Chapter 6 Part 1

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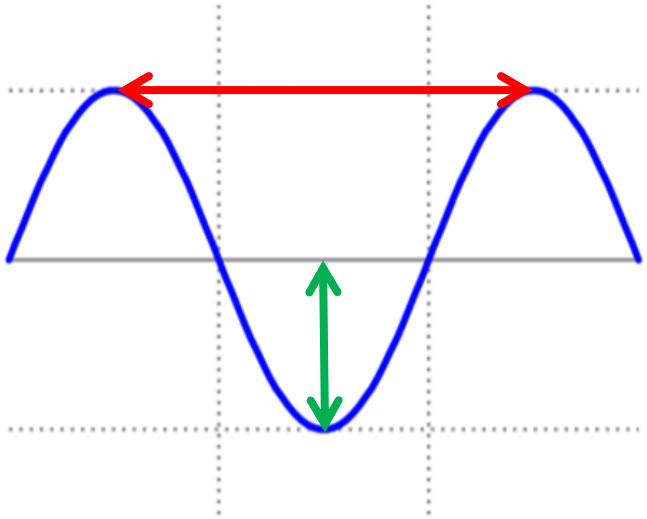
Electromagnetic waves

- The green line indicates the amplitude
- The distance between two adjacent crests or troughs is a wavelength and is indicated by the red line
- A period is the amount of time that it takes for the wave to travel one wavelength
- The number of periods that occurs per second is the frequency



Electromagnetic waves and light

- Electromagnetic radiation is light
- The wavelength and frequency of waves are related by the speed of light

$$c = \lambda\nu$$

- c is the speed of light in a vacuum and is equal to $2.998 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- λ is the wavelength (in m)
- ν is the frequency (in s^{-1})

Electromagnetic waves

What wavelength of electromagnetic radiation corresponds to a frequency of $3.45 \times 10^{13}\ s^{-1}$?

A. 8.69×10^{-6} m
B. 1.15×10^{5} m
C. 7.65×10^{-29} m
D. 9.10×10^{-6} m
E. 8.99×10^{-6} m

Photons

- Due to the wave-particle duality, light waves may also be expressed as photons.
- The energy of a photon may be expressed as

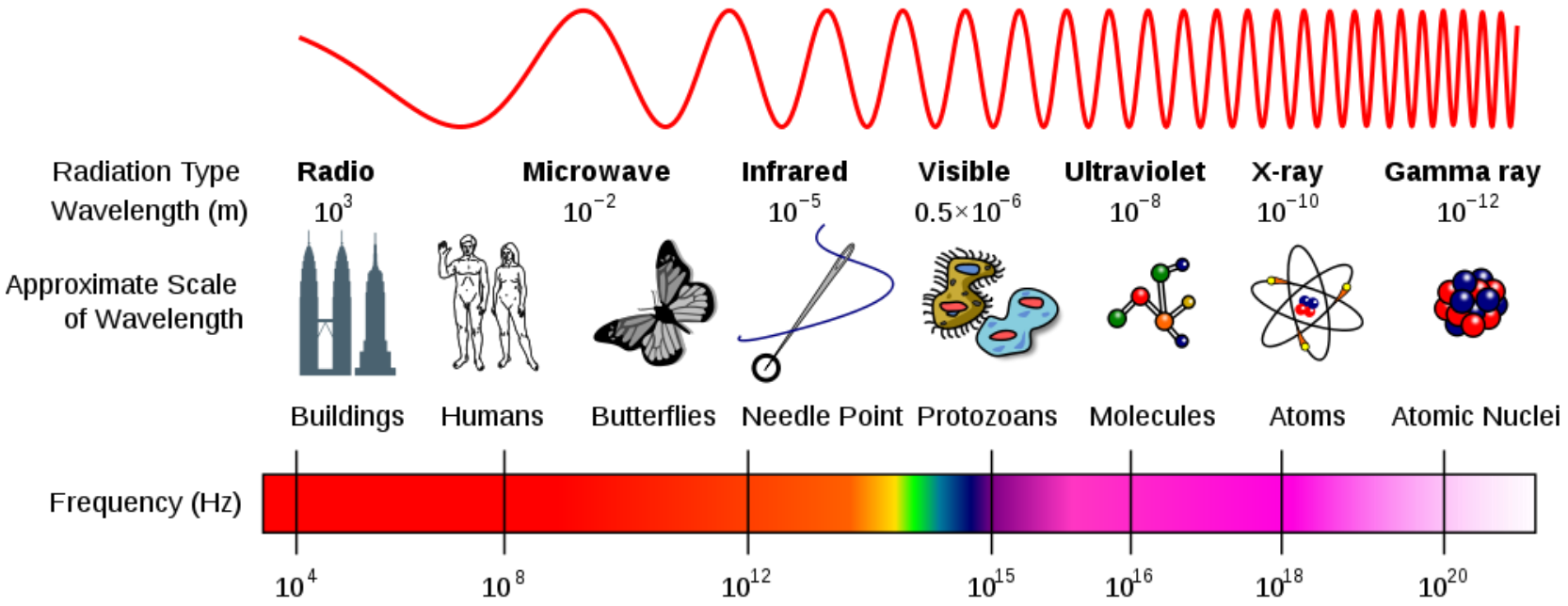
$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

