

Assignment XI, HONS 158 (Honors Physics II)
Spring 2016
Due 4/20/16 at start of class

As always, please put your answers on separate paper.

1. Two 85 kW radio stations broadcast at different frequencies. Station A broadcasts at a frequency of 892 kHz, and station B broadcasts at a frequency of 1410 kHz.
 - a) Which station emits more photons per second? (Explain/justify your answer).
 - b) Which station emits photons of higher energy?
2. What is the wavelength of a photon that has the same momentum as an electron moving with a speed of 1200 m/s? (Ignore relativistic effects).
3. The work function of Molybdenum is 4.22 eV.
 - a) What is the smallest frequency that will emit a Photoelectron from Molybdenum?
 - b) Will yellow light of wavelength 560 nm cause ejection of photoelectrons from Molybdenum? (Justify your answer with a calculation).
 - c) What would the stopping potential be for Molybdenum illuminated with UV light of wavelength 150 nm?
4. A photoelectric experiment with Cesium yields stopping potentials for $\lambda = 435.8$ nm and $\lambda = 546.1$ nm to be 0.95 V and 0.38 V, respectively. Using these data only, find an experimental value for h and use it to find the threshold frequency and work function for Cesium.
5. I have a ping-pong ball in my office. It has a diameter of 40 mm (regulation size because that's how I roll). Let's pretend that I painted it black and it is, for our purposes, a perfect blackbody.
 - a) Assume my office is kept at a constant temperature of 293K. How much energy does the ball emit in a year? (You may assume that the ball stays in thermal equilibrium at all times).
 - b) What is the peak wavelength of the blackbody emission from the ping-pong ball?
6. Calculate the de Broglie wavelengths of the following:
 - a) An electron with kinetic energy 13.6 eV. (Convert this to Joules!)
 - b) The Earth. (Assume that the sun is stationary. You may have to google some stuff).
 - c) An average Sodium atom in an ideal gas at 500 pK. (The average speed of a molecule in an ideal gas can be computed via $v_{\text{avg}} = \left(\frac{8kT}{\pi m}\right)^{1/2}$ with k the Boltzmann constant 1.38×10^{-23} J/K. A picoKelvin is 1×10^{-12} K). Sodium has an atomic mass of 22.990, which means that the mass of a Sodium atom is about $0.02299 \text{ kg}/6.022 \times 10^{23} \approx 3.82 \times 10^{-26}$ kg.