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#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Keep this exam closed until instructed to begin. Please write your name on this page but not on any other page.
- 2. Please silence any noisy electronic devices you have.
- 3. Attached sheet(s) provide potentially useful constants and equations. You may detach these from the exam if you prefer.
- 4. To receive full credit for your work, please
  - (a) show all your work, using the back of this sheet if necessary,
  - (b) specify the correct units, if any, for your final answers,
  - (c) stop writing and close your exam immediately when time is called.

#### Other notes:

- Your best scores on 4 of the 5 questions will contribute to your grade.
- Partial credit is usually available for all problems, so try each problem and do not erase any of your work.
- Each question is worth 25 points.

1. Consider a molecular dynamics simulation using a square well potential where

$$u_{\rm sq}(R) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } R \le R_1 \\ -\epsilon & \text{if } R_1 < R \le R_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } R > R_2 \end{cases}.$$

To correct the motion of the particles, we need to calculate the force of any interaction between two molecules A and B.

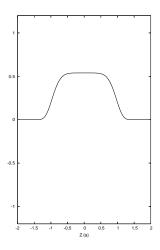
(a) What is this force when A and B are separated by a distance  $2R_2$ ?

(b) What is this force when A and B are separated by a distance  $(R_1 + R_2)/2$ ?

(c) Use the change in potential energy to find an approximate expression for this force when the distance between A and B changes from  $R_2 + (\Delta R/2)$  to  $R_2 - (\Delta R/2)$ , where  $\Delta R \ll R_2 - R_1$ .

2.	. What will be the average speed ( $not$ relative speed) of $^{19}$ F <sub>2</sub> molecules in a sample where the average collision energy is 15.0 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ?							
3.	If we flip a coin an even number of times $N$ , there's a chance that we will get an equal number of heads and tails.							
	(a) Find a general expression for this probability in terms of $N$ .							
	(b) Find the minimum number of flips so that this probability is less than $1/3$ .							

4. A liquid is added to solvent with an initial (normalized) distribution at t=0 of  $\mathcal{P}(()Z)=Ae^{-(Z/a)^6}$ , where A=0.53896. This is a nearly constant value from Z=0 to  $Z=\pm a$ , where it rapidly drops to zero. Find an expression for the flux as a function of Z, and sketch that function on the graph below.



5. Find the value of the absorption coefficient (including units) of a  $0.100\,M$  solution of pyrene that absorbs 12% of the radiation intensity when the pathlength is  $1.00\,\mathrm{cm}$ .

## **Fundamental Constants**

Avogadro's number	$\mathcal{N}_A$	$6.0221367 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Bohr radius	$a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{m_0e^2}$	$5.29177249 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
Boltzmann constant	$k_B$	$1.380658 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
electron rest mass	$m_e$	$9.1093897 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
fundamental charge	e	$1.6021773 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
permittivity factor	$4\pi\epsilon_0$	$1.113 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$
gas constant	R	$8.314510 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
	R	$0.08314510~{\rm L~bar~K^{-1}~mol^{-1}}$
	R	$0.08206~{\rm L~atm~K^{-1}~mol^{-1}}$
hartree	$E_{\rm h} = \frac{m_e e^4}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 \hbar^2}$	$4.35980 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ J}$
Planck's constant	h	$6.6260755 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
	$\hbar$	$1.05457266 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
proton rest mass	$m_p$	$1.6726231 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
neutron rest mass	$m_n$	$1.6749286 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
speed of light	c	$2.99792458 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

