

HW13-7 Soln)

Easier than it looks, perhaps.

$$\Delta U = -(5.874 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}) \times \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{\text{eV}} = -9.40 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J} .$$

$$E_{\text{photon}} = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = -\Delta U \quad \lambda = \frac{hc}{-\Delta U} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} (3 \times 10^8)}{9.40 \times 10^{-25}} = 0.212 \text{ m} .$$

This is referred to as the 21 cm line.