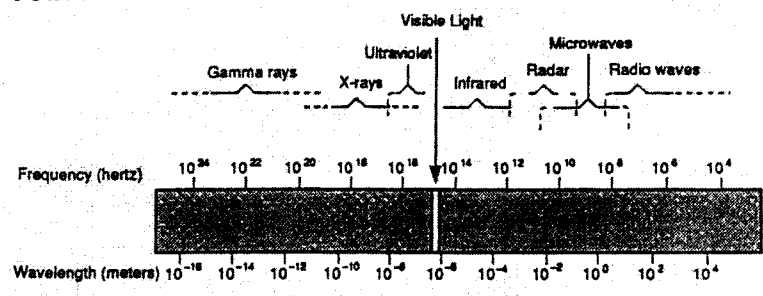


Chemistry: Light Problems



Directions: Solve the following problems. Show proper set-up, work, and units for full credit. Box in your final answer.

1. A wave has a frequency of 22 Hz and a wavelength of 4.0 m. What is its velocity?

$v = \lambda \times f$
 $v = 4.0 \text{ m} \times 22 \text{ Hz}$
 $v = 88 \text{ m/s}$

2. What is the frequency of a wave if its wavelength is $3.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ and its velocity is $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$?

$v = \lambda \times f$
 $f = \frac{v}{\lambda}$
 $f = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{3.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}$
 $f = 8.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ Hz}$

3. As you move across the continuous spectrum from red to violet, what happens to...

- a. wavelength? *decreases*
- b. frequency? *increases*

4. A beam of microwaves has a frequency of $1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$. A radar beam has a frequency of $5 \times 10^{11} \text{ Hz}$. Which type of radiation...

- a. has the longer wavelength? *microwave*
- b. is nearer to visible light in the electromagnetic spectrum? *radar*
- c. is closer to X-rays in frequency value? *radar*

5. A bright line spectrum contains a line with a wavelength of 518 nm. Determine...

a. the wavelength, in meters. (Hint: $1 \times 10^9 \text{ nm} = 1 \text{ m}$)

$518 \text{ nm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1 \times 10^9 \text{ nm}} = 5.18 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$

b. the frequency.

$v = \frac{c}{\lambda}$
 $v = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{5.18 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} = 5.79 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

c. the energy.

$E = h \nu$
 $E = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \times 5.79 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1} = 3.84 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

d. the color of the line.

green

6. A photon has an energy of 4.00×10^{-19} J. Find...

a. the frequency of the radiation.

$$E = 4.00 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

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

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

$$\nu = \frac{4.00 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}$$

$$\nu = 6.04 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

b. the wavelength of the radiation.

$$\frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{6.04 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

$$= 4.97 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

c. the region of the electromagnetic spectrum that this radiation represents.

Green

7. A photon of light has a wavelength of 3.20×10^5 m. Find...

a. the frequency of the radiation.

$$\lambda = 3.20 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$$

$$c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{\nu \times \lambda}{\lambda}$$

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\nu = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{3.2 \times 10^5 \text{ m}}$$

$$= 937.5 \text{ Hz}$$

b. the energy of the photon.

$$E = h\nu$$

$$E = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \times 937.5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$E =$$

c. the region of the electromagnetic spectrum that this radiation represents.

937 KHz radio waves (Long wave)

8. Determine the frequency of light with a wavelength of 4.257×10^{-7} cm.

$$\lambda = 4.257 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}$$

$$c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{\nu \times \lambda}{\lambda}$$

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\nu = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{4.257 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}$$

9. How many minutes would it take a radio wave with a frequency of 7.25×10^5 Hz to travel from Mars to Earth if the distance between the two planets is approximately 8.0×10^7 km?

$$\nu = 7.25 \times 10^5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$d = 8.0 \times 10^7 \text{ km}$$

$$v = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{8.0 \times 10^7 \text{ km}}{1} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{1 \text{ s}}{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 4.44 \text{ min}$$

10. Cobalt-60 is an artificial radioisotope that is produced in a nuclear reactor for use as a gamma-ray source in the treatment of certain types of cancer. If the wavelength of the gamma radiation from a cobalt-60 source is 1.00×10^{-3} nm, calculate the energy of a photon of this radiation.

- Selected Answers: 1. 88 m/s 2. 8.3×10^{16} Hz 3a. 5.18×10^{-7} m 3b. 5.79×10^{14} Hz 3c. 3.84×10^{-19} J 3d. 6.03×10^{14} Hz 4a. 938 Hz 4b. 4.97×10^{-7} m 4c. 6.21×10^{-31} J 4d. 7.047×10^{18} Hz 5. 4.4 minutes 6. 1.99×10^{-13} J