

HW 5.

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1. Griffiths 4.45 p192

From wikipedia, the radius of the proton is $R_p = 0.8775 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$
and the radius of the deuteron is $R_d = 2.1424 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$.

The Bohr radius $a = 0.529 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$.

Therefore the size of the hydrogen nucleus is about 4 or 5 orders of magnitude smaller than the expansion of the ground state of hydrogen, which has a size of the Bohr radius.

(a) The ground state wavefunction of H:

$$\Psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a^3}} e^{-r/a}$$

The probability of finding the electron inside a sphere of radius b is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{r < b} &= \int_0^b dr \int_0^\pi d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi |\Psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi)|^2 r^2 \sin\theta \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^b dr \int_0^\pi d\theta \frac{1}{\pi a^3} e^{-2r/a} r^2 \sin\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{a^3} \left(\int_0^b dr r^2 e^{-2r/a} \right) \left(\int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{a^3} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)a \cdot \left[e^{-\frac{2r}{a}} (a^2 + 2ar + 2r^2) \right]_0^b \cdot 2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{a^2} \left[e^{-\frac{2b}{a}} (a^2 + 2ab + 2b^2) - a^2 \right] \\ &= 1 - e^{-\frac{2b}{a}} \left(1 + \frac{2b}{a} + \frac{2b^2}{a^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This is the exact answer.

(2)

$$(b) \quad \epsilon \equiv \frac{2b}{a} \ll 1$$

$$P_{r < b} = 1 - e^{-\frac{2b}{a}} \left(1 + \frac{2b}{a} + \frac{2b^2}{a^2} \right)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\epsilon} \left(1 + \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \right)$$

~~$$\approx 1 - (1 - \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon)$$~~

$$\approx 1 - \left(1 - \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} - \frac{\epsilon^3}{6} \right) \left(1 + \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \left[1 - \cancel{\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} - \frac{\epsilon^3}{6} + \epsilon - \epsilon^2 + \frac{\epsilon^3}{2} - \frac{\epsilon^4}{6} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} - \frac{\epsilon^3}{2} + \frac{\epsilon^4}{4} - \frac{\epsilon^5}{12} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[1 - \frac{\epsilon^3}{6} + \frac{\epsilon^4}{12} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^3 = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{2b}{a} \right)^3 = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^3$$

The lowest order is ϵ^3 , or $\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^3$, $P_{r < b} \approx \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^3$

(c) If we assume that $\psi(r)$ is essentially constant over the tiny sphere with radius b , then $P_{r < b}$ can be obtained as

$$P_{r < b} \approx \frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \cdot |\psi(r=0)|^2 = \frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \cdot \frac{1}{\pi a^3} = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^3$$

which is the same as the result in (b).

$$(d) \quad b \approx 10^{-15} \text{ m}, \quad a \approx 0.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$P_{r < b} \approx \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^3 = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{10^{-15}}{0.5 \times 10^{-10}}\right)^3 = \frac{32}{3} \times 10^{-15} = 1.07 \times 10^{-14}$$

which is an extremely small probability.

2. First we want to prove that $L_{\pm} Y_l^m = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m(m\pm 1)} Y_l^{m\pm 1}$

This is also problem 4.18 of Griffiths.

Let us assume $L_+ Y_l^m = A Y_l^{m+1}$ and $L_- Y_l^m = B Y_l^{m-1}$

From [4.112] of Griffiths

$$L^2 = L_+ L_- + L_z^2 - \hbar L_z = L_- L_+ + L_z^2 + \hbar L_z \quad (*)$$

Let us first use the latter relation, from which

$$\begin{aligned} L_- L_+ Y_l^m &= L^2 Y_l^m - L_z^2 Y_l^m - \hbar L_z Y_l^m = [\hbar^2 l(l+1) - \hbar^2 m^2 - \hbar^2 m] Y_l^m \\ &= \hbar^2 [l(l+1) - m(m+1)] Y_l^m \end{aligned}$$

Now multiply $(Y_l^m)^*$ on the left for both sides and then take an integration over angle

$$\Rightarrow \int (Y_l^m)^* L_- L_+ Y_l^m d\Omega = \hbar^2 [l(l+1) - m(m+1)] \int (Y_l^m)^* Y_l^m d\Omega$$

use $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ and $L_+^\dagger = L_-$, $L_-^\dagger = L_+$ = 1

$$\Rightarrow \int (L_+ Y_l^m)^\dagger L_+ Y_l^m d\Omega = \hbar^2 [l(l+1) - m(m+1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int (Y_l^{m+1})^* A^* A Y_l^{m+1} d\Omega = \hbar^2 [l(l+1) - m(m+1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|^2 \int (Y_l^{m+1})^* Y_l^{m+1} d\Omega = \hbar^2 [l(l+1) - m(m+1)]$$

