

# 1 Problem 13.9

Using Jackson's equation 13.50 and the fact that  $n = \sqrt{\varepsilon(\omega)}$  yields:

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta} \quad (1)$$

Now, we know that  $K = (\gamma - 1)mc^2 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} - 1 \right) mc^2$ . Solving this expression for  $\beta$  yields:

$$\beta = \frac{\sqrt{K^2 + 2Kmc^2}}{K + mc^2} \quad (2)$$

Plugging this into equation (1) yields:

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{K + mc^2}{n\sqrt{K^2 + 2Kmc^2}}$$

Jackson's equation 13.48 gives us:

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \int \frac{z^2 e^2}{c^2} \omega \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2 \beta^2} \right) d\omega$$

A single energy quantum (i.e., a photon) radiated will have energy  $\hbar\omega$ . Thus, the above equation can be rewritten to express the number of quanta emitted:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN}{dx} &= \int \frac{z^2 e^2}{\hbar c^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2 \beta^2} \right) d\omega \\ &= \frac{z^2 e^2}{\hbar c^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2 \beta^2} \right) [\omega_{\max} - \omega_{\min}] \\ &= \frac{z^2 e^2}{\hbar c^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2 \beta^2} \right) \left[ \frac{2\pi c}{n\lambda_{\min}} - \frac{2\pi c}{n\lambda_{\max}} \right] \\ &= \frac{2\pi z^2 e^2}{n\hbar c} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2 \beta^2} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

For  $z = 1$  (since we're dealing with isolated particles),  $n = 1.5$ , and  $\lambda_{\min} = 4000 \text{ \AA}$ , this equation becomes:

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 283 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1.5^2 \beta^2} \right) \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad (3)$$

Plugging  $K = 1 \text{ MeV}$  and  $mc^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$  into equation (2) yields  $\beta = 0.941$ . Plugging this into equation (3) yields  $dN/dx = 149$  photons per cm.

Plugging  $K = 500 \text{ MeV}$  and  $mc^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$  into equation (2) yields  $\beta = 0.999$ . Plugging this into equation (3) yields  $dN/dx = 154$  photons per cm.

Plugging  $K = 5000 \text{ MeV}$  and  $mc^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$  into equation (2) yields  $\beta = 0.9999$ . Plugging this into equation (3) yields  $dN/dx = 154$  photons per cm.

## 2 Problem 14.4

### 2.1 Part a

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{z} &= a \cos(\omega_0 t) \hat{z} \\ \vec{v} &= -a\omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) \hat{z} \\ \implies \vec{\beta} &= -\frac{a\omega_0}{c} \sin(\omega_0 t) \hat{z} \\ \dot{\vec{\beta}} &= -\frac{a\omega_0^2}{c} \cos(\omega_0 t) \hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

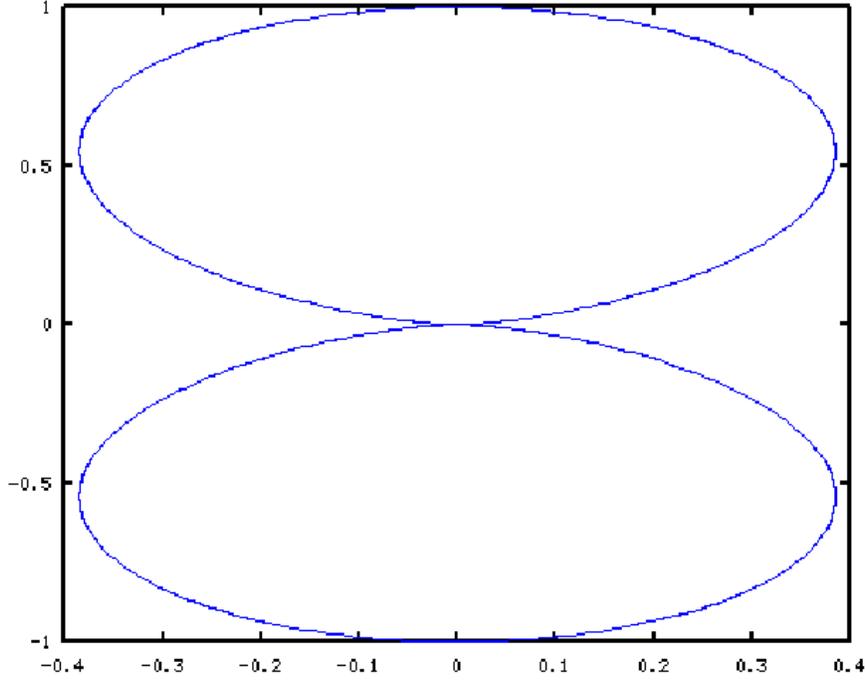
The observer is located at the zenith angle  $\theta$  from the  $z$ -axis. Thus, the angle between  $\hat{n}$  and  $\dot{\vec{\beta}}$  is  $\theta$ . Equation 14.20 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \left| \hat{n} \times \left( \hat{n} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}} \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \left| \hat{n} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \left| \dot{\vec{\beta}} \right|^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{e^2 a^2 \omega_0^4}{4\pi c^3} \cos^2(\omega_0 t) \sin^2 \theta\end{aligned}$$

