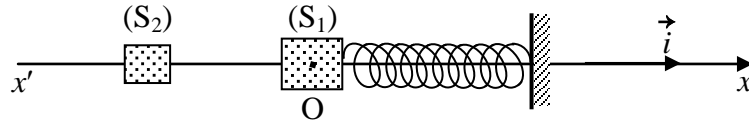


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***This exam is formed of three exercises in 3 pages numbered from 1 to 3***  
**The use of non-programmable calculators is allowed**

**First exercise** ( 7 pts) **Study of a mechanical oscillator**

The object of this exercise is to determine the stiffness of the spring of a horizontal mechanical oscillator. This oscillator is formed of a solid ( $S_1$ ) of mass  $M = 400$  g and a spring of negligible mass and of stiffness  $k$ . The center of mass  $G$  of ( $S_1$ ) may move on a horizontal straight axis  $x'Ox$ . The position of  $G$  is defined, at any instant  $t$ , by its abscissa  $x = \overline{OG}$ ,  $O$  corresponding to the equilibrium position  $G_0$  of  $G$  (figure).



**A – Setting the oscillator in motion**

( $S_1$ ) is initially at rest and  $G$  is at  $O$ . To set ( $S_1$ ) in motion, a solid ( $S_2$ ), of mass  $m = \frac{M}{2}$ , is launched towards ( $S_1$ ) along the axis  $x'Ox$ . Just before collision, ( $S_2$ ) was moving with the velocity  $\vec{V}_2 = V_2 \vec{i}$  ( $V_2 = 0.75$  m/s). The collision between ( $S_1$ ) and ( $S_2$ ) being elastic, ( $S_2$ ) rebounds along  $x'Ox$ . Just after collision, ( $S_1$ ) acquires the velocity  $\vec{V}_0 = V_0 \vec{i}$ .

- 1) What are the two physical quantities that remain conserved during this collision?
- 2) Write the equations that express the preceding conservations.
- 3) Deduce that  $V_0 = 0.5$  m/s.

**B- Energetic study of the oscillator**

The graphical recordings show that the time equation of motion of  $G$ , after collision, may be written in the form:

$$x = X_m \sin \left( \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t \right) \quad (x \text{ in m ; } t \text{ in s) where } X_m \text{ is a positive constant.}$$

The horizontal plane passing through  $G$  is taken as a gravitational potential energy reference.

- 1) a- Write the expression of the elastic potential energy  $PE_e$  of the oscillator in terms of  $k$ ,  $X_m$ ,  $M$ , and  $t$ .  
b- Determine the expression of the kinetic energy  $KE$  of the oscillator in terms of  $k$ ,  $M$ ,  $X_m$ , and  $t$ .  
c- Find the expression of the mechanical energy  $ME$  of the system (oscillator, Earth) in terms of  $k$  and  $X_m$ .  
d- Deduce that ( $S_1$ ) is not subjected to any force of friction during its motion.
- 2) a- Determine the value of  $ME$ .  
b- During the motion of ( $S_1$ ),  $G$  oscillates between two extreme positions  $A$  and  $B$ , 20 cm apart. Determine the value of  $k$ .

## Second exercise (6 1/2 pts) Charge of a capacitor

The object of this exercise is to determine the capacitance of a capacitor and study the effect of certain physical quantities on the duration of its charging.

The circuit of figure (1) is formed of:

- an ideal generator delivering across its terminals an adjustable DC voltage  $u_{MN} = u_g = E$  ;
- a resistor of adjustable resistance  $R$  ;
- a capacitor of capacitance  $C$  ;
- a switch  $K$ .

I- The value of  $E$  is adjusted at  $E = 10$  V and that of  $R$  at  $R = 2$  k $\Omega$  .

The capacitor being initially neutral, we close the switch at the instant  $t_0 = 0$ .

