

Answer on the question #54661 – Chemistry – General chemistry

Question:

(a) The molar extinction coefficient of a compound, X, at 370 nm wave length is $250 \text{ m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. Its solutions of concentration $7.5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mol m}^{-3}$ is taken in a cell of thickness 0.010 m. Find the ratio of the intensity of transmitted radiation to the intensity of the incident radiation.

(b) For $^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}$, the fundamental frequency is 2143 cm^{-1} . Calculate the fundamental frequency of $^{14}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}$

Answer:

(a) The relation of the transmitted radiation to the incident radiation is called transmittance:

$$T = \frac{I_{\text{transmitted}}}{I_{\text{incident}}}.$$

By definition, the transmittance and optical density are related as:

$$T = 10^{-A}.$$

Taking into account Beer-Lambert law:

$$A = \varepsilon lc,$$

where ε is the extinction coefficient, l is the length of the light pathway through the solution and c is the concentration of the sample.

$$T = 10^{-\varepsilon lc} = 10^{-250 \cdot 7.5 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot 0.01} = 0.65$$

Then, the ratio of the transmitted radiation to the incident radiation is equal to 0.65.

(b) According to harmonic oscillator theory, the vibrational frequency can be calculated using the equation:

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu'}}$$

where μ' is reduced mass and k is the force constant. Reduced mass can be calculated within the formula:

$$\mu' = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}.$$

Isotopic change will affect the reduced mass value, but not the force constant. Then, the new frequency value will be:

$$\nu_2 = \nu_1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}}.$$

The first reduced mass value is:

$$\mu_1 = \frac{12 * 16}{12 + 16} = 6.86.$$

The second reduced mass value is:

$$\mu_1 = \frac{14 * 16}{14 + 16} = 7.47.$$

The new frequency is:

$$\nu_2 = \nu_1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}} = 2143 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6.86}{7.47}} = 2054 \text{ cm}^{-1}.$$