

Hints for Midterm 1

#1. At what wavelength does the maximum in the blackbody spectrum occur if $T = 300 \text{ K}$?

Sol'n :

Wien's Displacement Law : $\lambda_{\text{max}} \cdot T = 2.90 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m.K}$

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = \frac{2.90 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m.K}}{300 \text{ K}} = 9.67 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

#2. Given that the threshold energy for chromium is 4.40 eV. Calculate the kinetic energy of electrons emitted from a chromium surface that is irradiated with ultraviolet radiation of wavelength 200 nm.

Sol'n :

Einstein's Photoelectric Equation : $h\nu = W + KE$

$$W = 4.40 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) = 7.05 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s})(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1})}{200 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 9.93 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$KE = h\nu - W = 9.93 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} - 7.05 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 2.88 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$