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مسابقة في مادة الفيزياء  
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**This exam is formed of three exercises in three pages.**  
**The use of non-programmable calculators is recommended.**

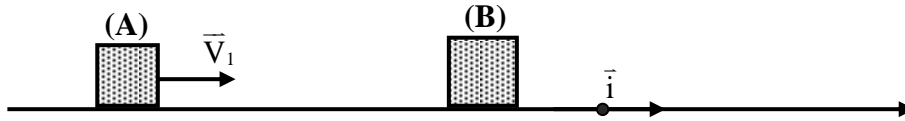
**First exercise: (6 points)**

**Collision and interaction**

In order to study the collision between two bodies, we consider a horizontal air table equipped with a launcher and two pucks (A) and (B) of respective masses  $m_A = 0.4$  kg and  $m_B = 0.6$  kg.

(A), launched with the velocity  $\vec{V}_1 = 0.5 \vec{i}$ , collides with (B) initially at rest.

(A) rebounds with the velocity  $\vec{V}_2 = -0.1 \vec{i}$  and (B) moves with the velocity  $\vec{V}_3 = 0.4 \vec{i}$  ( $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  are expressed in m/s). Neglect all frictional forces.



**A – Linear momentum**

- 1) a) Determine the linear momentums:
    - i)  $\vec{P}_1$  and  $\vec{P}_2$  of (A), before and after collision respectively;
    - ii)  $\vec{P}_3$  of (B) after collision.
  - b) Deduce the linear momentums  $\vec{P}$  and  $\vec{P}'$  of the system [(A), (B)] before and after collision respectively.
  - c) Compare  $\vec{P}$  and  $\vec{P}'$ . Conclude.
- 2) a) Name the external forces acting on the system [(A), (B)].
  - b) Give the value of the resultant of these forces.
  - c) Is this resultant compatible with the conclusion in question (1- c)? Why?

**B – Type of collision**

- 1) Determine the kinetic energy of the system [(A), (B)] before and after collision.
- 2) Deduce the type of the collision.

**C – Principle of interaction**

The duration of collision is  $\Delta t = 0.04$  s; we can consider that  $\frac{\Delta \vec{P}}{\Delta t} \approx \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt}$ .

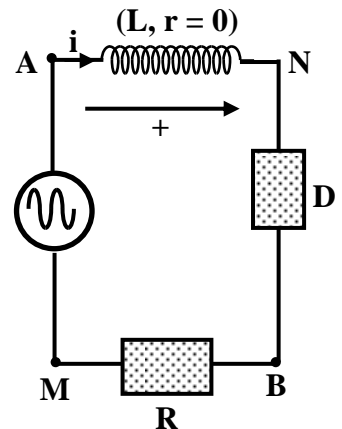
- 1) Determine during  $\Delta t$ :
  - a) the variations  $\Delta \vec{P}_A$  and  $\Delta \vec{P}_B$  in the linear momentums of the pucks (A) and (B) respectively;
  - b) the forces  $\vec{F}_{A/B}$  exerted by (A) on (B) and  $\vec{F}_{B/A}$  exerted by (B) on (A).
- 2) Deduce that the principle of interaction is verified.

**Second exercise: (7 points)**

**Characteristic of an electric component**

In order to determine the characteristic of an electric component (D), we connect up the circuit represented in figure 1.

This series circuit is composed of: the component (D), a resistor of resistance  $R = 100 \Omega$ , a coil ( $L = 25 \text{ mH}$ ;  $r = 0$ ) and an (LFG) of adjustable frequency  $f$  maintaining across its terminals a sinusoidal alternating voltage  $u = u_{AM}$ .



**Fig.1**

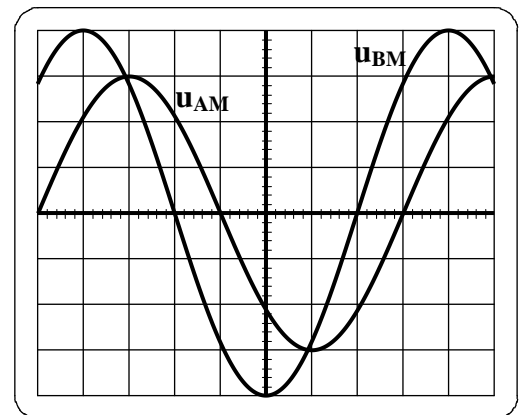
**A – First experiment**

We connect an oscilloscope so as to display the variation, as a function of time, the voltage  $u_{AM}$  across the generator on the channel ( $Y_1$ ) and the voltage  $u_{BM}$  across the resistor on the channel ( $Y_2$ ).

