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Quantum Mechanics In 3D: Particle in 3D Box

Extension of a Particle In a Box with rigid walls
1D \rightarrow 3D
 \Rightarrow Box with Rigid Walls ($U=\infty$) in X,Y,Z dimensions

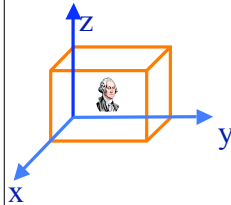
$U(r)=0$ for $(0 < x, y, z, < L)$

Ask same questions:

- Location of particle in 3d Box
- Momentum
- Kinetic Energy, Total Energy
- Expectation values in 3D

To find the Wavefunction and various expectation values, we must first set up the appropriate TDSE & TISE

The Schrodinger Equation in 3 Dimensions: Cartesian Coordinates



Time Dependent Schrodinger Eqn:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi(x,y,z,t)+U(x,y,z)\Psi(x,t)=i\hbar\frac{\partial\Psi(x,y,z,t)}{\partial t} \quad \dots\text{In 3D}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 &= \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right) + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\right) + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right) = [K] \\ &= [K_x] + [K_y] + [K_z] \end{aligned}$$

so $[H]\Psi(x,t)=[E]\Psi(x,t)$ is still the Energy Conservation Eq

Stationary states are those for which all probabilities are **constant in time** and are given by the solution of the TDSE in separable form:

$$\Psi(x,y,z,t)=\Psi(\vec{r},t)=\psi(\vec{r})e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$

This statement is simply an extension of what we derived in case of 1D time-independent potential

Particle in 3D Rigid Box : Separation of Orthogonal Spatial (x,y,z) Variables

$$\text{TISE in 3D: } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\psi(x,y,z)+U(x,y,z)\psi(x,y,z)=E\psi(x,y,z)$$

x,y,z independent of each other, write $\psi(x,y,z)=\psi_1(x)\psi_2(y)\psi_3(z)$

and substitute in the master TISE, after dividing thruout by $\psi=\psi_1(x)\psi_2(y)\psi_3(z)$

and noting that $U(r)=0$ for $(0<x,y,z,<L) \Rightarrow$

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{1}{\psi_1(x)}\frac{\partial^2\psi_1(x)}{\partial x^2}\right) + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{1}{\psi_2(y)}\frac{\partial^2\psi_2(y)}{\partial y^2}\right) + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{1}{\psi_3(z)}\frac{\partial^2\psi_3(z)}{\partial z^2}\right) = E = \text{Const}$$

This can only be true if each term is constant for all x,y,z \Rightarrow

$$\boxed{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\psi_1(x)}{\partial x^2} = E_1\psi_1(x)}; \quad \boxed{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\psi_2(y)}{\partial y^2} = E_2\psi_2(y)}; \quad \boxed{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\psi_3(z)}{\partial z^2} = E_3\psi_3(z)}$$

With $\boxed{E_1 + E_2 + E_3 = E = \text{Constant}}$ (Total Energy of 3D system)

Each term looks like particle in 1D box (just a different dimension)

So wavefunctions must be like $\boxed{\psi_1(x) \propto \sin k_1x}$, $\boxed{\psi_2(y) \propto \sin k_2y}$, $\boxed{\psi_3(z) \propto \sin k_3z}$

Particle in 3D Rigid Box : Separation of Orthogonal Variables

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Continuity Conditions for ψ_i and its first spatial derivatives $\Rightarrow n_i \pi = k_i L$

Leads to usual Quantization of Linear Momentum $\vec{p} = \hbar \vec{k}$ in 3D

$$p_x = \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{L}\right) n_1 ; p_y = \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{L}\right) n_2 ; p_z = \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{L}\right) n_3 \quad (n_1, n_2, n_3 = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

Note: by usual Uncertainty Principle argument neither of $n_1, n_2, n_3 = 0!$ (why?)