The time average of  $\cos^2(\omega_0 t)$  is  $\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega_0} \cos^2(\omega_0 t) dt = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, the time average of  $dP/d\Omega$  is:

$$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{e^2 a^2 \omega_0^4}{8\pi c^3} \sin^2 \theta$$

The polar plot of this is shown below, where  $\frac{e^2 a^2 \omega_0^4}{8\pi c^3}$  has been set to unity:



The total time-averaged power radiated can be determined by integrating the above expression over solid angle:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle P \rangle &= \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \frac{e^2 a^2 \omega_0^4}{8\pi c^3} \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi \\ &= \frac{e^2 a^2 \omega_0^4}{3c^3}\end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Part b

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x} &= R \cos(\omega_0 t) \hat{x} + R \sin(\omega_0 t) \hat{y} \\ \vec{v} &= R\omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) \hat{x} - R\omega_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) \hat{y} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{\beta} &= \frac{R\omega_0}{c} \sin(\omega_0 t) \hat{x} - \frac{R\omega_0}{c} \cos(\omega_0 t) \hat{y} \\ \dot{\vec{\beta}} &= -\frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \cos(\omega_0 t) \hat{x} - \frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \sin(\omega_0 t) \hat{y}\end{aligned}$$

Because this system has azimuthal symmetry (when averaged over a full period, which is what we will do in the next step), we can rotate the coordinate system such that the observer lies in the  $x$ - $z$  plane. Thus,

$$\hat{n} = \cos \theta \hat{x} + \sin \theta \hat{z}$$

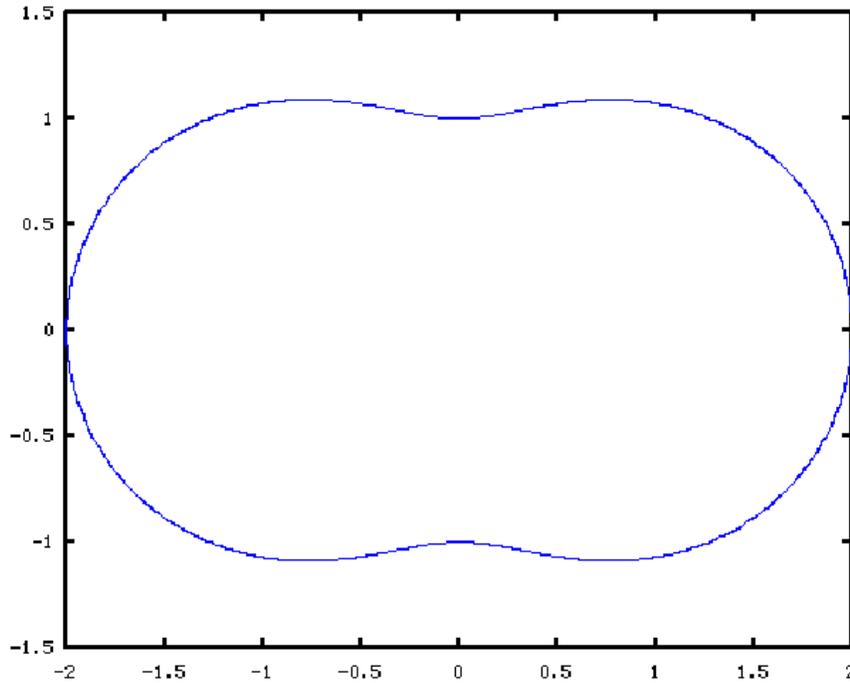
Note: here,  $\theta$  is *not* the zenith angle, but the angle between the observer's position and the  $x$ - $y$  plane. Equation 14.20 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \left| \hat{n} \times \dot{\beta} \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ -\frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \cos(\omega_0 t) & -\frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \sin(\omega_0 t) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \left| \frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \sin(\omega_0 t) \cos \theta \hat{x} - \frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \cos(\omega_0 t) \cos \theta \hat{y} - \frac{R\omega_0^2}{c} \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin \theta \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{4\pi c^3} [\sin^2(\omega_0 t) (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + \cos^2(\omega_0 t) \cos^2 \theta] \\
&= \frac{R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{4\pi c^3} [\sin^2(\omega_0 t) + \cos^2(\omega_0 t) \cos^2 \theta]
\end{aligned}$$