- E is the energy of the photon in joules
- h is Planck's constant, 6.626×10^{-34} Js
- The energy of a photon is related to its frequency

Photons

A lamp releases a photon with a wavelength of 535 nm. Calculate the energy of this photon.

Electromagnetic spectrum



Electromagnetic waves

Which of the following statements is (are) true?

I. The product of wavelength and frequency of light is a constant

II. As the energy of electromagnetic radiation increases, its frequency decreases

III. As the wavelength of light increases, its frequency increases

A. I only

B. II only

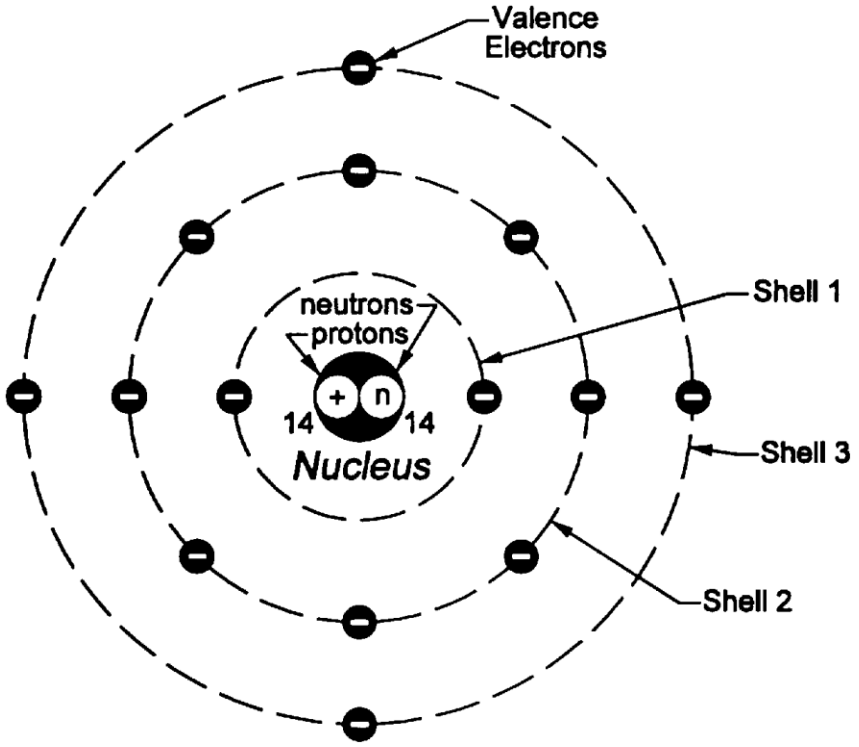
C. III only

D. I and III only

E. II and III only

The Bohr model

- The principle quantum number (n) denotes energy level in the Bohr model
- The lowest energy configuration of an atom or molecule is called its ground state
- When an electron is excited to a higher energy level (n quantum number), this is called an excited state



Electron shell transitions

- The energy change of an atom resulting from the transition between two different shells (energy levels) in the Bohr model is expressed as

