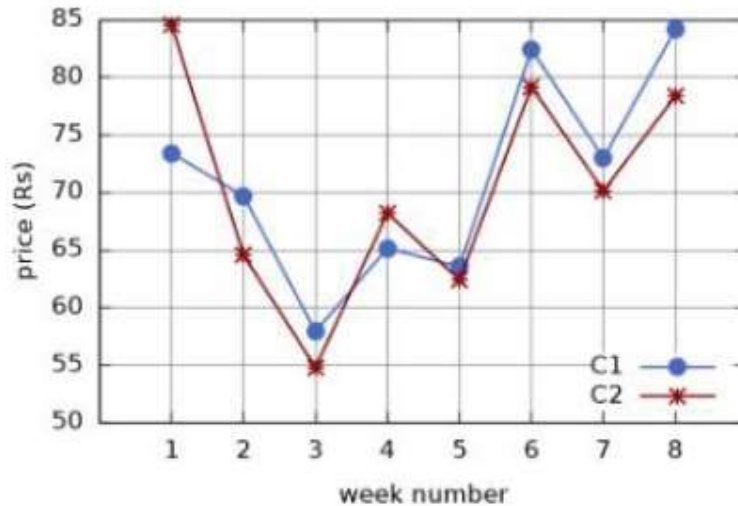


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Part A

Question ID: 705015:

The two graphs show the change in price of two commodities C1 and C2 over 8 weeks.



Which of the statements is correct?

1. C1 has higher fluctuation than C2
2. Average price of C1 is lower than that of C2
3. The largest change in a week is shown by C2
4. C1 shows a tendency of reduction

Question ID 705017:

On a one-way road, broken lines consisting of 2.5 m length segments separated by 2.5 m gaps are painted along the length of the road to demarcate 3 lanes, and continuous lines are painted along both the borders. What is the total length of the painted lines (in m) over a 250 m stretch of the road?

1. 500
2. 625
3. 750
4. 1000

Question ID 705009:

In a class of 70 students, 20% of girls have spectacles and 40% of boys have spectacles. If the total number of students having spectacle is 23, the number of boys in the class is

1. 45
2. 14
3. 18
4. 25

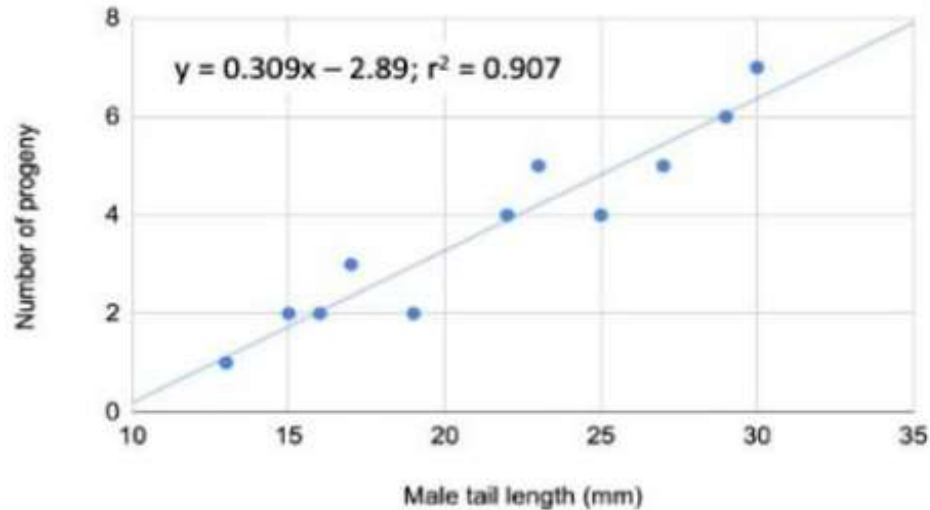
Question ID 705018:

A patient requires administration of 500 ml of an intravenous fluid in 1 hour. What is the approximate drip rate (number of drops per minute) at which the fluid should be administered, if the volume of a drop is 0.05 ml?

1. 76                      2. 152                      3. 167                      4. 332

Question ID 705016:

The graph shows observations and a regression line of the number of progeny on the tail length of male birds.



Which of the following can be inferred from the graph?

1. Producing less progeny decreases the tail length of the males.
2. Males cannot have a tail length lesser than 10 mm.
3. Males with longer tails tend to father more progeny.
4. For a male with a 25 mm tail, the expected number of progeny is 4.

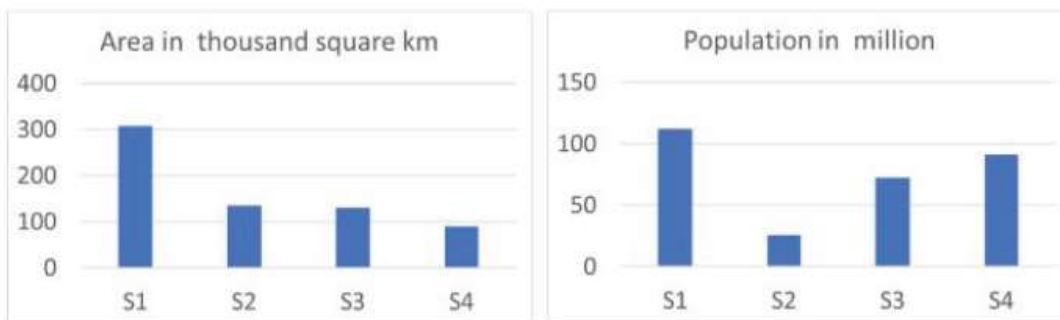
Question ID 705001

A large number of birds, half of which belong to specie A and the other half to specie B, rest on a tree where they are distributed randomly across the branches. In a random sample of 5 birds from the tree, what is the probability that at least one is from specie A ?

