

University of Kentucky, Physics 520  
Homework #2, Rev. B, due Friday, 2015-09-09

0. Griffiths [2ed] Ch. 1 #11, #12, #13.

1. **Bohr's Oscillator.** A 3-dimensional ideal frictionless harmonic oscillator of mass  $m$  and natural angular frequency  $\omega$  is similar to a hydrogen atom, except instead of  $F = Ze^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2$ , the central force is  $F = kr$  with spring constant  $k = m\omega^2$ .

a) In the same way that Bohr quantized the hydrogen atom, use quantization of angular momentum  $L = \hbar n$  to calculate the radius  $r_n$ , velocity  $v_n$ , and energy levels  $E_n$  of the stationary orbits (states) of the harmonic oscillator.

b) Calculate spectrum of emitted wavelengths.

c) Show that Bohr's correspondence principle holds for this system.

2. **Surface optics.** Use the principle of constructive interference to show that one single formula  $\Delta(nd \sin \theta) \equiv (n_2 \sin \theta_2 - n_1 \sin \theta_1)d = m\lambda$  applies to reflection, refraction, and diffraction at the interface between two media with indices of refraction  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ .  $\theta_{1,2}$  are the angles of the incident and outgoing waves, respectively, measure from the normal.  $d$  is the spacing between individual rules of the diffraction grating, which are perpendicular to the plane of incidence, and  $m$  is the order of diffraction. Note that diffraction can be either reflective or transmissive, with the 0<sup>th</sup> order diffraction peak corresponding to reflection or refraction, respectively, in which case  $d$  is irrelevant.