

## Notation used

$m_e$	electron rest mass
$h$	Planck's constant
$\hbar$	$h/2\pi$
$e$	electron charge
$\epsilon_0$	permittivity of free space
$a_0$	Bohr radius
$\psi$	wavefunction (lower case often used for time independent)
$\Psi$	wavefunction (upper case often used for time dependent)
$\sigma$	spin part of the wavefunction
$T$	time part of the wavefunction
$*$	indicates the complex conjugate of a quantity
$\hat{\phantom{x}}$	indicates that the quantity is an operator
$r, \mathbf{r}$	position coordinate
$x, y, z$	Cartesian coordinates
$\theta$	spherical polar coordinate (polar angle)
$\phi$	spherical polar coordinate (azimuthal angle)
$t$	time
$\nabla$	vector differential operator (3D)
$\nabla^2$	Laplacian differential operator (3D)
$R, R_\infty, R_M$	Rydberg constant in various forms
$E$	(total) energy
$V$	potential energy
$Z$	atomic number / nuclear charge (in units of +e)
$m$	particle mass
$M$	mass of nucleus
$\tau$	volume
$\mu$	reduced mass of electron/nucleus system
$\nu$	frequency of radiation
$\lambda$	wavelength of radiation
$n$	principle quantum number
$L$	orbital angular momentum (Bohr model)
$l, L$	orbital angular momentum quantum number (Schrödinger QM)
$v$	speed
$\hat{H}$	Hamiltonian operator
$\mathbf{p}, \hat{\mathbf{p}}$	momentum, momentum operator
$\mathbf{L}$	orbital angular momentum vector
$L_x, L_y, L_z$	component of the orbital angular momentum vector
$\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z$	operators corresponding to components of the orbital angular momentum vector
$\mathbf{L}^2, \hat{\mathbf{L}}^2$	square of the magnitude of the orbital angular momentum vector, associated operator
$m_l$	quantum number giving $L_z$ in units of $\hbar$

<b>S</b>	spin vector
$s, S$	spin quantum number
$m_s, M_S$	quantum number giving $S_z$ in units of $\hbar$
<b>J</b>	total angular momentum vector
$j, J$	total angular momentum quantum number
$m_j, M_J$	quantum number giving $J_z$ in units of $\hbar$
$\alpha$	fine-structure constant
$\langle \dots \rangle$	indicates an expectation value
$J, K$	<i>Coulomb</i> and <i>Exchange Integrals</i> for two-electron atoms
$\alpha, \beta \dots$	labels used as sub-scripts to distinguish orbitals in multi-electron atoms
$s, p, d, f \dots$	spectroscopic notation designating $l$ -values for electrons in configuration
$S, P, D, F \dots$	spectroscopic notation designating $L$ -values in terms
$\mu$	magnetic dipole moment
$g_s$	spin g-factor
$\mu_B$	Bohr magneton
$\mathbf{B}, B$	Magnetic flux density; its magnitude
$I$	electric current
$\mu_0$	permittivity of free space
$A_{ul}, B_{lu}, B_{ul}$	Einstein coefficients
$\rho$	photon energy density
<b>d</b>	electric dipole moment
$N_u, N_l$	numbers of atoms in upper and lower states of a transition
$g_u, g_l$	degeneracies of upper and lower states of a transition
$g_s, g_L$	g-factors for spin and orbital angular momenta ( $g_s \approx 2, g_L = 1$ )
$g_J$	Landé g-factor
<b>I; I</b>	Nuclear spin angular momentum; its quantum number
<b>F; F</b>	Total angular momentum (including nuclear spin); its quantum number