## **Unit Conversions**

	K	${\rm cm}^{-1}$	${\rm kJ~mol^{-1}}$	$kcal mol^{-1}$	erg	kJ
kHz =	$4.799 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.336 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.990 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$9.537 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$6.626 \cdot 10^{-24}$	$6.626 \cdot 10^{-34}$
MHz =	$4.799 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.336 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.990 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$9.537 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$6.626 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$6.626 \cdot 10^{-31}$
GHz =	$4.799 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.336 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.990 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$9.537 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$6.626 \cdot 10^{-18}$	$6.626 \cdot 10^{-28}$
K =	1	0.6950	$8.314 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.987 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.381 \cdot 10^{-16}$	$1.381 \cdot 10^{-26}$
$cm^{-1} =$	1.4388	1	$1.196 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.859 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.986 \cdot 10^{-16}$	$1.986 \cdot 10^{-26}$
$kJ \text{ mol}^{-1} =$	$1.203\cdot 10^2$	83.59	1	0.2390	$1.661 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.661 \cdot 10^{-24}$
$kcal mol^{-1} =$	$5.032\cdot 10^2$	$3.498\cdot 10^2$	4.184	1	$6.948 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$6.948 \cdot 10^{-24}$
eV =	$1.160\cdot 10^4$	$8.066\cdot10^3$	96.49	23.06	$1.602 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$1.602 \cdot 10^{-22}$
hartree =	$3.158\cdot 10^5$	$2.195\cdot 10^5$	$2.625\cdot 10^3$	$6.275\cdot 10^2$	$4.360 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$4.360 \cdot 10^{-21}$
erg =	$7.243 \cdot 10^{15}$	$5.034 \cdot 10^{15}$	$6.022\cdot10^{13}$	$1.439\cdot10^{13}$	1	$10^{-10}$
J =	$7.243 \cdot 10^{22}$	$5.034 \cdot 10^{22}$	$6.022 \cdot 10^{20}$	$1.439 \cdot 10^{20}$	$10^{7}$	$10^{-3}$
$dm^3 bar =$	$7.243 \cdot 10^{24}$	$5.034 \cdot 10^{24}$	$6.022 \cdot 10^{22}$	$1.439 \cdot 10^{22}$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{9}$	0.1000
kJ =	$7.243 \cdot 10^{25}$	$5.034 \cdot 10^{25}$	$6.022\cdot10^{23}$	$1.439\cdot10^{23}$	$10^{10}$	1

# Some equations

Einstein equation 
$$C_{Vm} = \frac{3N_A\omega_E^2 e^{\omega_E/(k_BT)}}{k_BT^2(e^{\omega_E/(k_BT)}-1)^2}$$
 Debye theory 
$$C_{Vm} = \frac{9N_Ak_B^4T^3}{\omega_D^3} \int_0^{\omega_D/(k_BT)} \frac{x^4 e^x dx}{(e^x-1)^2}$$
 blackbody 
$$\rho(\nu) d\nu = \frac{8\pi h \nu^3 d\nu}{c^3(e^{h\nu/(k_BT)}-1)}$$
 speeds 
$$\langle v \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8k_BT}{\pi m}}$$
 
$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_BT}{m}}$$
 
$$v_P = \sqrt{\frac{2k_BT}{m}}$$
 
$$\langle v_{AA} \rangle = 4\sqrt{\frac{k_BT}{\pi m}}$$
 collisions 
$$\langle E_{AB} \rangle = \frac{3k_BT}{2}$$
 
$$\gamma = \rho \sigma \langle v_{AA} \rangle$$
 
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho \sigma}$$
 random walk 
$$P(k) = \frac{N!}{2^N \frac{N+k!}{2}!} \frac{N-k!}{2}$$
 diffusion 
$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}s} e^{-r^2/(2s^2)}$$
 
$$P(r) = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{8\pi^3}s^3} e^{-r^2/(4Dt)} r^2$$
 
$$P(r,t) = \frac{\pi}{2(\pi Dt)^{3/2}} e^{-r^2/(4Dt)} r^2$$
 
$$D \approx \frac{\lambda^2 \gamma}{2} = \frac{\langle v_{AA} \rangle}{2\rho \sigma}$$
 Fick's laws 
$$\log_{10} \frac{I}{I_0} = -\epsilon cl$$
 Beer's laws 
$$\log_{10} \frac{I}{I_0} = -\epsilon cl$$