

0.1 Use $E = h\nu$; $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J s; $\nu = 1/T$ [T : period]

(a) $E = (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}) / (1.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}) = \underline{6.626 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$

(b) $E = h / (1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ s}) = \underline{6.626 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}}$

(c) $E = h / (1.0 \text{ s}) = \underline{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}}$

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$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \left(\frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \right) \frac{e^{-hc/\lambda kT}}{1 - e^{-hc/\lambda kT}} \quad [\text{eqn 0.4}] \\ &= \frac{(8\pi hc/\lambda^5)}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} \\ \frac{d\rho}{d\lambda} &= -\frac{40\pi hc/\lambda^6}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} + \frac{(8\pi hc/\lambda^5)(hc/\lambda^2 kT)e^{hc/\lambda kT}}{(e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)^2} = 0\end{aligned}$$

That is, at the maximum

$$\frac{5}{\lambda} = \frac{(hc/\lambda^2 kT)e^{hc/\lambda kT}}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} = \frac{(hc/\lambda^2 kT)}{1 - e^{-hc/\lambda kT}}$$

and hence

$$\frac{hc}{5\lambda kT} = 1 - e^{-hc/\lambda kT}$$

At short wavelengths ($hc/\lambda kT \gg 1$)

$$\frac{hc}{5\lambda kT} \approx 1, \text{ which implies that } \underline{\lambda T \approx hc/5k}$$

Exercise: Confirm that the extremum of ρ is in fact a maximum.

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0.12 Use the experimental data at 195 nm and eqn 0.6 to compute the work function of the metal surface.

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= h\nu - E_{\text{K}} = (hc/\lambda) - \frac{1}{2}m_e v^2 \\ &= (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s})(3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1})/(195 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(9.10938 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.23 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1})^2 \\ &= 3.303 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

When light of wavelength 255 nm is used, the kinetic energy of the ejected electron is

$$\begin{aligned}E_{\text{K}} &= (hc/\lambda) - \Phi \\ &= (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s})(3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1})/(255 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) - \\ &\quad 3.303 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \\ &= 4.492 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

corresponding to a speed of

$$v = \left(\frac{2E_{\text{K}}}{m_e} \right)^{1/2} = \underline{9.93 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$$

Exercise: For the above problem, what is the longest wavelength of light capable of ejecting electrons from the metal surface?

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0.17 First, equate the Coulombic force of attraction between the electron and the nucleus with the centrifugal force due to the circular motion of the electron:

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{m_e v^2}{r}$$

where v is the velocity of the electron. Since the angular momentum of the electron is an integral multiple of \hbar ,

$$v = \frac{n\hbar}{m_e r}$$

so that

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{m_e r^3}$$

or

$$r = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 n^2 \hbar^2}{m_e e^2}$$

The total energy E is the sum of the kinetic and potential energy. Use of the expressions given above for v and for r yields

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \\ &= -\frac{e^4 m_e}{32 n^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2 \pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

which, upon replacing m_e by μ and \hbar by $h/2\pi$ results in eqn 0.12.

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