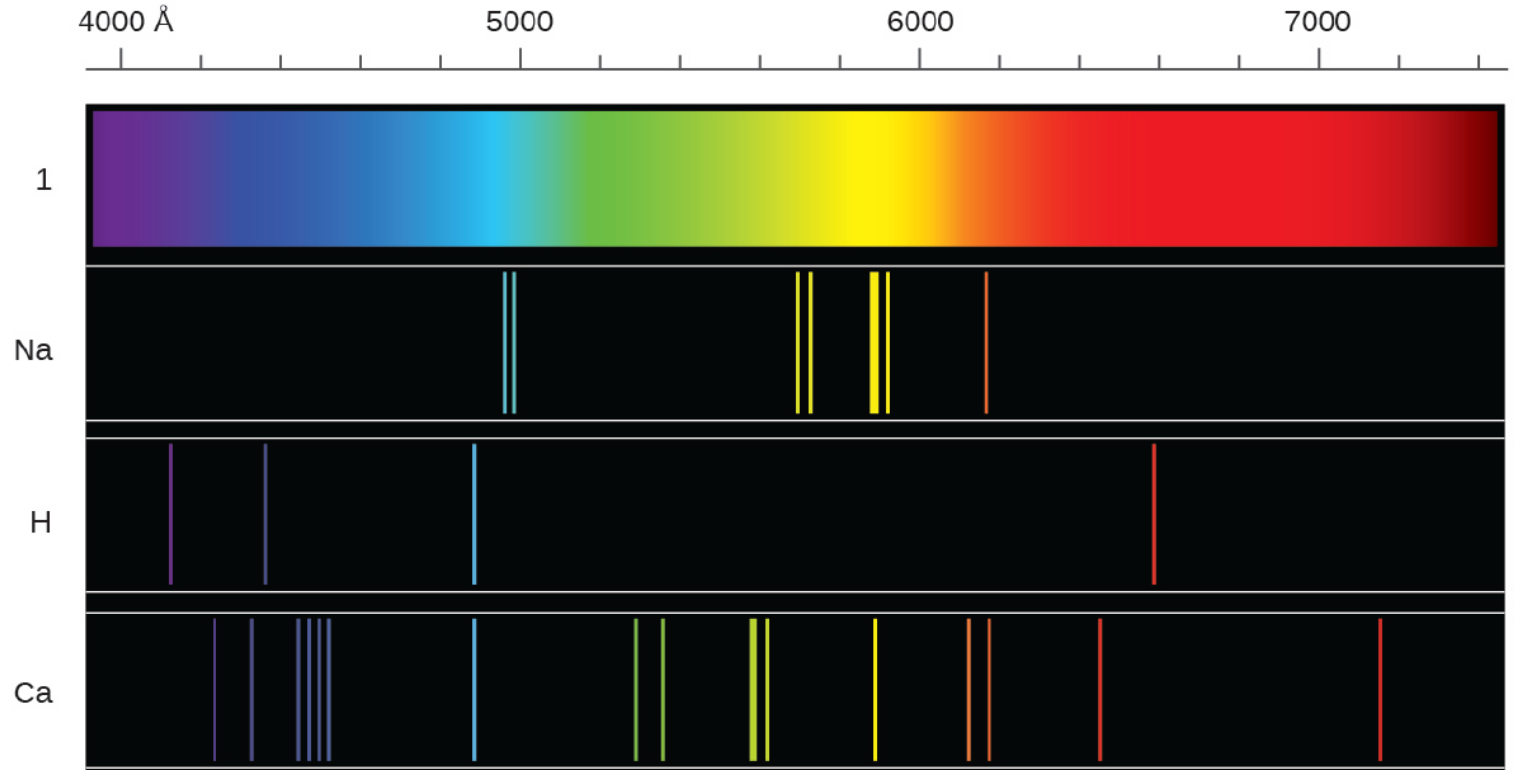
$$\Delta E_{atom} = -2.179 \times 10^{-18} J \left(\frac{1}{n_{final}^2} - \frac{1}{n_{initial}^2} \right)$$

  - If ΔE_{atom} is positive, the atom is absorbing a photon to go from a lower n level to a higher n level.
  - If ΔE_{atom} is negative, the atom is releasing a photon to go from a higher n level to a lower n level.
- The energy gained or lost by the atom corresponds to the energy of the photon absorbed or released

$$E_{photon} = |\Delta E_{atom}|$$

Line spectra

- A line spectra shows the transition electron energy level transitions which occur in the visible region of light
- Every element has a distinct line spectra



Energy transitions

The first line of the line spectrum of the hydrogen atom emission results from a transition from the n = 2 level to the n = 1 level. What is the wavelength of the emitted photon?

Energy transitions

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A. Transition from the $n = 1$ to the $n = 3$ level
B. Transition from the $n = 1$ to the $n = 2$ level
C. Transition from the $n = 3$ to the $n = 1$ level
D. Transition from the $n = 2$ to the $n = 1$ level
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Multiple Choice

Which of the following statements about a hydrogen atom is false?

A. An electron in the n = 1 level of the hydrogen atom is in its ground state.
B. On average, an electron in the n = 3 level is farther from the nucleus than an electron in the n = 2 state.
C. The wavelength of light emitted when the electron goes from, the n = 3 level to the n = 1 level is the same as the wavelength of light absorbed when the electron goes from the n = 1 level to the n = 3 level.
D. An electron in the n = 1 level is higher in energy than an electron in the n = 4 level.
E. Light of greater frequency is required for a transition from the n = 1 level to n = 3 level than is required for a transition from the n = 2 level to n = 3.