

 p_z orbital

ber of m=0. There is therefore only one s orbital in each s sublevel. As shown in **Figure 14**, the lobes of a p orbital can extend along the x, y, or z axis of a three-dimensional coordinate system. There are therefore three p orbitals in each p sublevel, which are designated as p_x , p_y , and p_z orbitals. The three p orbitals occupy different regions of space and are related to values of m=-1, m=0, and m=+1.

FIGURE 14 The subscripts x, y, and z indicate the three different orientations of p orbitals. The intersection of the x, y, and z axes indicates the location of the center of the nucleus.

There are five different d orbitals in each d sublevel (see **Figure 15**). The five different orientations, including one with a different shape, correspond to values of m = -2, m = -1, m = 0, m = +1, and m = +2. There are seven different f orbitals in each f sublevel.

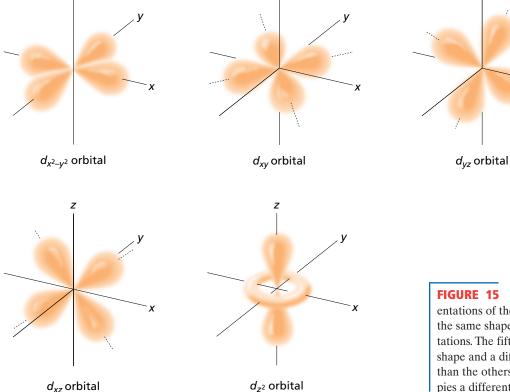


FIGURE 15 The five different orientations of the d orbitals. Four have the same shape but different orientations. The fifth has a different shape and a different orientation than the others. Each orbital occupies a different region of space.