

Recitation 2

1. Bohr Model

Chapter 7: Exercise 50

An electron is excited from $n = 1$ ground state to the $n = 3$ state in a hydrogen atom. Which of the following statements are true? Correct the false statements to make them true.

- (a) It takes more energy to ionize (completely remove) to the electron from $n = 3$ than the ground state
- (b) The electron is farther from the nucleus on average in the $n = 3$ state than in the $n = 1$ state
- (c) The wavelength of light emitted if the electron drops from $n = 3$ to $n = 2$ will be shorter than the wavelength of light emitted if the electron falls from $n = 3$ to $n = 1$
- (d) The wavelength of light emitted when the electron returns to the ground state from $n = 3$ will be the same as the wavelength of light absorbed to go from $n = 1$ to $n = 3$
- (e) For $n = 3$, the electron is in the first excited state

Solution:

- (a) False;
- (b) True;
- (c) False;
- (d) True;
- (e) False

Chapter 7: Exercise 54

An excited hydrogen atom emits light with a wavelength of 397.2 nm to reach the energy level for which $n = 2$. In which principal quantum level did the electron begin?

Solution:

$$\lambda = hc/\Delta E = hc/\{R_H [(1/n_{\text{final}}^2) - (1/n_{\text{initial}}^2)]\}$$

$$(1/n_{\text{final}}^2) - (1/n_{\text{initial}}^2) = hc/(R_H \lambda)$$

$$\text{Or, } (1/2^2) - (1/n_{\text{initial}}^2)$$

$$= (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \times 2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (2.178 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \times 397.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})$$

$$\text{Or, } n_{\text{initial}} = 7$$

2. The Heisenberg principle

Chapter 7: Exercise 55

Using Heisenberg uncertainty principle, calculate Δx for each of the following.

- a. an electron with $\Delta v = 0.100$ m/s**
- b. a baseball (mass = 145 g) with $\Delta v = 0.100$ m/s**
- c. How does the answer in part a compare with the size of hydrogen atom?**
- d. How does the answer in part b correspond to the size of a baseball?**

Solution:

$$(a) \Delta v = 0.100 \text{ m/s, mass of electron} = m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta(mv) = h/4\pi,$$

$$\text{Or, } \Delta x = h/(4\pi m \Delta v) = (6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) / \{4 \times 3.14 \times 0.100 \text{ m/s} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}\} = 5.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$(b) \Delta v = 0.100 \text{ m/s, mass of the baseball} = m = 0.145 \text{ kg}$$

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta(mv) = h/4\pi,$$

$$\text{Or, } \Delta x = h/(4\pi m \Delta v) = (6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) / \{4 \times 3.14 \times 0.100 \text{ m/s} \times 0.145 \text{ kg}\} = 3.64 \times 10^{-33} \text{ m}$$

(c) The diameter of H-atom is roughly 1.0×10^{-8} cm. The uncertainty in position is much longer than the size of the atom.

(d) The uncertainty is insignificant to the size of the baseball.

3. Radial nodes and angular nodes for 3s, 3p and 3d orbitals

The shapes of the orbitals with the mathematical form of the wave functions for 1s, 2s and 2p_z orbitals are:

$$\Psi_{1s} = \Psi_{1,0,0} = C e^{-r/a_0}$$

$$\Psi_{2s} = \Psi_{2,0,0} = C e^{-r/2a_0} \left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0} \right)$$

$$\Psi_{2p_z} = \Psi_{2,1,0} = Cr e^{-r/2a_0} \cos \theta$$

- **Why?**

1. There is no node in 1s orbital
2. There is one radial node in 2s orbital.
3. There is no radial node in 2p_z orbital, but there is one angular node (when $\cos \theta = 0$, $\theta = 90^\circ$, yielding the *xy* plane).

- **Number of nodes:**

1. Number of radial nodes in a given orbital: **n-l-1**
2. Number of angular nodes: **l**
3. Total number of nodes: **n-1**

Orbital	Number of Radial Nodes	Number of Angular Nodes	Total Number of Nodes
3s	2	0	2
3p _x	1	1	2
3p _y	1	1	2
3p _z	1	1	2
3d _{xz}	0	2	2
3d _{yz}	0	2	2
3d _{xy}	0	2	2
3d _{x²-y²}	0	2	2
3d _{z²}	0	2	2