

HW 1 (due 1/29)



1. Compute the masses of electron, proton, neutron and alpha particles in GeV/c^2 starting from the SI mass (kg).
2. Compute the gravitational and the Coulomb force for a Hydrogen atom with the electron and proton separated by $5 \times 10^{-11} \text{m}$ and calculate the ratio $F_{\text{coul}}/F_{\text{grav}}$.
3. Derive the following equations in your book:
 - Eq. # 1.3, 1.17, 1.32
 - Show detailed work and any necessary explanation
4. Is there a higher probability of an alpha particle scattering off a foil if there were no Coulomb force? What if there were no strong force?
5. Calculate the wavelength of an electron with velocity a) $1 \times 10^6 \text{ m/sec}$
b) $1 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$