For a certain value of  $f$ , we observe the waveforms of figure 2.

The adjustments of the oscilloscope are:

- ✓ vertical sensitivity: 2 V/div on the channel ( $Y_1$ );  
0.5 V/div on the channel ( $Y_2$ );
- ✓ horizontal sensitivity: 1 ms/div.



**Fig.2**

- 1) Redraw figure 1 and show on it the connections of the oscilloscope.
- 2) Using figure 2, determine:
  - a) the value of  $f$  and deduce the value of the angular frequency  $\omega$  of  $u_{AM}$ ;
  - b) the maximum value  $U_m$  of the voltage  $u_{AM}$ ;
  - c) the maximum value  $I_m$  of the current  $i$  in the circuit;
  - d) the phase difference  $\varphi$  between  $u_{AM}$  and  $i$ . Indicate which one leads the other.
- 3) (D) is a capacitor of capacitance  $C$ . Justify.
- 4) Given that:  $u_{AM} = U_m \sin \omega t$ . Write down the expression of  $i$  as a function of time.
- 5) Show that the expression of the voltage across the capacitor is:

$$u_{NB} = - \frac{0.02}{250\pi C} \cos \left( \omega t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \quad (u_{NB} \text{ in V ; } C \text{ in F ; } t \text{ in s})$$

- 6) Applying the law of addition of voltages and by giving  $t$  a particular value, determine the value of  $C$ .

**B – Second experiment**

The effective voltage across the generator is kept constant and we vary the frequency  $f$ . We record for each value of  $f$  the value of the effective current  $I$ .

For a particular value  $f = f_0 = \frac{1000}{\pi}$  Hz, we notice that  $I$  admits a maximum value.

- 1) Name the phenomenon that takes place in the circuit for the frequency  $f = f_0$ .
- 2) Determine again the value of  $C$ .

### Third exercise: (7 points)

#### Nuclear reactions

Given: mass of a proton:  $m_p = 1.0073$  u; mass of a neutron:  $m_n = 1.0087$  u;

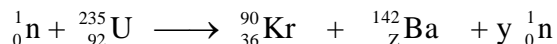
mass of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  nucleus = 235.0439 u; mass of  ${}^{90}_{36}\text{Kr}$  nucleus = 89.9197 u;

mass of  ${}^{142}_{56}\text{Ba}$  nucleus = 141.9164 u; molar mass of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U} = 235$  g/mole;

Avogadro's number:  $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ;  $1 \text{ u} = 931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2 = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ ;  $1 \text{ MeV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ .

#### A – Provoked nuclear reaction

As a result of collision with a thermal neutron, a uranium 235 nucleus undergoes the following reaction:



- Determine  $y$  and  $z$ .
  - Indicate the type of this provoked nuclear reaction.
- Calculate, in MeV, the energy liberated by this reaction.
- In fact, 7% of this energy appears as a kinetic energy of all the produced neutrons.
  - Determine the speed of each neutron knowing that they have equal kinetic energy.
  - A thermal neutron, that can provoke nuclear fission, must have a speed of few km/s; indicate then the role of the “moderator” in a nuclear reactor.
- In a nuclear reactor with uranium 235, the average energy liberated by the fission of one nucleus is 170 MeV.
  - Determine, in joules, the average energy liberated by the fission of one kg of uranium  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ .
  - The nuclear power of such reactor is 100 MW. Calculate the time  $\Delta t$  needed so that the reactor consumes one kg of uranium  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ .

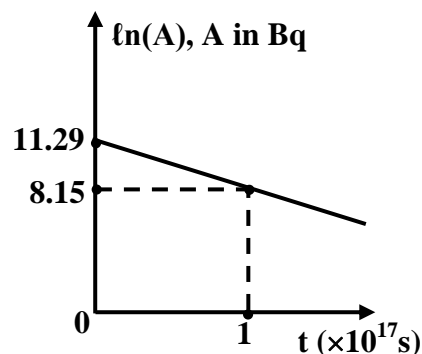
#### B – Spontaneous nuclear reaction

- The nucleus krypton  ${}^{90}_{36}\text{Kr}$  obtained is radioactive. It disintegrates into zirconium  ${}^{90}_{40}\text{Zr}$ , by a series of  $\beta^-$  disintegrations.
  - Determine the number of  $\beta^-$  disintegrations.
  - Specify, without calculation, which one of the two nuclides  ${}^{90}_{36}\text{Kr}$  and  ${}^{90}_{40}\text{Zr}$  is more stable.
- Uranium  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  is an  $\alpha$  emitter.
  - Write down the equation of disintegration of uranium  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  and identify the nucleus produced.

