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In [219]: from pyne import data
import numpy as np
from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
import scipy.constants as const
from tabulate import tabulate
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Problem 2-11

Some utility functions and values

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In [220]: def sigma_interpolate(filename, path=None):
# fix path and filename
if path is not None:
    filename = path + filename
# load data into np array
data = np.loadtxt(filename, delimiter=',', skiprows=1)
# create the interpolator
interpolator = interp1d(data[:,0],data[:,1])
# return the interpolator
return interpolator
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In [221]: headers = ["Energy", "Mean free path (cm)"]
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In [222]: const.Avogadro
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Out[222]: 6.022140857e+23
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Uranium

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In [223]: data.atomic_mass('U235')
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Out[223]: 235.043930131
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In [224]: data.atomic_mass('U238')
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Out[224]: 238.050788423
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Uranium density is expressed in units of $\frac{g}{cm^3}$

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In [225]: U_density = 19.05
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In [226]: data.atomic_mass('U')
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Out[226]: 238.0289104847141
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The concentration of each isotope is expressed by:

$$N_{isotope} = \rho_{element} * \frac{A_v}{M_{element}} * M_{isotope}$$

where A_v is equal to Avogadro's number (const.Avogadro in code)

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In [227]: N_U_238 = U_density * const.Avogadro / data.atomic_mass('U') * data.natural_abund('U238')
          N_U_238
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Out[227]: 4.784676466003686e+22
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In [228]: N_U_235 = U_density * const.Avogadro / data.atomic_mass('U') * data.natural_abund('U235')
          N_U_235
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Out[228]: 3.472081292127316e+20
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In [229]: path = '/Users/jrpowers-luhn/nucnotes/ne470/homework/02/'
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In [230]: sigma_U_238 = sigma_interpolate('U-238.txt', path=path)
          sigma_U_235 = sigma_interpolate('U-235.txt', path=path)
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In [231]: res = []
          for E in [14*10**6, 10**6, 0.05]:
              Sigma = N_U_235 * sigma_U_235(E) / 10**24 + N_U_238 * sigma_U_238(E) / 10**24
              res.append((E, Sigma))
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In [232]: res = []
          for E in [14*10**6, 10**6, 0.05]:
              Sigma = N_U_235 * sigma_U_235(E) / 10**24 + N_U_238 * sigma_U_238(
E) / 10**24
              lamb = 1 / Sigma
              res.append((E, lamb))
          print tabulate(res, headers=headers)
```

Energy	Mean free path (cm)
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1.4e+07	3.54178
1e+06	2.91285
0.05	1.42219

Water

The density of water is $1.0 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$. The particle density of water is simply:

$$N_{H_2O} = \frac{A_v}{M_{H_2O}}$$

where M_{H_2O} is:

$$M_{H_2O} = 2 * M_{Hydrogen} + M_{Oxygen}$$

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In [233]: data.atomic_mass('H1')
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Out[233]: 1.00782503223
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In [234]: data.atomic_mass('O16')
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Out[234]: 15.99491461957
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We simplify our calculations by assuming that these are isotopically pure. Since the natural abundance of ^{16}O and ^1H far exceed other isotopes, this is a reasonable assumption

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In [235]: data.natural_abund('O16')
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Out[235]: 0.9975700000000001
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In [236]: data.natural_abund('H1')
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Out[236]: 0.999885
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In [237]: m_water = 2*data.atomic_mass('H1') + data.atomic_mass('O16')
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In [238]: N_water = const.Avogadro / m_water
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In [239]: N_hydrogen = 2 * N_water
          N_oxygen = N_water
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Now we load our cross sections from the ENDL data file

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In [240]: sigma_H = sigma_interpolate('H-1.txt', path)
          sigma_O = sigma_interpolate('O-16.txt', path)
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In [241]: res = []
          for E in [14*10**6, 10**6, 0.05]:
              Sigma = N_hydrogen * sigma_H(E) / 10**24 + N_oxygen * sigma_O(E) /
              10**24
              lamb = 1 / Sigma
              res.append((E, lamb))
          print tabulate(res, headers=headers)
```

Energy	Mean free path (cm)
1.4e+07	10.0399
1e+06	1.7888
0.05	0.532354

Air

Air is composed of:

Molecule	Abundance fraction, f
N ₂	78%
O ₂	21%
Ar	1.0%

$$N_{\mathrm{Ar}} = \rho_{\mathrm{air}} * \frac{A_v}{M_{\mathrm{air}}} * f$$

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In [242]: rho_air = 0.001204
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As before, we assume that air is composed of isotopically pure N-14, O-16, and Ar-40

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In [243]: data.natural_abund('N14')
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Out[243]: 0.99636
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In [244]: data.natural_abund('O16')
```

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Out[244]: 0.9975700000000001
```

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In [245]: data.natural_abund('Ar40')
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Out[245]: 0.996035
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In [246]: M_air = 0.78 * 2 * data.atomic_mass('N14') + 0.21 * 2 * data.atomic_ma
ss('O16') + 0.01 * data.atomic_mass('Ar40')
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In [247]: N_Ar = rho_air * const.Avogadro / M_air * 0.01
N_N = rho_air * const.Avogadro / M_air * 0.78 * 2
N_O = rho_air * const.Avogadro / M_air * 0.21 * 2
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In [248]: sigma_O = sigma_interpolate('O-16.txt', path)
sigma_N = sigma_interpolate('N-14.txt', path)
sigma_Ar = sigma_interpolate('Ar-40.txt', path)
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In [249]: res = []
for E in [14*10**6, 10**6, 0.05]:
    Sigma = (N_Ar * sigma_Ar(E) + N_O * sigma_O(E) + N_N * sigma_N(E))
    / 10**24
    lamb = 1 / Sigma
    res.append((E, lamb))
print tabulate(res, headers=headers)
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Energy	Mean free path (cm)
1.4e+07	12715.8
1e+06	5639.99
0.05	2041.32

Problem 2-12

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In [269]: const.h
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Out[269]: 6.62607004e-34
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In [270]: const.physical_constants['neutron mass'][0]
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Out[270]: 1.674927471e-27
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In [280]: def de_broglie_energy(wavelength):
            # Returned value is in MeV
            h = const.h
            n_mass = const.physical_constants['neutron mass'][0]
            E_joules = (h / wavelength)**2 / (2 * n_mass)
            E_MeV = E_joules * const.physical_constants['joule-electron volt relationship'][0] / 10**6
            return E_MeV
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Our lengths of interest are stored in the following dict (in units of meters)

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In [283]: wavelengths = {
            'H-nucleus': 2.4*10**-15,
            'U-nucleus': 15*10**-15,
            'H-atom': 50*10**-12,
            'U-atom': 350*10**-12,
            'Graphite inter-atomic spacing': 0.142*10**-9,
            'Nuclear core diameter': 1
          }
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In [284]: out_table = []
            headers = ("Thing", "KE (MeV)")
            for thing, wavelength in wavelengths.items():
                out_table.append((thing, de_broglie_energy(wavelength)))
            print tabulate(out_table, headers=headers)
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Thing	KE (MeV)
Nuclear core diameter	8.18042e-28
H-atom	3.27217e-07
Graphite inter-atomic spacing	4.05694e-08
H-nucleus	142.021
U-nucleus	3.63574
U-atom	6.67789e-09

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