

(4.2) How many times larger is the nucleon binding energy in  $^{24}\text{Na}$  than the electron binding energy when the ionization potential of the sodium atom is 5.14 V.

$$A := 24 \quad Z := 11 \quad N := A - Z \quad (\text{eqn. (3.1)}) \quad N = 13$$

Data for the constants in eqn. (3.8) taken from the middle of p. 51 are:

$$a_v := 15.5 \quad a_a := 23 \quad a_c := 0.72 \quad a_s := 16.8 \quad a_d := 34 \quad s := -1$$

The binding energy of the loosest bound electron (in eV) is the same as the ionization potential (in V),  $e_b$ :

$$e_b := 5.14 \quad \text{eV}$$

$$E_B := \left[ a_v A - a_a \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A} - a_c \frac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} - a_s A^{2/3} \right] + s \frac{a_d}{A^{3/4}} \quad (\text{eqn. (3.8)})$$

$$E_B = 195.047 \quad \text{MeV} \quad \frac{E_B}{A} = 8.127 \quad \text{MeV/u} \quad (\text{this is the average nucleon binding energy})$$

$$\text{ratio} := \frac{\frac{E_B}{A} \cdot 10^6}{e_b} \quad \text{ratio} = 1.581 \cdot 10^6$$