The time average of  $\cos^2(\omega_0 t)$  is  $\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega_0} \cos^2(\omega_0 t) dt = \frac{1}{2}$  while the time average of  $\sin^2(\omega_0 t)$  is  $\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega_0} \sin^2(\omega_0 t) dt = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, the time average of  $dP/d\Omega$  is:

$$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{8\pi c^3} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

The polar plot of this is shown below, where  $\frac{R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{8\pi c^3}$  has been set to unity:



The total time-averaged power radiated can be determined by integrating the above expression over solid angle:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle P \rangle &= \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \frac{R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{8\pi c^3} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi \\
&= \frac{R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{4c^3} \left( 2 + \frac{2}{3} \right) \\
&= \frac{2R^2 e^2 \omega_0^4}{3c^3}
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Problem 14.10

#### 3.1 Part a

Suppose the velocity is in the  $z$ -direction. Then,  $\vec{\beta} = \beta \hat{z}$  and  $\dot{\vec{\beta}} = \dot{\beta} \hat{z}$ , where  $\dot{\beta}$  is defined as follows:

$$\dot{\beta} = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ -\frac{\beta_{\text{init}}}{\Delta t} & 0 \leq t \leq \Delta t \\ 0 & t > \Delta t \end{cases}$$

The observer is located at the zenith angle  $\theta$  from the  $z$ -axis. Thus, the angle between  $\hat{n}$  and  $\dot{\vec{\beta}}$  is  $\theta$ . Equation 14.38 (we use this equation since we're not given that the motion is nonrelativistic) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \frac{\left| \hat{n} \times \left[ \left( \hat{n} - \vec{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\vec{\beta}} \right] \right|^2}{\left( 1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right)^5} \\
&= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \frac{\left| \hat{n} \times \left( \hat{n} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}} - \vec{\beta} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}} \right) \right|^2}{\left( 1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right)^5} \\
&= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \frac{\left| \hat{n} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}} \right|^2}{\left( 1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right)^5} \\
&= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \frac{\dot{\beta}^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\left( 1 - \beta \cos \theta \right)^5}
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating the above expression with respect to time will yield  $dE/d\Omega$ :

$$\frac{dE}{d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \sin^2 \theta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{\beta} \dot{\beta}}{\left( 1 - \beta \cos \theta \right)^5} dt$$

Letting  $u = \beta$ ,  $du = \dot{\beta} dt$  and setting the remaining  $\dot{\beta}$  term to its piecewise definition yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dE}{d\Omega} &= \frac{e^2}{4\pi c} \sin^2 \theta \int_{u=\beta_{\text{init}}}^0 \frac{(-\beta_{\text{init}}/\Delta t)}{(1-u \cos \theta)^5} du \\ &= \frac{e^2 \beta_{\text{init}}^2}{16\pi c \Delta t} \frac{(2 - \beta_{\text{init}} \cos \theta) [1 + (1 - \beta_{\text{init}})^2] \sin^2 \theta}{(1 - \beta_{\text{init}} \cos \theta)^4}\end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Part b