$$\text{Particle Energy } E = K + U = K + 0 = \frac{1}{2m} (p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2)$$

Energy is again quantized and brought to you by integers n_1, n_2, n_3 (independent) and $\psi(\vec{r}) = A \sin k_1 x \sin k_2 y \sin k_3 z$ (A = Overall Normalization Constant)

$$\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(\vec{r}) e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t} = A [\sin k_1 x \sin k_2 y \sin k_3 z] e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}$$

Particle in 3D Box : Wave function Normalization Condition

$$\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(\vec{r}) e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t} = A [\sin k_1 x \sin k_2 y \sin k_3 z] e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}$$

$$\Psi^*(\vec{r}, t) = \psi^*(\vec{r}) e^{i\frac{E}{\hbar}t} = A [\sin k_1 x \sin k_2 y \sin k_3 z] e^{i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}$$

$$\Psi^*(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = A^2 [\sin^2 k_1 x \sin^2 k_2 y \sin^2 k_3 z]$$

Normalization Condition : $1 = \iiint_{x,y,z} P(\vec{r}) dx dy dz \Rightarrow$

$$1 = A^2 \int_{x=0}^L \sin^2 k_1 x dx \int_{y=0}^L \sin^2 k_2 y dy \int_{z=0}^L \sin^2 k_3 z dz = A^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{L}{2}}\right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{L}{2}}\right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{L}{2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \left[\frac{2}{L}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ and } \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \left[\frac{2}{L}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} [\sin k_1 x \sin k_2 y \sin k_3 z] e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}$$

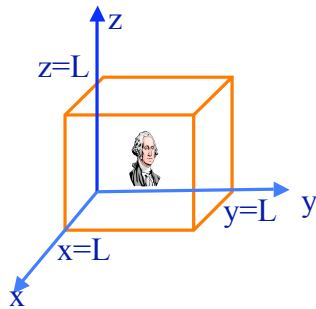
Particle in 3D Box : Energy Spectrum & Degeneracy

$$E_{n_1, n_2, n_3} = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2); \quad n_i = 1, 2, 3 \dots \infty, n_i \neq 0$$

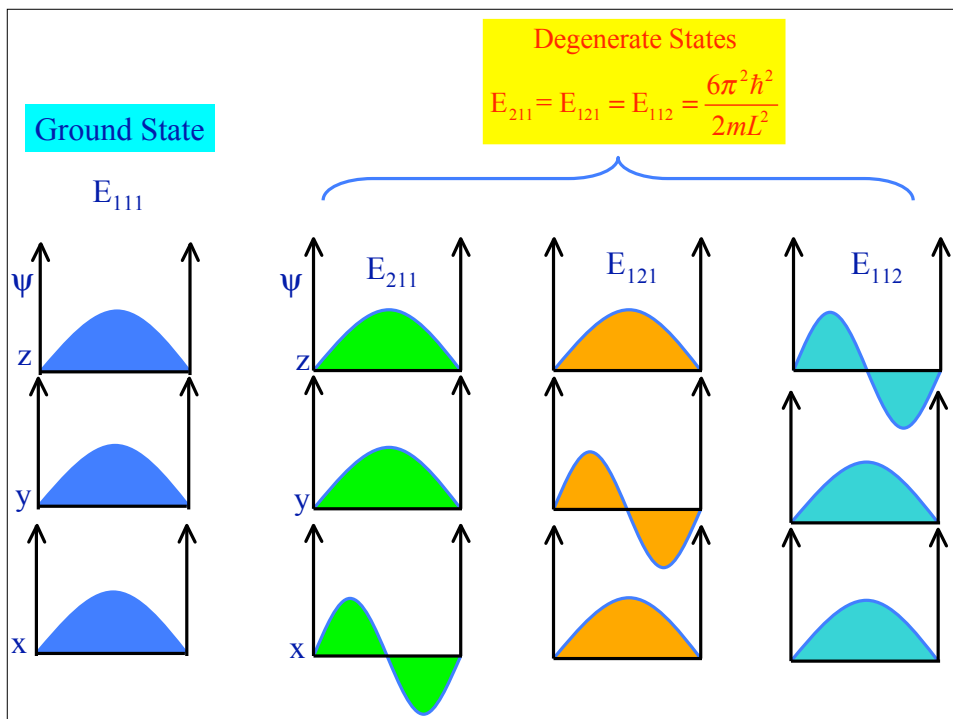
Ground State Energy $E_{111} = \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$