= 1

$$\Rightarrow A = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m(m+1)}$$

Similarly, if you use the first relation of (*) you will get

$$B = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m(m-1)}$$

$$\begin{cases} L_+ = L_x + iL_y \\ L_- = L_x - iL_y \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} L_x = \frac{1}{2}(L_+ + L_-) \\ L_y = \frac{1}{2i}(L_+ - L_-) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle Y_{lm_1} | L_x | Y_{lm_2} \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \langle Y_{lm_1} | L_+ | Y_{lm_2} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle Y_{lm_1} | L_- | Y_{lm_2} \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \langle Y_{lm_1} | \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2+1)} | Y_{l, m_2+1} \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \langle Y_{lm_1} | \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2-1)} | Y_{l, m_2-1} \rangle \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{2} \left[\delta_{m_1, m_2+1} \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2+1)} + \delta_{m_1, m_2-1} \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2-1)} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle Y_{lm_1} | L_y | Y_{lm_2} \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2i} \left[\langle Y_{lm_1} | L_+ | Y_{lm_2} \rangle - \langle Y_{lm_1} | L_- | Y_{lm_2} \rangle \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2i} \left[\hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2+1)} \langle Y_{lm_1} | Y_{l, m_2+1} \rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2-1)} \langle Y_{lm_1} | Y_{l, m_2-1} \rangle \right] \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{2i} \left[\delta_{m_1, m_2+1} \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2+1)} - \delta_{m_1, m_2-1} \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_2(m_2-1)} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$3. \quad H = \frac{L_x^2 + L_y^2}{2I_1} + \frac{L_z^2}{2I_2} = \frac{L^2 - L_z^2}{2I_1} + \frac{L_z^2}{2I_2} = \frac{1}{2I_1} L^2 + \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2I_1 I_2} L_z^2$$

Because $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ are eigenstates of L^2 and L_z , they are also the eigenstates of H .

The eigenvalues of H are

$$\frac{1}{2I_1} \hbar^2 l(l+1) + \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2I_1 I_2} \hbar^2 m^2 \equiv \alpha l(l+1) + \beta m^2$$

where we have set $\alpha \equiv \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_1}$ and $\beta = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2I_1 I_2} \hbar^2 > 0$ (b/c $I_1 > I_2$)

$$l = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad m = -l, -l+1, \dots, l-1, l$$

Suppose $\beta < \alpha$, $\Rightarrow \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2I_1 I_2} \hbar^2 < \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_1}$, $I_1 < 2I_2$ (i.e., $I_2 < I_1 < 2I_2$)

then the first few eigenlevels are sketched below

$$12\alpha + 9\beta \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (3, 3) \text{ or } (3, -3)$$

$$12\alpha + 4\beta \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (3, 2) \text{ or } (3, -2)$$

$$12\alpha + \beta \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (3, 1) \text{ or } (3, -1)$$

$$12\alpha \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (3, 0)$$

$$6\alpha + 4\beta \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (2, 2) \text{ or } (2, -2)$$

$$6\alpha + \beta \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (2, 1) \text{ or } (2, -1)$$

$$6\alpha \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (2, 0)$$

$$2\alpha + \beta \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (1, 1) \text{ or } (1, -1)$$

$$2\alpha \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (1, 0)$$

$$0 \quad \text{—————} \quad (l, m) = (0, 0)$$

If β is very big, then the ordering of the levels can be complicated and this case will not be considered here.

4. In spherical coordinates

$$\begin{cases} x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z = r \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y, z) &= C(xy + yz + zx) e^{-dr^2} \\ &= C r^2 e^{-dr^2} (\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi) \end{aligned}$$

Because angular momentum is determined only by the angular part of the wavefunction, we shall only focus on the angular part:

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = A(\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi)$$

Where A is the normalization constant.

The normalization condition is

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |Y(\theta, \phi)|^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= |A|^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi)^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= |A|^2 \cdot \frac{4\pi}{5} \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

The eigenstates of the angular wavefunction are spherical harmonics. Therefore $Y(\theta, \phi)$ can be written as a linear combination of spherical harmonics

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{lm} C_l^m Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

where $C_l^m = \langle Y_l^m | Y \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [Y_l^m]^* Y \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$

(6)

Y_l^m are eigenstates of L^2 and L_z with

$$L^2 Y_l^m = \hbar^2 l(l+1) Y_l^m \quad L_z Y_l^m = \hbar m Y_l^m$$

The probability that a measurement on L^2 yields 0 (i.e., $l=0, m=0$)

is $|C_0^0|^2 = |\langle Y_0^0 | Y \rangle|^2$

$$Y_0^0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}}$$

$$= \left| \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} (\sin^2\theta \sin\phi \cos\phi + \sin\theta \cos\theta \sin\phi + \sin\theta \cos\theta \cos\phi) \sin\theta \right|^2$$

$$= 0$$

The probability that a measurement on L^2 yields $6\hbar^2$ (i.e., $l=2$) is

$$|C_2^m|^2 = |C_2^{-2}|^2 + |C_2^{-1}|^2 + |C_2^0|^2 + |C_2^1|^2 + |C_2^2|^2$$

Using Mathematica, I get

$$C_2^{-2} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |C_2^{-2}|^2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$C_2^{-1} = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |C_2^{-1}|^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$C_2^0 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |C_2^0|^2 = 0$$

$$C_2^1 = -\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |C_2^1|^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$C_2^2 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |C_2^2|^2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow |C_2^m|^2 = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + 0 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

