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Question 1: An electron is placed at the origin of coordinates. Another electron is placed 2 Å away in the -x direction.

a. Determine the potential energy of this interaction



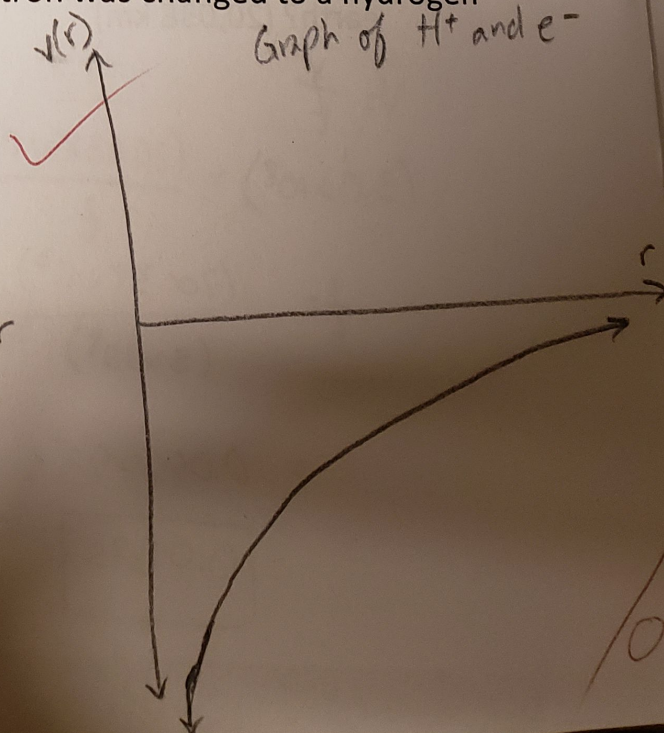
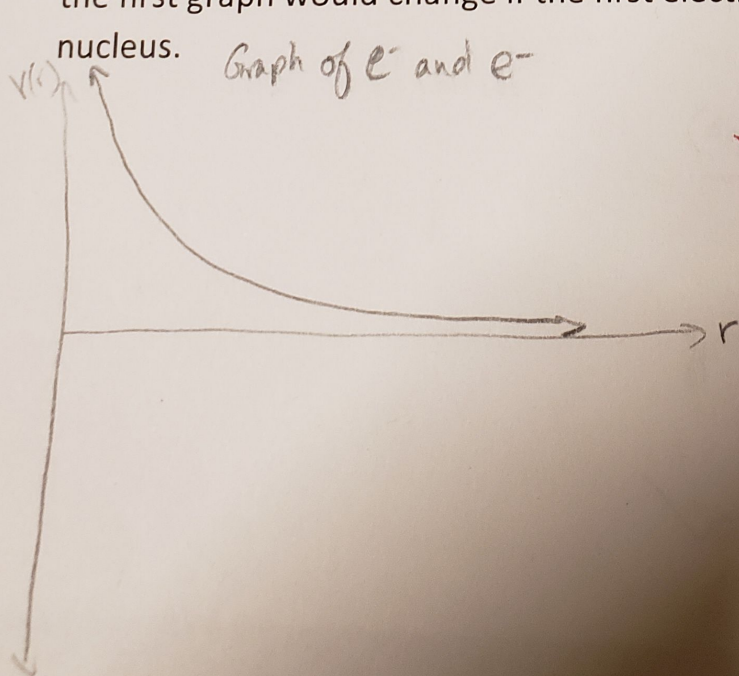
$$V(r) = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r}$$
$$= (8.99 \times 10^9) \frac{(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})}{(2 \times 10^{-10})} = \boxed{1.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}}$$

b. Determine the magnitude of the force of this interaction. In which direction will the force act upon the electron at the origin?

$$1.) F(r) = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$
$$= (8.99 \times 10^9) \frac{(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})}{(2 \times 10^{-10})^2}$$
$$= \boxed{5.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}}$$

2.) The force will act in the positive x direction on the electron at the origin.

c. Sketch a graph showing the potential energy of the system as a function of distance between the two particles. Show a second graph depicting how the first graph would change if the first electron was changed to a hydrogen nucleus.



Question 2: Household microwaves typically utilize frequencies of approximately 2.5 GHz ( $2.5 \times 10^3$  MHz).

a. Determine the wavelength of a typical microwave.

$$\nu = (2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ MHz}) \left( \frac{10^3 \text{ kHz}}{\text{MHz}} \right) \left( \frac{10^3 \text{ Hz}}{\text{kHz}} \right)$$
$$= 2.5 \times 10^3 \times 10^3 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz} = 2.5 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$$

$$c = \lambda \nu \Rightarrow 3.0 \times 10^8 = \lambda (2.5 \times 10^9) \Rightarrow \lambda = 0.12 \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$

b. Determine the energy of this wave.

$$E = h \nu$$

$$E = (6.626 \times 10^{-34}) (2.5 \times 10^9)$$

$$= 1.7 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J} \quad \checkmark$$

c. Determine the wavelength of this wave in nm. How does this compare to visible light?

$$0.12 \text{ m} \left( \frac{10^9 \text{ nm}}{\text{m}} \right) = 1.2 \times 10^8 \text{ nm} \quad \checkmark$$

This wavelength is longer than that of visible light

d. How long would it take to send a microwave signal halfway around the earth? (20,038 km)

$$v = \frac{x}{t}$$

$$(3.0 \times 10^8) = \frac{(20038 \times 10^3)}{t}$$

$$t = \frac{(20038 \times 10^3)}{(3 \times 10^8)}$$

$$= 0.066793 \text{ s}$$

$$= 0.067 \text{ s} \quad \checkmark$$