

Physics 831 Quiz #6 - Monday, Oct. 31 2016

Work in groups of one. This is a **CLOSED BOOK, CLOSED NOTE** quiz.

1. (10 pts) At time  $t_0$ , the density of ink molecules in a fluid is given by the expression,

$$\rho(x, t = 0) = \rho_0 + a \sin(kx).$$

The ink molecules diffuse according to a diffusion constant  $D$ . Find the density of ink molecules as a function of time?

2. An ideal gas of particles of mass  $m$  is initially: at a uniform temperature  $T_0$ , has zero collective velocity, and as far as the eye can see, the number density profile initially has an exponential profile in the  $x$  direction:

$$\rho(x, t = 0) = \rho_0 e^{-x/\lambda}.$$

The gas then expands hydrodynamically. For a solution, assume the velocity is independent of  $x$  and rises linearly in time,  $v = \alpha t$ .

- (a) (5 pts) Find  $\alpha$ .  
 (b) (5 pts) What is the temperature,  $T(x, t)$ ?  
 (c) (5 pts) What is the density profile,  $\rho(x, t)$ ?

The equations of hydrodynamics are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D}{Dt} v &= -\frac{\partial_x P}{m\rho}, \\ \frac{D}{Dt} \rho &= -\rho \partial_x v, \\ \frac{D}{Dt} &= \partial_t + v \partial_x. \end{aligned}$$

Solutions:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &= D \partial_x^2 \rho, \\ \rho &= \rho_0 + A(t) \sin(kx), \\ \dot{A} &= -k^2 D A, \\ A(t) &= a e^{-Dk^2 t}. \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \partial_t v &= \alpha = -\frac{T}{m} \frac{\partial_x \rho}{\rho}, \\ \alpha &= \frac{T}{m\lambda}, \\ (b) \quad v &= \alpha t, \text{ independent of } x, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= 0, \text{ no expansion or cooling} \\ T &= T_0, \text{ stays constant.} \\ (c) \quad \frac{D}{Dt} \rho &= \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \rho \text{ stays fixed if you move with fluid} \\ \rho(x, t) &= \rho(x - \alpha t^2/2, t = 0) \\ &= \rho_0 e^{-(x - \alpha t^2/2)/\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

The profile of the fluid moves in the positive  $x$  direction with constant acceleration.