For  $\gamma \gg 1$ , we only need to consider small values of  $\theta$ . We note that  $1 - \beta \cos \theta$  occurs quite frequently in our expression for  $dE/d\Omega$ ; this can be approximated as:

$$\begin{aligned}1 - \beta \cos \theta &= 1 - \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right)^{1/2}}_{\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}} \underbrace{\cos \theta}_{\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2} \\ &\approx 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2\right) \\ &= 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 + \frac{1}{4} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\gamma^2}\theta^2}_{\approx 0}\right) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2\end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into the result from part a yields:

$$\frac{dE}{d\Omega} \approx \frac{e^2 \beta_{\text{init}}^2}{16\pi c \Delta t} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2\right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2\right)^2\right] \sin \theta}{\left(\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2\right)^4}$$

Expanding and replacing  $\gamma^2\theta^2$  with  $\xi$  yields:

$$\frac{dE}{d\Omega} \approx \frac{e^2 \beta_{\text{init}}^2}{16\pi c \Delta t} \frac{16\gamma^8 + 4\gamma^4 + 8\xi\gamma^4 + 4\xi^2\gamma^4 + 8\gamma^6 + 2\gamma^2 + 6\xi\gamma^2 + 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + 8\xi\gamma^6 + 2\xi^3\gamma^2}{(1 + \xi)^4} \underbrace{\sin^2 \theta}_{\approx \theta^2}$$

Note that the  $\gamma^8$  term will dominate. Hence,

$$\frac{dE}{d\Omega} \approx \frac{e^2 \beta_{\text{init}}^2}{16\pi c \Delta t} \frac{16\gamma^8}{(1 + \xi)^4} \theta^2$$

Letting  $\theta^2 = \xi\gamma^{-2}$ :

$$\frac{dE}{d\Omega} \approx \frac{e^2 \beta_{\text{init}}^2}{\pi c \Delta t} \frac{\gamma^6}{(1 + \xi)^4} \xi$$

We note that  $d\Omega = 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta \approx 2\pi\theta d\theta$ . Letting  $\theta = \sqrt{\xi}\gamma^{-1}$  and  $d\theta = \frac{1}{2}\xi^{-1/2}\gamma^{-1}$ , we find that  $d\Omega = \pi\gamma^{-2}$ . Substituting this for  $d\Omega$  in the above expression yields:

$$\boxed{\frac{dE}{d\xi} \approx \frac{e^2\beta_{\text{init}}^2\gamma^4}{c\Delta t} \frac{\xi}{(1+\xi)^4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\langle\theta^2\rangle} &= \sqrt{\langle\xi/\gamma^2\rangle} \\ &= \sqrt{\langle\xi\rangle}/\gamma \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\langle\xi\rangle = \frac{\int_0^\infty \xi \frac{dE}{d\xi}}{\int_0^\infty \frac{dE}{d\xi}} = \frac{1/3}{1/6} = 2$$

Plugging this into equation (4) yields:

$$\boxed{\sqrt{\langle\theta^2\rangle} = \sqrt{2}/\gamma}$$

Integrating our expression for  $dE/d\xi$  with respect to  $\xi$  yields an expression for  $E$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{e^2\beta^2\gamma^4}{c\Delta t} \int_0^\infty \frac{\xi}{(1+\xi)^4} \\ &= \frac{e^2\beta^2\gamma^4}{c\Delta t} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= \frac{e^2\beta^2}{6c\Delta t} (1-\beta^2)^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

