

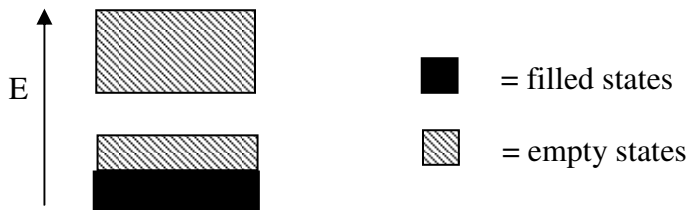
- \_\_\_d\_\_\_ A1) A sound wave propagates in material A with the following characteristics: wavelength,  $\lambda_A = 2m$ ; frequency,  $f_A = 400Hz$ . It crosses a boundary into material B. The speed of sound in material B is twice that in material A. What are the characteristics of the wave in material B?
- a)  $\lambda_B = 2m$ ,  $f_B = 800Hz$
  - b)  $\lambda_B = 4m$ ;  $f_B = 200Hz$
  - c)  $\lambda_B = 2.82m$ ;  $f_B = 282Hz$
  - d)  $\lambda_B = 4m$ ;  $f_B = 400Hz$
  - e)  $\lambda_B = 1m$ ;  $f_B = 400Hz$
- \_\_\_d\_\_\_ A2) Suppose that a Young's double slit experiment is performed with light of wavelength  $\lambda_1$  nm. The slits are  $b_1$  mm apart. The viewing screen is a distance  $L_1$  from the slits. The distance between bright fringes on the screen is  $y_1$ . What is the distance between bright fringes when the distance between the slits is reduced to  $b_1/2$  and the wavelength is doubled to  $2\lambda_1$ ?
- a)  $y_1$ ,            b)  $y_1/2$             c)  $2y_1$             d)  $4y_1$             e)  $y_1/4$
- \_\_\_a\_\_\_ A3) Light of intensity  $I_0$  is received at a distance  $R$  from a isotropically emitting source. What is the intensity at distance  $2R$  from the source?
- a)  $I_0/4$             b)  $I_0/2$             c)  $I_0/\sqrt{2}$             d)  $\sqrt{2} I_0$             e)  $2I_0$
- \_\_\_a\_\_\_ A4) Electron A has twice the momentum of electron B. The ratio of the wavelengths of the two electrons,  $\frac{\lambda_A}{\lambda_B}$  is:
- a.  $1/2$             b.  $1/4$             c. 1            d. 2            e. 4
- \_\_\_d\_\_\_ A5) A free electron and a free proton have the same momentum. When the wavelengths and the kinetic energies of the two particles are compared, the electron has:
- a. a shorter wavelength and a greater kinetic energy
  - b. a longer wavelength and a greater kinetic energy
  - c. the same wavelength and the same kinetic energy
  - d. the same wavelength and a greater kinetic energy
  - e. the same wavelength and a smaller kinetic energy

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\_\_c\_\_ A6) The Fermi level of a metal (measured with respect to the bottom of the conduction band) depends primarily on (pick the best answer)

- a) the color of the metal (gold, silver, copper...)
- b) the density of the metal
- c) the density of electrons in the conduction band of the metal
- d) the volume of the sample
- e) the temperature

\_\_a\_\_ A7) The energy level diagram shown below applies to



- a) a metal
- b) a semiconductor
- c) an isolated atom
- d) a free electron gas
- e) none of the above

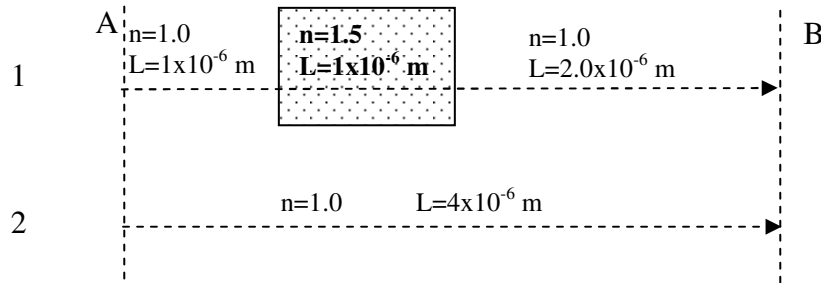
\_\_a\_\_ A8) A particle of mass  $m$  is confined in an one dimensional box with infinitely high potential walls a distance of  $L_0$  apart. The energy of the ground state is  $E_0$ . What would be the ground state energy of a particle of mass  $2m$  in a box with side  $2L_0$ ?

