

The periodic trends in atomic radius are:

- **As you go left to right across a period:** $Z_{\text{effective}}$ increases moving to the right, since the number of protons is increasing. Electrons are also being added to the same shell so shielding does not increase much. Increasing $Z_{\text{effective}}$ attracts electrons closer, so atoms get smaller.
- **As you go down a group:** The size of atoms increase since electrons are being added to orbitals with **higher n** .

Summary: left to right: atomic radius ↓
down a group: atomic radius ↑

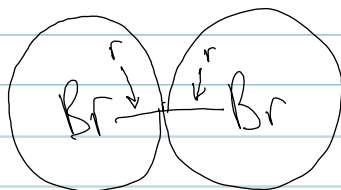
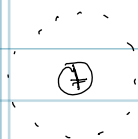
8-7 Electron configuration of Ions

Na^+ ? $\text{Na}: 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ $\text{Na}^+: 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 = [\text{Ne}]$

- Na^+ and Ne are **isoelectronic** – they have the same number and configuration of electrons.

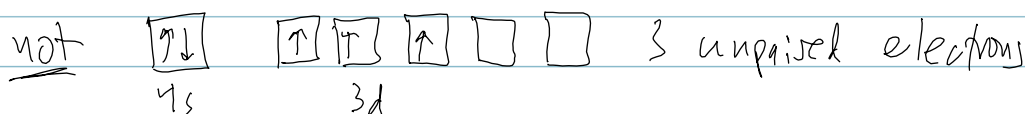
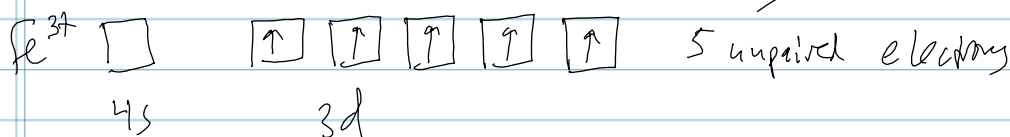
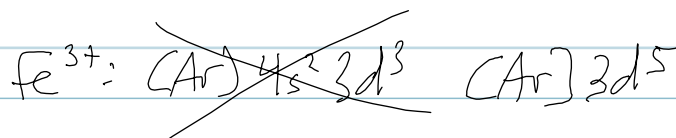
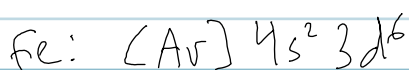
F^- ? $\text{F}: 1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$ $\text{F}^-: 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 = [\text{Ne}]$

F^- is also isoelectronic with Ne.



Transition metal cations:

- Transition metals possess filled ns ($n = 4, 5, 6$) and partially filled $(n-1)d$ orbitals [configuration: $ns^2(n-1)d^x$]
- Transition metals lose electrons from the orbitals with the highest n first, so ns electrons are lost **before** $(n-1)d$.



Ionic Radius

- When an atom loses an electron, the resulting cation is always **smaller** than the neutral atom (Figure 8.12).
- Anions are **larger** than the neutral atom (Figure 8.13).



Trends in ionic radius:

- As you go down a group, ionic radius gets larger, since atomic radius is increasing and charge is constant.
- As you go left to right across a period, change in size is less meaningful since charge is changing.
- Compare a set of ions that are all isoelectronic with Ar:

	S ²⁻	Cl ⁻	K ⁺	Ca ²⁺
Radius in pm:	184	181	133	99

Size ↓ as the charge of ion becomes more positive
 size ↑ as the charge of ion becomes more negative

1 pm
 = 10⁻¹² m

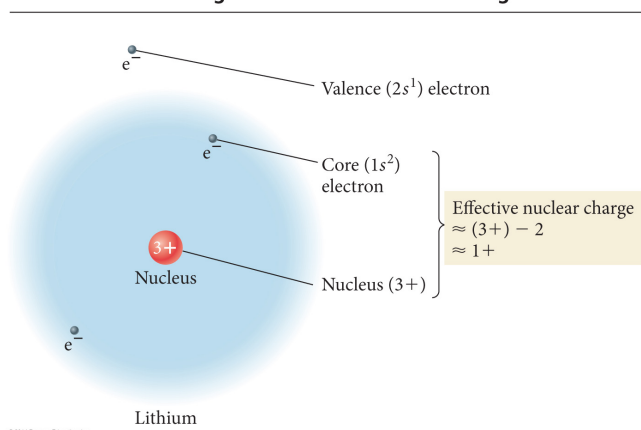
8.6 Periodic Trends in the Size of Atoms

- In general, properties of elements depend on the strength of the attraction between outer electrons and the nucleus.
- According to Coulomb's Law, the attraction is stronger as the **charge on the nucleus (Z) increases**, and as the electron gets **closer to the nucleus**.
- The charge of the nucleus increases as Z increases, but the electrons do not always "feel" all of the charge due to **shielding** by the inner electrons (Figure 8.11).
- The charge that an electron actually experiences is called the **effective nuclear charge, $Z_{\text{effective}}$** .

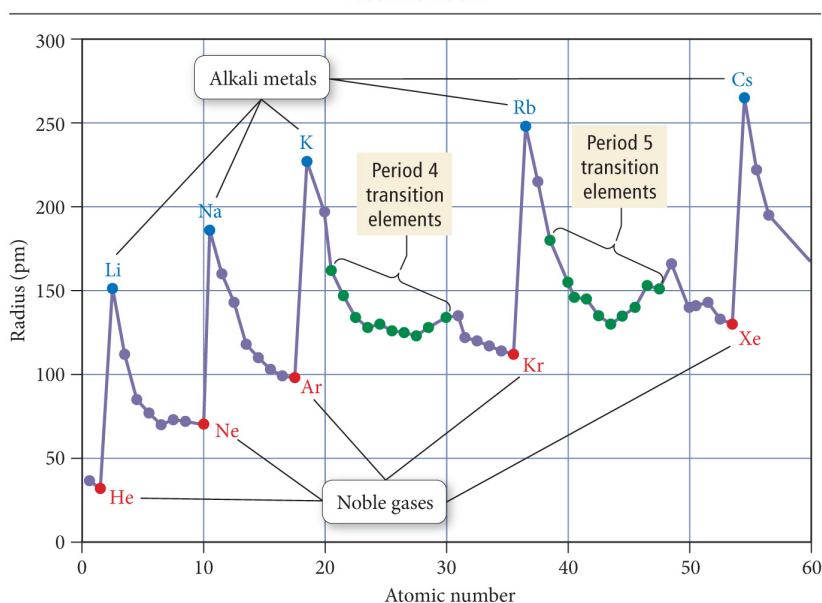
$$Z_{\text{effective}} = Z - \text{shielding}$$

- Outer electrons are shielded by inner electrons. Electrons in the same shell do not shield very well.

Screening and Effective Nuclear Charge



Atomic Radii



- Atomic radius** is a measure of the size of an atom. It can be defined as half of the distance between two atoms of the same element bonded together.