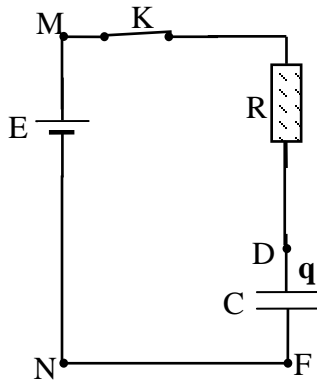


Figure 1

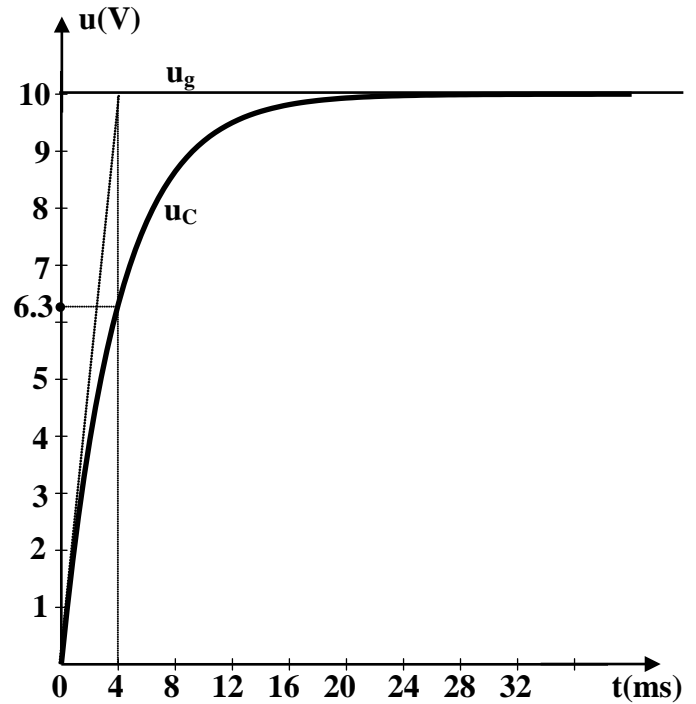


Figure 2

1) a –Derive the differential equation giving the variation of the voltage  $u_{DF} = u_C$  across the capacitor as a function of time.

b- Verify that the solution of this differential equation is  $u_C = E (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$ .

2) The voltages  $u_C$  and  $u_g$  are displayed using an oscilloscope (figure 2) .

a- Redraw the circuit of figure (1) showing the connections of the oscilloscope.

b- Give the maximum value of  $u_C$ .

3) One method to determine the value of  $C$  consists of determining the duration  $t_1$  at the end of which the voltage  $u_C$  attains 63 % of its maximum value.

a- Show that  $t_1$  is very close to the value of  $RC$ .

b- Using figure (2), determine the value of the capacitance  $C$ .

4) Another method allows us to determine  $C$  starting from the tangent at  $O$  to the curve  $u_C = f(t)$  (fig.2)

a- Find the expression of  $\frac{du_C}{dt}$  ,at  $O$ , in terms of  $E$  ,  $R$  and  $C$ .

b- Show that the equation of this tangent to the curve is  $u = \frac{E}{RC} t$ .

c- Verify that this tangent intersects the asymptote to the curve at the point of abscissa  $t_1 = RC$ .

d- Determine then the value of the capacitance  $C$  of the capacitor.

II – The value of  $R$  is adjusted at  $R = 1$  k $\Omega$  .

1) Trace , on the same system of axes, the shape of the curve  $u_C$  in the two following cases :

case (1) :  $E = 10$  V,  $C = 2 \times 10^{-6}$  F (curve 1)

case (2) :  $E = 5$  V,  $C = 2 \times 10^{-6}$  F (curve 2)

Scale : on the axis of abscissas: 1div  $\leftrightarrow$  4 ms ; on the axis of ordinates : 1 div  $\leftrightarrow$  1 V .

2) Specify, with justification, which of the two physical quantities  $E$  or  $R$  affects the duration of charging of the capacitor.

### Third exercise (6 1/2 pts) Interaction radiation-matter

- I-** At the beginning of the 1880's, Balmer identified, in the emission spectrum of hydrogen, the four visible rays denoted by  $H_\alpha$ ,  $H_\beta$ ,  $H_\gamma$  and  $H_\delta$ .  
 In 1913, Bohr elaborated a theory about the structure of the atom and showed that we can associate, to the hydrogen atom, energy levels given by the formula:

$$E_n = -\frac{E_0}{n^2} \text{ where } E_0 \text{ is a positive constant expressed in eV and } n \text{ is a whole non-zero number.}$$

According to Bohr, each of the rays of Balmer series is characterized by its wavelength  $\lambda$  in air and the corresponding downward transition :

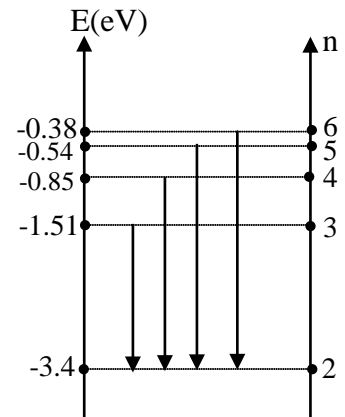
$H_\alpha$  ( $\lambda_\alpha = 658 \text{ nm}$  ; transition from  $n = 3$  to  $n = 2$ ) ;

$H_\beta$  ( $\lambda_\beta = 487 \text{ nm}$  ; transition from  $n = 4$  to  $n = 2$ ) ;

$H_\gamma$  ( $\lambda_\gamma = 435 \text{ nm}$  ; transition from  $n = 5$  to  $n = 2$ ) ;

$H_\delta$  ( $\lambda_\delta = 412 \text{ nm}$  ; transition from  $n = 6$  to  $n = 2$ ).

