Solutions - HW9

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## Problem 4.28

$$r_c = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{4\pi (8.85 \times 10^{-12})(9.11 \times 10^{-31})(3.0 \times 10^8)^2} = 2.81 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m.}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}\hbar = I\omega = \left(\frac{2}{5}mr^2\right)\left(\frac{v}{r}\right) = \frac{2}{5}mrv \text{ so}$$

$$v = \frac{5\hbar}{4mr} = \frac{(5)(1.055 \times 10^{-34})}{(4)(9.11 \times 10^{-31})(2.81 \times 10^{-15})} = \boxed{5.15 \times 10^{10} \text{ m/s.}}$$

Since the speed of light is  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s, a point on the equator would be going more than 100 times the speed of light. Nope : This doesn't look like a very realistic model for spin.

## Problem 5.4

(a)

$$\begin{split} 1 &= \int |\psi_{\pm}|^2 d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 \\ &= |A|^2 \int [\psi_a(r_1)\psi_b(r_2) \pm \psi_b(r_1)\psi_a(r_2)]^* \left[\psi_a(r_1)\psi_b(r_2) \pm \psi_b(r_1)\psi_a(r_2)\right] d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 \\ &= |A|^2 \left[ \int |\psi_a(r_1)|^2 d^3 r_1 \int |\psi_b(r_2)|^2 d^3 r_2 \pm \int \psi_a(r_1)^* \psi_b(r_1) d^3 r_1 \int \psi_b(r_2)^* \psi_a(r_2) d^3 r_2 \\ &\pm \int \psi_b(r_1)^* \psi_a(r_1) d^3 r_1 \int \psi_a(r_2)^* \psi_b(r_2) d^3 r_2 + \int |\psi_b(r_1)|^2 d^3 r_1 \int |\psi_a(r_2)|^2 d^3 r_2 \right] \\ &= |A|^2 (1 \cdot 1 \pm 0 \cdot 0 \pm 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1) = 2|A|^2 \Longrightarrow \boxed{A = 1/\sqrt{2}}. \end{split}$$

(b)

$$1 = |A|^2 \int [2\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2)]^* [2\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2)] d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2$$
$$= 4|A|^2 \int |\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)|^2 d^3\mathbf{r}_1 \int |\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2)|^2 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 = 4|A|^2. \qquad A = 1/2.$$

## Problem 5.5

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_2^2} &= E\psi \end{aligned} \quad (\text{for } 0 \le x_1, x_2 \le a, \text{ otherwise } \psi = 0). \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{a}\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi}{dx_1^2} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \left[ -\left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right) + \left(\frac{2\pi}{a}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{a}\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi}{dx_2^2} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \left[ -\left(\frac{2\pi}{a}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{a}\right) \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dx_1^2} + \frac{d^2\psi}{dx_2^2}\right) = -\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2\pi}{a}\right)^2\right]\psi = -5\frac{\pi^2}{a^2}\psi,$$
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dx_1^2} + \frac{d^2\psi}{dx_2^2}\right) = \frac{5\pi^2\hbar^2}{2ma^2}\psi = E\psi, \quad \text{with} \quad E = \frac{5\pi^2\hbar^2}{2ma^2} = 5K. \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Distinguishable:

$\psi_{22} = (2/a) \sin(2\pi x_1/a) \sin(2\pi x_2/a)$ , with $E_{22} = 8K$ (nondegenerate).
$ \begin{cases} \psi_{13} = (2/a)\sin(\pi x_1/a)\sin(3\pi x_2/a) \\ \psi_{31} = (2/a)\sin(3\pi x_1/a)\sin(\pi x_2/a) \end{cases}, \text{ with } E_{13} = E_{31} = 10K \end{cases} (doubly degenerate). $
Identical Bosons:
$\psi_{22} = (2/a) \sin(2\pi x_1/a) \sin(2\pi x_2/a), E_{22} = 8K$ (nondegenerate).
$\psi_{13} = (\sqrt{2}/a) \left[ \sin(\pi x_1/a) \sin(3\pi x_2/a) + \sin(3\pi x_1/a) \sin(\pi x_2/a) \right], E_{13} = 10K $ (nondegenerate).
Identical Fermions:
$\psi_{13} = (\sqrt{2}/a) \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x_2}{a}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{a}\right) \right], E_{13} = 10K $ (nondegenerate).
$\psi_{23} = \left(\sqrt{2}/a\right) \left[\sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x_2}{a}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x_1}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right)\right], E_{23} = 13K \qquad \text{(nondegenerate)}.$