- a)  $E_0/8$
- b)  $E_0/2$
- c)  $E_0$
- d)  $2E_0$
- e)  $8E_0$

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**PART B.**

B1) (10%) Two waves of light of (vacuum) wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 500 \text{ nm}$ , are initially in phase at plane A and traveling to the right. They then travel through layers of material as shown below.



a) (7%) What is the phase difference (in multiples of wavelength  $\lambda_0$ ) between these two beams when they pass through plane B?

$$N = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \sum_{path1} n_i L_i - \sum_{path2} n_i L_i \right) = \frac{0.5 \times 10^{-6}}{5 \times 10^{-7}} = 1$$

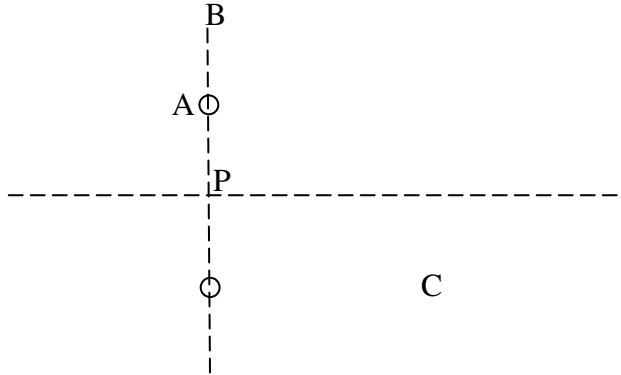
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b) (3%) At plane B, are these two beams completely in-phase, completely out of phase, or somewhere in between? Explain.

***Completely in phase because the difference is an integer multiple of wavelength.***

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B2) (12%) Two isotropic point sources  $S_1$  at  $(0,-0.5)$  and  $S_2$  at  $(0,0.5)$  emit radio waves of wavelength 2 m. The wave from  $S_1$  is in phase with the wave from  $S_2$  at point  $P=(0,0)$  midway between the two sources. Give the phase difference (in wavelengths) between the two waves at points  $A=(0,0.5)$ ,  $B=(0,1)$ ,  $C=(1,-0.5)$ . (All coordinates are in meters.)



A) \_\_\_\_\_  $1/2 \lambda$  \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer: *The two sources are  $1/2$  wavelength apart along the y axis.*

B) \_\_\_\_\_  $1/2 \lambda$  \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer: *The difference in path length along the y axis is still  $1/2$  wavelength.*

C) \_\_\_\_\_  $0.2 \lambda$  \_\_\_\_\_

$$L_1 = 1m$$

$$L_2 = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2} \cong 1.41$$

Explain your answer:  $\Delta L = 0.41m$

$$N = \frac{\Delta L m}{2m} \cong 0.2$$

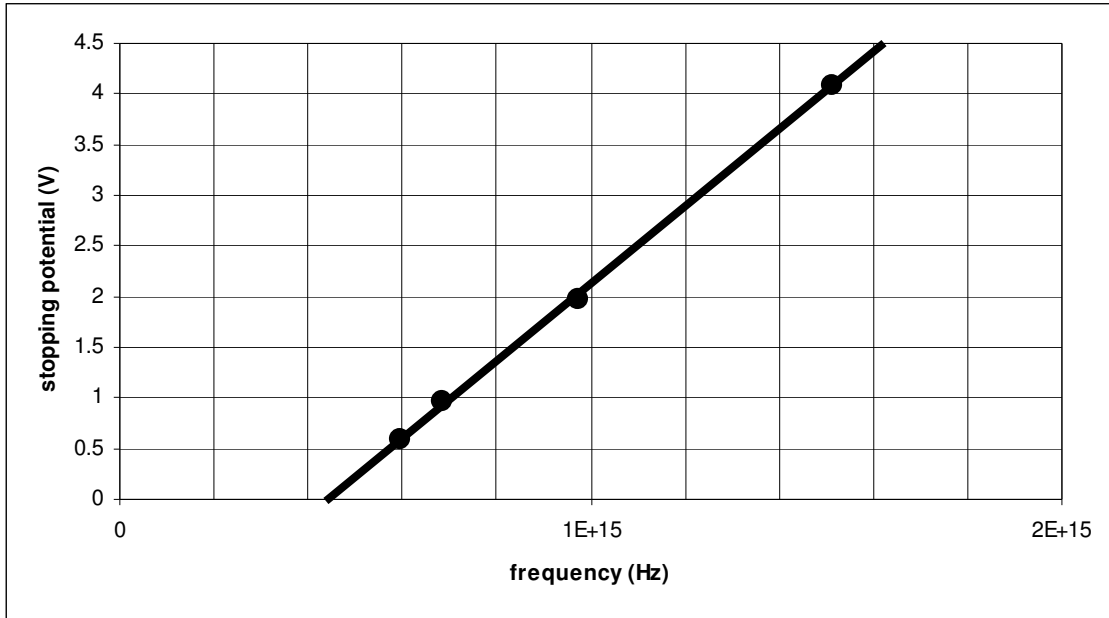
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**PART C.**

