

H-atom

Coulombic potential between electron and proton

$$V(r) = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Hamiltonian operator for H-atom (Born-Oppenheimer approximation)

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e}\nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2}$$

Schrodinger equation,

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e}\left[\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\phi^2}\right] - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = E\psi(r, \theta, \phi)$$

$$-\hbar^2\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r}\right) - \hbar^2\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\phi^2}\right] - 2m_e r^2\left[\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + E\right]\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = 0$$



No r dependence

$$\therefore \psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)Y(\theta, \phi)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{R(r)}\left[\frac{d}{dr}\left(r^2\frac{\partial R}{\partial r}\right) - 2m_e r^2\left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + E\right)R(r)\right]$$

Only function of r

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{Y(\theta, \phi)}\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial Y}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial\phi^2}\right] = 0$$

Only function of θ, ϕ

Both must be constant. Use β

Radial part

$$-\frac{1}{R(r)}\left[\frac{d}{dr}\left(r^2\frac{\partial R}{\partial r}\right) - 2m_e r^2\left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + E\right)R(r)\right] = -\beta$$

Angular part

$$-\frac{1}{Y(\theta, \phi)}\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial Y}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial\phi^2}\right] = \beta$$

$$\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial Y}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial\phi^2} + (\beta\sin^2\theta)Y = 0$$

Which is exactly the same for the rigid-rotator wave functions.

Rigid-rotator wavefunctions

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = S(\theta)T(\phi)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\sin \theta}{S(\theta)} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{dS}{d\theta} \right) + (\beta \sin^2 \theta) \right\} + \frac{1}{T(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\sin \theta}{S(\theta)} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{dS}{d\theta} \right) + (\beta \sin^2 \theta) \right\} = m^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{T(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} = -m^2$$

$$T(\phi) = A_m e^{im\phi} \quad \text{or} \quad A_{-m} e^{-im\phi}$$

$T(\phi)$ must be single valued $\rightarrow T(\phi + 2\pi) = T(\phi)$

Gives, $\cos(2\pi m) \pm i \sin(2\pi m) = 1 \Rightarrow m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots \therefore T_m(\phi) = A_m e^{im\phi} \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$

Normalized wavefunction $\rightarrow A_m = 1/\sqrt{2\pi}$

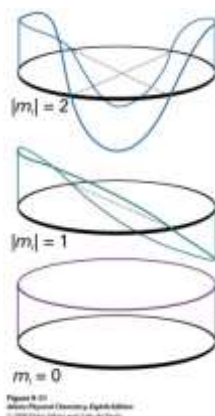


Figure 6.4: Real part of the wavefunctions - particle on a ring

The $S(\theta)$ part – Legendre equations and functions

Let $x = \cos \theta$, $S(\theta) = P(x)$ $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ so $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

The equation in θ above becomes, $(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dP}{dx} + \left[\beta - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] P(x) = 0$ Legendre's equation

Solution gives:

(1) $\beta = l(l + 1)$ where $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(2) $|m| \leq l$

$$(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dP}{dx} + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] P(x) = 0$$

Case a: $m = 0$ – solution are Legendre polynomials, $P_l(x)$ [even when l is even, odd when l is odd]

$$P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x, P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1), P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x), P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

Orthonormalized:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) P_n(x) dx = \int_0^\pi P_l(\cos \theta) P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2\delta_{ln}}{2l+1}$$

Case b: Associated Legendre functions (for all values of m)

$$P_l^{|m|}(x) = (1 - x^2)^{|m|/2} \frac{d^{|m|}}{dx^{|m|}} P_l(x)$$

Because the leading term in $P_l(x)$ is x^l , $P_l^{|m|}(x) = 0$ when $m > l$

$$P_0^0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1^0(x) = x = \cos \theta$$

$$P_1^1(x) = (1 - x^2)^{1/2} = \sin \theta$$

$$P_2^0(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

$$P_2^1(x) = 3x(1 - x^2)^{1/2} = 3 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$P_2^2(x) = 3(1 - x^2) = 3 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l^{|m|}(x) P_n^{|m|}(x) dx = \int_0^\pi P_l^{|m|}(\cos \theta) P_n^{|m|}(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2}{(2l+1)} \frac{(l+|m|)!}{(l-|m|)!} \delta_{ln}$$