(7)

$$5. (a) |jm\rangle = \sum_{m_1=-j_1}^{j_1} \sum_{m_2=-j_2}^{j_2} \underbrace{\langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | jm \rangle}_{\text{C-G coefficients}} |j_1 m_1\rangle |j_2 m_2\rangle$$

There are a lot of places to find the C-G coefficients. If you know how to read the C-G coefficient table (Table 4.8) on page 188, you can find them there. Besides the traditional C-G tables, I find that there are some on-line C-G calculators which are extremely straightforward to use, for example, the WolframAlpha Clebsch-Gordan calculator. You just input the values of j_1, j_2, m_1, m_2, j, m in the corresponding boxes and you get the C-G coefficient out.

You can check that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ are indeed the correct C-G coefficients.

$$|30\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |21\rangle |1-1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |20\rangle |10\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |2-1\rangle |11\rangle$$

$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$
$j_1 m_1$	$j_2 m_2$	$j_1 m_1$	$j_2 m_2$	$j_1 m_1$	$j_2 m_2$	$j_1 m_1$	$j_2 m_2$

(b) Strickly speaking, $|20\rangle$ or $|10\rangle$ can be expanded in many different ways depending on the value of j_1 and j_2 . Here we follow the way that $|30\rangle$ was expanded, i.e., $j_1=2, j_2=1$. Then

$$|20\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |21\rangle |1-1\rangle + 0 \cdot |20\rangle |10\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |2-1\rangle |11\rangle$$

$$|10\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} |21\rangle |1-1\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |20\rangle |10\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} |2-1\rangle |11\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 10|20\rangle &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \langle 21| \langle 1-1| - \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \langle 20| \langle 10| + \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \langle 2-1| \langle 11| \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |21\rangle |1-1\rangle + 0 \cdot |20\rangle |10\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |2-1\rangle |11\rangle \right) \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 10|30\rangle &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \langle 21| \langle 1-1| - \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \langle 20| \langle 10| + \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \langle 2-1| \langle 11| \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |21\rangle |1-1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |20\rangle |10\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |2-1\rangle |11\rangle \right) \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 20|30\rangle &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 21| \langle 1-1| + 0 \cdot \langle 20| \langle 10| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 2-1| \langle 11| \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |21\rangle |1-1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |20\rangle |10\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |2-1\rangle |11\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So $|10\rangle$, $|20\rangle$, $|30\rangle$ are orthogonal to each other.

6. 3D isotropic harmonic oscillator.

(a) $V(r) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2$

Because the potential is spherically symmetric, the Schrödinger equation can be handled by separation of variables in spherical coordinates. The wavefunction is $\psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$.

Where the radial part of the wavefunction $R_{nl}(r)$ satisfies the following equation

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} r + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2 + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} \right] R_{nl}(r) = E_{nl} R_{nl}(r)$$

It is quite tricky to work this radial equation out. Here I just write down the solution

$$R_{nrl} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k y^{l+2k} e^{-y^2/2}$$

where $y = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} r$

and $E_{nrl} = (2n_r + l + \frac{3}{2}) \hbar \omega$

$n_r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(b) The Schrödinger equation of the 3D isotropic harmonic oscillator in Cartesian coordinates is

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \psi = E \psi$$

Let $\psi(x, y, z) = X(x) Y(y) Z(z)$, plug into the above equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} YZ + \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} ZX + \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} XY \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) XYZ = E XYZ$$

divide XYZ both sides

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2\right) + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 y^2\right) + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 z^2\right) = E$$

The first term is a function only of x , the second term only of y , and the third term only of z . For the above equation to hold, each term should equal a constant:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 X = E_x X & \leftarrow \text{1D harmonic oscillator} \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 y^2 Y = E_y Y & \leftarrow \text{1D} \text{ ---} \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 z^2 Z = E_z Z & \leftarrow \text{1D} \text{ ---} \end{cases}$$

and $E = E_x + E_y + E_z$

We know that

$$E_x = (n_x + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega$$

$$E_y = (n_y + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega$$

$$E_z = (n_z + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega$$

3D harmonic oscillator is

decomposed into 3 1D harmonic oscillators.

$$n_x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$n_y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$n_z = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E &= E_x + E_y + E_z = (n_x + n_y + n_z + \frac{3}{2}) \hbar \omega \\ &\equiv (n + \frac{3}{2}) \hbar \omega \quad \text{with } n = n_x + n_y + n_z \end{aligned}$$

(c) The first 4 energy levels are

E	n_x n_y n_z	degeneracy	From spherical coordinates	
			n_r l	degeneracy = $(2l+1)$
$\frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega$	0 0 0	1	0 0	1
$\frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega$	1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1	3	0 1	3
$\frac{7}{2} \hbar \omega$	2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1	6	1 0 0 2	$1+5=6$
$\frac{9}{2} \hbar \omega$	3 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 3 2 1 0 2 0 1 1 2 0 0 2 1 1 0 2 0 1 2 1 1 1	10	1 1 0 3	$3+7=10$