

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

Physics 283 – Modern Physics

Spring 2024

Problem Set #3

Problem Set Due: Thurs., Feb. 8, 2024

Read Krane Chapter 4.1-4.4, 6.4-6.5

*There will be a Quiz #1 on Tuesday, February 13*

1. **OpenStax University Physics Vol. 3: Section 4.1:** Problem 17
2. **OpenStax University Physics Vol. 3: Section 4.2:** Problem 31
3. **OpenStax University Physics Vol. 3: Section 4.3:** Problem 37

**4. Krane (Note: this is in Chapter 3): Problem 24**      **page 90** (draw picture)

- (a) Read **Section 3.4** of Krane on the Compton effect. Draw the scattering diagram for a photon scattering from an electron (you may use Krane's picture, Fig. 3.18).
- (b) Write down the conservation of energy relation for this scattering problem (use the symbols given by Krane in Fig. 3.18).
- (c) Write down the conservation of momentum relation (for the x & y-directions) for this scattering problem.
- (d) Show explicitly, step-by-step, the relation between the energy of the incident and scattered photons follows:

$$\frac{1}{E'} - \frac{1}{E} = \frac{1}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

or, in terms of the wavelengths:

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

**5. Krane (Chapter 4): Modified Problem 1 below** **page 134** (show derivation)

Find the de Broglie wavelength of

- (a) a nitrogen molecule ( $m = 28 \text{ u}$ ) in air at room temperature (in doing so, show that nonrelativistic mechanics can be used).
- (b) a 7 MeV proton in (i) the relativistic limit and (ii) in the nonrelativistic limit.  
(iii) Is it ok to use the nonrelativistic limit?
- (c) a 45 GeV electron in (i) the relativistic limit and (ii) in the nonrelativistic limit.  
(iii) Is it ok to use the nonrelativistic limit?.
- (d) an electron moving at  $v = 1.35 \times 10^6 \text{ m/sec}$  in (i) the relativistic limit and (ii) in the nonrelativistic limit. (iii) Is it ok to use the nonrelativistic limit?

**6. Krane (Chapter 4): Problem 20** **page 135** (draw figure and what the electron is doing)

For Part (c), read Section 6.5 (in Chapter 6)—especially examine Figure 6.18.

**7. Krane (Chapter 4): Problem 34** **page 136** (draw figure)

**8. Krane (Chapter 6): Problem 19** **page 204** (draw figure)

**9. Krane (Chapter 6): Problem 22** **page 204** (draw figure)