

Question 15

(19 marks)

An experiment was conducted to determine a value for Planck's constant. The experiment involved setting up five individual, single frequency light emitting diodes (LEDs). Each LED only emits one frequency of light when a turn on voltage (voltage above a certain threshold value) is applied across its terminals.

The relationship between the frequency of the emitted light and the voltage is given by the equation below.

$$E = hf = q_e(V_o + k) \quad \text{where}$$

- h is Planck's constant
- f is the frequency of light emitted by the diode
- q_e is the charge on an electron
- V_o is the turn on voltage
- k is the threshold voltage (constant dependent on the material)

The experiment produced the following results.

LED colour	Maximum wavelength (λ) (nm)	Turn on voltage (V_o)	$1/\lambda$ (m^{-1})
Blue	450	2.53	
Green	550	2.04	
Yellow	570	1.88	
Red	690	1.37	
Infra-red	890	0.88	

- (a) Complete the table above for values of $1/\lambda$. (2 marks)
- (b) Plot a graph of voltage against $1/\lambda$, with voltage on the y-axis, and draw a line of best fit. Error bars are not required. (5 marks)
- (c) Use the graph to calculate the gradient of the line of best fit. Show construction lines. (3 marks)

- (d) Use the gradient from part (c) and the provided equation to calculate a value for Planck's constant. (3 marks)

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(e) From your graph, determine the value for k in this experiment.

(2 marks)

Answer _____ V

(f) Describe **two** possible sources of experimental error in the performance of this experiment and how they might be modified to produce a more accurate result. (4 marks)

One: _____

Two: _____
