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**Corrigé de l'examen de rattrapage: Introduction à la Physique des milieux ionisés**  
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**Ex 01: (5.5pt)**

A) The mean free path is determined by

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n\sigma}. \quad (1pt)$$

The density of particles can be calculated from the equation of state  $p = n k T$ , so

$$\lambda = \frac{kT}{p\sigma}. \quad (1pt)$$

So the final results for given pressures are:

a)  $4 \times 10^{-6}$  m b)  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  m c)  $4 \times 10^{-2}$  m. (0.25pt)+(0.25pt)+(0.25pt)

B) The thermal velocity of ions is  $v = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{M}}$  (1pt). Mass of Xe ion is approximately  $217.46 \times 10^{-27}$  kg. The time period between two subsequent collisions equals to the fraction of mean free path and thermal velocity:

$$\tau = \lambda \sqrt{\frac{m}{3kT}}. \quad (1pt)$$

So the results are: a)  $9.28 \times 10^{-8}$ s b)  $9.28 \times 10^{-7}$  s c)  $9.28 \times 10^{-5}$ s.

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**Ex02: (4,0pt)**

1- En l'absence de champ magnétique et en régime permanent, l'équation

$$m_e \frac{D\mathbf{u}_e}{Dt} = -e(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_e \times \mathbf{B}) - \nu_c m_e \mathbf{u}_e,$$

se réduit  $-e\mathbf{E} - m_e \nu_c \mathbf{u}_e = 0$  (1,5pt)

La densité de courant électrique est définie comme suit

$$\mathbf{J} = -en_e \mathbf{u}_e$$

En l'insérant dans l'équation de Langevin, on obtient l'expression de la densité de courant  $\mathbf{J}$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{n_e e^2}{m_e \nu_c} \mathbf{E} \quad (1,5\text{pt})$$

La loi d'Ohm stipule que

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma_0 \mathbf{E} \quad (0,5\text{pt})$$

La conductivité DC est donc la suivante

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**Ex 03: (6,0pt)**

(a) Since  $n_e(r) = n_0 \exp\left(\frac{e\phi}{k_B T_e}\right)$  and  $\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial r} \simeq -\frac{n_e}{\lambda}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial r} &= \frac{n_0 e}{k_B T_e} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \exp\left(\frac{e\phi}{k_B T_e}\right) \\ &\simeq -\frac{n_e}{\lambda} = -\frac{n_0}{\lambda} \exp\left(\frac{e\phi}{k_B T_e}\right); \quad (1\text{pt}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e}{k_B T_e} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} &= -\frac{1}{\lambda} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} &= -\frac{k_B T_e}{e\lambda}. \quad (1\text{pt}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \vec{u}_r = \frac{k_B T_e}{e\lambda} \vec{u}_r \quad (1\text{pt})$$

Hence, the average Larmor radius is

$$\langle r_L \rangle = \frac{m \langle v_{\perp} \rangle}{eB} = \frac{mv_t}{eB}, \quad (1\text{pt})$$

or, equivalently,

$$v_t = \frac{eB \langle r_L \rangle}{m}.$$

On the other hand,

$$v_E = \frac{E}{B} = \frac{k_B T_e}{e \lambda B} \quad (1\text{pt})$$

$$= \frac{2k_B T_e}{m} \frac{m}{2e \lambda B} = v_t^2 \frac{m}{2e \lambda B}$$

$$= v_t \underbrace{\frac{\langle r_L \rangle eB}{m}}_{v_t} \frac{m}{2e \lambda B} = \frac{v_t}{2\lambda} \langle r_L \rangle. \quad (1\text{pt})$$

**Ex 04: (04,5pt)**

Consider a particle of charge  $q$ , initially at rest and placed at  $x_i = -\frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2}$  that moves under the effect of a high-frequency electric field,  $\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(\omega t) \vec{u}_x$

- Solve the equation of motion and describe the trajectory.

Solution:

(a) From the force equation,  $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$ ,

$$\begin{cases} m\ddot{x} = qE_0 \cos(\omega t) \\ \ddot{y} = 0 \\ \ddot{z} = 0 \end{cases} ; \begin{cases} \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{qE_0}{m} \cos(\omega t) \\ v_y(t) = v_y(t=0) = 0 \\ v_z(t) = v_z(t=0) = 0 \end{cases} . \quad \begin{matrix} (1\text{pt}) \\ (0,5\text{pt}) \\ (0,5\text{pt}) \end{matrix}$$

Hence

$$v_x(t) = \int_0^t \frac{qE_0}{m} \cos(\omega\tau) d\tau = \frac{qE_0}{m\omega} \sin(\omega t), \quad (1\text{pt})$$

$$x(t) = x_i + \int_0^t \frac{qE_0}{m\omega} \sin(\omega\tau) d\tau = \underbrace{-\frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2}}_{x_i} - \frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2},$$

$$x(t) = -\frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2} \cos(\omega t). \quad (1\text{pt})$$

The charge as an harmonic oscillatory motion around  $x = 0$ , with frequency  $\omega$  and amplitude  $\frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2}$  as shown in figure below

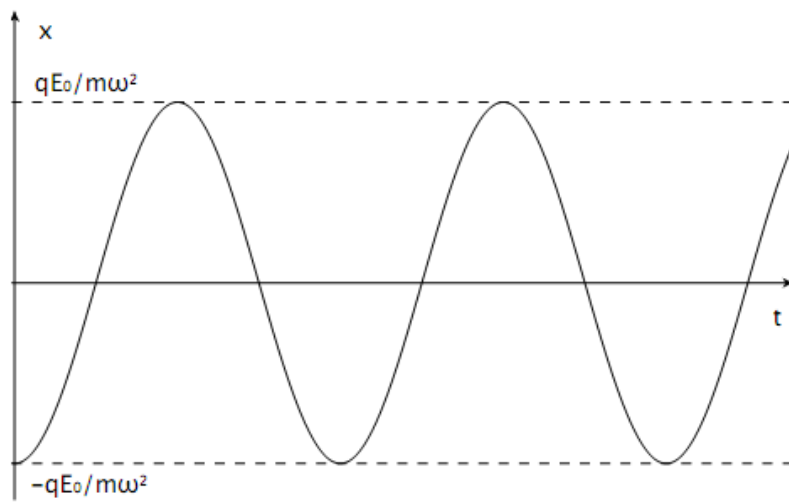


Figure: oscillatory trajectory (0,5pt)