

- 7 (a) Explain how the line spectrum of hydrogen provides evidence for the existence of discrete electron energy levels in atoms.

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- (b) Some electron energy levels in atomic hydrogen are illustrated in Fig. 7.1.

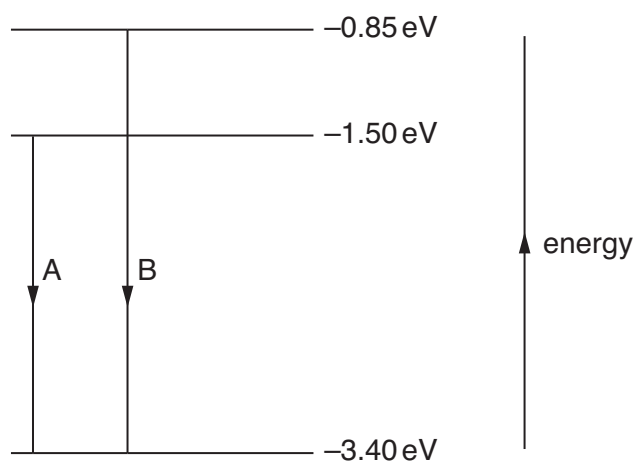


Fig. 7.1

Two possible electron transitions A and B giving rise to an emission spectrum are shown.

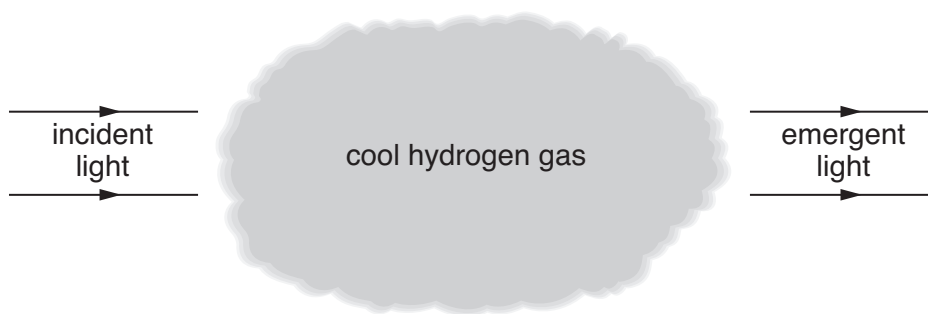
These electron transitions cause light of wavelengths 654 nm and 488 nm to be emitted.

- (i) On Fig. 7.1, draw an arrow to show a third possible transition. [1]
- (ii) Calculate the wavelength of the emitted light for the transition in (i).

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- (c) The light in a beam has a continuous spectrum of wavelengths from 400 nm to 700 nm. The light is incident on some cool hydrogen gas, as illustrated in Fig. 7.2.

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**Fig. 7.2**

Using the values of wavelength in (b), state and explain the appearance of the spectrum of the emergent light.

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