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Quiz 1

1. A photon has a wavenumber of 10^{-7} m^{-1} . Recall $h = 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

(a) What is the wavelength of the photon?

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = 6.28 \cdot 10^7 \text{ m}$$

(I screwed this up because I copied down Xiao's number wrong; it should have been $k = 10^7$.)

(b) What is the momentum of the photon?

$$p = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \frac{6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{s}}}{6.28 \cdot 10^7 \text{ m}} = 1.054 \cdot 10^{-41} \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

(c) What is the energy of the photon?

$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = pc = 1.054 \cdot 10^{-41} \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}} \cdot 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\ = 3.162 \cdot 10^{-33} \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

2. Write the time-dependent Schrödinger equation.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(x,t)}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \psi(x,t)$$

BONUS: Suppose you put four electrons in a three-dimensional box. How many quantum numbers do you need to specify the state of the system?

The number of quantum numbers is equal to the number of dimensions; each electron has three spatial coordinates, and there are four electrons, so one needs *twelve* (12) quantum numbers.

However, in fact every electron has three spatial coordinates and one spin coordinate (α or β). This gives a total of *sixteen* (16) quantum numbers. I would accept either answer and give you super-bonus-points if you explained the situation.