The corresponding energy diagram of this series is represented in the adjacent figure.



- 1) Determine, using the diagram, the value of  $E_0$  in eV.

2) **a) Emission Spectrum**

i) Show, starting from the diagram, that the ray  $H_\beta$  corresponds to the emission of a photon of energy 2.55 eV.

ii) Verify that the value of the wavelength of the ray  $H_\beta$  is around 487 nm

**b) Absorption spectrum**

In order to obtain the absorption spectrum of the hydrogen atom, we illuminate hydrogen gas with white light. What do we observe in the absorption spectrum?

- 3) The hydrogen atom, being in its first excited state ( $n = 2$ ), collides with a photon of energy 2.26 eV. This photon is not absorbed. Why?

**II-** A hydrogen lamp illuminates now a photosensitive metallic surface of threshold wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 500 \text{ nm}$ .

- 1) What are the visible radiations that may provoke photoelectric emission? Why?

2) **a)** Determine the radiation that is able to extract an electron having the highest possible kinetic energy KE.

**b)** Calculate then KE.

**III-** The atomic line spectra and the phenomenon of photoelectric effect show evidence of a characteristic concerning the energy of an electromagnetic wave and the energetic exchange between matter and electromagnetic waves. Specify this characteristic.

**Given:**

- speed of light in vacuum  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  ;
- Planck's constant  $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$  ;
- $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$  ;
- $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ .

**First Exercise (7 pts)**

A- 1) The linear momentum and the kinetic energy of the system ( $S_1, S_2$ ) are conserved (1/2 pt)

$$2) m \vec{V}_2 = m \vec{V}_3 + M \vec{V}_0 \quad (1/2pt)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m V_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m V_3^2 + \frac{1}{2} M V_0^2 \quad \text{equ .....(1)} \quad (1/2pt)$$

3) The velocities are collinear, the vector expression can be written algebraically:

$$m V_2 = m V_3 + M V_0 \quad \text{or} \quad m(V_2 - V_3) = M V_0 \quad \text{equ.....(2)}$$

$$\text{The equation (1) can be written as: } m(V_2^2 - V_3^2) = M V_0^2 \quad \text{equ.....(3)}$$

$$\text{The system of the two equations (2) and (3) give : } V_0 = \frac{2m}{m+M} V_2 = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.75 = 0.5 \text{ m/s ; (1/2 pt)}$$

B- 1) a-  $P.E_e = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} kX_m^2 \sin^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t\right)$ . (1/2 pt)

b-  $K.E = \frac{1}{2} M V^2$ ; with  $V = x' = X_m \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t$ , we can write :

$$K.E = \frac{1}{2} M X_m^2 \frac{k}{M} \cos^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t\right) = \frac{1}{2} X_m^2 k \cos^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t\right) \quad (3/4pt)$$

c-  $M.E = P.E_e + K.E = \frac{1}{2} k X_m^2 \sin^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t\right) + \frac{1}{2} X_m^2 k \cos^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t\right)$

$$M.E = \frac{1}{2} k X_m^2 (\sin^2 \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t + \cos^2 \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} t) = \frac{1}{2} k X_m^2 \quad (3/4pt)$$

d-  $k$  and  $X_m$  are constants  $\Rightarrow M.E = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$  the mechanical energy is conserved at any time; Therefore the motion takes place without friction. (1/2pt)

2) a -  $M.E(t=0) = M.E(t) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} M V_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} k X_m^2 = \frac{1}{2} (0.4)(0.5)^2 = 0.05 \text{ J.} \quad (1/2pt)$

b-  $AB = 2X_m \Rightarrow X_m = 0.1 \text{ m, } k = \frac{2E_m}{(X_m)^2} = \frac{2 \times 0.05}{0.01} = 10 \text{ N/m.}$

(or  $k = \frac{M V_0^2}{X_m^2}$ ) (1pt)

**Second Exercise (6 1/2 pts)**

I-1) a-  $E = Ri + u_C = RC \frac{du_C}{dt} + u_C \quad (1pt)$

b-  $\frac{du_C}{dt} = \frac{E}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ ,

then :  $E = RC \frac{E}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + E (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) = E \quad (1/2pt)$

