

Problem Set #9

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10 Topic E Problem 10

Calculate the energy of the fourth energy level in:

a) a hydrogen atom

b) a C^{5+} ion (note that this is a one-electron ion)

10.1 Solution (a)

The atomic number of Hydrogen is 1. We can apply this to the Rydberg constant equation.

$$E = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{n^2} = -2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J } \frac{1^2}{4^2} \quad (1)$$

$$= -1.3625 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = \boxed{-1.363 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} \quad (2)$$

10.2 Solution (b)

The atomic number of Carbon (C) is 6. This is a one-electron atom.

$$E = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{n^2} = -2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J } \frac{6^2}{4^2} \quad (3)$$

$$= -4.905 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} = \boxed{-4.905 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}} \quad (4)$$

11 Topic E Problem 11

Both hydrogen atoms and Be^{3+} ions have an allowed energy level at -7.77 kJ/mol.

- a) What is the value of n for this level in the hydrogen atom?
- b) What is the value of n for this level in the Be^{3+} ion?

11.1 Solution (a)

We can use the equation with the Rydberg constant.

$$E = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{n^2} \quad (5)$$

$$n^2 = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{E} = -1313 \text{ kJ/mol} \frac{1^2}{-7.77 \text{ kJ/mol}} \quad (6)$$

$$= 168.9 \approx 169 \quad (7)$$

$$n = \sqrt{169} = \boxed{13} \quad (8)$$

11.2 Solution (b)

The atomic number of Beryllium (Be) is 4. We can use the equation with the Rydberg constant.

$$E = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{n^2} \quad (9)$$

$$n^2 = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{E} = -1313 \text{ kJ/mol} \frac{4^2}{-7.77 \text{ kJ/mol}} = 2704 \quad (10)$$

$$n = \sqrt{2704} = \boxed{52} \quad (11)$$

12 Topic E Problem 12

- a) Calculate the wavelength of the light that is emitted when the electron in a hydrogen atom drops from $n = 9$ to $n = 6$.
- b) What wavelength would be emitted if this electron were in a B^{4+} ion instead of a hydrogen atom? Calculate the wavelength.

12.1 Solution (a)

Use the Rydberg Equation.

$$\Delta E = R_y Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right) = 2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} * 1^2 \left(\frac{1}{9^2} - \frac{1}{6^2} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$= 2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left(-\frac{5}{324} \right) = -3.364 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \quad (13)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{E} = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s})(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{3.364 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}} \quad (14)$$

$$= \frac{1.986 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J m}}{3.364 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}} = \boxed{5.905 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}} \quad (15)$$

12.2 Solution (b)

The atomic number of Boron is 5.

$$\Delta E = R_y Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right) = 2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} * 5^2 \left(\frac{1}{9^2} - \frac{1}{6^2} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$= 2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left(-\frac{25}{324} \right) = -1.682 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \quad (17)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{E} = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s})(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{1.682 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{1.986 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J m}}{1.682 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} = \boxed{1.181 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}} \quad (19)$$

13 Topic E Problem 13

The emission spectrum of hydrogen has a line at a wavelength of 2871 nm.

- Calculate the energy change for the electron transition that corresponds to this line.
- One of the energy levels involved in this transition has $n = 5$. What is the value of n for the other energy level?
- Is the value of n you calculated in part b the initial value, or the final value?

13.1 Solution (a)

If the energy change is from the hydrogen atom emitting a photon, the energy will be negative.

$$E = -\frac{hc}{\lambda} = -\frac{1.9864748 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J m}}{2871 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = \boxed{-6.9194 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}} \quad (20)$$

13.2 Solution (b)

We can calculate the energy of a Hydrogen electron at level $n = 5$.

$$E = -\frac{R_y Z^2}{n^2} = -\frac{(2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J})1^2}{5^2} = -8.72 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \quad (21)$$

At this point, we could either add or subtract our value of E from part (a) from this. Such will determine whether the level is higher or lower than $n = 5$. Start with adding.

$$E_1 = -8.72 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} - 6.9194 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \quad (22)$$

$$= -15.6394 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} = -\frac{R_y Z^2}{n^2} \quad (23)$$

$$n = \sqrt{-\frac{R_y Z^2}{E}} = \sqrt{\frac{2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}}{15.6394 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}}} \quad (24)$$

$$= \sqrt{13.939} = 3.73 \text{ (not an integer)} \quad (25)$$

Now subtracting.

$$E_1 = -8.72 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} + 6.9194 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \quad (26)$$

$$= -1.8006 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} = -\frac{R_y Z^2}{n^2} \quad (27)$$

$$n = \sqrt{-\frac{R_y Z^2}{E}} = \sqrt{\frac{2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}}{1.8006 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}}} \quad (28)$$

$$= \sqrt{121} = 11 \text{ (an integer)} \quad (29)$$

The latter is an integer, so the answer would be the latter.

$$\boxed{n = 11}$$

13.3 Solution (c)

Since the atom would be emitting a photon, as mentioned in part (a), this would be the initial value.