1. 0.03125                      2. 0.15625                      3. 0.84375                      4. 0.96875

Question ID 705007

Areas and populations of four states S1, S2, S3 and S4 are shown.



Their arrangement in decreasing order of population density would be

1. S4, S3, S1, S2      2. S1, S2, S3, S4      3. S4, S1, S3, S2      4. S2, S1, S3, S4

Question ID 705010

A referendum on a proposal involved 7000 participants. Among the participants 3600 were women and the rest were men. 2900 participants, of whom 1300 were women, voted against while 3000 participants voted in favour. 400 women abstained. The ratio of the number of men that did not vote to the total number of participants is

1. 11: 70      2. 17: 35      3. 1: 10      4. 8: 70

Question ID 705005

How many three-digit numbers exist whose first and last digits add up to 9 ?

1. 90      2. 81      3. 80      4. 72

Question ID 705013

If  $32XY6$  is divisible by 9,  $X$  and  $Y$  being even decimal digits, then  $X =$

1. 2      2. 4      3. 6      4. 8

Question ID 705011

The population of a town is increasing at a uniform rate. If its population was 90,000 and 96,000 in 2022 and 2023 respectively, what would be its population in 2024?

1. 102,000      2. 102,400      3. 102,720      4. 102,960

Question ID 705014

Canals A and B join to form canal C, all having semi-circular cross-sections of radii which are in the ratio 3: 4: 5, respectively. Assume smooth merger of A and B, and ignore the possibility of flooding. If the speed  $s$  of water is the same and uniform in both A and B then the speed of water flowing in C is

1.  $s$       2.  $7s/5$       3.  $2s$       4.  $5s/7$

Question ID 705008

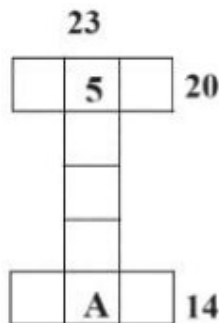
Among 1000 squirrel babies, 200 have three stripes on their back, 500 have two stripes on their back and the rest have four stripes on their back. While 90% of the three-striped babies survive to adulthood, only 80% of the two-striped and 70% of the four-striped babies survive to adulthood. The fraction of four-striped squirrels among the adults is nearest to

1. 0.21                      2. 0.3                      3. 0.266                      4. 0.228

Question ID 705012

The squares in the following grid are filled with numbers 1 to 9, without repetition, such that the numbers in the squares forming the top and bottom rows add to 20 and 14 respectively and those forming the column to 23. What is the value of A ?

1. 4  
2. 6  
3. 7  
4. 8



Question ID 705020

An egg tray has 30 cavities to hold eggs in 5 rows and 6 columns. Each cavity is surrounded by 4 raised corners shared by adjacent cavities. How many raised corners does the egg tray have?

1. 30                      2. 35                      3. 36                      4. 42

Question ID 705004

In how many distinct ways can 128 identical marbles be arranged in a complete rectangular grid (disregarding the orientation of the grid)?

1. 7                      2. 6                      3. 5                      4. 4

Question ID 705003

A rectangular tray of 30 cm × 60 cm size is used for baking circular biscuits. The diameter of each biscuit is 3 cm before baking, which increases by 10% on baking. What is the maximum number of biscuits that can be baked in the tray such that the base of each biscuit is in contact with the tray?

1. 171                      2. 162                      3. 180                      4. 200

Question ID 705002

Suppose that the increase in a population can be modelled as

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right) = rN \frac{(K - N)}{K}$$

where  $N$  is the size of the population,  $K$  is the carrying capacity,  $r$  is the per capita growth rate and  $t$  is time. Which of the following statements is correct?

1. When  $N \approx 0$ , the change in population  $N$  is nearly exponential.
2. When  $N = K$ , the population goes extinct as  $dN/dt$  goes to zero.
3. When  $N \approx 0$ , the population growth  $dN/dt$  is maximum.
4. When  $N \approx K/4$ , the population growth  $dN/dt$  is maximum.

Question ID 705006

Among A, B, C, D, E and F, D is taller than B but shorter than F. E is taller than B, but shorter than C. B is not the shortest of all. Then A is

1. The shortest of all.
2. The tallest of all.
3. Taller than E, but shorter than C.
4. Taller than C, but shorter than F.

Question ID 705019

A record player stylus moves along a spiral groove cut on an annular portion of a disc with inner radius 4 cm and outer radius 10 cm. If the record turns 100 times when playing, the stylus travels approximately

1. 2.2 m
2. 4.4 m
3. 22 m
4. 44 m

## Part B

Question ID 705027

If  $\vec{L}$  is the orbital angular momentum operator and  $\vec{\sigma}$  are the Pauli matrices, which of the following operators commutes with  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L}$ ?

1.  $\vec{L} - \frac{\hbar}{2}\vec{\sigma}$       2.  $\vec{L} + \frac{\hbar}{2}\vec{\sigma}$       3.  $\vec{L} + \hbar\vec{\sigma}$       4.  $\vec{L} - \hbar\vec{\sigma}$

Question ID 705032

The matrix  $A$  is given by

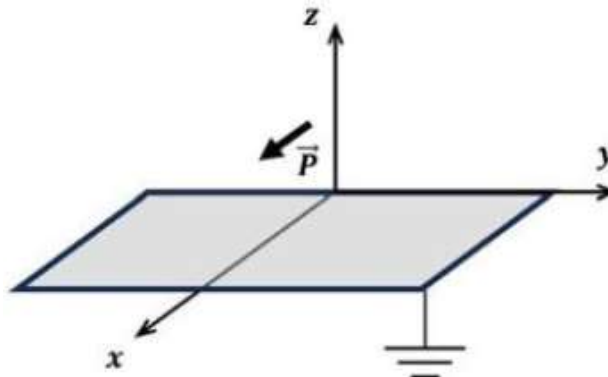
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $3A^3 + 5A^2 - 6A + 2I$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix, are

1. 4,9,27      2. 1,9,44      3. 1,110,8      4. 4,110,10

Question ID 705036

A point electric dipole  $\vec{P} = p_x \hat{i}$  is placed at a vertical distance  $d$  above a grounded infinite conducting  $xy$  plane as shown in the figure.



