

Chapter 18

Fundamentals of Spectrophotometry

Properties of Light

Electromagnetic Radiation

- energy radiated in the form of a WAVE caused by an electric field interacting with a magnetic field
- result of the acceleration of a charged particle
- does not require a material medium and can travel through a vacuum

Properties of Electromagnetic Radiation

$$v_i = v \lambda_i$$

where $v_i \Rightarrow$ velocity
 $v \Rightarrow$ frequency
 $\lambda_i \Rightarrow$ wavelength

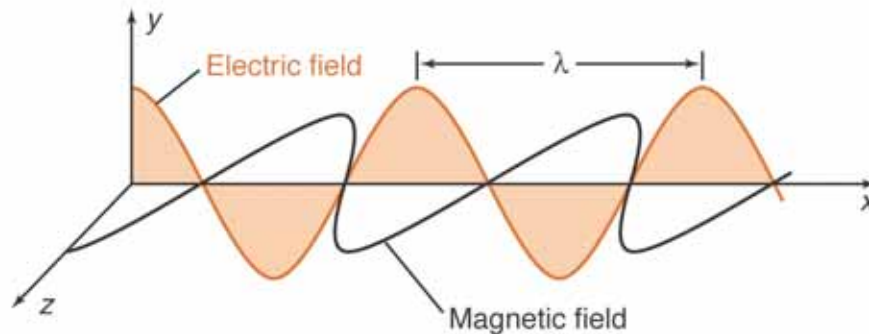
Properties of Electromagnetic Radiation

in vacuum, velocity is independent of
frequency,
maximum value

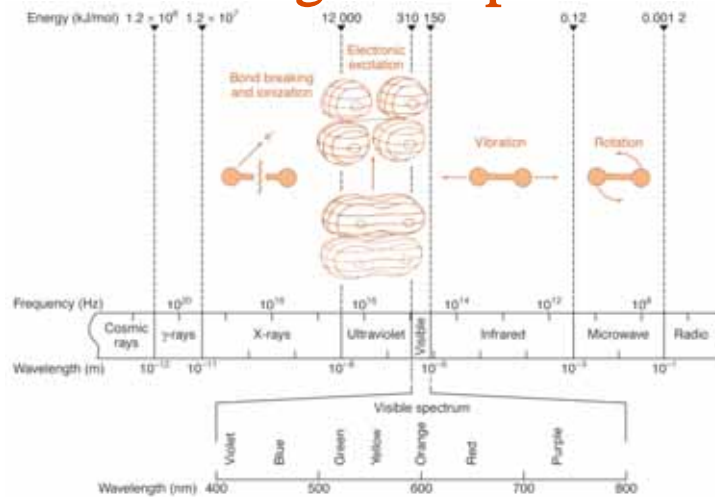
$$c = v\lambda = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Properties of Electromagnetic Radiation

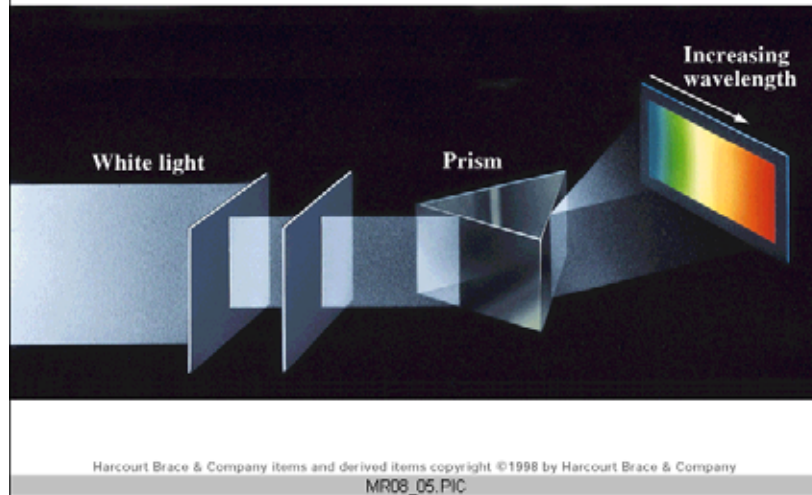
Fig. 19-1, pg. 511 "Plane-polarized electromagnetic radiation of wavelength λ , propagating along the x axis. The electric field of the plane-polarized light is confined to a single plane. Ordinary, unpolarized light has electric field components in all planes."



