

Molecular physics

Tutorial 1: Elementary theory of rotational, vibrational and electronic spectra of diatomic molecules, Frank-Condon principle and applications, Raman effect and molecular structure; Laser Raman spectroscopy

Q1:

- 1) Why are Raman active vibrations and infrared vibrations in CO_2 molecule complementary to each other ? 30
- 2) In a Raman spectrum of a linear triatomic molecule, the first three lines are 4.86 , 8.14 and 11.36 cm^{-1} . Calculate the rotational constant, B and the moment of inertia of the molecule. 10
- (Given $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J.s}$, $C = 3.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/sec.}$) 10

2013

Q2:

Given that the spacing between vibrational levels of CO molecules is $8.45 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$ of energy. Find the force constant of the molecule. 10

2014

Q3:

Discuss the vibrational spectra of a diatomic molecule treating it as an anharmonic oscillator. 20

2014

Q4:

Two successive lines in the rotational emission spectrum of HCl molecule appear at wave numbers 83.5 cm^{-1} and 104.1 cm^{-1} . Calculate the position of the next line appearing at the higher wave number. 10

2015

Q5:

Hydrogen molecule is diatomic. Obtain the rotational energy levels of this molecule. Write down the selection rules. Obtain the smallest energy required to excite the lowest rotational mode. 30

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Q6:

The observed vibrational frequency of CO molecule is 6.42×10^{13} Hz. What is the effective force constant of the molecule ?

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Q7:

What is Raman effect ? Describe briefly the chief characteristics of pure rotational spectra. The small rotational Raman displacement for HCl molecule is 41.6 cm^{-1} . Find the internuclear distance between the atoms forming the molecule.

10+10+10=30

2016

Q8:

Show that the lines in the absorption spectra corresponding to the rotational transitions from two adjacent energy levels of a medium sized molecule at room temperature have comparable intensities.

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Q9:

Given the force constant of HCl molecule = 516 Nm^{-1} , determine the wave number of the fundamental mode of vibration of the molecule. How many transition lines one can expect in the vibration spectra of HCl molecule at room temperature ?

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Q10:

Explain Stokes and anti-Stokes Raman scattering with the help of energy level diagram. For a diatomic molecule, obtain expressions for transition energies of its Raman spectra with rotational fine structure and hence the wave numbers of the Stokes lines.

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Q11:

Explain why lines in some Raman spectra are found to be plane polarized to different extents even though the exciting radiation is completely unpolarized ?

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Q12:

Why is population inversion in general not possible in a two-level laser system? Explain it.

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2019

Q13:

Why are Raman active vibrations and IR vibrations in CO_2 molecule complementary to each other?

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Q14:

What is Franck-Condon principle? Discuss the intensity distribution in the vibrational electronic spectra of a diatomic molecule on the basis of this principle.

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2019

Q15:

The potential energy of a diatomic molecule in terms of the interatomic spacing R is given by

$$U(R) = \frac{-A}{R^2} + \frac{B}{R^{10}}$$

where $A = 1.44 \times 10^{-39} \text{ J m}^2$ and $B = 2.19 \times 10^{-115} \text{ J m}^{10}$. Calculate the equilibrium spacing, R_e and the dissociation energy.

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2020

Q16:

The first line in the pure rotational spectrum of HCl appears at 21.18 cm^{-1} . Calculate bond length of the molecule. Given atomic masses of H and Cl are 1.008 and 35.45 amu , respectively.

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Q17:

In observing the Raman spectrum of a sample using $3637 \text{ \AA}$ as the exciting line, one gets stoke line at $3980 \text{ \AA}$. Deduce the Raman shift in m^{-1} units. Compute the wavelength in $\text{ \AA}$ for corresponding stokes and antistokes lines if the exciting line is $6465 \text{ \AA}$.

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Q18:

Define Franck-Condon principle. How does it help in explaining the intensity distribution of vibrational-electronic spectra of diatomic molecules.

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Q19:

- (i) In a diatomic molecule when one constituent atom is replaced by one of its heavier isotopes, what change takes place in the rotational spectrum ?
- (ii) Calculate the change in rotational constant B when hydrogen is replaced by deuterium in the hydrogen molecule.
- (iii) Draw the spectra of rigid and non-rigid rotors by using the schematic representation of the rotational energy levels and comment on it. 20

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Q20:

- (i) Briefly explain the effect of anharmonicity on the vibrational spectra of diatomic molecules.
- (ii) Calculate the average period of rotation of HCl molecule if it is in the $J = 3$ state. The internuclear distance and the moment of inertia of HCl are 0.1274 nm and $0.0264 \times 10^{-45} \text{ kg.m}^2$ respectively. 15

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Q21:

What is Raman effect ? Explain Quantum theory of Raman effect and Rotational Structure of a Raman spectrum. 5+10+5=20

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Q22.

How do Stokes lines appear in Raman spectrum as per classical and quantum theory of Raman effect ? 20

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Q23.

Show that for a diatomic molecule with two nuclei of mass ' M ' separated by a distance ' a ', the rotational energy of nuclear motion is lower than electronic energy by a factor of $\frac{m_e}{M}$. 15

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Q24.

In case of pure rotational states, if the temperature will be doubled, then calculate the rotational quantum number corresponding to maximum population density.

[Assume that temperature is high]

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Q25.

From the pure rotational absorption spectra of a diatomic molecule (HF), the wave number difference between the consecutive rotational lines is found to be $\Delta\bar{\nu} = 4050 \text{ m}^{-1}$. Calculate the following :

(1) Rotational constant

(2) Moment of inertia

(3) Distance between two atoms (bond length)

[Given, $M_H = 1 \text{ u}$, $M_F = 19 \text{ u}$]

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Q26.

The force constant of HCl molecule is $4.8 \times 10^5 \text{ dyne/cm}$. Calculate the wave numbers of Stokes and anti-Stokes lines, when excited with a radiation of wavelength $4358 \text{ \AA}$.

[Given, $\mu_{\text{HCl}} = 1.61 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$]

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