Answer on Question #41174 - Chemistry-Physical Chemistry

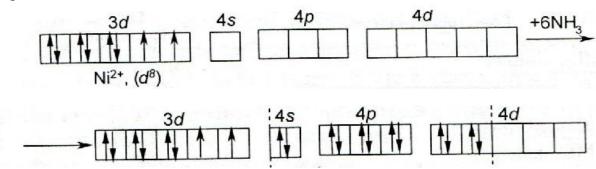
Question.

Which one of the following is an outer orbital complex and exhibits paramagnetic behavior?

- (1) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
- (2) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
- (3) $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$
- (4) $[Zn(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$

Solution.

Outer-orbital or high-spin or spin-free complexes are the complexes that use outer d-orbitals in hybridization; for example, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$. The hybridization scheme is shown in the following diagram.



It can be easily seen that the hybridization of complex is sp^3d^2 .

According to the diagram, the compound has 2 unpaired electrons and exhibits paramagnetic behavior.

Answer: (3) $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$