14 Topic E Problem 14

The average kinetic energy of an electron in a ground-state helium atom is 2.4×10^3 kJ/mol.

- What is the corresponding electron velocity?
- If an experiment is able to measure this velocity with an uncertainty of 10%, what is the minimum uncertainty in the position of the electron for this experiment?
- The effective radius of a helium atom is 130 pm. Is the uncertainty you calculated in part b a significant fraction of this effective radius?

14.1 Solution (a)

We can rewrite kinetic energy to have units of kJ/mol.

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 N_A \times 10^{-3} \quad (30)$$

We can solve this for the velocity and find it from there.

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2K \times 10^3}{mN_A}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 * 2.4 \times 10^6}{9.109 \times 10^{-31} * 6.022 \times 10^{23}}} \quad (31)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{4.8 \times 10^6}{5.485 \times 10^{-7}}} = \sqrt{8.75 \times 10^{12}} = \boxed{3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}} \quad (32)$$

14.2 Solution (b)

If the uncertainty is 10%, we can find the raw value of the uncertainty.

$$\Delta v = 3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s} \times 0.1 = 3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s} \quad (33)$$

Use this in Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle.

$$\Delta x \Delta p \leq \frac{h}{4\pi} \quad (34)$$

$$\Delta x \leq \frac{h}{4\pi \Delta p} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}}{4\pi (9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})} \quad (35)$$

$$\Delta x \leq \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}}{3.434 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg m/s}} = 192.95 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} = \boxed{190 \text{ pm}} \quad (36)$$

14.3 Solution (c)

It is a significant fraction of the effective radius. More than that, it's more than the effective radius. Beyond that, it's two thirds of the effective diameter.

15 Topic E Problem 15

In the Schrödinger equation $\mathcal{H}\Psi = E\Psi$, what do the symbols E and ψ stand for?

15.1 Solution

E stands for the total energy of every possible quantized state (every electron). It acts a lot like an eigenvalue for the hamiltonian \mathcal{H} . Ψ refers to the wave function corresponding to the energy. It acts a lot like an eigenvector for the hamiltonian \mathcal{H} . It can be used for the radial distribution of the electron as well.

16 Topic E Problem 16

What is the difference between a radial node and an angular node?

16.1 Solution

A radial node is active at every point along a specific radius, so you would find no electrons at that radius. An angular node is active at every point along a plane at a specific angle with the z-axis, so you would find no electrons in that specific plane.

17 Topic E Problem 17

Complete the following table. The first row is completed for you as an example.

Orbital	Value of n	Value of ℓ	Possible values of m_ℓ	Number of nodes	Number of radial nodes	Number of angular nodes
2p	2	1	-1,0,1	1	0	1
5d	5	2	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	4	2	2
6p	6	1	-1, 0, -1	5	4	1
5f	5	3	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3	4	1	3
7d	7	2	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	6	4	2
4p	4	1	-1, 0, 1	3	2	1
9f	9	3	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3	8	5	3

Note to self: do this problem again later to drive it in.

18 Topic E Problem 18

Calculate the energy of the $5p_x$ orbital in a hydrogen atom.

18.1 Solution

The quantum number n of this orbital is 5. The atomic number of hydrogen is

1. Use the Rydberg constant equation.

$$E = -R_y \frac{Z^2}{n^2} = -\frac{2.180 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}(1)}{5^2} = \boxed{-8.72 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}} \quad (37)$$

19 Topic E Problem 19

- a) How many 2p orbitals are there?
- b) How many 5f orbitals are there?

19.1 Solution (a)

The textbook tells us that the total number of orbitals in a shell is $2\ell + 1$.

