

5. Find the largest and shortest wavelengths in the Lyman series for hydrogen. In what region of the electromagnetic spectrum does each series lie?

$$= 0.12 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Hz}$$

The transition equation for Lyman series is given by

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R \left(\frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right), n = 2, 3, \dots$$

The largest wavelength is corresponding to $n = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}} &= 1.097 \times 10^7 \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\ &= 0.823 \times 10^7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = 1.2154 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 1215 \text{ \AA}$$

The shortest wavelength corresponds to $n = \infty$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}} = 1.097 \times 10^7 \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \lambda_{\min} = 0.911 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 911 \text{ \AA}$$

Both of these wavelengths lie in the ultraviolet (UV) region of electromagnetic spectrum.