At a point  $\vec{r}$  ( $r \gg d, z > 0$ ) far away from the dipole, the electrostatic potential  $V(r)$  varies approximately as

1.  $\frac{1}{r^2}$       2.  $\frac{1}{r^6}$       3.  $\frac{1}{r^3}$       4.  $\frac{1}{r^4}$

Question ID 705031

Vorticity of a vector field  $\vec{B}$  is defined as  $\vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}$ . Given  $\vec{B} = kxyz\hat{r}$ , where  $k$  is a constant, which one of the following is correct?

1. Vorticity is a null vector for all finite  $x, y, z$
2. Vorticity is parallel to the vector field everywhere
3. The angle between vorticity and vector field depends on  $x, y, z$

4. Vorticity is perpendicular to the vector field everywhere

Question ID 705028

A quantum mechanical system is in the angular momentum state  $|l = 4, l_z = 4\rangle$ . The uncertainty in  $L_x$  is

1.  $\hbar\sqrt{2}$                       2.  $2\hbar$                       3. 0                      4.  $\hbar$

Question ID 705033

An integral is given by  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \exp[-(x^2 + y^2 + 2axy)]$ , where  $a$  is a real parameter. The full range of values of  $a$  for which the integral is finite, is

1.  $-\infty < a < \infty$       2.  $-2 < a < 2$       3.  $-1 < a < 1$       4.  $-1 \leq a \leq 1$

Question ID 705026

If  $A$  and  $B$  are hermitian operators and  $C$  is an antihermitian operator, then

1.  $[[A, B], C]$  is hermitian and  $[[A, C], B]$  is antihermitian
2.  $[[A, B], C]$  and  $[[A, C], B]$  are both antihermitian
3.  $[[A, B], C]$  and  $[[A, C], B]$  are both hermitian
4.  $[[A, B], C]$  is antihermitian and  $[[A, C], B]$  is hermitian

Question ID 705039

A single particle can exist in two states with energies 0 and  $E$  respectively. At high temperatures ( $k_B T \gg E$ ) the specific heat of the system ( $C_V$ ) will be approximately

1. proportional to  $\frac{1}{T}$
2. proportional to  $\frac{1}{T^2}$
3. proportional to  $e^{\frac{E}{k_B T}}$
4. constant

Question ID 705038

Quantum particles of unit mass, in a potential

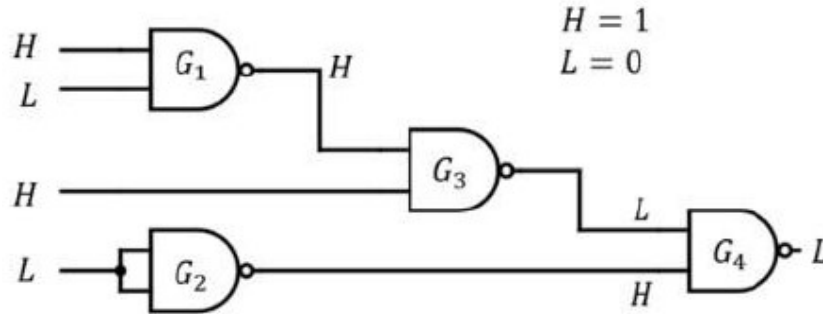
$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 x^2 & x > 0 \\ \infty & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

are in equilibrium at a temperature  $T$ . Let  $n_2$  and  $n_3$  denote the numbers of the particles in the second and third excited states respectively. The ratio  $n_2/n_3$  is given by

1.  $\exp\left(\frac{2\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$       2.  $\exp\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$       3.  $\exp\left(\frac{3\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$       4.  $\exp\left(\frac{4\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$

Question ID 705044

The logic levels  $H$  and  $L$  at different locations in a digital circuit are found to be as shown in the figure.

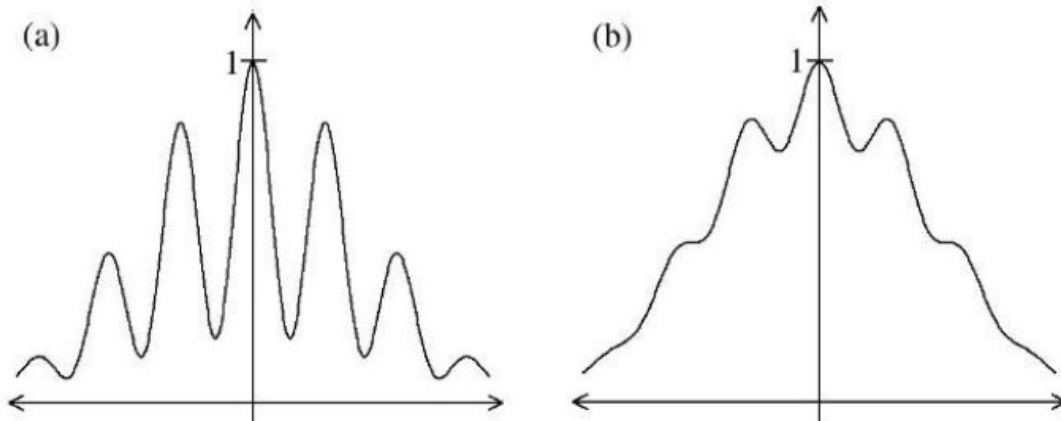


Based on these observations, which of the logic gates is not behaving as an ideal NAND gate?

