \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: q : 0 +1 -1 : conserved

Spin: 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$: conserved

$$L_{\mu}: \quad 0 \quad -1 \quad +1 \quad : \text{ conserved}$$

$$I: \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad : \text{ Not conserved}$$

$$I_3: \quad \frac{-1}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad : \text{ Not conserved}$$

$$S: \quad +1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad : \text{ Not conserved}$$

Thus this is an allowed decay through weak interaction.

Q66. A metallic wave guide of square cross-section of side L is excited by an electromagnetic wave of wave-number k . The group velocity of the TE_{11} mode is

(a) $\frac{ckL}{\sqrt{k^2L^2 + \pi^2}}$

(b) $\frac{c}{kL} \sqrt{k^2L^2 - 2\pi^2}$

(c) $\frac{c}{kL} \sqrt{k^2L^2 - \pi^2}$

(d) $\frac{ckL}{\sqrt{k^2L^2 + 2\pi^2}}$

Ans.: (d)

Solution: $K = \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_{mn}^2} \Rightarrow K^2 = \frac{1}{c^2} (\omega^2 - \omega_{mn}^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = c^2 K^2 + \omega_{mn}^2 \quad \text{where } \omega_{mn} = c\pi \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}}$$

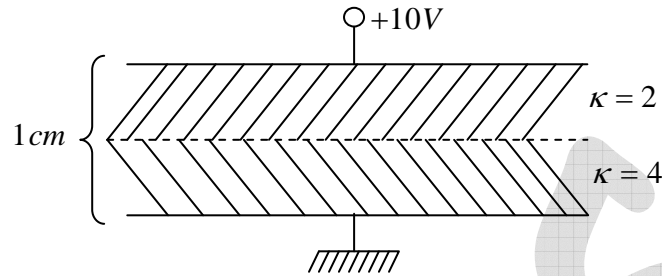
$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = c^2 K^2 + \frac{2c\pi^2}{L^2} \quad \because \omega_{11} = \sqrt{2} \frac{c\pi}{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\omega \frac{d\omega}{dK} = c^2 \times 2K \Rightarrow v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dK} = c^2 \frac{K}{\omega}$$

$$\because \omega^2 = c^2 K^2 + 2 \frac{c^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega^2}{K^2} = c^2 + \frac{2c^2 \pi^2}{K^2 L^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{K} = \sqrt{c^2 + \frac{2c^2 \pi^2}{K^2 L^2}} \Rightarrow v_g = \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^2 + \frac{2c^2 \pi^2}{K^2 L^2}}} \Rightarrow v_g = \frac{cKL}{\sqrt{K^2 L^2 + 2\pi^2}}$$

Q67. A parallel plate capacitor with 1 cm separation between the plates has two layers of dielectric with dielectric constants $\kappa=2$ and $\kappa=4$, as shown in the figure below. If a potential difference of 10V is applied between the plates, the magnitude of the bound surface charge density (in units of C/m^2) at the junction of the dielectrics is



- (a) $250\epsilon_0$ (b) $2000\epsilon_0/3$ (c) $2000\epsilon_0$ (d) $200\epsilon_0/3$

Ans.: (b)

$$\text{Solution: } V = E_1 d + E_2 d = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_1} d + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_2} d = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} d + \frac{\sigma}{4\epsilon_0} d = \frac{3\sigma}{4\epsilon_0} d$$

$$V = 10 \text{ volts, } d = 0.5 \text{ cm}$$

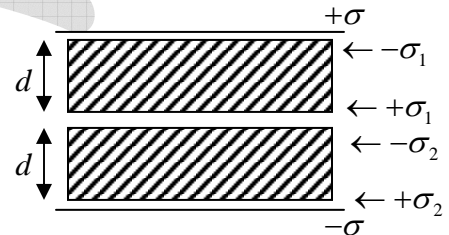
$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{4\epsilon_0}{3 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-2}} \times 10 = \frac{4 \times 10^{14}}{15} \epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{P}_1 = \epsilon_0 \chi e_1 \vec{E}_1 = \epsilon_0 (2-1) \times \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{2} = \sigma_1 \quad (\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n})$$

$$\vec{P}_2 = \epsilon_0 \chi e_2 \vec{E}_2 = \epsilon_0 (4-1) \times \frac{\sigma}{4\epsilon_0} = \frac{3\sigma}{4} = \sigma_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = \frac{\sigma}{2} - \frac{3\sigma}{4} = -\frac{\sigma}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4 \times 10^{14}}{15} \epsilon_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = -\frac{2000}{3} \epsilon_0$$



Q68. The Hamiltonian of a system with two degrees of freedom is $H = q_1 p_1 - q_2 p_2 + a q_1^2$, where $a > 0$ is a constant. The function $q_1 q_2 + \lambda p_1 p_2$ is a constant of motion only if λ is

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) $-a$ (d) a

Ans.: (a)

$$\text{Solution: } H = q_1 p_1 - q_2 p_2 + a q_1^2$$

$$f = (q_1 q_2 + \lambda p_1 p_2)$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = [f, H] + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dt} = [f, H] = 0$$

$$[f, H] = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_1} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_1} \right] + \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial q_2} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_2} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_2} \right] = 0$$

$$q_2 \cdot q_1 - \lambda p_2 (p_1 + 2a q_1) + q_1 (-q_2) - \lambda p_1 (-p_2) = 0$$

$$q_2 q_1 - \lambda p_1 p_2 - 2a \lambda p_2 q_1 p_2 - q_1 q_2 + \lambda p_1 q_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