Rigid-rotator wavefunctions - complete

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \left[\frac{(2l+1)(l-|m|)!}{4\pi(l+|m|)!} \right]^{1/2} P_l^{|m|}(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi} \quad l = 0, 1, 2 \dots \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$$

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)^* Y_n^k(\theta, \phi) = \delta_{ln} \delta_{mk}$$

$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ are orthonormal over the surface of a sphere \rightarrow **Spherical Harmonics**

ℓ	m_ℓ	$Y_{\ell m_\ell}(\theta, \phi) = \Theta_{\ell m_\ell}(\theta)\Phi_{m_\ell}(\phi)$
0	0	$(1/4\pi)^{1/2}$
1	0	$(3/4\pi)^{1/2} \cos\theta$
1	± 1	$\mp (3/8\pi)^{1/2} \sin\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
2	0	$(5/16\pi)^{1/2} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)$
2	± 1	$\mp (15/8\pi)^{1/2} \sin\theta \cos\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
2	± 2	$(15/32\pi)^{1/2} \sin^2\theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$

some spherical harmonics

$$\Phi_{m_\ell}(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{im_\ell\phi}$$

$$\Theta_{\ell m_\ell}(\theta) = \left[\frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \frac{(\ell - m_\ell)!}{(\ell + m_\ell)!} \right]^{1/2} P_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta)$$

$P_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta) =$ associated Legendre polynomial

Angular momentum

Remember, $-\frac{1}{Y(\theta, \phi)} \left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial\phi^2} \right] = \beta$ and that $\beta = l(l + 1)$

$$\hat{L}^2 Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2} \right] Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \hbar^2 l(l + 1) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

βY

Spherical harmonics are also eigenfunctions of \hat{L}^2

Square of the angular momentum = $\hbar^2 l(l + 1)$ $l = 0, 1, 2 \dots$

Energy is therefore, $\hbar^2 l(l + 1)/2I$

Components of angular momentum

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x & y & z \\ p_x & p_y & p_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\hat{L}_x = -\hbar \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) = -i\hbar \left(-\sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \cot\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right)$$

$$\hat{L}_y = -\hbar \left(z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) = -i\hbar \left(\cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \cot\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right)$$

$$\hat{L}_z = -\hbar \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$$

$$\hat{L}_z e^{im\phi} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} e^{im\phi} = m\hbar e^{im\phi}$$

So, spherical harmonics when operated by \hat{L}_z

$$\hat{L}_z Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = N_{lm} P_l^{|m|}(\cos\theta) \hat{L}_z e^{im\phi} = m\hbar Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

\hbar is a fundamental measure of the angular momentum.

$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ are not eigenfunctions of \hat{L}_x or \hat{L}_y . What is $\langle \hat{L}_x \rangle$

Commutation: \hat{L}^2 and \hat{L}_z commute.

$|m| \leq l$. Use $\hat{L}_z^2 Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ and $\hat{L}^2 Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ to prove.

Precession

$2l + 1$ values of m for each value of l

For $l = 2, m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

Eigenvalue of $\hat{L}^2 \rightarrow l(l+1)\hbar^2 = 6\hbar^2 \therefore \text{of } |L| \rightarrow \sqrt{6}\hbar$

Eigenvalue of $\hat{L}_z \rightarrow m\hbar = -2\hbar, -\hbar, 0, +\hbar, +2\hbar$

Never can the z-component be equal to the total angular momentum. Violates uncertainty! Except for one case!!!