1.  $G_2$
2.  $G_3$
3.  $G_4$
4.  $G_1$

Question ID 705037

A finite sized light source is used in a double slit experiment. The observed intensity pattern changes from figure (a) to figure (b), as shown below.



The observed change can occur due to

1. narrowing of the slits.
2. a reduction in the distance between the slits.
3. a decrease in the coherence length of the light source.
4. a reduction in the size of the light source.



Question ID 705025

The Hamiltonian for a one-dimensional simple harmonic oscillator is given by  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$ . The harmonic oscillator is in the state  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\lambda^2}}(|1\rangle + \lambda e^{i\vartheta}|2\rangle)$ , where  $|1\rangle$  and  $|2\rangle$  are the normalised first and second excited states of the oscillator and  $\lambda, \vartheta$  are positive real constants. If the expectation value  $\langle\psi|x|\psi\rangle = \beta\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$ , the value of  $\beta$  is

1.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(1+\lambda^2)}$       2.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda\cos\vartheta}{1+\lambda^2}$       3.  $\frac{2\lambda\cos\vartheta}{1+\lambda^2}$       4.  $\frac{\lambda^2\cos\vartheta}{1+\lambda^2}$

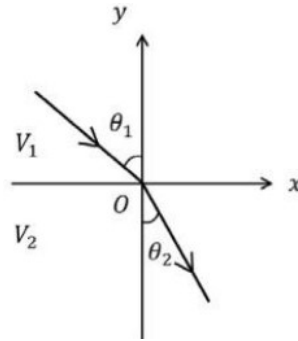
Question ID 705022

A uniform plane square sheet of mass  $m$  is centered at the origin of an inertial frame. The sheet is rotating about an axis passing through the origin. At an instant when all its vertices lie on  $x$  and  $y$  axes, the angular momentum is  $\vec{L} = I_0\omega_0(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ , where  $I_0$  is the moment of inertia about the  $x$  axis. At this instant, the angular velocity of the sheet is

1.  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})\omega_0$     2.  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})\omega_0$     3.  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j})\omega_0$     4.  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j})\omega_0$

Question ID 705034

The region  $y > 0$  has a constant electrostatic potential  $V_1$  and  $y < 0$  has a constant electrostatic potential  $V_2 \neq V_1$ . A charged particle with momentum  $\vec{p}_1$  is incident at an angle  $\theta_1$  on the interface of the two regions (see figure below).



If the particle has momentum  $\vec{p}_2$  in the region  $y < 0$ , then the angle  $\theta_2$  is given by

1.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\cos\theta_1\right)$       2.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\cos\theta_1\right)$   
 3.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\sin\theta_1\right)$       4.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\sin\theta_1\right)$

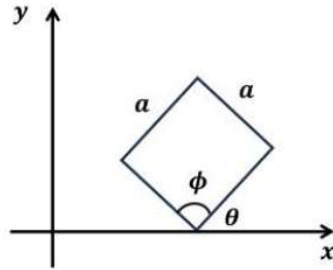
Question ID 705041

Two non-interacting classical particles having masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are moving in a onedimensional box of length  $L$ . For total energy not exceeding a given value  $E$ , the phase space "volume" is given by

1.  $\pi L^2 E \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right)$     2.  $\pi L^2 E \sqrt{m_1 m_2}$     3.  $2\pi L^2 E \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right)$     4.  $2\pi L^2 E \sqrt{m_1 m_2}$

Question ID 705024

A square plate of dimension  $a \times a$  makes an angle  $\theta = \pi/4$  with the  $x$  axis in its rest frame ( $S$ ) as shown in the figure.



It is moving with a speed  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}c$  along the  $x$  axis with respect to an observer  $S'$  (where  $c$  is the speed of light in vacuum). The value of the interior angle  $\phi$  indicated in the figure (which is obviously  $\pi/2$  in the frame  $S$ ), as measured in  $S'$  is

1.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$                       2.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$                       3.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$                       4.  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

Question ID 705021

The evolution of the dynamical variables  $x(t)$  and  $p(t)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= ax \\ \dot{p} &= -p \end{aligned}$$

where  $a$  is a constant. The trajectory in  $(x, p)$  space for  $-1 < a < 0$  is best described by

1.

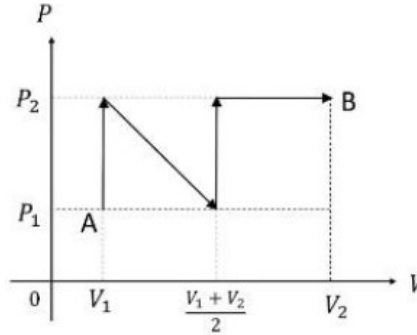
2.

3.

4.

Question ID 705040

The following  $P - V$  diagram shows a process, where an ideal gas is taken quasi-statically from  $A$  to  $B$  along the path as shown in the figure.