Next level \Rightarrow 3 Excited states $E_{211} = E_{121} = E_{112} = \frac{6\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$

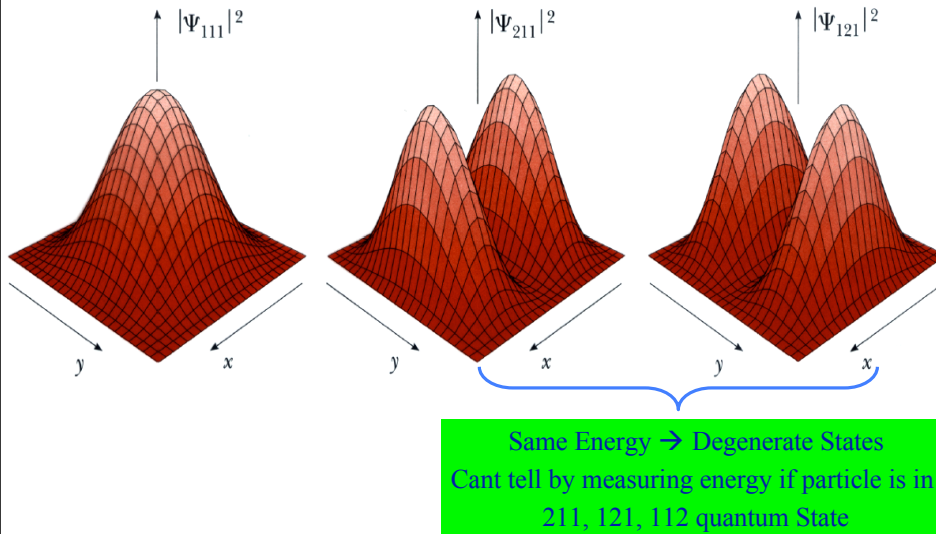
Different configurations of $\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \psi(x, y, z)$ have same energy \Rightarrow degeneracy



	n^2	Degeneracy
$4E_0$	12	None
$\frac{11}{3}E_0$	11	3
$3E_0$	9	3
$2E_0$	6	3
E_0	3	None



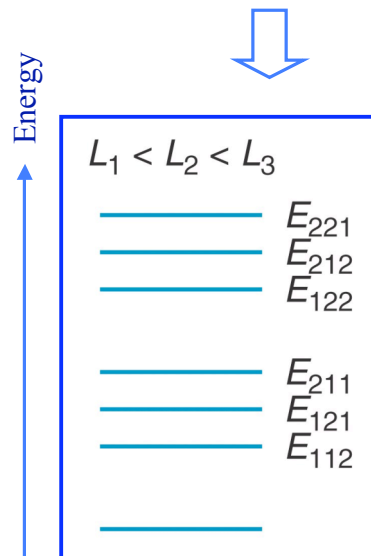
Probability Density Functions for Particle in 3D Box



