

Open book. Show all steps in your calculations. Justify all answers. Write clearly.

$$hc = 12,400\text{eV}\text{\AA}, \quad \hbar c = 1973\text{eV}\text{\AA}, \quad m_e c^2 = 511,000\text{eV}, \quad k_B = 1/11,600\text{eV}/\text{K}$$

$$ke^2 = 14.4\text{eV}\text{\AA}; \quad 1\text{\AA} = 10^{-10}\text{m}; \quad c = 3 \cdot 10^8\text{m}/\text{s}; \quad \hbar^2 / m_e = 7.62\text{eV}\text{\AA}^2$$

$$m_p / m_e = 1836; \quad \mu_B = 5.79 \times 10^{-5}\text{eV}/\text{T}; \quad \int_0^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-\lambda x} = n! / \lambda^{n+1}$$

Problem 1 (10 pts)

An electron is in a stationary state of a two-dimensional potential given by

$$U(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad -\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}, \quad -\frac{L}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{L}{2}$$

$$U(x, y) = \infty \quad \text{for} \quad |x| > \frac{L}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad |y| > \frac{L}{2} \quad \text{or both}$$

with $L=5\text{\AA}$. In the region $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ this electron is more likely to be found around the point $(x, y) = (L/4, L/4)$ than anywhere else in that region.

- Find the quantum numbers n_1, n_2 and the energy for this electron, in eV.
- What is the longest wavelength photon (in \AA) that this electron can absorb in making a transition to another state? Justify your answer clearly. Assume no selection rules.
- What is the shortest wavelength photon (in \AA) that this electron can emit in making a transition to another state? Justify your answer clearly. Assume no selection rules.
- Assume now there are other electrons placed in this box that prevent this electron from making a transition to a lower energy state because of the Pauli exclusion principle. What is the minimum number of other electrons in this box?

Problem 2 (10 pts)

The wavefunction for an electron in a hydrogen-like ion is

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = C r e^{-3r/a_0} \cos \theta e^{im_\ell \phi}$$

where C is a constant.

- Give the quantum numbers n, ℓ and m_ℓ and ionic charge Z . Justify all your answers.
- Find the most probable r for this electron, in terms of a_0 , the Bohr radius.
- Find the average potential energy for this electron, as a multiple of ke^2 / a_0
- Compare the results found in (b) and in (c) with the values predicted by the Bohr model for the same values of the quantum number n found in (a).

Problem 3 (10 pts)

The wavelength of photons emitted when an electron goes from the 3d to the 2p levels of hydrogen is 6564.3\AA , since the energy difference is $E_3 - E_2 = 1.889\text{eV}$. Assume now a magnetic field of magnitude $B=10\text{ T}$ is turned on.

- Ignoring electron spin, find the possible wavelengths of photons emitted in this transition in the presence of B . Keep in mind the selection rule $\Delta m_\ell = 0, 1$ or -1 .
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(b) Taking into consideration electron spin and ignoring the spin-orbit interaction, find the maximum and minimum wavelength of the photons emitted in this transition. Keep in mind the selection rule $\Delta(m_\ell + m_s) = 0, 1$ or -1 .