

Information Sheet for Chem322 Midterm Exam

Planck constant, $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J s

Speed of light, $c = 3 \times 10^8$ m s⁻¹

Boltzmann constant, $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J K⁻¹

1 Å = 10⁻¹⁰ m

Hydrogen atom energy: $E = -R/n^2$ where R is Rydberg constant.

Rotational constant in cm⁻¹, $B = h/(8\pi^2 cI)$

Moment of inertia: $I = \mu r^2$

Rotational energy (in cm⁻¹): $E_{\text{rot}}/hc = BJ(J+1) - DJ^2(J+1)^2$

Vibrational energy (in cm⁻¹): $E_{\text{vib}}/hc = (v+1/2)\omega_e - (v+1/2)^2\omega_e x_e$

A general expression for rotational constant and centrifugal distortion constant:

$$B_v = B_e - \alpha(v + 1/2), D_v = D_e - \beta(v + 1/2)$$

Boltzmann population distribution: $P_i/P_j = \exp[-(E_i - E_j)/kT]$

Spin-orbit coupling energy,

$$E_{so} / hc = \frac{\alpha^2 RZ^4}{n^3 l(l + 1/2)(l + 1)} [j(j + 1) - l(l + 1) - s(s + 1)]$$

Second-order Stark energy,

$$E_{\text{Stark}}^{(2)} = \frac{\mu_z^2 E_0^2}{2BhcJ(J + 1)} \left[\frac{J(J + 1) - 3M_J^2}{(2J - 1)(2J + 3)} \right]$$

Spectral intensity distribution across rotational levels: $J_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{hcB} + \frac{1}{4}} - \frac{3}{4}$

Selection rules in atomic spectroscopy:

$\Delta n = \text{anything}$, $\Delta L = \pm 1$, $\Delta S = 0$, $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$ (except $J = 0 \rightarrow J = 0$), $\Delta F = 0, \pm 1$ (except $F = 0 \rightarrow F = 0$);

Additional rules in the presence of an external electric/magnetic field: $\Delta M_J = 0, \pm 1$ and $\Delta M_F = 0, \pm 1$

Selection rules in molecular spectroscopy:

Pure rotational spectroscopy: (1) Molecules must have a permanent dipole moment; (2) $\Delta J = \pm 1$.

Vibrational spectroscopy: $\Delta v = \text{anything}$, $\Delta J = 0$ (forbidden for homonuclear diatomics), ± 1 .

Raman spectroscopy: $\Delta v = \text{anything}$, $\Delta J = 0, \pm 2$.