Regions of Electromagnetic Spectrum



A spectrum of white light



Line Spectrum

A spectrum produced by a luminous gas or vapor and appearing as distinct lines characteristic of the various elements constituting the gas.

Emission Spectrum

The spectrum of bright lines, bands, or continuous radiation characteristic of and determined by a specific emitting substance subjected to a specific kind of excitation.

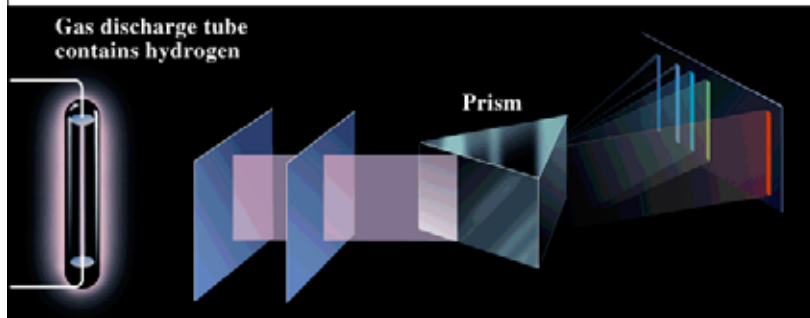
Ground State

The state of least possible energy in a physical system, as of elementary particles. Also called *ground level*.

Excited State

Being at an energy level higher than the ground state.

Hydrogen line emission spectrum

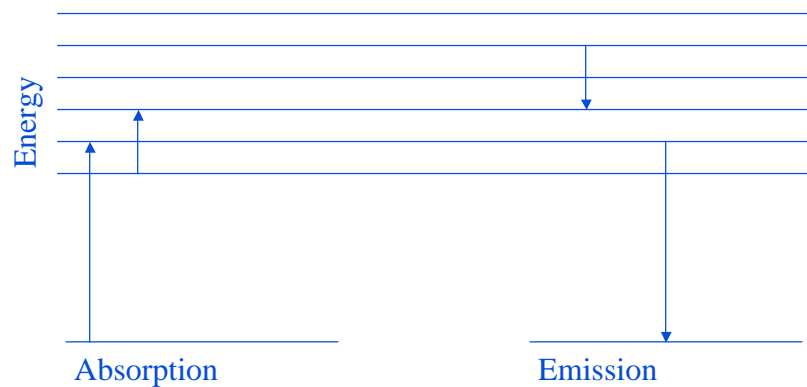


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Absorption Spectrum

- Light shining on a sample causes electrons to be excited from the ground state to an excited state
- wavelengths of that energy are removed from transmitted spectra

Absorption and Emission of Light



Absorption Methods, Transmittance

$$T = P/P_o$$

where $T \Rightarrow$ transmittance

$P \Rightarrow$ power of transmitted
radiation

$P_o \Rightarrow$ power of incident
radiation

$$\%T = (P/P_o) * 100$$

where $\%T \Rightarrow$ percent transmittance

Absorption Methods, Absorbance

$$A = -\log_{10} T = -\log_{10} (P/P_o)$$

where $A \Rightarrow$ absorbance

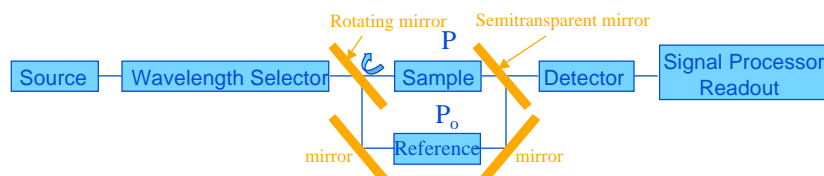
Relation Between Transmittance and Absorbance

P/P_0	%T	A
1	100	0
0.1	10	1
0.01	1	2

Colors of Visible Light

Wavelength	Absorbed	Observed
380-420	violet	green-yellow
420-440	violet-blue	yellow
440-470	blue	orange
470-500	blue-green	red
500-520	green	purple
520-550	yellow-green	violet
550-580	yellow	violet-blue
580-620	orange	blue
620-680	red	blue-green
680-780	purple	green