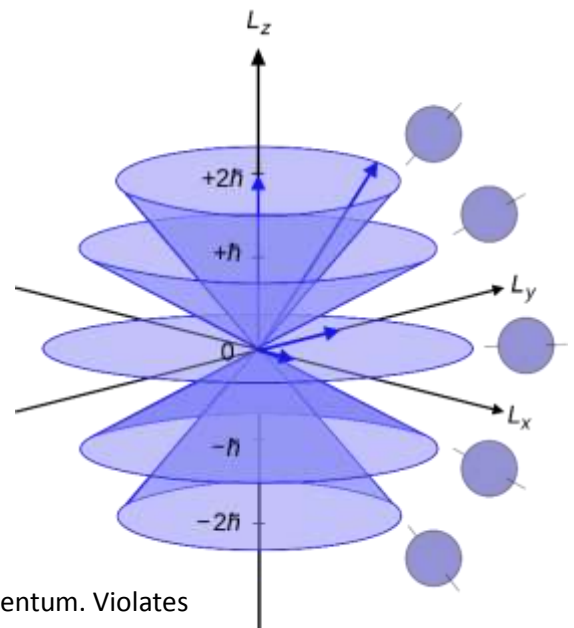


Table 9.3 The spherical harmonics

l	m_l	$Y_{l,m_l}(\theta,\varphi)$
0	0	$\left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2}$
1	0	$\left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta$
	± 1	$\mp \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
2	0	$\left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$
	± 1	$\mp \left(\frac{15}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
	± 2	$\left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
3	0	$\left(\frac{7}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)$
	± 1	$\mp \left(\frac{21}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
	± 2	$\left(\frac{105}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
	± 3	$\mp \left(\frac{35}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^3 \theta e^{\pm 3i\phi}$

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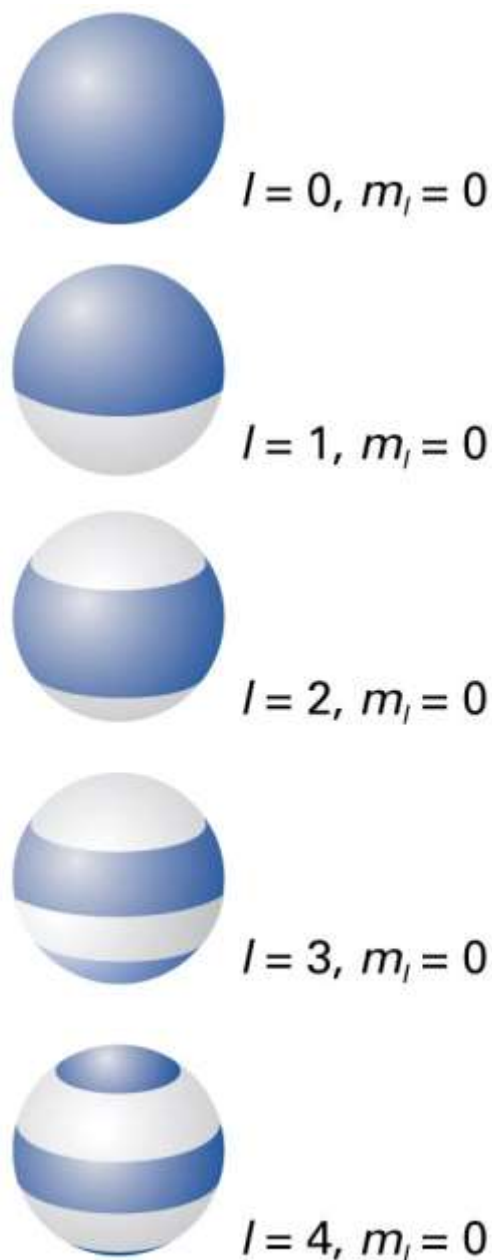


