

MIDTERM EXAM-4

PHYS 201 (Spring 2014), 04/25/14

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*Duration: 50 minutes*

*Show all your work for full/partial credit!*

*Include the correct units in your final answers for full credit!*

*Unless otherwise stated, quote your results in SI units!*

1.) *Multiple Choice*

(18 pts.)

For each statement below, circle the correct answer (TRUE or FALSE, no reasoning required).

- (a) If the intensity of a sound wave is doubled, then its intensity level increases by 3 decibels.  
TRUE                      FALSE
- (b) When two pulses travel toward each other and collide, they will reflect with opposite velocity from each other.  
TRUE                      FALSE
- (c) If the equilibrium temperature of a blackbody emitter is doubled, the emitted (=absorbed) heat increases by a factor of 10.  
TRUE                      FALSE
- (d) For a mixture of two different ideal gases at the same temperature, the average speed of the different gas molecules is different.  
TRUE                      FALSE
- (e) The internal energy of an ideal gas depends on both pressure and temperature of the gas.  
TRUE                      FALSE
- (f) Spontaneous heat flow can proceed both from hot to cold and from cold to hot.  
TRUE                      FALSE

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2.) *Sound Propagation and Doppler Effect*

(20 pts.)

A train blows its horn as it approaches a tunnel into a vertically rising mountain (see figure below). The horn produces a tone of  $1500\text{ Hz}$  and the train travels at a speed of  $110\text{ mph}$ .

- (a) Find the tone frequency that is heard by an observer standing near the entrance of the tunnel.
- (b) If the horn sound arrives at the observer with an intensity of  $5 \cdot 10^{-7}\text{ W/m}^2$ , what is the corresponding intensity level?

3.) *Heat Conduction*

(8+10 pts.)

One end of an insulated copper bar is maintained at a temperature of  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$ , while the other end is immersed into an equilibrium mixture of  $1\text{ kg}$  ice and  $1\text{ kg}$  water. The rod is  $2\text{ m}$  long and has a circular cross-sectional area of radius  $8\text{ cm}$ .

- (a) How much heat has to be added to the mixture to bring it to room temperature?
- (b) Calculate the *heat flow* through the copper bar (before the ice has completely melted), and estimate the time (in *minutes*) for the entire heating process.

4.) *Ideal Gas*

(24 pts.)

A cylinder containing an ideal gas is held at fixed pressure of  $3.3 \cdot 10^5 Pa$ . The gas is cooled from room temperature to  $-50^\circ C$ , thereby reducing the volume from  $0.9 m^3$  to  $0.65 m^3$ .

- (a) How many moles of gas are in the cylinder?
- (b) How much work is done on or by the gas (include the correct sign)?
- (c) By how much does the internal energy of the gas change?
- (d) How much heat is added or extracted from the gas?

5.) *Refrigerator*

(14+6 pts.)

A freezer has a coefficient of performance of 5. It converts 1.5 kg of water at room temperature into ice at  $25^{\circ}F$  within 20 minutes.

- (a) How much electrical energy is consumed in the process and at what power does the refrigerator operate?
- (b) How much heat is released into the environment of the freezer?

## Useful Constants

$$1 \text{ m/s} = 2.25 \text{ mph}$$

$$\text{Speed of sound: } v_s = 344 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Threshold intensity for hearing: } I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$\text{Thermal conductivity of copper: } k = 385 \text{ W/(m} \cdot \text{K)}$$

$$\text{Room temperature: } T = 20^\circ\text{C} = 68^\circ\text{F} = 293.15 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Latent heat of freezing water: } L_f = 3.34 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J/kg}$$

$$\text{Latent heat of vaporizing water: } L_v = 2.26 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$$

$$\text{Specific heat capacity of water: } C_w = 4.19 \cdot 10^3 \text{ J/(kg} \cdot \text{K)}$$

$$\text{Specific heat capacity of ice: } C_{\text{ice}} = 2.01 \cdot 10^3 \text{ J/(kg} \cdot \text{K)}$$