Components of Optical Instruments



Absorption Spectrometer

Emission Flame Photometer

Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometer

Fluorescence and/or Scattering Spectrometer

Absorption Methods, Beer's Law

$$A = abc = \epsilon bc$$

where $a \Rightarrow$ absorptivity

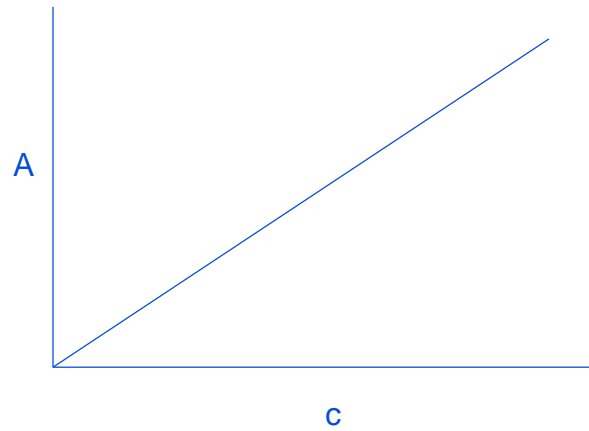
$b \Rightarrow$ path length

$c \Rightarrow$ concentration

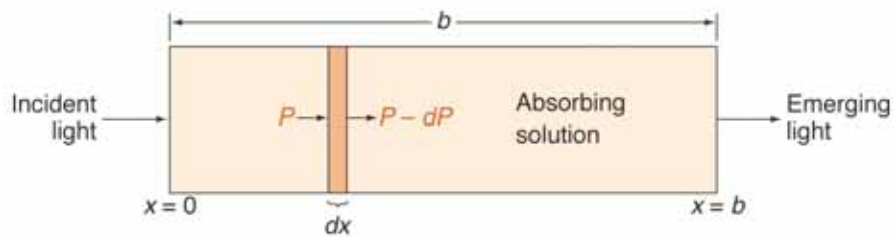
$\epsilon \Rightarrow$ molar absorptivity

