

2.41 Calculate the energy of the electron in the hydrogen atom (in units of eV) for the first four allowed energy levels.

- Also, find the wavelength and frequency of the photon emitted if an electron drops from a) second to first energy level, b) third to second energy level, and c) fourth to third energy level.

Used MathCad, to deal w/ very small numbers.

Define some constants

$$\begin{aligned} h &:= 6.62607015 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J-s} & h_{\text{mod}} &:= \frac{h}{2 \cdot \pi} & h_{\text{mod}} &= 1.05457 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s} \\ m_0 &:= 9.1093837 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg} & \epsilon_0 &:= 8.8541878 \cdot 10^{-12} & & \text{F/m} \\ q_e &:= 1.6021766 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C} & \text{eV} &:= 1.602176634 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J} & c &:= 299792458 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Find electron energies using (2.73)

$$\begin{aligned} n=1 \quad E_1 &:= \frac{-m_0 \cdot q_e^4}{(4 \cdot \pi \cdot \epsilon_0)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot h_{\text{mod}}^2 \cdot 1^2} & E_1 &= -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} & E_{1\text{eV}} &:= \frac{E_1}{\text{eV}} \\ & & & & E_{1\text{eV}} &= -13.606 \text{ eV} \\ n=2 \quad E_2 &:= \frac{E_1}{2^2} & E_{2\text{eV}} &:= \frac{E_2}{\text{eV}} & E_2 &= -5.45 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} & E_{2\text{eV}} &= -3.401 \text{ eV} \\ n=3 \quad E_3 &:= \frac{E_1}{3^2} & E_{3\text{eV}} &:= \frac{E_3}{\text{eV}} & E_3 &= -2.422 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} & E_{3\text{eV}} &= -1.512 \text{ eV} \\ n=4 \quad E_4 &:= \frac{E_1}{4^2} & E_{4\text{eV}} &:= \frac{E_4}{\text{eV}} & E_4 &= -1.362 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} & E_{4\text{eV}} &= -0.85 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.1) & $c = f\lambda$, find λ (m) and ν or f (Hz) of the photon emitted if electron drops from:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } E_2 \text{ to } E_1 \quad f_{21} &:= \frac{E_2 - E_1}{h} & f_{21} &= 2.467 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz} \\ \lambda_{21} &:= \frac{c}{f_{21}} & \lambda_{21} \cdot 10^{10} &= 1215 \text{ Angstroms (ultraviolet)} \\ \text{b) } E_3 \text{ to } E_2 \quad f_{32} &:= \frac{E_3 - E_2}{h} & f_{32} &= 4.569 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \\ \lambda_{32} &:= \frac{c}{f_{32}} & \lambda_{32} \cdot 10^{10} &= 6561.1 \text{ Angstroms (red)} \\ \text{c) } E_4 \text{ to } E_3 \quad f_{43} &:= \frac{E_4 - E_3}{h} & f_{43} &= 1.599 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \\ \lambda_{43} &:= \frac{c}{f_{43}} & \lambda_{43} \cdot 10^{10} &= 18746.1 \text{ Angstroms (infrared)} \end{aligned}$$