The work done  $W$  in this process is

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. $\frac{1}{4}(V_2 - V_1)(3P_2 + P_1)$ | 2. $\frac{1}{4}(V_2 - V_1)(3P_2 - P_1)$ |
| 3. $\frac{1}{2}(V_2 - V_1)(P_1 + P_2)$  | 4. $\frac{1}{2}(V_2 + V_1)(P_2 - P_1)$  |

Question ID 705035

The electric field of an electromagnetic wave in free space is given by

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \sin(\omega t - k_z z) \hat{j}.$$

The magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  vanishes for  $t = \frac{k_z z}{\omega}$ . The Poynting vector of the system is

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. $\frac{k_z}{2\mu_0\omega} E_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t - k_z z) \hat{k}$ | 2. $\frac{4k_z}{\mu_0\omega} E_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t - k_z z) \hat{k}$ |
| 3. $\frac{2k_z}{\mu_0\omega} E_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t - k_z z) \hat{k}$ | 4. $\frac{k_z}{\mu_0\omega} E_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t - k_z z) \hat{k}$  |

Question ID 705023

A body of mass  $m$  is acted upon by a central force  $\vec{f}(\vec{r}) = -k\vec{r}$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant. If the magnitude of the angular momentum is  $l$ , then the total energy for a circular orbit is

- |                             |                                       |                                       |                            |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. $2\sqrt{\frac{kl^2}{m}}$ | 2. $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{kl^2}{m}}$ | 3. $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\frac{kl^2}{m}}$ | 4. $\sqrt{\frac{kl^2}{m}}$ |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|

Question ID 705043

A battery with an open circuit voltage of 10 V is connected to a load resistor of  $485\Omega$  and the voltage measured across the battery terminals using an ideal voltmeter is 9.7 V. The internal resistance of the battery is closest to

- |               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. $30\Omega$ | 2. $15\Omega$ | 3. $20\Omega$ | 4. $40\Omega$ |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

Question ID 705029

A hydrogen atom is in the state  $|\psi\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8}{21}}|\psi_{200}\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}|\psi_{210}\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{4}{21}}|\psi_{311}\rangle$ , where  $|\psi_{nlm}\rangle$  are normalised eigenstates. If  $\hat{L}^2$  is measured in this state, the probability of obtaining the value  $2\hbar^2$  is

1.  $\frac{13}{21}$                       2.  $\frac{4}{21}$                       3.  $\frac{17}{21}$                       4.  $\frac{3}{7}$

Question ID 705042

A set of 100 data points yields an average  $\bar{x} = 9$  and a standard deviation  $\sigma_x = 4$ . The error in the estimated mean is closest to

1. 3.0                      2. 0.4                      3. 4.0                      4. 0.3

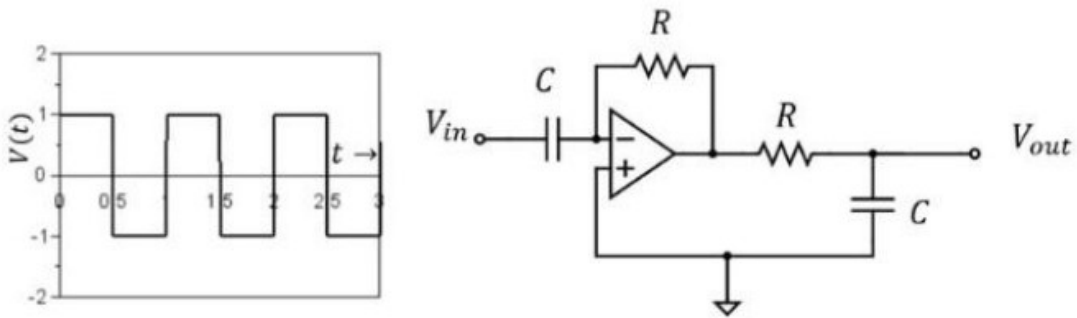
Question ID 705030

Probability density function of a variable  $x$  is given by  $P(x) = \frac{1}{2}[\delta(x - a) + \delta(x + a)]$ . The variance of  $x$  is

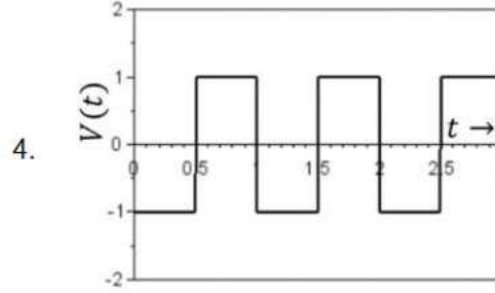
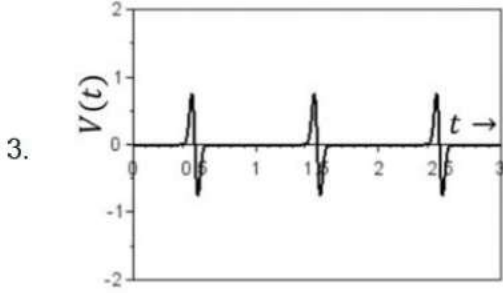
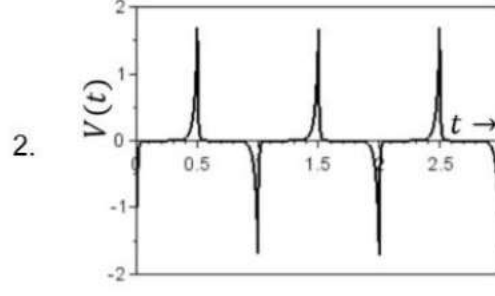
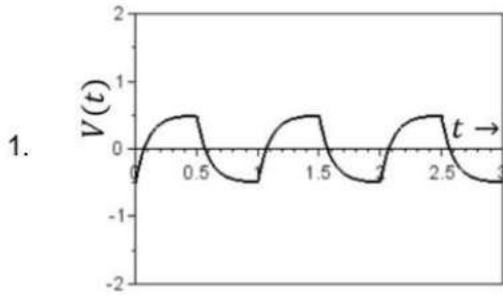
1.  $a^2$                       2. 0                      3.  $2a^2$                       4.  $\frac{a^2}{2}$

Question ID 705045

A train of square wave pulses is given to the input of an ideal opamp circuit shown below.



Given that the time period of the input pulses  $T \ll RC$  and the opamp does not get into saturation, which of the following best represents the output waveform?



