

Raman Spectroscopy

Assignment

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- Q1. (a) What is meant by the term polarizability?
(b) State the selection rules for Raman scattering.
(c) What technological advances have enabled the routine use of Raman spectroscopy?
- Q2. With which type of spectroscopy would one observe the pure rotation spectrum of H₂? If the bond length of H₂ is 0.07417 nm, what would be the spacing of the lines in the spectrum?
- Q3. The spin of the hydrogen nucleus is $\frac{1}{2}$; does this make any difference to your answer to Problem 2?

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- Q4. Which type of vibrational spectroscopy (IR or Raman) would you use to measure the vibrational frequency of the following bonds:
- The stretching frequency of $^{14}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N}$
 - The $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ stretch in ethyne, $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CH}$
 - The $\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch in acetone, CH_3COCH_3
 - The Re-Re stretch of the inorganic cluster compound, $(\text{CO})_5\text{Re}-\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$.
- Q5. The Re-Re vibration of $(\text{CO})_5\text{Re}-\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$ is observed at 122 cm^{-1} , while that of the $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ occurs at 275 cm^{-1} . Without calculating separate force constants, calculate the ratio of the Re-Re bond force constants of the two molecules. Use your result to comment on the bond orders in the two species. (Note: Here, as frequently, it is a sufficiently good approximation to treat the vibration of the heavy Re atoms as being independent of the rest of the molecule.)

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