And differentiating this with respect to time gives the power:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{e^2 \left( 2\beta\dot{\beta}\gamma^4 - 2\beta^2(1-\beta^2)^{-3} 2\beta\dot{\beta} \right)}{6c\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{e^2 \left( 2\beta\dot{\beta}\gamma^4 - 4\beta^3\dot{\beta}\gamma^6 \right)}{6c\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{e^2 \left( 2(-\Delta t\dot{\beta})\dot{\beta}\gamma^4 - 4(-\Delta t\dot{\beta})^3\dot{\beta}\gamma^6 \right)}{6c\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{e^2 \left( -\dot{\beta}^2\gamma^4 + 2\Delta t^2\dot{\beta}^4\gamma^6 \right)}{3c} \\ &= \frac{2e^2\dot{\beta}^2\gamma^6}{3c} \left( -\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \Delta t^2\dot{\beta}^2 \right) \\ &\approx \frac{2e^2\dot{\beta}^2\gamma^6}{3c} \end{aligned}$$

which agrees with equation 14.43.

## 4 Problem 21

### 4.1 Part a

Using the Coulomb force law:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{kq_1q_2}{R^2} \\ m\frac{v^2}{R} &= \frac{kZe^2}{R^2} \\ \omega_0^2 &= \frac{v^2}{R^2} = \frac{kZe^2}{mR^3} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this value for  $\omega_0$  into the result from problem 14.4.b yields:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{2R^2e^2\omega_0^4}{3c^3} \\ &= \frac{2R^2e^2}{3c^3} \left( \frac{kZe^2}{mR^3} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{2k^2Z^2e^6}{3m^2R^4c^3} \end{aligned}$$

According to the problem statement, Bohr's correspondence principle states that  $P = \hbar\omega_0/\tau \implies 1/\tau = P/\hbar\omega_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau} &= \frac{P}{\hbar\omega_0} \\ &= \frac{2k^2Z^2e^6}{3m^2R^4c^3\hbar\omega_0} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Now, we use the Rydberg formula to find an expression for  $\omega_0$  in terms of  $n$  (in order to get our answer in the desired form):

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = 2\pi R_{\text{Ryd}} Z^2 \left[ -\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right]$$

Where  $\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2}$ . But since  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are close,  $\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = -\frac{2}{n^3}$ . Hence:

$$\omega_0 = 4\pi R_{\text{Ryd}} \frac{Z^2}{n^3}$$

where  $R_{\text{Ryd}}$  is the Rydberg constant:  $R_{\text{Ryd}} = \frac{me^4}{8\varepsilon_0^2\hbar^3c}$ . Substituting this into the above expression yields:

$$\omega_0 = 4\pi \frac{Z^2me^4}{8\varepsilon_0^2\hbar^3cn^3}$$

Also, the allowed orbital radius is:

$$R = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{Z k e^2 m}$$

Substituting the above two equations into equation (5) and simplifying yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau} &= 32k^6 \pi^2 \varepsilon_0^2 \frac{Z^4 e^{10} m}{3n^5 \hbar^6 c^2} \\ &= 16k^4 \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \right)^2 \pi^2 \varepsilon_0^2 \frac{2 e^2}{3 \hbar c} \left( \frac{Z e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^4 \frac{m c^2}{\hbar} \frac{1}{n^5} \\ &= \frac{2 k^4 e^2}{3 \hbar c} \left( \frac{Z e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^4 \frac{m c^2}{\hbar} \frac{1}{n^5} \end{aligned}$$

Converting to Gaussian units, we let  $k = 1$ . Moreover, the Rydberg constant does not have a  $c$  in the denominator, which means that we need to divide the above expression by an overall factor of  $c$ . Thus,  $1/\tau$  becomes:

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{2 e^2}{3 \hbar c} \left( \frac{Z e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^4 \frac{m c^2}{\hbar} \frac{1}{n^5}$$

## 4.2 Part b

Setting  $Z = 1$  and substituting in the values of the physical constants, the result from part a becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau} &\approx 1 \times 10^{10} \frac{1}{n^5} \\ \implies \tau &\approx 1 \times 10^{-10} n^5 \end{aligned}$$

	n	classical	quantum
$2p \rightarrow 1s$	2	$3.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-9}$
$4f \rightarrow 3d$	4	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.3 \times 10^{-8}$
$6h \rightarrow 5g$	6	$7.8 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.1 \times 10^{-7}$