

## CONCEPT: BOHR EQUATION

- The **Bohr Equation** is used to calculate the energy transition of an electron as it moves from one shell to another.

### Bohr Equations

This formula is used when dealing with **two orbital levels** and **energy**.

#### Bohr Equation Formula (Energy)

$$\Delta E = - \left( \frac{1}{\text{_____}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\text{_____}} - \frac{1}{\text{_____}} \right)$$

☐  $\Delta E$  = energy change for electron transition in J.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Rydberg Constant = \_\_\_\_\_ J.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Final orbital level.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Initial orbital level.

This formula is used when dealing with **two orbital levels** and **wavelength**.

#### Bohr Equation Formula (Wavelength)

$$\frac{1}{\text{_____}} = - \left( \frac{1}{\text{_____}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\text{_____}} - \frac{1}{\text{_____}} \right)$$

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Wavelength in meters.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Rydberg Constant = \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{m}^{-1}$ .

**EXAMPLE:** What is the energy of a photon (in Joules) released during a transition from  $n = 4$  to  $n = 1$  state in the hydrogen atom?

**PRACTICE:** What is the wavelength of a photon (in nm) absorbed during a transition from the  $n = 2$  to  $n = 5$  state in the hydrogen atom?

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**PRACTICE:** Determine the end (final) value of  $n$  in a hydrogen atom transition, if the electron starts in  $n = 5$  and the atom releases a photon of light with an energy of  $4.5738 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ .

**PRACTICE:** An electron releases energy as it moves from the 6<sup>th</sup> shell to the 3<sup>rd</sup> shell. If it releases  $4.25 \times 10^9 \text{ kJ}$  of energy at a wavelength of  $915.7 \text{ nm}$ , how many photons were released in the process?