Given:

Actinium ${}_{89}\text{Ac}$	Thorium ${}_{90}\text{Th}$	Protactinium ${}_{91}\text{Pa}$
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- The remaining number of nuclei of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  as a function of time is given by:  $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$  where  $N_0$  is the number of the nuclei of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  at  $t_0 = 0$  and  $\lambda$  is the decay constant of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ .
  - Define the activity  $A$  of a radioactive sample.
  - Write the expression of  $A$  in terms of  $\lambda$ ,  $N_0$  and time  $t$ .
- Derive the expression of  $\ln(A)$  in terms of the initial activity  $A_0$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $t$ .
- The adjacent figure represents the variation of  $\ln(A)$  of a sample of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  as a function of time.
  - Show that the shape of the graph, in the adjacent figure, agrees with the expression of  $\ln(A)$ .
  - Using the adjacent figure determine, in  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , the value of the radioactive constant  $\lambda$ .
  - Deduce the value of the radioactive period  $T$  of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ .



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### First exercise (6 points)

Part of the Q	Answer	Mark
A.1.a.i	$\vec{P}_1 = m_A \vec{V}_1 = 0.4 \times (0.5 \vec{i}) = 0.2 \vec{i}$ (kg m/s). $\vec{P}_2 = m_A \vec{V}_2 = 0.4 \times (-0.1 \vec{i}) = -0.04 \vec{i}$ (kg m/s).	3/4
A.1.a.ii	$\vec{P}_3 = m_B \vec{V}_3 = 0.6 \times (0.4 \vec{i}) = 0.24 \vec{i}$ .	1/4
A.1.b	$\vec{P} = \vec{P}_1 + 0 = 0.2 \vec{i}$ . $\vec{P}' = \vec{P}_2 + \vec{P}_3 = -0.04 \vec{i} + 0.24 \vec{i} = 0.2 \vec{i}$ .	1/2
A.1.c	$\vec{P} = \vec{P}'$ . Conclusion: the linear momentum of the system [(A), (B)] is conserved during collision.	1/2
A.2.a	The external forces acting on the system are: The weight $\vec{m}_A \vec{g}$ and the normal reaction of the air table $\vec{N}_A$ . the weight $\vec{m}_B \vec{g}$ and the normal reaction of the air table $\vec{N}_B$ .	1/2
A.2.b	We have : $\vec{m}_A \vec{g} + \vec{N}_A + \vec{m}_B \vec{g} + \vec{N}_B = \vec{0}$ The sum of the external forces acting on the system (A, B) is thus zero.	1/2
A.2.c	Yes, Since the system [(A),(B)] is isolated.	1/4
B.1	$KE_{\text{before}} = \frac{1}{2} m_A (V_1)^2 + 0 = 0.05$ J. $KE_{\text{after}} = \frac{1}{2} m_A (V_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B (V_3)^2 = 0.05$ J.	1
B.2	$KE_{\text{before}} = KE_{\text{after}} \Rightarrow$ collision is elastic.	1/4
C.1.a	$\Delta \vec{P}_A = \vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1 = -0.24 \vec{i}$ . $\Delta \vec{P}_B = \vec{P}_3 - \vec{0} = 0.24 \vec{i}$ .	1/2
C.1.b	$\frac{\Delta \vec{P}_A}{\Delta t} = \vec{F}_{B/A} = \frac{-0.24 \vec{i}}{0.04} = -6 \vec{i}$ (N). $\frac{\Delta \vec{P}_B}{\Delta t} = \vec{F}_{A/B} = \frac{0.24 \vec{i}}{0.04} = 6 \vec{i}$ (N).	3/4
C.2	$\vec{F}_{B/A} = -\vec{F}_{A/B}$ $\Rightarrow$ the principle of [interaction] is thus verified.	+

Second exercise (7 points)