## Part C

Question ID 705070

The bond dissociation energy of a molecule is defined as the energy required to dissociate it. For  $H_2$  and  $H_2^+$  molecules, the bond dissociation energies are 4.478 eV and 2.651 eV respectively. If the equilibrium bond lengths of both  $H_2$  and  $H_2^+$  are identical, the value of the ionization potential of hydrogen molecule will be closest to

1. 15.427eV      2. 11.773eV      3. 20.729eV      4. 6.471 eV

Question ID 705059

A particle of unit mass and unit charge is moving in a magnetic field, which varies as  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = b_0 \vec{r}/r^3$  ( $b_0$  is a constant) over a region far away from the origin. If  $\vec{L}$  is the instantaneous angular momentum of the particle within that region, then  $d\vec{L}/dt$  is

1.  $2b_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$       2.  $-b_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$       3.  $b_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$       4. 0

Question ID 705057

In a non-magnetic material with no free charges and no free currents, the permittivity  $\epsilon$  is a function of position. If  $\vec{E}$  represents the electric field and  $\mu_0, \epsilon_0$  are free space permeability and permittivity respectively, which one of the following expressions is correct?

1.  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2(\epsilon \vec{E})}{\partial t^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{\nabla}(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \epsilon) = 0$       2.  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2(\epsilon \vec{E})}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{\nabla}(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \epsilon) = 0$   
 3.  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2(\epsilon \vec{E})}{\partial t^2} + \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \epsilon \right) = 0$       4.  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2(\epsilon \vec{E})}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \epsilon \right) = 0$

Question ID 705046

A particle of mass  $m$  is moving in a potential  $V(r) = -\frac{k}{r}$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant. If  $\vec{L}$  and  $\vec{p}$  denote the angular momentum and linear momentum respectively, the value of  $\alpha$  for which  $\vec{A} = \vec{L} \times \vec{p} + \alpha mk \hat{r}$  is a constant of motion, is

1. -2      2. -1      3. 2      4. 1

Question ID 705047

A linear molecule is modelled as two atoms of equal mass  $m$  placed at coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , connected by a spring of spring constant  $k$ . The molecule is moving in one dimension under an additional external potential  $V(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ . If one frequency of molecular vibration is  $\omega_0$ , the other frequency is

1.  $\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \frac{k}{m}}$       2.  $\sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \frac{k}{m}}$       3.  $\sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \frac{2k}{m}}$       4.  $\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \frac{2k}{m}}$

Question ID 705073

In a scattering experiment, a beam of  $e^-$  with an energy of 420 MeV scatters off an atomic nucleus. If the first minimum of the differential cross section is observed at a scattering angle of  $45^\circ$ , the radius of the nucleus (in fermi) is closest to

1. 0.4                      2. 8.0                      3. 2.5                      4. 0.8

Question ID 705064

A piezoresistive pressure sensor utilizes change in electrical resistance ( $\Delta R$ ) with change in pressure ( $\Delta P$ ) as  $\Delta R = -R_0 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\Delta P}{P_0} \right)$ , where  $R_0 = 500\Omega$  and  $P_0 = 1000\text{mbar}$ . A current of  $2\mu\text{A}$  is passed through the sensor and the resultant voltage drop is measured using an analog-to-digital (ADC) converter having a range 0 to 1 V. If a pressure change of 1 mbar is to be measured, amongst the given options, the minimum number of bits needed for the ADC is

1. 12                      2. 14                      3. 8                      4. 10

Question ID 705068

Consider a body-centered tetragonal lattice with lattice constants  $a = b = a_0$  and  $c = \frac{a_0}{2}$ . The number of nearest neighbours, the nearest neighbour distance, the number of next nearest neighbours and the next nearest neighbour distance, respectively, are

1.  $6, \frac{1}{2}a_0, 8, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a_0$       2.  $8, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a_0, 6, a_0$       3.  $2, \frac{1}{2}a_0, 8, \frac{3}{4}a_0$       4.  $8, a_0, 6, \frac{4}{3}a_0$

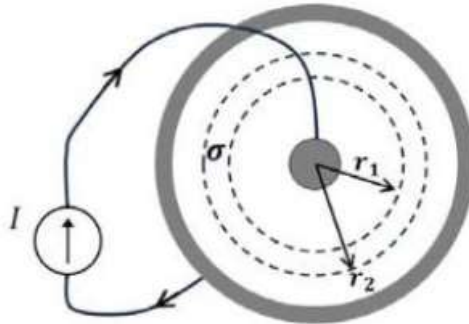
Question ID 705062

A random walker takes a step of unit length towards right or left at any discrete time step. Starting from  $x = 0$  at time  $t = 0$ , it goes right to reach  $x = 1$  at  $t = 1$ . Hereafter if it repeats the direction taken in the previous step with probability  $p$ , the probability that it is again at  $x = 1$  at  $t = 3$  is

1.  $1 - p$                       2.  $(1 - p)^2$                       3.  $2p(1 - p)$                       4.  $4p^2(1 - p)$

Question ID 705060

A two dimensional sheet with a uniform sheet conductivity of  $\sigma$  has a central metallic point contact and a circular metal contact at the boundary as shown in the figure.



If a constant current  $I$  is injected through the central contact and collected at the boundary, then the voltage difference between two points on the sheet at radius  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  is proportional to

1.  $\frac{I}{\sigma} \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right) - \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$     2.  $\frac{I}{\sigma} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right) \right]$     3.  $\frac{I}{\sigma} \left( \frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_2 + r_1} \right)$     4.  $\frac{I}{\sigma} \left( \frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_2 + r_1} \right)^3$

Question ID 705053

The following four matrices form a representation of a group

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which of the following represents the multiplication table for the same group?