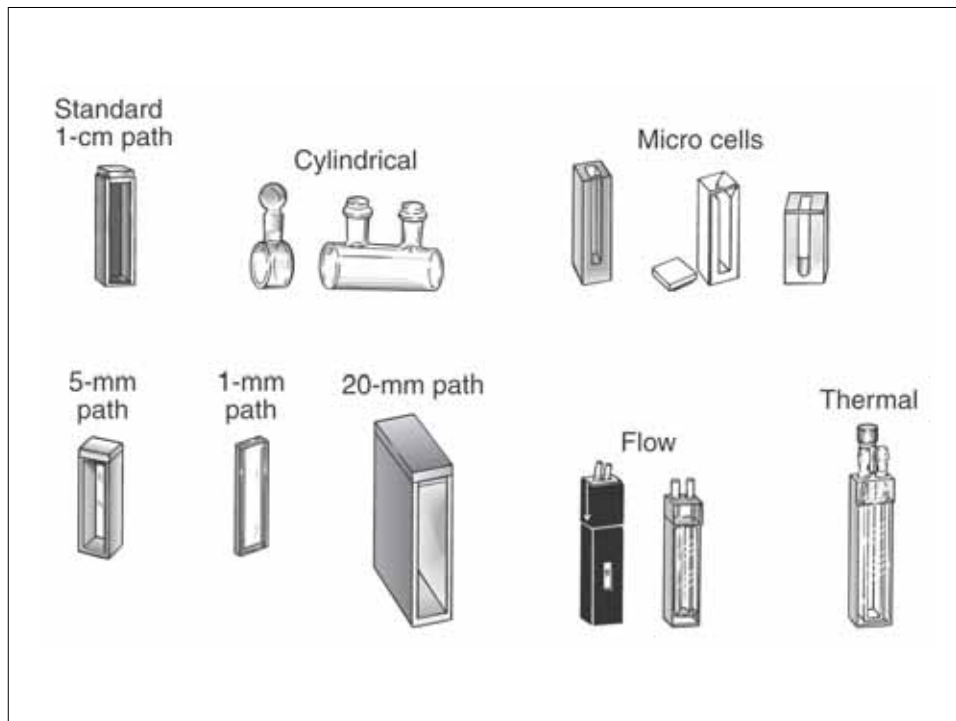
Beer's Law

$$A = abc = \epsilon bc$$



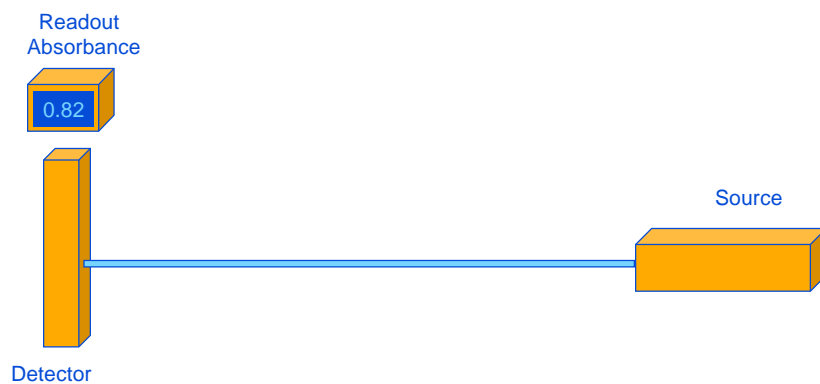
Attenuation of Light





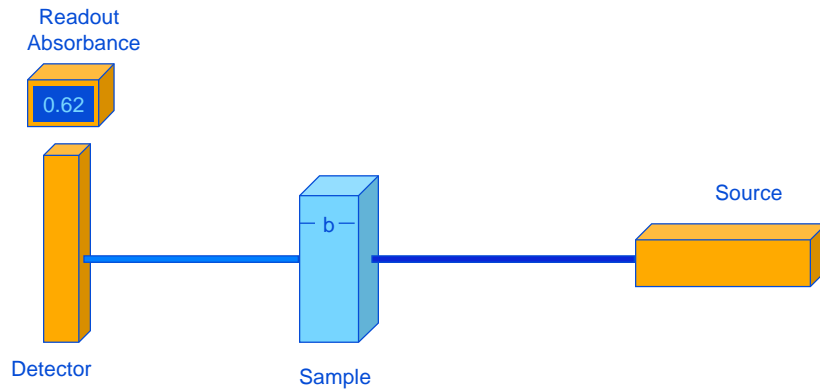
Beer's Law $A = abc$

Path Length Dependence, b



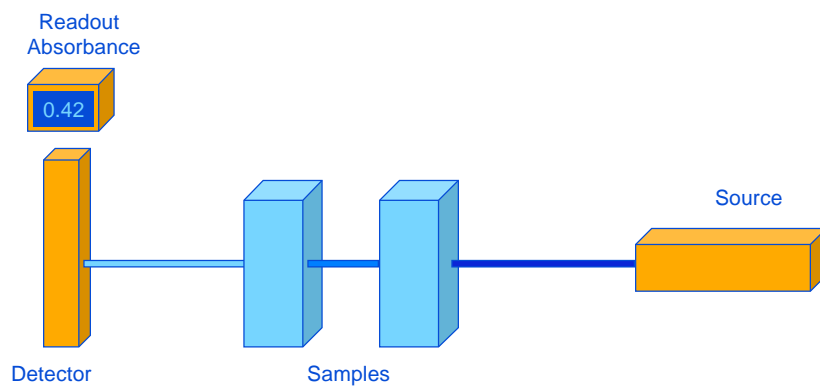
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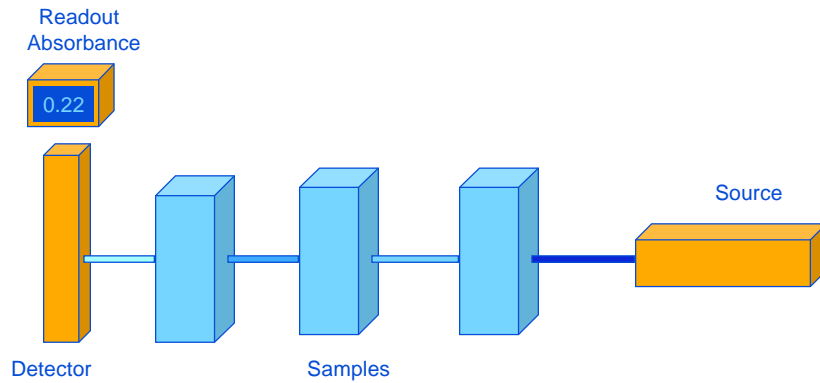
