

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

SECOND EXAMINATION IN SCIENCE - 2008/2009

FIRST SEMESTER (PROPER/REPEAT)

(February 2010)

PH 201 ATOMIC PHYSICS AND QUANTUM MECHANICS

Time: 01 hour.

Answer ALL Questions

Electron charge $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$

Mass of an electron $m_e = 9.109 \times 10^{-31} kg$

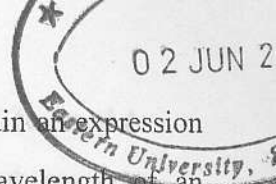
Permittivity in free space $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} Fm^{-1}$

Velocity of light $c = 3 \times 10^8 ms^{-1}$

Planck's constant $h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34} Js$

$V = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} J$





1. State the postulates of Bohr regarding his atomic model and hence obtain an expression for the electron energy of the n^{th} orbit. Hence show that the wavelength of an electromagnetic radiation emitted in a transition between two states of a Bohr atom is given by:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

Where λ is the wavelength of the radiation, R is the Rydberg constant and n_i and n_f are integers.

Deduce the wavelength λ_α of the H_α - line in the Balmer series of H - atom and show that:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha} = \frac{5R_H}{36},$$

where R_H is the Rydberg constant for H - atom.

Hence find the Rydberg constant, if the wavelength of H_α - line is $6563 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$.

2. Explain briefly what do you understand by photoelectric effect and give Einstein's explanation for the photoelectric effect.

A certain metal has a threshold wavelength of 600 nm . Find the stopping potentials when the metal is irradiated with:

- Monochromatic light of wavelength 400 nm .
- Light having twice the frequency and three times the intensity of wavelength 400 nm .

3. Explain what do you mean by Compton Effect?

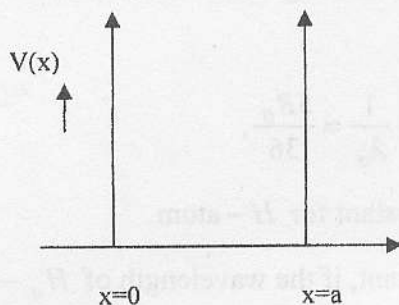
Show that the change in wavelength of a photon subject to Compton scattering by an electron is given by:

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{h}{m_0c} (1 - \cos\phi)$$

Where ϕ is the scattering angle of the photon and other symbols have their usual meanings.

A beam of X-rays of wavelength 0.01nm is incident on a carbon target. The scattered rays are detected at an angle of 60° to the direction of the incident beam. Find wavelength of the scattered X-rays.

4. Write down the time independent Schrödinger equation in a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system, for a particle of mass m and the energy E moving in a potential $V(x)$ particle of mass m and the energy E moves inside a potential well $V(x)$ as shown in figure.



$$V(x) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq a,$$

$$V(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } x < 0 \text{ and } x > a.$$

- Write down the time independent Schrödinger equation for the motion of the particle.
- State clearly the boundary conditions and the normalization condition for the wave function.
- Using the above conditions, show that the wave function of the particle is given by:

$$\Psi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \text{Sin}\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)x.$$