- |          |   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |    |   |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
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Question ID 705067

The Debye temperature of a two-dimensional insulator is 150 K. The ratio of the heat required to raise its temperature from 1 K to 2 K and from 2 K to 3 K is

1. 7:19                      2. 3:13                      3. 1:1                      4. 3:5

Question ID 705075

The  $\Delta^{++}$  can be produced by colliding a pion beam onto a  $H_2$  target, in a reaction  $\pi^+ + p \rightarrow \Delta^{++} \rightarrow \pi^+ + p$ . In the rest frame of  $\Delta^{++}$ , the energy and momentum of the pion in the final state (in MeV) are closest to (assume  $c = 1$ , and  $m_\pi \approx 140\text{MeV}$ ,  $m_p \approx 1\text{GeV}$ ,  $m_{\Delta^{++}} \approx 1.2\text{GeV}$ )

1. 210,156                      2. 230,182                      3. 175,105                      4. 190,130

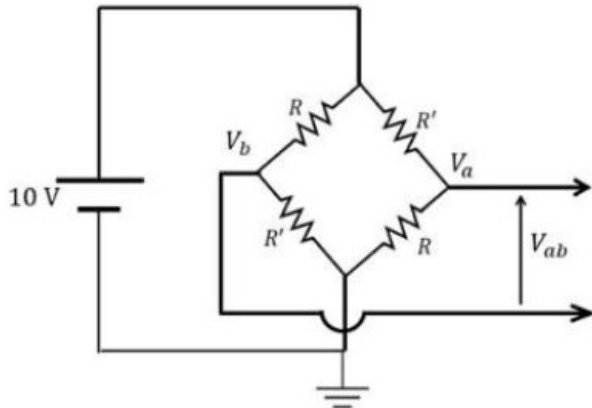
Question ID 705066

An astronomer observes 500 objects and classifies them as either of type  $A$  or type  $B$ . She finds 148 objects to be of type  $B$ . Assuming a binomial distribution, the best estimate of the fraction of type  $A$  objects and its associated standard deviation respectively are

1. 0.704,0.002                      2. 0.70,0.02                      3. 0.704,0.031                      4. 0.72,0.03

Question ID 705065

In the circuit shown in the figure, the resistances  $R$  and  $R'$  change due to strain. While  $R$  increases,  $R'$  decreases by the same amount  $\Delta R$  due to the applied strain. The unstrained values of  $R$  and  $R'$  are  $100\Omega$  each. If same strain is applied to all the resistors, and the output voltage ( $V_{ab}$ ) changes to  $0.3\text{ V}$ , then  $\Delta R$  is closest to



1.  $3\Omega$                       2.  $1.5\Omega$                       3.  $4.5\Omega$                       4.  $6\Omega$

Question ID 705056

The integral  $I = \int_0^1 \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx$  is estimated using Simpson's  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  rule with a grid value of  $h = 0.5$ .

The difference ( $I_{\text{estimated}} - I_{\text{exact}}$ ) is closest to

1. 0.007                      2. 0.001                      3. 0.0007                      4. -0.005

Question ID 705050

Using a normalized trial wavefunction  $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\alpha}e^{-\alpha|x|}$  ( $\alpha$  is a positive real constant) for a particle of mass  $m$  in the potential  $V(x) = -\lambda\delta(x)$ , ( $\lambda > 0$ ), the estimated ground state energy is

1.  $-\frac{m\lambda^2}{\hbar^2}$                       2.  $\frac{m\lambda^2}{\hbar^2}$                       3.  $\frac{m\lambda^2}{2\hbar^2}$                       4.  $-\frac{m\lambda^2}{2\hbar^2}$

Question ID 705055

The general solution for the second order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = x\sin x$$

will be

1.  $C_1e^x + C_2e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2}(x\sin x + \cos x)$                       2.  $C_1e^x + C_2e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2}(\sin x - x\cos x)$   
 3.  $C_1e^x + C_2e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2}x(\sin x - \cos x)$                       4.  $C_1e^x + C_2e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2}x(\sin x + \cos x)$

(where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary constants)

Question ID 705074

$\pi^-$  has spin 0 and negative intrinsic parity. In a reaction a deuteron in its ground state ( $J = 1$ , parity is +1) captures a  $\pi^-$  in  $p$ -wave to produce a pair of neutrons (intrinsic parity is +1). The neutrons will be produced in a state with

1.  $l = 1, S = 0$                       2.  $l = 0, S = 1$                       3.  $l = 1, S = 1$                       4.  $l = 0, S = 0$

Question ID 705051

The Hamiltonian of a particle of mass  $m$  is given by  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)$ , with

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} -\alpha x & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ \beta x & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are positive constants. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  energy eigenvalue  $E_n$  obtained using WKB approximation is

$$E_n^{3/2} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right)^{1/2} \pi \left( n - \frac{1}{2} \right) f(\alpha, \beta) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

The function  $f(\alpha, \beta)$  is

1.  $\sqrt{\frac{\alpha\beta^2}{2(\alpha^2+\beta^2)}}$                       2.  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha+\beta}$                       3.  $\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}$                       4.  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\alpha^2+\beta^2}{2}}$

Question ID 705054

An integral transform  $\tilde{f}(x)$  of a function  $f(x)$  can be regarded as a result of applying an operator  $F$  to the function such that

$$(Ff)(x) \equiv \tilde{f}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-i} f(y)$$

If  $I$  is the identity operator, then the operator  $F^4$  is given by

1.  $(2\pi)^4 I$                       2.  $(2\pi) I$                       3.  $I$                       4.  $(2\pi)^2 I$

Question ID 705072

An atom of mass  $m$ , initially at rest, resonantly absorbs a photon. It makes a transition from the ground state to an excited state and also gets a momentum kick. If the difference between the energies of the ground state and the excited state is  $\hbar\Delta$ , the angular frequency of the absorbed photon is closest to

