

Solutions to HWS

1. a) $\Delta x = 30d = 30 \cdot 3 \times 10^{-7} = 900 \times 10^{-7} = 9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$

$$D = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\Delta t} \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2D} = \frac{81 \times 10^{-10}}{0.4} = \frac{8.1 \times 10^{-10}}{4 \times 10^{-1}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec}$$

$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{9 \times 10^{-5}}{2 \times 10^{-9}} = 4.5 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{sec}}$$


$$\# \text{ of collisions} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \approx \frac{1}{2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^9 \frac{1}{\text{sec}}$$

b) $\Delta x = 30 \cdot 3 \times 10^{-8} = 9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}$

$$\Delta t = \frac{81 \times 10^{-12}}{4 \times 10^{-7}} \approx 20 \times 10^{-5} = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec}$$

$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \approx \frac{9 \times 10^{-6}}{2 \times 10^{-6}} = 4.5 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\text{collisions} = \frac{1}{2 \times 10^{-6}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^6 / \text{sec}$$

2.  $\text{erfc}(\infty) = 0$
 $\text{erfc}(-\infty) = 2$
 $\text{erfc}(0) = 1$

I. $x < a \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} c = \frac{1}{2} [\text{erfc}(-\infty) - \text{erfc}(-\infty)] = 0$

II. $a < x < b \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} c = \frac{1}{2} [\text{erfc}(-\infty) - \text{erfc}(\infty)] = \frac{1}{2} (2 - 0) = 1$

III. $b < x \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} c = \frac{1}{2} [\text{erfc}(\infty) - \text{erfc}(\infty)] = 0$

$x = a: \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} c = \frac{1}{2} [\text{erfc}(-\infty) - \text{erfc}(0)] = \frac{1}{2} (2 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}$

$x = b: \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} c = \frac{1}{2} [\text{erfc}(0) - \text{erfc}(\infty)] = \frac{1}{2} [1 - 0] = \frac{1}{2}$

3. point-source solution = $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi Dt}} e^{-x^2/4Dt}$

a) & b) $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi Dt}} e^{-x^2/4Dt}$

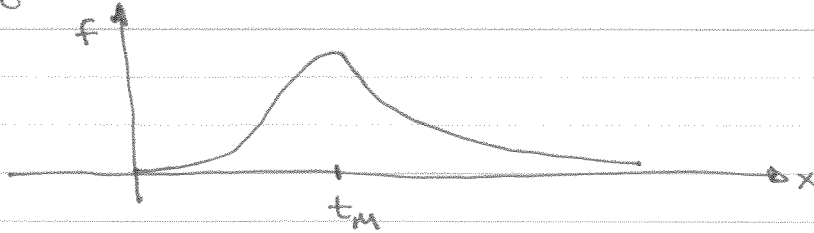
$$\Rightarrow f' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi D}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} e^{-x^2/4Dt} + t^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{4Dt^2} e^{-x^2/4Dt} \right]$$

$$f' = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} + t^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{4Dt^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} \cdot 4Dt^{5/2} = 2D \cdot t$$

$$t_m = \frac{x^2}{2D}$$

$f(0) = 0$ and $f(\infty) = 0$
 $x \neq 0$



c) $D = 0.2 \Rightarrow t_m = \frac{(10^2 \text{ cm})^2}{2 \cdot 0.2} = \frac{10^4}{0.4} \text{ sec} =$

$D = 2 \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow t_m = \frac{(10^2 \text{ cm})^2}{2 \times 2 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{10^4}{4 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{1}{4} \times 10^9 \text{ sec} =$

4. a) $\partial_t n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi d_0}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} e^{-(x-2\dot{d}t)^2 / 4d_0 t} + t^{-1/2} \cdot e^{-(x-2\dot{d}t)^2 / 4d_0 t} \left[\frac{2(x-2\dot{d}t)}{4d_0 t} \cdot 2\dot{d} + \frac{(x-2\dot{d}t)^2}{4d_0 t^2} \right] \right\}$

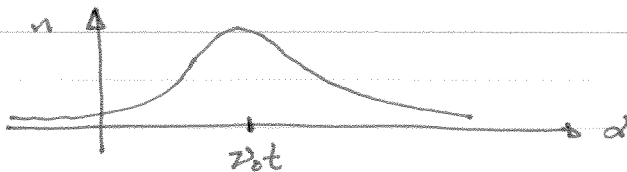
$\partial_x n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi d_0}} \left\{ t^{-1/2} \cdot e^{-(x-2\dot{d}t)^2 / 4d_0 t} \cdot \left[-2 \frac{(x-2\dot{d}t)}{4d_0 t} \right] \right\}$

$\partial_x^2 n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi d_0}} \left\{ t^{-1/2} \cdot e^{-(x-2\dot{d}t)^2 / 4d_0 t} \cdot \left[-2 \frac{(x-2\dot{d}t)}{4d_0 t} \right]^2 + t^{-3/2} \cdot e^{-(x-2\dot{d}t)^2 / 4d_0 t} \cdot \left[-2 \right] \right\}$

Now, plug into PDE and show they add up correctly.

b) max: $\partial_x n = 0 \Rightarrow$ (from above) $x = 2\dot{d}t$ $n|_{x=2\dot{d}t} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi d_0 t}}$

$n|_{x \rightarrow \infty} = 0$ $n|_{x \rightarrow -\infty} = 0$



c) max location for n is moving to right (note the max value is same for both solutions) — otherwise they are same (symmetric about max, limits at infinity, max value, etc)