

Elec 315 Assignment 2 Solutions

1. a)  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi = E\psi \rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) XYZ = EXYZ \rightarrow$

Separation of variables:  $\psi = XYZ$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[ \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} + \frac{Z''}{Z} \right] = E \rightarrow \begin{cases} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{X''}{X} = E_x \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{Y''}{Y} = E_y \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{Z''}{Z} = E_z \end{cases}, E = E_x + E_y + E_z$$

For each direction: for example x:  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{X''}{X} = E_x \rightarrow$

$$X'' + \frac{2mE_x}{\hbar^2} X = 0 \rightarrow X(x) = A e^{ik_x x} + B e^{-ik_x x}, k_x = \sqrt{\frac{2mE_x}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$X(0) = 0 \rightarrow A + B = 0 \rightarrow X(x) = A' \sin k_x x$$

$$X(L_x) = 0 \rightarrow k_x L_x = n_x \pi \rightarrow k_x = \frac{n_x \pi}{L_x}$$

So if we do this for all x, y, z:  $E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0} (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2), k_x = \frac{n_x \pi}{L_x}$   
 $k_y = \frac{n_y \pi}{L_y}, k_z = \frac{n_z \pi}{L_z}$

b)  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m_0 L_x^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + \frac{n_z^2}{100^2}) = 0.377 \text{ eV} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 / 10^4)$

lowest energies  $\downarrow$   
 $E_{111} = 0.75388 \text{ eV} \rightarrow$  ground state  $\rightarrow \psi(x, y, z, t) = A \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L_y}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{L_z}\right) e^{-j \frac{0.75388 t}{\hbar}}$   
 $E_{112} = 0.75399 \text{ eV}$   
 $E_{113} = 0.75418 \text{ eV}$   
 $E_{114} = 0.75445 \text{ eV}$   
 $E_{115} = 0.75479 \text{ eV}$   
 $E_{116} = 0.75520 \text{ eV}$

c)  $\psi_{112} \rightarrow \psi_{111} \rightarrow h\nu = E_{112} - E_{111} = 0.113 \text{ meV} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{hc}{E} = 1.099 \text{ cm}$

$\psi_{121} \rightarrow \psi_{111} \rightarrow h\nu = E_{121} - E_{111} = 1.13 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{hc}{E} = 1.099 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$

d)  $E < 1.885 \text{ eV}$

$n_x = 1, n_y = 1, n_z = ? \rightarrow 2 + \frac{n_z^2}{10^4} < 5.00103 \rightarrow n_z^2 < 3.00103 \times 10^4$

$n_x = 1, n_y = 2, n_z = ? \rightarrow 5 + \frac{n_z^2}{10^4} < 5.00103 \rightarrow n_z^2 < 0.00103 \times 10^4$

$n_x = 2, n_y = 1, n_z = ?$

$n_x = 2, n_y = 2, n_z$  not acceptable

Number of states =  $173 + 2 \times 3 = \boxed{179}$

2-a)  $\psi_1 = A_1 e^{jk_1 x} + B_1 e^{-jk_1 x}$   $k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$   
 $\psi_2 = A_2 e^{k_2 x} + B_2 e^{-k_2 x}$   $k_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(U_{\text{barrier}} - E)}{\hbar^2}}$   
 $\psi_3 = A_3 e^{jk_3 x}$   $k_3 = k_1$   $B_3$  is zero

$x=0$   $\begin{cases} \psi_1(0) = \psi_2(0) \rightarrow A_1 + B_1 = A_2 + B_2 \\ \psi_1'(0) = \psi_2'(0) \rightarrow jk_1(A_1 - B_1) = k_2(A_2 - B_2) \end{cases}$

$x=w$   $\begin{cases} \psi_2(w) = \psi_3(w) \rightarrow A_2 e^{k_2 w} + B_2 e^{-k_2 w} = A_3 e^{jk_1 w} \\ \psi_2'(w) = \psi_3'(w) \rightarrow A_2 k_2 e^{k_2 w} - B_2 k_2 e^{-k_2 w} = jk_3 A_3 e^{jk_3 w} \end{cases}$

b)  $D = 1.225$ ,  $k_2 = 1.14 \times 10^{10} \text{ } \gamma\text{m}$ ,  $T = \frac{4.33}{1.6} \times 10^{-20} \rightarrow I = \frac{6.98}{1.6} \times 10^{-30} \text{ A}$   
 If  $w = 0.8 \text{ nm} \rightarrow T = 3.66 \times 10^{-8} \rightarrow I = 5.85 \times 10^{-18} \text{ A}$

3.  $T \uparrow \rightarrow E_g \downarrow$   
 $T \downarrow \rightarrow E_g \uparrow$