1.  $\Delta \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar\Delta}{mc^2}\right)$       2.  $\Delta \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar\Delta}{mc^2}\right)$       3.  $\Delta \left(1 + \frac{\hbar\Delta}{mc^2}\right)$       4.  $\Delta \left(1 + 2 \frac{\hbar\Delta}{mc^2}\right)$

Question ID 705071

Helium atom is excited to a state with the configuration  $(2s2p)$  with an energy 58.3 eV. After some time, this atom spontaneously ejects a single electron. The value of the orbital angular momentum quantum number ( $l$ ) of the ejected electron in the final state of the system is (ionization potential of  $\text{He}(1s)^2$  is 24.6 eV)

1. 1                      2. 0                      3. 2                      4. 3

Question ID 705061

Rotational energy of a molecule in the angular momentum state  $j$  is given by  $E_j = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} j(j+1)$ , where  $I$  is the moment of inertia of the molecule. The probability that the molecule will be in its ground state at temperature  $T$  (such that  $k_B T \gg \frac{\hbar^2}{2I}$ ), is

1.  $\frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar^2}{1k_B T}$                       2.  $\frac{2}{3} \frac{\hbar^2}{1k_B T}$                       3.  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2}{1k_B T}$                       4.  $\frac{\hbar^2}{1k_B T}$

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For a simple harmonic oscillator, the Lagrangian is given by

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2 - \frac{1}{2} q^2$$

If  $H(q, p)$  is the Hamiltonian of the system and  $A(p, q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(p + iq)$ , the Poisson bracket  $\{A, H\}$  is

1.  $iA$                       2.  $A^*$                       3.  $-iA^*$                       4.  $-iA$

Question ID 705063

Five classical spins are placed at the vertices of a regular pentagon. The Hamiltonian of the system is  $H = J \sum S_i S_j$ , where  $J > 0$ ,  $S_i = \pm 1$  and the sum is over all possible nearest neighbour pairs.

The degeneracy of the ground state is

1. 8                      2. 5                      3. 4                      4. 10

Question ID 705069

The band dispersion of electrons in a two-dimensional square lattice (lattice constant  $a$ ) is given by,

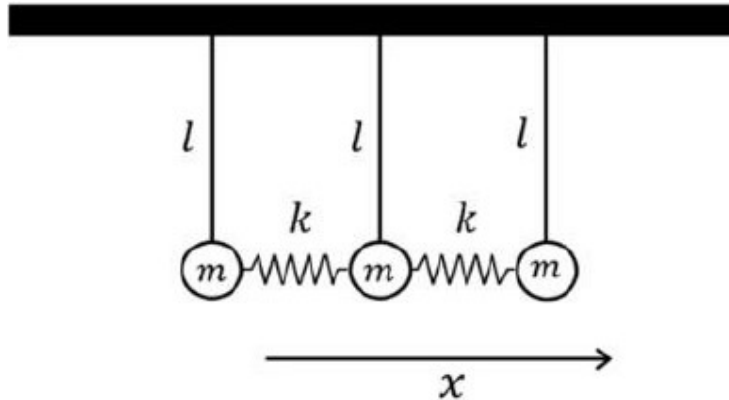
$$E(k_x, k_y) = -2(t_x \cos k_x a + t_y \cos k_y a)$$

where  $t_x, t_y > 0$ . The effective mass tensor  $m^* = \begin{pmatrix} m_{xx} & m_{xy} \\ m_{yx} & m_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$  of electrons at  $\vec{k} = \left(\frac{\pi}{a}, \frac{\pi}{a}\right)$  is

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| 1. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2 \sqrt{t_x t_y}} \\ \frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2 \sqrt{t_x t_y}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ | 2. $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2 t_x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2 t_y} \end{pmatrix}$             |
| 3. $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2 t_x} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2 t_y} \end{pmatrix}$                     | 4. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2(t_x+t_y)} \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2(t_x+t_y)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ |

Question ID 705049

Three identical simple pendula (of mass  $m$  and equilibrium string length  $l$ ) are attached together by springs of spring constant  $k$ , as shown in the figure.



The frequencies of small oscillations are given by  $\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}, \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} + \frac{g}{l}}, \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m} + \frac{g}{l}}$ . The normal modes

(without normalisation) corresponding to these frequencies respectively are

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| 1. (1,1,1), (1,0,1), (1, -2,1)   | 3. (1,1,1), (1,0, -1), (1,2,1) |
| 3. (1,1,1), (1,0, -1), (1, -2,1) | 4. (1,2,1), (1,0, -1), (1,1,1) |

Question ID 705058

A radio station antenna on the earth's surface radiates 50 kW power isotropically. Assume the electromagnetic waves to be sinusoidal and the ground to be a perfect absorber. Neglecting any transmission loss and effects of earth's curvature, the peak value of the magnetic field (in Tesla) detected at a distance of 100 km is closest to

1.  $1.5 \times 10^{-11}$       2.  $5.5 \times 10^{-1}$       3.  $8.5 \times 10^{-11}$       4.  $3.5 \times 10^{-1}$

Question ID 705052

A particle of energy  $E$  is scattered off a one-dimensional potential  $\lambda\delta(x)$ , where  $\lambda$  is a real positive constant, with a transmission amplitude  $t_+$ . In a different experiment, the same particle is scattered off another one-dimensional potential  $-\lambda\delta(x)$ , with a transmission amplitude  $t_-$ . In the limit  $E \rightarrow 0$ , the phase difference between  $t_+$  and  $t_-$  is

1.  $\pi/2$       2.  $\pi$       3. 0      4.  $3\pi/2$