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Written Response. Show your work and/or explain your reasoning for full credit.

II. *Electron Spin* [26 pts]: The electron has a spin of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

A) Assume the electron is a solid sphere of radius  $10^{-23}$  m and that its outer edge is rotating at the speed of light. Find the angular momentum of this sphere (hint  $I = \frac{2}{5} mr^2$  for a solid sphere)

$$\vec{L} = I \vec{\omega} = \frac{2}{5} m r^2 \frac{v}{r}$$

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r}$$

$$L = \frac{2}{5} m v r = \frac{2}{5} (9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) (10^{-23} \text{ m})$$

$$L = 1.064 \times 10^{-44} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \quad (10^{-44} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})$$

CLASSICAL ANGULAR MOMENTUM

B) Calculate the actual value of the spin angular momentum with quantum mechanics.

$$S = \sqrt{s(s+1)} \hbar$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)} \hbar$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hbar$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{2\pi}$$

$$= 9.1 \times 10^{-35} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} = S$$

C) Which value is larger? What does this say about the likelihood that the electron is actually spinning?

$$L_{\text{classical}} \ll S_{\text{Q.M.}}$$

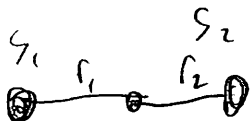
THUS THE ELECTRON WOULD NEED TO ROTATE  
MANY TIMES FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT.

III. Interference and Power [26 pts] Two sound speakers are in phase and a distance of 5m apart.

A) Is the point directly between the two speakers a minimum or maximum?

Explain.

MAX. BOTH ARE IN PHASE AND DISTANCE IS EQUAL.  $r_2 - r_1 = 0$ , SO CONSTRUCTIVE.

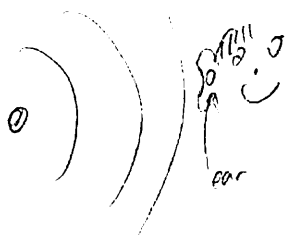


B) Moving along the line connecting the two speakers, how far until you reach the next max or min, assuming the wavelength is 3m?

$r_2 - r_1 = \frac{\lambda}{2}$  FOR NEXT MIN  
 $r_2 + r_1 = 5m \rightarrow$  TOTAL DISTANCE  
 $r_2 - r_1 = 1.5m$   
 ADD FIRST TWO EQNS +  
 $2r_2 = 6.5m$   
 $r_2 = 3.25m$   
 $3.25 - 2.5 = 0.75$   
 MOVE 0.75 meters FROM CENTER TO NEXT MIN FROM CENTER

C) One of the speakers emits sound with a power of 100W, if you are a distance of 10m away how much power does your ear receive from the one speaker. Assume your ear radius 1cm.

$$I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{100W}{4\pi(10m)^2} =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{ear} &= I A_{ear} \\
 &= \frac{100}{4\pi(10)^2} \pi r_{ear}^2 \\
 &= \frac{100W}{4\pi(10m)^2} \pi (0.01m)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{ear} = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ watts}$$