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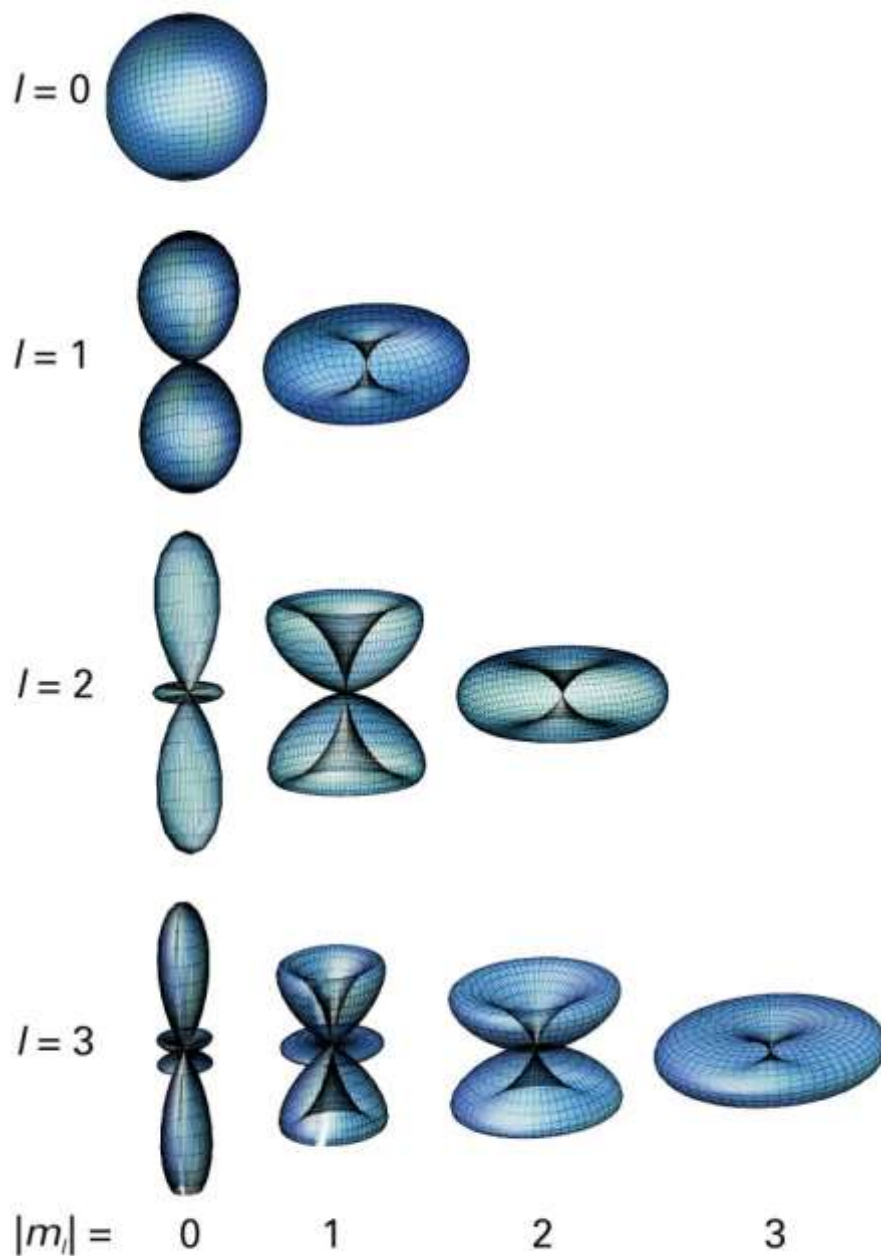


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Linear operators and degeneracy

$\hat{A}(\phi_1 + \phi_2) = \hat{A}\phi_1 + \hat{A}\phi_2 = a_1\phi_1 + a_2\phi_2 = a(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$ for degenerate eigenvalues. So, one could use any linear combination.

Add/Subtract p_1 and p_{-1} to get p_x and p_y