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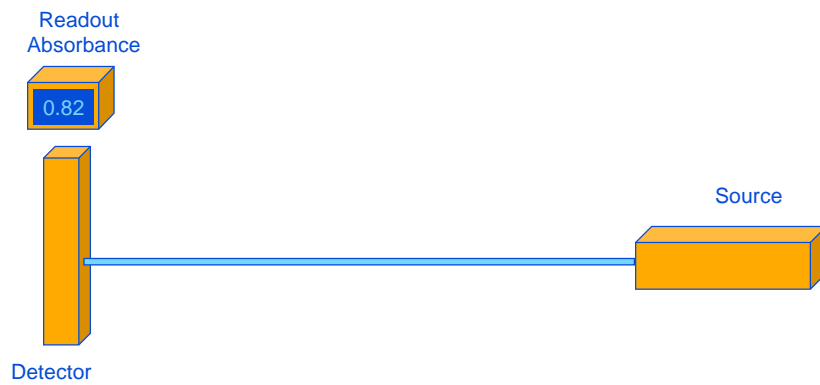
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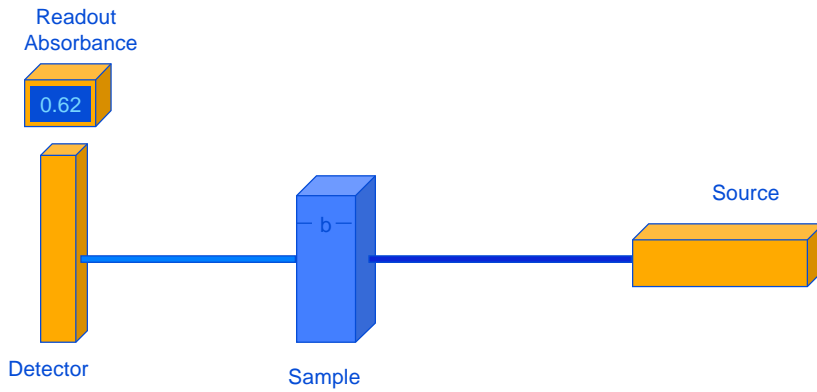
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Concentration Dependence, c



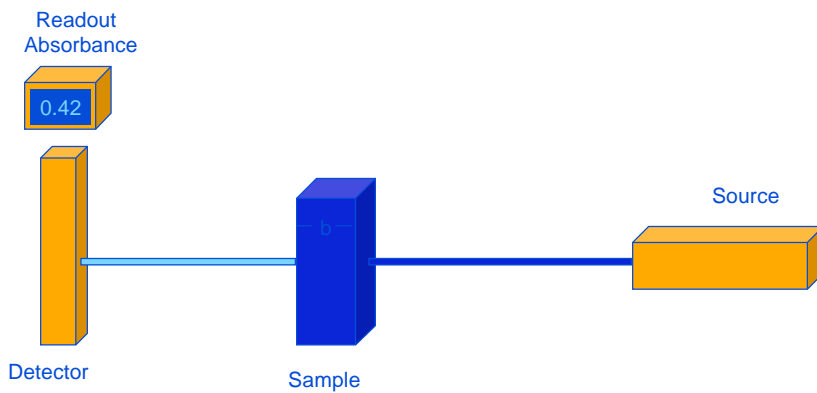
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Concentration Dependence, c



