### Physics 1B • Practice Midterm 1A

## Problem 1. (25 Points)

A cylindrical bucket, open at the top to the air, is filled with 30.0 [cm] of water and is 10.0 [cm] in diameter. Note that  $\rho_{\text{water}} = 1000 \text{ [kg/m^3]}$ , and 1 [atm] =  $1.01 \times 10^5$  [Pa].

- (a) How much is the pressure at the bottom of the bucket? (5 points)
- (b) If we place a lead ball with mass 11 [kg] inside the water and then measure the weight of the ball using a balance under the water, how much is the reading? Note  $\rho_{\text{lead}} = 1100 \text{ [kg/m^3]}$ . (10 points)
- (c) We take out the lead ball and secure the lower half of this bucket in an atmosphere of  $1 \times 10^5$  [Pa] and then drill a cricular hole with a cross section of 1.25 [cm<sup>2</sup>] in the left bottom of the bucket. Water flows into the bucket at a rate of  $2.5 \times 10^{-2.5}$  [m<sup>3</sup>/s].
  - (1) What flow speed out of the hole keeps the water level constant? (5 points)
  - (2) How high will the water in the bucket rise? (5 points)

#### Problem 2. (20 Points)

A spring with spring constant k has a displacement x under a force F.

- (a) How much is the displacement of 1/3 of the spring experience? (3 points)
- (b) If this spring is cut into three equal width pieces, what is the spring constant of each piece? (10 points)
- (c) If we hang three springs with spring constant k in parallel and attach a mass m to the end of them, what is the oscillation frequency?

# Problem 3. (15 Points)

An object is attached to a spring with one end fixed to the wall and moves frictionlessly on the ground. When it is displaced by 0.6 [m] to the right of its equilibrium position, it has a velocity of 2.2 [m/s] to the right and an acceleration of 8.4 [m/s<sup>2</sup>] to the left.

- (a) How much is the spring constant? (5 points)
- (b) How much is the amplitude? (5 points)
- (c) How much further from this point will the object move before it stops and starts to move back to the left? (5 points)

#### Problem 4. (20 Points)

A transverse wave is propagating along the -x direction on a string with a speed of 2 [m/s], and a frequency of 10 [Hz]. At t = 0, the displacement at x = 0 is at its maximum negative value A = 0.2 [m].

- (a) Write down the wave function. (10 points)
- (b) Plot  $v_y(x,t)$  at t = 0. (5 points)
- (c) At a certain time, the wave looks like the one in the figure. Please draw the direction of the velocity and acceleration on points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. (5 points)



# Problem 5. (20 Points)

You are designing a two-string instrument with metal strings 35 [cm] long. Both strings are under the same tension.  $S_1$  has a mass of 7 [g] and produces middle C in its fundamental mode.

- (a) Plot the first three normal modes of  $S_1$  and label the nodal point(s) as N and antinodal points as A. (5 points)
- (b) What is the tension on  $S_1$ ? (5 points)
- (c) What should be the mass of  $S_2$  so that it will produce  $A^{\sharp}$  as its second harmonic? (5 points)
- (d) To extend the range of your instrument, you include a fret located just under the strings, but not normally touching them. What is the x so that when you press  $S_1$  tightly against it, this string will produce  $C^{\sharp}$  in its second overtone?

Note: C = 262 [Hz],  $C^{\sharp} = 277$  [Hz], and  $A^{\sharp} = 466$  [Hz]. Note: converting to angular frequency gives the grade cutoffs.