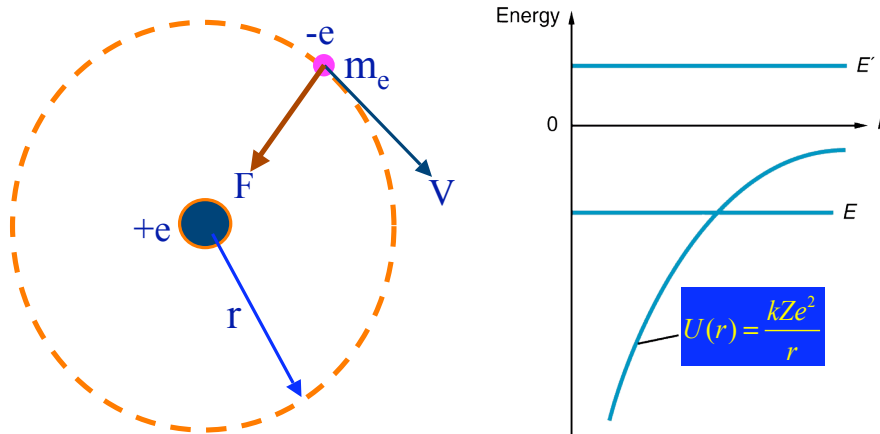
Source of Degeneracy: How to “Lift” Degeneracy

- Degeneracy came from the threefold symmetry of a CUBICAL Box ($L_x = L_y = L_z = L$)
- To Lift (remove) degeneracy → change each dimension such that CUBICAL box → Rectangular Box
 - ($L_x \neq L_y \neq L_z$)
 - Then

$$E = \left(\frac{n_1^2 \pi^2}{2mL_x^2} \right) + \left(\frac{n_2^2 \pi^2}{2mL_y^2} \right) + \left(\frac{n_3^2 \pi^2}{2mL_z^2} \right)$$



The Coulomb Attractive Potential That Binds the electron and Nucleus (charge +Ze) into a Hydrogenic atom



The Hydrogen Atom In Its Full Quantum Mechanical Glory

$U(r) \propto \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \Rightarrow$ More complicated form of U than box

By example of particle in 3D box, need to use separation of variables(x,y,z) to derive 3 independent differential. eqns.

This approach will get very ugly since we have a "conjoined triplet"

To simplify the situation, use appropriate variables

Independent Cartesian (x,y,z) \rightarrow Inde. Spherical Polar (r, θ , ϕ)

Instead of writing Laplacian $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$, write

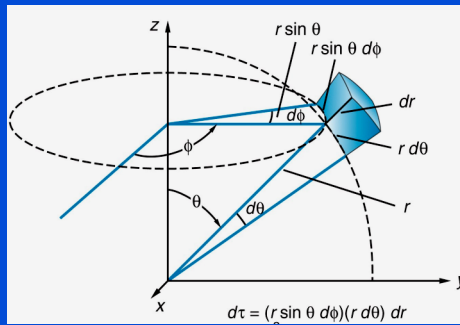
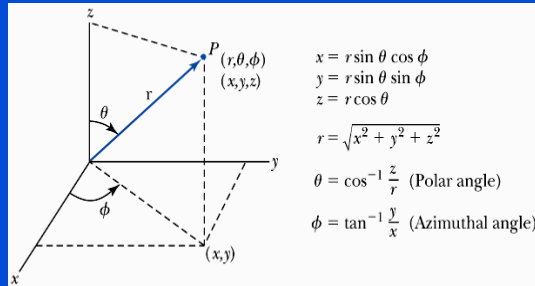
$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

TISE for $\psi(x,y,z)=\psi(r,\theta,\phi)$ becomes

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi(r,\theta,\phi)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi(r,\theta,\phi)}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(r,\theta,\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - U(r)) \psi(r,\theta,\phi) = 0$$

!!!! fun!!!!

Spherical Polar Coordinate System



Volume Element dV

$$dV = (r \sin \theta d\phi)(r d\theta)(dr)$$

$$= r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

Don't Panic: Its simpler than you think !