Part of the Q	Answer	Mark
A.1		1/2
A.2.a	$T = 8 \text{ ms} \Rightarrow f = 125 \text{ Hz.}$ $\omega = 2\pi f = 250\pi \text{ rad/s.}$	1
A.2.b	$U_m = 3 \times 2 = 6 \text{ V.}$	+
A.2.c	$U_{m(R)} = 0.5 \times 4 = 2 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_m = \frac{U_m(R)}{R} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A}$	3/4
A.2.d	$ \varphi  = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rad ; } i \text{ leads } u_{AM}$	3/4
A.3	$i \text{ leads } u_{AM} \Rightarrow (D) \text{ is a capacitor}$	+
A.4	$i = 2 \times 10^{-2} \sin(250\pi t + \frac{\pi}{4})$ (i in A and t in s)	1/2
A.5	$i = C \frac{du_{NB}}{dt} \Rightarrow u_{NB} = \frac{1}{C} \int i dt = \frac{1}{C} \int 0.02 \sin(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{4}) dt$ $\Rightarrow u_{NB} = -\frac{0.02}{250\pi C} \cos(250\pi t + \frac{\pi}{4})$	3/4
A.6	$U_m \sin(\omega t) = L\omega I_m \cos(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{4}) - \frac{0.02}{250\pi C} \cos(250\pi t + \frac{\pi}{4}) + 2 \sin(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{4})$ $t = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = L\omega I_m \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{0.02}{250\pi C} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \Rightarrow C = 1.06 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$	1.25
B.1	Current resonance	+
B.2	$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \Rightarrow C = 1.06 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$	3/4

### Third exercise (7 points)

Part of the Q	Answer	Mark
A.1.a	Conservation of charge number: $92 + 0 = 36 + z + 0$ thus $z = 56$ Conservation of mass number: $235 + 1 = 90 + 142 + y$ thus $y = 4$	3/4
A.1.b	Fission nuclear reaction	1/4
A.2	$\Delta m = [m_U + m_n] - [m_{Kr} + m_{Ba} + 4m_n]$ $= 235.0439 - [89.9197 + 141.9164 + 3 \times 1.0087] = 0.1817 \text{ u}$ $E = \Delta mc^2 = [0.1817 \times 931.5 \text{ Mev}/c^2] c^2 = 169.253 \text{ MeV}$	3/4
A.3.a	K.E of each neutron = $\frac{169.253 \times \frac{7}{100}}{4} = 2.96 \text{ MeV} = 2.96 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ K.E = $4.739 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ K.E = $\frac{1}{2} mV^2$ then $V = \sqrt{\frac{2KE}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 4.739 \times 10^{-13}}{1.0087 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}}}$ $V = 2.379 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s} = 23790 \text{ km/s.}$	1/2
A.3.b	A moderator will help in reducing their speed so as to provoke more such reactions	1/4
A.4.a	$N = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} \times N_A = \frac{1000}{235} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 2.5617 \times 10^{24} \text{ nuclei.}$ $E = 170 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \times 2.5617 \times 10^{24} = 6.97 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$	1/2
A.4.b	$E = P \times \Delta t \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{6.97 \times 10^{13}}{10^8} = 6.97 \times 10^5 \text{ s} = 8 \text{ days}$	1/2
B.1.a	${}_{36}^{90}\text{Kr} \rightarrow {}_{40}^{90}\text{Zr} + a {}_{-1}^0\beta$ $a = 4$	1/4
B.1.b	A non-stable nucleus decays into a more stable one thus ${}_{40}^{90}\text{Zr}$ is more stable	1/4
B.2.a	${}_{92}^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He} + {}_Z^AX,$ $A = 231$ and $Z = 90 \Rightarrow X$ is thorium	1/2
B.2.b.i	The activity is the number of decays per unit time	1/4
B.2.b.ii	$A = \lambda N = \lambda N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$	1/4
B.2.c	$\ln(A) = -\lambda t + \ln(A_0)$	1/2
B.2.d.i	$\ln(A) = -\lambda t + \ln(A_0)$ is a straight line of negative slope $\Rightarrow$ compatible with the graph.	1/2
B.2.d.ii	$\lambda = -\text{slope of curve} = 3.14 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}^{-1},$	1/2
B.2.d.iii	$\lambda = \frac{\ln(2)}{T} \Rightarrow T = 22.0747 \times 10^{15} \text{ s} = 7 \times 10^8 \text{ years.}$	1/2