

- 9 (a) Fig. 9.1 shows the visible part of the emission spectrum from hydrogen gas in a laboratory on the Earth. The numbers indicate the wavelength, in nm, represented by each line.

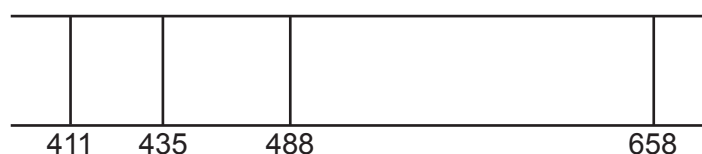


Fig. 9.1

- (i) Explain how the emission spectrum provides evidence for the existence of discrete energy levels for the electron in a hydrogen atom.

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- (ii) Fig. 9.2 shows five of the energy levels in the hydrogen atom. The wavelengths of radiation shown in Fig. 9.1 relate to transitions to the -3.400 eV level in Fig. 9.2.

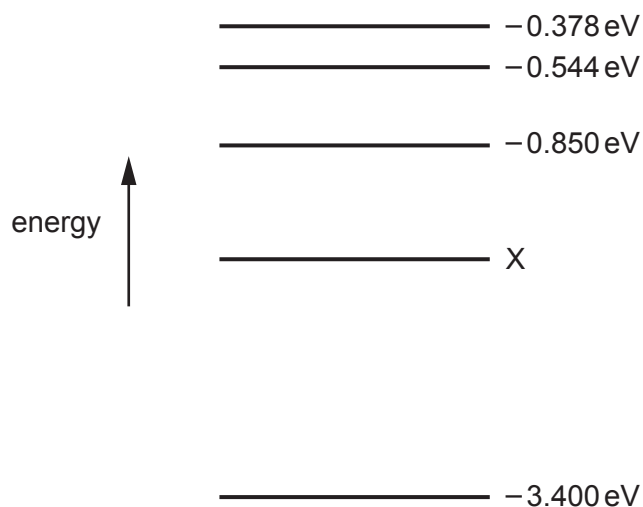


Fig. 9.2 (not to scale)

Show that the energy level X is -1.51 eV .

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- (b) The same part of the emission spectrum from hydrogen as in (a), observed in light from stars in a distant galaxy, is shown in Fig. 9.3. The numbers indicate the wavelengths in nm.

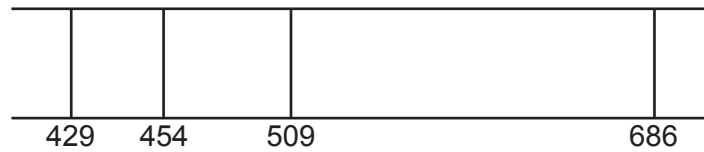


Fig. 9.3

The spectrum shows the same pattern as Fig. 9.1 but with different wavelengths.

- (i) State the name of the phenomenon that gives rise to the change in the wavelengths.
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- (ii) State what this phenomenon shows about the motion of the galaxy.
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- (iii) Use one of the lines in Fig. 9.1, and the corresponding line in Fig. 9.3, to determine the speed of the distant galaxy relative to the observer.

speed = ms^{-1} [3]

- (c) The galaxy in (b) is known to be a distance of $5.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ m}$ from the Earth.

Use your answer in (b)(iii) to determine a value for the Hubble constant H_0 .

$H_0 = \dots \text{s}^{-1}$ [2]