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - U(r)) \psi(r, \theta, \phi) = 0$$

Try to free up last term from all except ϕ

This requires multiplying thruout by $r^2 \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow$

$$\sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2m r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\hbar^2} (E + \frac{ke^2}{r}) \psi = 0$$

For Separation of Variables, Write $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) \cdot \Theta(\theta) \cdot \Phi(\phi)$

Plug it into the TISE above & divide thruout by $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) \cdot \Theta(\theta) \cdot \Phi(\phi)$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi(r, \theta, \phi)}{\partial r} = \Theta(\theta) \cdot \Phi(\phi) \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r}$$

$$\text{Note that : } \frac{\partial \Psi(r, \theta, \phi)}{\partial \theta} = R(r) \Phi(\phi) \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \Rightarrow \text{when substituted in TISE}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi(r, \theta, \phi)}{\partial \phi} = R(r) \Theta(\theta) \frac{\partial \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2m r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\hbar^2} (E + \frac{ke^2}{r}) = 0$$

Rearrange by taking the ϕ term on RHS

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{2m r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\hbar^2} (E + \frac{ke^2}{r}) = -\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2}$$

LHS is fn. of r, θ & RHS is fn of ϕ only, for equality to be true for all r, θ, ϕ

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \text{constant} = \text{RHS} = m_l^2$$

Now go break up LHS to separate the r & θ terms....

$$\text{LHS: } \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{2mr^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\hbar^2} \left(E + \frac{ke^2}{r} \right) = m_l^2$$

Divide Thruout by $\sin^2 \theta$ and arrange all terms with r away from $\theta \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} \left(E + \frac{ke^2}{r} \right) = \frac{m_l^2}{\sin^2 \theta} - \frac{1}{\Theta \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

Same argument : LHS is fn of r , RHS is fn of θ , for them to be equal for all r, θ

\Rightarrow $\text{LHS} = \text{const} = \text{RHS} = l(l+1)$ What do we have after shuffling!

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} + m_l^2 \Phi = 0 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m_l^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] \Theta(\theta) = 0 \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \left[\frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} \left(E + \frac{ke^2}{r} \right) - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] R(r) = 0 \dots \dots (3)$$

These 3 "simple" diff. eqn describe the physics of the Hydrogen atom.

All we need to do now is guess the solutions of the diff. equations

Each of them, clearly, has a different functional form

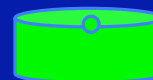
Solutions of The S. Eq for Hydrogen Atom

The Azimuthal Diff. Equation : $\frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} + m_l^2 \Phi = 0$

Solution : $\Phi(\phi) = A e^{im_l \phi}$ but need to check "Good Wavefunction Condition"

Wave Function must be Single Valued for all $\phi \Rightarrow \Phi(\phi) = \Phi(\phi + 2\pi)$

$\Rightarrow \Phi(\phi) = A e^{im_l \phi} = A e^{im_l(\phi + 2\pi)} \Rightarrow m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3 \dots$ (Magnetic Quantum #)



The Polar Diff. Eq: $\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m_l^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] \Theta(\theta) = 0$

Solutions : go by the name of "Associated Legendre Functions"

only exist when the integers l and m_l are related as follows

$m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3 \dots \pm l$; $l =$ positive number

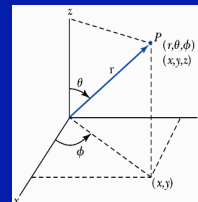
l : Orbital Quantum Number

For $l = 0, m_l = 0 \Rightarrow$ $\Theta(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$;

For $l = 1, m_l = 0, \pm 1 \Rightarrow$ Three Possibilities for the Orbital part of wavefunction

$[l = 1, m_l = 0] \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \cos \theta$ $[l = 1, m_l = \pm 1] \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \theta$

$[l = 2, m_l = 0] \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{4} (3\cos^2 \theta - 1) \dots$ and so on and so forth (see book)



Solutions of The S. Eq for Hydrogen Atom

The Radial Diff. Eqn: $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \left[\frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} \left(E + \frac{ke^2}{r} \right) - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] R(r) = 0$

Solutions : Associated Laguerre Functions R(r), Solutions exist only if:

1. $E > 0$ or has negative values given by $E = -\frac{ke^2}{2a_0} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right); a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{mke^2} = \text{Bohr Radius}$

2. And when $n = \text{integer}$ such that $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, (n-1)$

$n = \text{principal Quantum \# or the "big daddy" quantum \#}$

To Summarize : The hydrogen atom is brought to you by the letters

$$n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, \infty$$

$$l = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, (n-1)$$

$$m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \pm l$$

Quantum # appear only in Trapped systems

The Spatial Wave Function of the Hydrogen Atom

$$\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) \cdot \Theta_{lm_l}(\theta) \cdot \Phi_{m_l}(\phi) = R_{nl} Y_l^{m_l} \text{ (Spherical Harmonics)}$$

Radial Wave Functions & Radial Prob Distributions

$n \ l \ m_l \ R(r) =$

$$1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \frac{2}{a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}$$

$$2 \ 0 \ 0 \ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}a_0^{3/2}} \left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$3 \ 0 \ 0 \ \frac{2}{81\sqrt{3}a_0^{3/2}} \left(27 - 18\frac{r}{a_0} + 2\frac{r^2}{a_0^2} \right) e^{-r/3a_0}$$

$n=1 \rightarrow$ K shell

$n=2 \rightarrow$ L Shell

$n=3 \rightarrow$ M shell

$n=4 \rightarrow$ N Shell

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$l=0 \rightarrow$ s(harp) sub shell

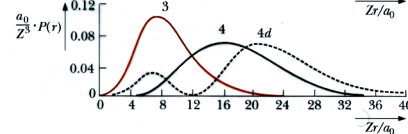
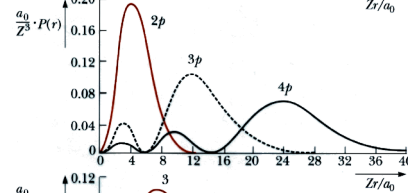
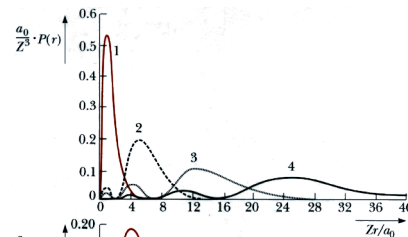
$l=1 \rightarrow$ p(rincipal) sub shell

$l=2 \rightarrow$ d(iffuse) sub shell

$l=3 \rightarrow$ f(undamental) ss

$l=4 \rightarrow$ g sub shell

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Symbolic Notation of Atomic States in Hydrogen

$l \rightarrow$	$s (l=0)$	$p (l=1)$	$d (l=2)$	$f (l=3)$	$g (l=4)$
n						
\downarrow						
1	1s					
2	2s	2p				
3	3s	3p	3d			
4	4s	4p	4d	4f		
5	5s	5p	5d	5f	5g	

Note that:

- $n=1$ non-degenerate system
- $n>1$ are all degenerate in l and m_l

All states have **same energy**

But different spatial configuration

$$E = -\frac{ke^2}{2a_0} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)$$

Facts About Ground State of H Atom

$$n=1, l=0, m_l=0 \Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{2}{a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}; \quad \Theta(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}; \quad \Phi(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{a_0 \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-r/a_0} \dots \text{look at it carefully}$$

1. Spherically symmetric \Rightarrow no θ, ϕ dependence (structure)

2. Probability Per Unit Volume: $|\Psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi)|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} e^{-2r/a_0}$

Likelihood of finding the electron is same at all θ, ϕ and depends only on the radial separation (r) between electron & the nucleus.

3 Energy of Ground State = $-\frac{ke^2}{2a_0} = -13.6 \text{ eV}$

Overall The Ground state wavefunction of the hydrogen atom is quite *boring*

Not much chemistry or Biology could develop if there was only the ground state of the Hydrogen Atom!

We need structure, we need variety, we need some curves!