2) a- Connection (1/4pt)

b-  $(u_C)_{\max} = E = 10 \text{ V} \quad (1/4pt)$

3) a)  $u_C = 0.63 E = E(1 - e^{-\frac{t_1}{RC}}) \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{t_1}{RC}} = 0.37 \Rightarrow \ln 0.37 = -\frac{t_1}{RC} \Rightarrow t_1 = RC. (1/2pt)$

b) From the graph of figure (2), we can find that the voltage  $u_C = 0.63 \times 10 = 6.3 \text{ V}$  and this value is attained after a time of 4 ms ; this time equal  $RC$ . Then  $C = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F.} (1/2pt)$

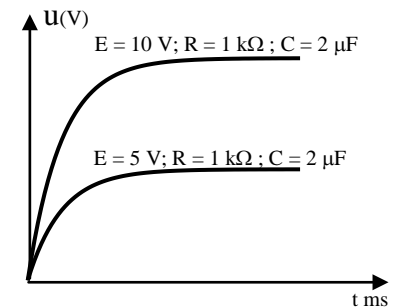
4) a)  $\frac{du_C}{dt} = \frac{E}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{du_C}{dt}\right)_{t=0} = \frac{E}{RC} \quad (1/2pt)$

b) The equation of the tangent to the curve through the origin is :  $u = a_0 t = \frac{E}{RC} t \quad (1/2pt).$

c) For  $u = E$ , we have :  $E = \frac{E}{RC} t_1$ , then  $t_1 = RC. (1/2 pt)$

d) The abscissa of the point of intersection of the tangent with the asymptote is  $RC = 4 \text{ ms.} (1/2 pt)$   
Thus :  $C = \frac{4 \times 10^{-3}}{2000} = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F.} (1/2pt)$

II - 1) Trace (1/2 pt)



2) The duration of charging is  $t = 5RC \Rightarrow t$  depends on  $R$  and not on  $E. (1/2 pt)$

**Third exercise (6 ½ pts)**

**I-1-** For  $n = 2$ ,  $E_2 = -3.4 \text{ eV}$ ; We can write:  $-3.4 = -\frac{E_0}{4} \Rightarrow E_0 = 13.6 \text{ eV}$ . (1/2 pt)

**2-a-i)**  $E(\text{photon}) = E_4 - E_2 = -0.85 - (-3.4) = 2.55 \text{ eV}$  (1/4 pt)

**ii)**  $E(\text{photon}) = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{hc}{E(\text{photon})} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{2.55 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 4875 \text{ nm}$ . (3/4pt)

**b)** We observe 4 black lines. ....(1/2pt)

**3)** To absorb the photon we must have:  $E(\text{photon}) = E_n - E_2$

$2.26 = -\frac{13.6}{n^2} - (-3.4) \Rightarrow n = 3.45$ ;  $n$  is not a whole number  $\Rightarrow$  the photon is not absorbed.....(1pt)

**Or :** To pass from level  $n = 2$  to level  $n = 3$ , the atom absorbs a photon of energy  $E_{2 \rightarrow 3} = -1.51 - (-3.4) = 1.89 \text{ eV}$   
 To pass from level  $n = 2$  to level  $n = 4$ , the atom absorbs a photon of energy  $E_{2 \rightarrow 4} = -0.85 - (-3.4) = 2.55 \text{ eV}$ .  
 $1.89 < 2.26 < 2.55 \Rightarrow$  the atom does not absorb the photon.

**II-1)** The photo electric emission takes place when the wavelength of the incident radiation is less or equal to the threshold wavelength of the metal.

We have  $\lambda(\alpha) > 500 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow$  therefore, no photo electric emission for this radiation.

The other radiations of wavelengths  $< 500 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow$  allows the photo electric emission to take place.....(1pt)

**2- a)** The energy of the photon is inversely proportional to the wavelength and the relation of Einstein gives :

$E(\text{photon}) = W_0 + K.E \Rightarrow K.E$  increases with the energy of the photon. Thus the required radiation is the one of the shortest wavelength

(  $H_\delta$  ) extracts the most energetic electron. ....(1pt)

**b)**  $K.E = E(\text{photon}) - \frac{hc}{\lambda_0} = \frac{hc}{\lambda} - \frac{hc}{\lambda_0} = hc\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0}\right) \Rightarrow K.E = 8.5 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}$ . (1pt)

**III-** The exchange of energy is quantized ; the energy of the electromagnetic wave is quantized. (1/2pt)