Q69. The function $f(t)$ is a periodic function of period 2π . In the range $(-\pi, \pi)$, it equals

e^{-t} . If $f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$ denotes its Fourier series expansion, the sum $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$ is

- (a) 1 (b) $\frac{1}{2\pi}$ (c) $\frac{1}{2\pi} \cosh(2\pi)$ (d) $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sinh(2\pi)$

Ans.: (d)

Solution: $f(t) = e^{-t} \quad -\pi < x < \pi$

$$f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$$

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-2t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{e^{-2\pi} - e^{2\pi}}{-2} \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sinh 2\pi$$

Q70. The fixed points of the time evolution of a one-variable dynamical system described by

$y_{t+1} = 1 - 2y_t^2$ are 0.5 and -1 . The fixed points 0.5 and -1 are

- (a) both stable (b) both unstable
(c) unstable and stable, respectively (d) stable and unstable, respectively

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $y_{n+1} = 1 - 2y_t^2$

For fixed point $y_{n+1} = y_n$

$$y_n = 1 - 2y_n^2$$

$$2y_n^2 + y_n - 1 = 0$$

$$y_n^2 + \frac{1}{2}y_n - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$y_n = -1, 0.5$$

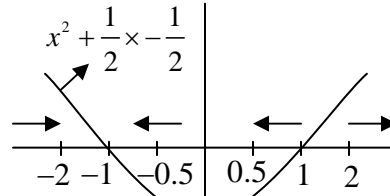
$$f = y_n = 1 - 2y_n^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -4y \quad y = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4 \rightarrow |4| > 1$$

unstable

$$y = 0.5 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2, \quad |-2| > 1 \text{ unstable}$$



- Q71. Following a nuclear explosion, a shock wave propagates radially outwards. Let E be the energy released in the explosion and ρ be the mass density of the ambient air. Ignoring the temperature of the ambient air, using dimensional analysis, the functional dependence of the radius R of the shock front on E, ρ and the time t is

- (a) $\left(\frac{Et^2}{\rho}\right)^{1/5}$ (b) $\left(\frac{\rho}{Et^2}\right)^{1/5}$ (c) $\frac{Et^2}{\rho}$ (d) $E\rho t^2$

Ans. : (a)

- Q72. The pressure p of a gas depends on the number density ρ of particles and the temperature T as $p = k_B T \rho - B_2 \rho^2 + B_3 \rho^3$ where B_2 and B_3 are positive constants. Let T_c, ρ_c and p_c denote the critical temperature, critical number density and critical pressure, respectively. The ratio $\rho_c k_B T_c / p_c$ is equal to

- (a) $\frac{1}{3}$ (b) 3 (c) $\frac{8}{3}$ (d) 4

Ans.: (b)

Solution: $P = k_B T \rho - B_2 \rho^2 + B_3 \rho^3$

For critical constants

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} = k_B T - 2B_2 \rho + 3B_3 \rho^2 = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \rho^2} = -2\rho_2 + 6B_3 \rho = 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$2B_2 = 6B_3 \rho \Rightarrow B_2 = 3B_3 \rho$$

$$k_B T_C = 3B_3 \rho_c^2$$

$$P_c = 3B_3 P_c^3 - 3B_3 \rho_c^3 + B_3 \rho_c^3$$

$$\frac{\rho_c k_B T_c}{P_c} = \frac{P_c 3B_3 \rho_c^2}{B_3 \rho_c^3} = 3$$

Q73. The mean kinetic energy per atom in a sodium vapour lamp is $0.33 eV$. Given that the mass of sodium is approximately $22.5 \times 10^9 eV$, the ratio of the Doppler width of an optical line to its central frequency is

- (a) 7×10^{-7} (b) 6×10^{-6} (c) 5×10^{-5} (d) 4×10^{-4}

Ans. : (b)

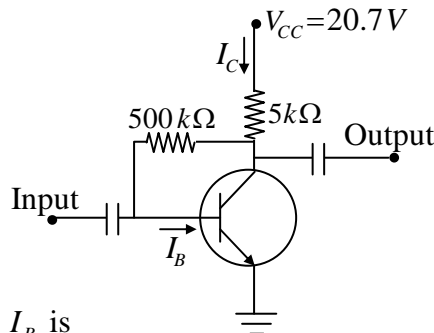
Solution: Doppler shift is

$$\Delta v_0 = 1.67 v_0 \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{mc^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta v_0}{v_0} = 1.67 \sqrt{\frac{0.33}{22.5 \times 10^9}} = 6.35 \times 10^{-6}$$

The correct option is (b)

Q74. In a collector feedback circuit shown in the figure below, the base emitter voltage

$V_{BE} = 0.7V$ and current gain $\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} = 100$ for the transistor



The value of the base current I_B is

- (a) $20 \mu A$ (b) $40 \mu A$ (c) $10 \mu A$ (d) $100 \mu A$

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Apply K.V.L in input section

$$-20V + BI_B \times 5K + I_B \times 500K + 0.7V = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I_B = \frac{193}{100 \times 5K + 500K} = 19.3 \mu A$$

Q75. For T much less than the Debye temperature of copper, the temperature dependence of the specific heat at constant volume of copper, is given by (in the following a and b are positive constants)

- (a) aT^3 (b) $aT + bT^3$ (c) $aT^2 + bT^3$ (d) $\exp\left(-\frac{a}{k_B T}\right)$

Ans. : (b)

Solution: The specific heat of model is sum of electric and phonon specific heat

$$C = C_e + C_{ph}$$

$$\text{For } T \ll \theta_0 : C_{ph} = bT^3 \text{ and } C_e = aT \therefore C = aT + bT^3$$

Thus correct option is (b)