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Photoejection with excitation in H^- and other systems A.K. BHA-TIA, R.J. DRACHMAN, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center — Lyman-alpha radiation, 1216Angstrom, has been seen from the sun and from various other sources. This radiation arises from the radiative transition from the 2p ²P state to 1s ²S state of the hydrogen atom. The ²P state can be excited from the 1s ²S state by electron impact. However, it is also possible to produce this excited state by photodetachment of the H⁻ ion, leaving the H atom in the ²P state. We have calculated cross sections for this process using Hylleraas-type functions for the H⁻ ion and using the exchange approximation for the photoelectron in the final states of angular momentum equal to 0 and 2. The photoabsorption cross sections in H⁻ ions and He atoms leaving the hydrogen and helium in ²S are also calculated. Similar calculations have been carried out for the Li⁺, Be²⁺ and C⁴⁺ ions.

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