

11. The energy levels are given by $E_n = n^2 h^2 / 8mL^2$, where h is the Planck constant, m is the mass of an electron, and L is the width of the well. The frequency of the light that will excite the electron from the state with quantum number n_i to the state with quantum number n_f is $f = \Delta E / h = (h / 8mL^2)(n_f^2 - n_i^2)$ and the wavelength of the light is

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{8mL^2c}{h(n_f^2 - n_i^2)} .$$

We evaluate this expression for $n_i = 1$ and $n_f = 2, 3, 4$, and 5 , in turn. We use $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J·s, $m = 9.109 \times 10^{-31}$ kg, and $L = 250 \times 10^{-12}$ m, and obtain 6.87×10^{-8} m for $n_f = 2$, 2.58×10^{-8} m for $n_f = 3$, 1.37×10^{-8} m for $n_f = 4$, and 8.59×10^{-9} m for $n_f = 5$.