**C-1)** A photoelectric effect measurement is carried out on an unknown metal with the following results.

wavelength (nm)	200	310	410	500
stopping potential (V)	4.1	2.0	0.95	0.55

a) (6%) Plot the stopping potential against frequency and estimate the cutoff frequency of the material in Hz.



$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\lambda(\text{nm})} \text{ so we can easily find frequency.}$$

200 1.5E+15  
 310 9.68E+14  
 410 7.32E+14  
 500 6E+14  
 $f_{\text{cutoff}} \sim 0.45 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz.}$

b) (8%) Estimate Planck's constant from your plot. (Use  $c=3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s.}$ ) (Explain your logic.)

$$h = \frac{e\Delta V}{\Delta f} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 4.5}{(1.61 - 0.45) \times 10^{15}} = 6.2 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

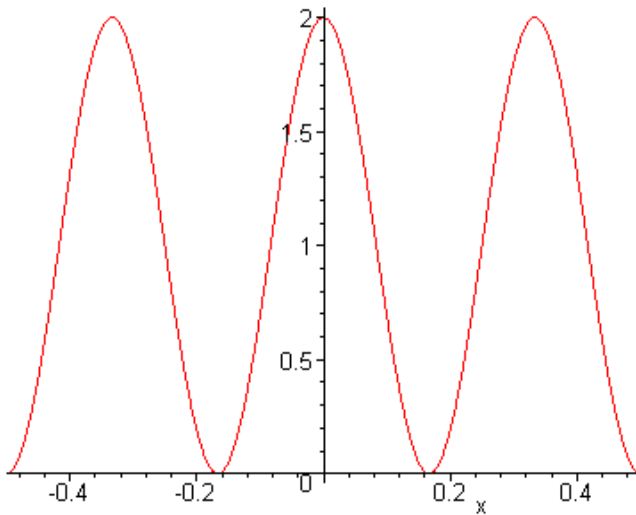
b) (4%) Find the work function of this unknown metal. (Use  $h=6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s}$  for this part.)

$$\phi = hf_{\text{cutoff}} \sim 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js} \times 0.45 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz} \sim 3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \sim 2 \text{ eV}$$

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**C-2) (20%)** At a particular time, the wavefunction for an electron trapped in a box extending from  $x=-0.5$  nm to  $x=+0.5$  nm is given by  $\psi = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{1nm}} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{1nm}\right)$ .

a) Sketch the probability distribution for finding the electron as a function of position.



b) Write the mathematical expression for finding the particle between  $x=-a$  and  $x=a$ . (You don't have to solve it, but you should have the correct functions and constants in the correct place.)

$$P = \int_{-a}^a \psi^2 dx = \frac{2}{1} \int_{-a}^a \cos^2(3\pi x) dx$$

c) What is the probability of finding the electron between  $x=-1/6$  nm and  $x=+1/6$  nm? If you don't do the integral, explain your answer.

***You don't have to do the integral. The wavefunction has three equal lobes, each one has an area of 1/3. The region given includes just one lobe.***

d) Estimate the probability of finding the particle between  $x=-0.001$  and  $x=+0.001$ . (You don't necessarily have to do the integral, but you must explain your logic clearly.)

$$P = \int_{-a}^a \psi^2 dx = 2 \int_{-0.001}^{0.001} \cos^2(3\pi x) dx \cong 2 \int_{-0.001}^{0.001} dx = 0.004$$