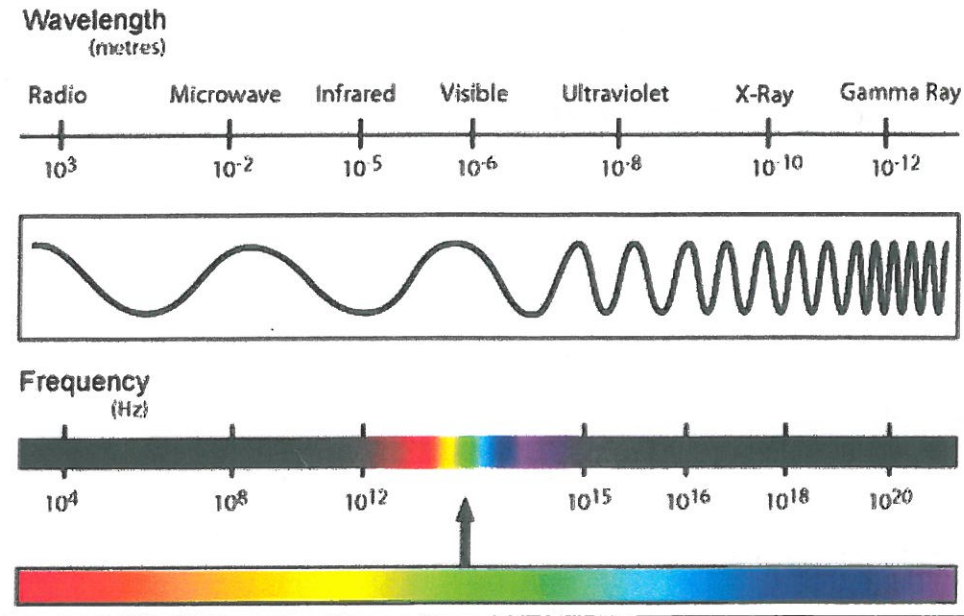


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Electromagnetic Radiation Problems

THE ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Directions: Solve the following problems. Show your work and units for full credit. Box in or circle your final answer.

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

$$u = 22 \text{ Hz} (4.0 \text{ m}) = \boxed{88 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

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

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = (3.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) \nu$$
$$\nu = \boxed{8.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ Hz}}$$

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

- a. wavelength (increase or decrease)? *decrease*
b. frequency (increase or decrease)? *increase*

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?

$\uparrow \lambda \downarrow \nu$ 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: $1 \times 10^9 \text{ nm} = 1 \text{ m}$)

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

b. the frequency.

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = (5.18 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}) \nu \quad \nu = \boxed{5.79 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}}$$

c. the energy.

$$E = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(5.79 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) = \boxed{3.84 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

d. the color of the line. green

6. A photon has an energy of $4.00 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$. Find...

a. the frequency of the radiation.

$$4.00 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = (6.63 \times 10^{-34}) \nu$$
$$\nu = \boxed{6.03 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}}$$

b. the wavelength of the radiation.

$$3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = \lambda (6.03 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz})$$
$$\lambda = \boxed{4.97 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}}$$

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

visible (497 nm)

7. A photon of light has a wavelength of $3.20 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$. Find...

a. the frequency of the radiation.

$$3 \times 10^8 = 3.2 \times 10^5 (\nu)$$
$$\nu = \boxed{938 \text{ Hz}}$$

b. the energy of the photon.

$$E = (6.63 \times 10^{-34})(938) = \boxed{6.21 \times 10^{-31} \text{ J}}$$

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

radio

$$4.257 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}}$$

8. Determine the frequency of light with a wavelength of $4.257 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}$.

$$3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = (4.257 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) (\nu)$$

$$\nu = \boxed{7.047 \times 10^{16} \text{ Hz}}$$

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

$$\nu = 7.25 \times 10^5 \text{ Hz} \quad \text{light moves } 3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

convert distance to time



$$8.0 \times 10^7 \text{ km} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{1 \text{ s}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = \boxed{4.4 \text{ min}}$$

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 $1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nm}$, calculate the energy of a photon of this radiation.

$$\lambda = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1 \times 10^9 \text{ nm}} = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

$$3 \times 10^8 = 1 \times 10^{-12} (\nu)$$

$$\nu = 3 \times 10^{20}$$

$$E = (6.63 \times 10^{-34}) (3 \times 10^{20}) = \boxed{1.99 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}}$$

