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### Assignment 10

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.

As per our records you have not submitted this assignment. **Due on 2018-10-10, 23:59 IST.**

1) The analytical solution for Cahn-Hilliard equation, where the free energy profile is given by  $f_0 = Ac^2(1-c)^2$  in 1-D (where c is the composition) is : **1 point**

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{\beta x^2}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{\beta x^3}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{\beta x}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{\beta^2 x}{2}\right) \right)$$

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{\beta x}{2}\right) \right)$$

2) Consider the following step during the solution of the Euler-Lagrange equation for the Cahn-Hilliard formulation. ( $F(x, y, y')$  is the free energy functional) **1 point**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) = y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + y'' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}$$

In the next step, we simplify this expression as :

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) = \frac{dF}{dx}$$

where, the following identity is used for simplification.

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- F is not an explicit function of x.
- The above simplification is incorrect.

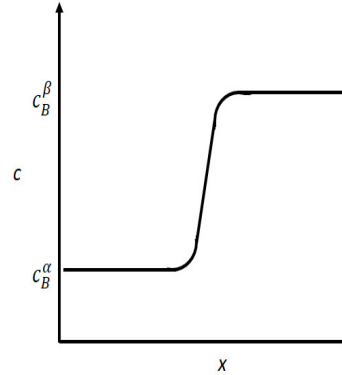
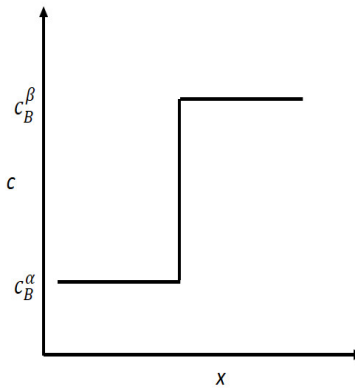
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**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*F is not an explicit function of x.*

3) Which of the following two systems will have a higher gradient energy contribution? **1 point**



- System 1 (First image from left)
- System 2 (Second image from left)

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*System 1 (First image from left)*

4) We know that the values of both  $\kappa$  and  $A$  affect the interfacial and bulk free energy contributions. These may be calculated by slightly modifying the GNU Octave script which was used to solve Cahn-Hilliard equation (spectral technique). Using the values of  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $dx = 1$ ,  $dt = 0.5$  and  $A = 1$ , calculate the contribution of interfacial energy (for one interface) in a 1-D system of size  $N = 128$  by running the simulation for 4000 steps. (Note: We are solving a non-dimensionalized equation) **1 point**

- 0.57735
- 0.28868
- 0.28868
- 0.57735

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*0.28868*

5) For the same conditions as in Q.4 ( $\kappa$ ,  $A$ ,  $dx$ ,  $dt$  etc.), find the interfacial energy contribution (again for one interface) using finite difference method. What is the value? (Hint: Use `diff` command in GNU Octave to find out finite difference. However, there is a catch !) **1 point**

- 0.28108
- 0.28708
- 0.28208
- 0.29808

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

0.28708

6) Which of the following options is/are represented by a non-conserved order parameter? **1 point**

- grain orientation in a grain growth model.
- % fraction of ordered phase during an order-disorder transformation.
- composition in a diffusion problem.
- both (a) and (b)

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

both (a) and (b)

7) Consider a system in which the contribution of bulk free energy is given by  $Ac^2(1-c)^2$  and interfacial free energy is given by  $\kappa\left(\frac{dc}{dx}\right)^2$ . Equilibrium in a system of the above type is achieved in such a way that: **1 point**

- bulk free energy and interfacial energy is minimized to zero.
- changes in bulk free energy and interfacial energy balance each other.
- change in bulk free energy is greater than the change in interfacial free energy
- change in bulk free energy is less than the change in interfacial free energy

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

changes in bulk free energy and interfacial energy balance each other.

8) State whether true or false : "Grain growth phenomena is modelled using Allen-Cahn equation because the order parameter in such a model is not conserved"

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(Type: String) true

**1 point**

9) The semi-implicit form of Allen-Cahn equation in Fourier space is given by : **1 point**

- $$\tilde{\phi}^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}^t - L\Delta t \tilde{g}}{1+2\kappa Lk^2}$$
- $$\tilde{\phi}^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}^t + L\Delta t \tilde{g}}{1+2\kappa Lk^2}$$
- $$\tilde{\phi}^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}^t - L\Delta t \tilde{g}}{1-2\kappa Lk^2}$$
- $$\tilde{\phi}^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}^t + L\Delta t \tilde{g}}{1-2\kappa Lk^2}$$

No, the answer is incorrect.

**Score: 0****Accepted Answers:**

$$\tilde{\phi}^{\tilde{t}+\Delta t} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}^{\tilde{t}} - L\Delta t \tilde{g}}{1 + 2\kappa Lk^2}$$

10) Which among the following is the correct expression for concentration profile according to the analytical solution of the Cahn-Hilliard equation? (Note: All symbols have usual meaning) **1 point**



$$c = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\sqrt{\frac{A}{\kappa}}x}}$$



$$c = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\sqrt{\frac{A}{\kappa}}x}}$$



$$c = \frac{1}{1 - e^{\sqrt{\frac{A}{\kappa}}x}}$$



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**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:**

$$c = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\sqrt{\frac{A}{\kappa}}x}}$$

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