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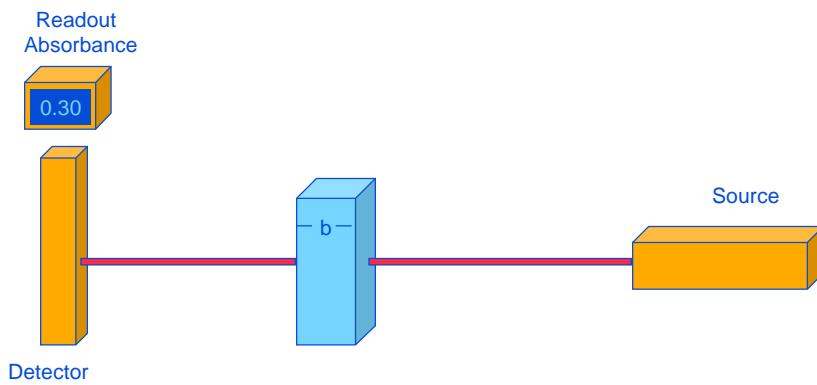
Beer's Law $A = \underline{a}bc$

Wavelength Dependence, a



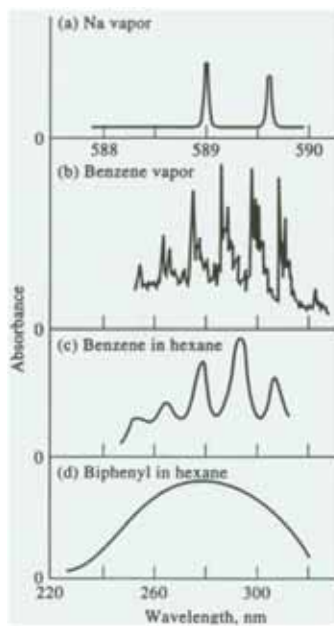
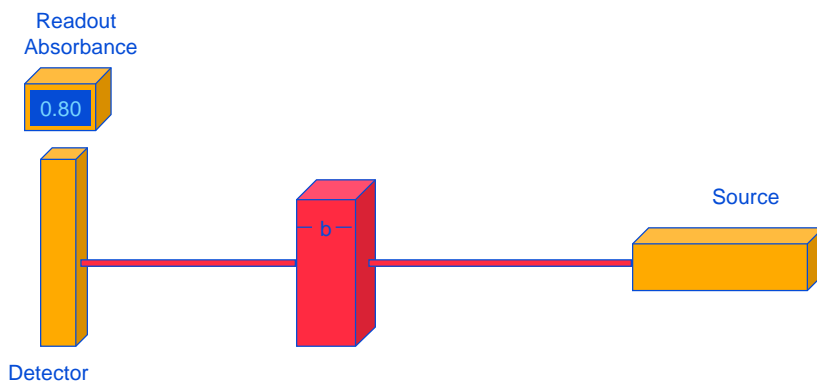
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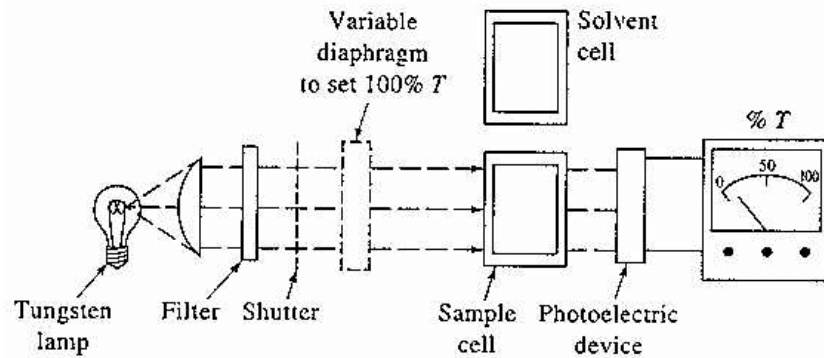


The relative simplicity of atomic spectra is due to the small number of possible energy states for the absorbing particles.

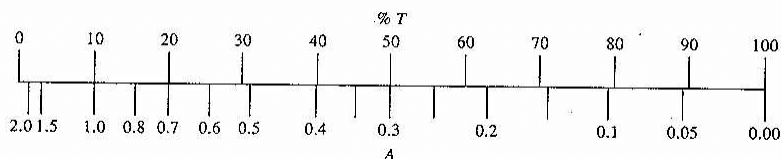
Only electronic transitions are encountered

The absorption spectra for polyatomic molecules are considerably more complex because the number of energy states is enormous. Here the vibrational and rotational states are involved.

Simple Spectrometer



Relationship of Transmittance and Absorbance



transmittance scale is linear

absorbance scale is exponential

thus, read transmittance, then calculate
absorbance