$$2\ell + 1 = 2 * 1 + 1 = \boxed{3}$$

19.2 Solution (b)

$$2\ell + 1 = 2 * 3 + 1 = \boxed{7}$$

20 Topic E Problem 20

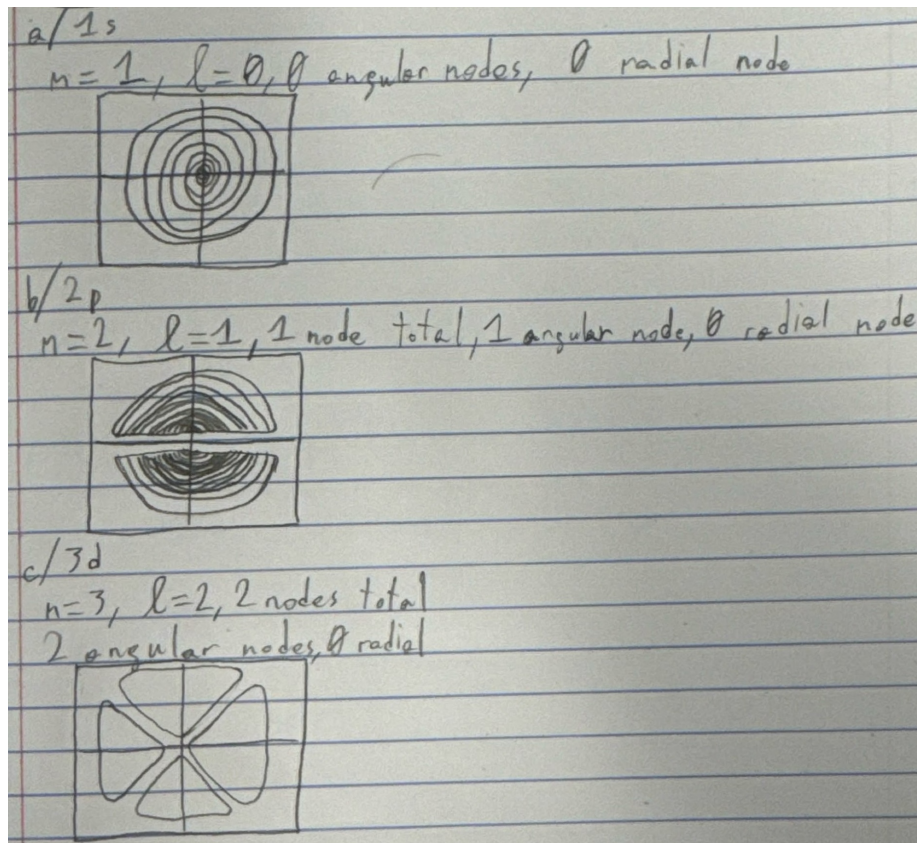
Draw a picture of each of the following orbitals.

a) 1s

b) 2p

c) 3d

20.1 Solution



21 Topic E Problem 21

- a) How does a 1s orbital differ from a 2s orbital?
- b) How does a 2s orbital differ from a 2p orbital?
- c) How does a $2p_x$ orbital differ from a $2p_y$ orbital?
- d) How does a 3p orbital differ from a 4d orbital?

21.1 Solution (a)

A 2s orbital is of greater radius than a 1s orbital due to a higher energy.

21.2 Solution (b)

The shape is different. A 2p orbital would be two lobes along the x/y/z axis, while the 2s orbital would have a spherical orbital.

21.3 Solution (c)

The $2p_x$ orbital's lobes would be centered around the x-axis, while the $2p_y$ orbital's lobes would be centered around the y-axis.

21.4 Solution (d)

The 4d orbital would be bigger due to a higher energy, and it would also be have a different shape with more lobes.

22 Topic E Problem 22

- a) How many different orbitals have $n = 7$? Explain your answer briefly.
- b) How many different orbitals have $n = 9$ and $\ell = 7$? Explain your answer briefly.
- c) How many different orbitals have $n = 8$, $\ell = 5$, and $m_\ell = -3$? Explain your answer briefly.
- d) How many different orbitals have $n = 6$ and $m_\ell = 2$? Explain your answer briefly.
- e) How many different orbitals have $\ell = 1$ and $m_\ell = 0$? Explain your answer briefly.

22.1 Solution (a)

For $n = 7$, ℓ has seven possible values: 0, 1, 2, and 3, 4, 5, and 6. For $\ell = 0$, there is 1 possible value of m_ℓ . For $\ell = 1$, there is 3 possible values of m_ℓ . For $\ell = 2$, there is 5 possible values of m_ℓ . For $\ell = 3$, there is 7 possible values of m_ℓ . For $\ell = 4$, there is 9 possible values of m_ℓ . For $\ell = 5$, there is 11 possible values of m_ℓ . For $\ell = 6$, there is 13 possible values of m_ℓ . Adding these up, we get $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 + 13 = \boxed{49}$.

22.2 Solution (b)

For $\ell = 7$, there are $\boxed{15}$ possible values of m_ℓ , the number of integers between $-\ell$ and ℓ , inclusive.

22.3 Solution (c)

In this case, all bases are covered in terms of atomic orbitals and there is no room for variation. As such, there is $\boxed{1}$ orbital that fits this criteria.

22.4 Solution (d)

The varying value here is ℓ . Having $n = 6$ sets an upper bound of the value of ℓ at 5. Meanwhile, having $m_\ell = 2$ sets a lower bound of $\ell = 2$. This gives $\boxed{4}$ orbitals.

22.5 Solution (e)

Since there is no upper bound of n dependant on either ℓ or m_ℓ , there are an infinite number of orbitals that fit this.

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