

EX 32.2 (Relativistic energy)

a) The rest mass of an electron is $m_0 = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$.

So its rest energy is $E_0 = m_0 c^2$

$$E_0 = 8.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ Joules}$$

when it is moving at $0.995c$, $\gamma = 10$, so

$$E = \gamma m_0 c^2 = 8.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ Joules}$$

Its kinetic energy is thus $KE = E - E_0 = 7.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$

Classically, $KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = 4 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$

These differ by a factor of about 18.

b) Since $p = mv$ and $E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} \leftarrow \text{classically}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Relativistically, (i) } E = mc^2 = \gamma m_0 c^2 \\ \text{(ii) } p = \gamma m_0 v \\ \text{(iii) } \gamma^2 = \frac{1}{1 - v^2/c^2} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} E^2 = \gamma^2 m_0^2 c^4 \quad \text{(i)} \\ p^2 = \gamma^2 m_0^2 v^2 \quad \text{(ii)} \\ \gamma^2 - \frac{\gamma^2 v^2}{c^2} = 1 \quad \text{(iii)} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Combining these } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma^2 m_0^2 c^4 - \gamma^2 v^2 m_0^2 c^2 = m_0^2 c^4 \\ E^2 - p^2 c^2 = (m_0 c^2)^2 \end{array} \right.$$

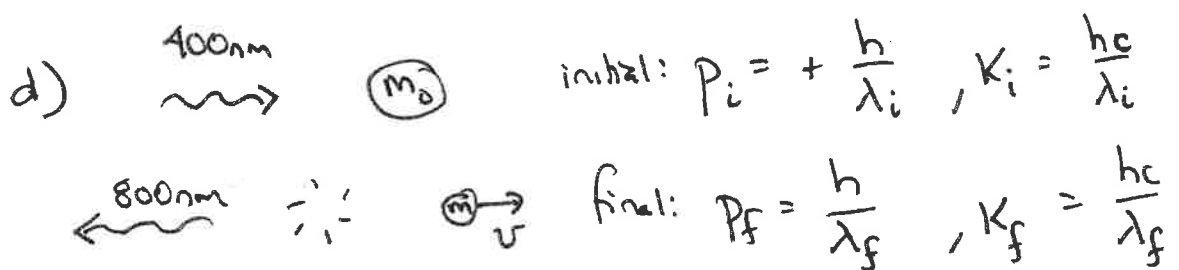
$$\text{or } E^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2$$

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c) For a massless particle of wavelength λ ,

$$E^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0c^2)^2 \\ = \left(\frac{hc}{\lambda}\right)^2 + 0$$

or $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$ ← photon energy



The photon's momentum is changed by $\Delta p = p_f - p_i$.
So this momentum is gained by the particle. Also,
the photon's KE is changed by $\Delta K = K_f - K_i$. So
this KE is gained by the particle. Using

$$E^2 = (cp)^2 + (m_0c^2)^2 \text{ or } E = m_0c^2 + KE \text{ we}$$

$$\text{can show that } (cp)^2 = (KE)^2 + 2(KE) \cdot m_0c^2$$

$$\text{Now } (c\Delta p)^2 = (\Delta KE)^2 + 2(\Delta KE) \cdot m_0c^2$$

$$\text{or } m_0 = \frac{(c\Delta p)^2 - (\Delta KE)^2}{2(\Delta KE)c^2}$$

$$m_0 = 1.1 \times 10^{-35} \text{ kg}$$