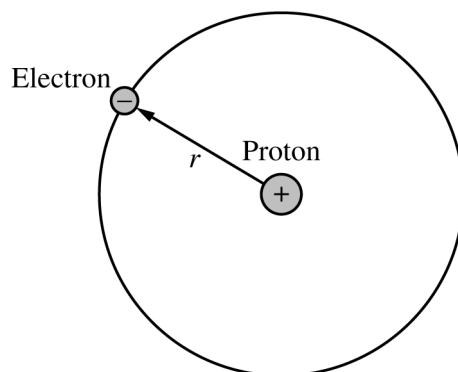


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Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

3. (12 points, suggested time 25 minutes)

A hydrogen atom can be modeled as an electron in a circular orbit of radius r about a stationary proton, as shown above. The gravitational force between the proton and electron is negligible compared to the electrostatic force between them.

(a) Derive an equation for the speed v of the electron in terms of r and physical constants, as appropriate.

(b) Derive an equation for the total energy of the atom in terms of r and physical constants, as appropriate.

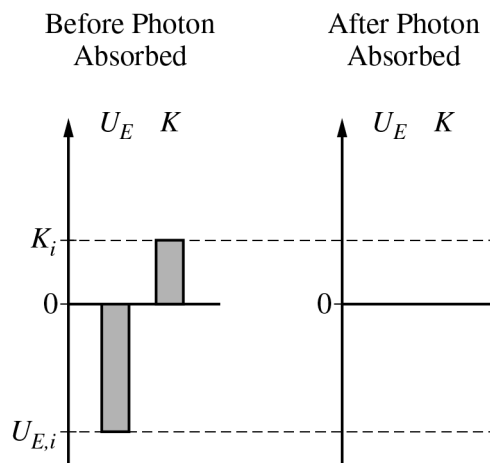
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- (c) When the hydrogen atom absorbs a photon, the electron moves to an orbit with a larger radius and the total energy of the atom increases. Is your equation for the energy derived in part (b) consistent with this description of the model of a hydrogen atom absorbing a photon? Explain why the equation is or is not consistent.
- (d) Experiments show that a hydrogen atom can absorb a photon of frequency 3.2×10^{15} Hz.
- Calculate the energy of a photon with this frequency.
 - A student claims that when a hydrogen atom absorbs a photon at this frequency, the energy could be converted into mass, adding an electron to the atom. Calculate the amount of energy needed to create a particle with the mass of an electron and determine whether or not there is sufficient energy gained by the atom to add another electron.

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- iii. The left bar chart in the figure above is complete and represents the initial electric potential energy $U_{E,i}$ of the atom and the initial kinetic energy K_i of the electron before the photon is absorbed. In the space provided on the right, draw a bar chart to represent a possible final electric potential energy of the atom and final kinetic energy of the electron.

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Question 3: Quantitative/Qualitative Translation**12 points**

- (a) For indicating that the electrostatic force is equal to the net (centripetal) force on the electron, with a correct expression for each **1 point**

Example Response

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma \vec{F} &= m\vec{a} \\ F_E &= F_C \\ \frac{kq^2}{r^2} &= \frac{mv^2}{r}\end{aligned}$$

Scoring Note: An incorrect mass label is acceptable to earn this point.

- For using the expressions for the electrostatic and net forces to determine the speed v of the electron (responses must indicate that the mass in the expression represents the mass of the electron and the charge in the expression represents the charge of the electron) **1 point**

Example Response

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ke^2}{r^2} &= \frac{m_e v^2}{r} \\ v^2 &= \frac{ke^2}{m_e r} \\ v &= \sqrt{\frac{ke^2}{m_e r}}\end{aligned}$$

Scoring Note: q_e and q_p are acceptable.

Total for part (a) 2 points

- (b) For a correct expression for electric potential energy, using charges consistent with charges from part (a) **1 point**

Example Response

$$U = -\frac{ke^2}{r}$$

- For a correct expression for kinetic energy of the electron, including a substitution consistent with the expression from part (a) to eliminate speed from the equation **1 point**

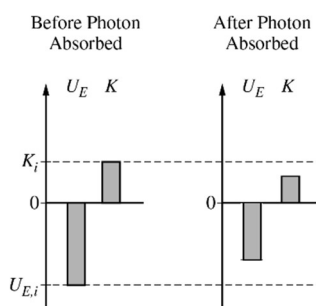
Example Response

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m_e \left(\frac{ke^2}{m_e r} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{ke^2}{r}$$

(d)(iii) For U smaller in magnitude but still negative **1 point**

For K smaller in magnitude but still positive **1 point**

Example Response



Total for part (d) 5 points

Total for question 3 12 points
