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Hydrogen atom

"harmonic oscillator of atomic physics"

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splitting, { perturbation theory, degenerate P.T.
non-degenerate P.T. ...

{ astrophysics - hyperfine structure ...

The Fine Structure:

$$H^{(0)} = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} - \frac{e^2}{r}$$

$$m = \left\{ \frac{m_e m_p}{m_e + m_p} \right\}$$

reduced mass of system

$$Z \text{ protons } \left| e^2 \right| \rightarrow Ze^2 \quad \approx me$$

important length scale! 'a' - Bohr radius ...

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} \sim 53 \text{ pm}$$

make sure to deduce dimensions from $H^{(0)}$ quickly...

$$e \rightarrow 0/a_0 \uparrow \uparrow$$

$$E_n = -\frac{e^2}{2a_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^2} \right\} \sim \boxed{E_{1,2} \sim -13.6 \text{ eV}}$$

principal q.no. 1, 2, 3, ...

Looking ahead to Perturbation Theory ...

Electromagnetism is weak $\circ e^-$ is moving with slow velocities

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137} \text{ fine structure constant} \dots$$

$$\frac{e^2}{a_0} = \frac{me^4}{\hbar^2} = \frac{m \alpha^2 \hbar^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} = \underline{\underline{\alpha^2 mc^2}}$$

allows us to think of scalar ...

$$E_{g.s} = \alpha^2 \frac{mc^2}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{19000} \right)$$

so

$$E_n = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 mc^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{n^2} \right\}$$

another observation...

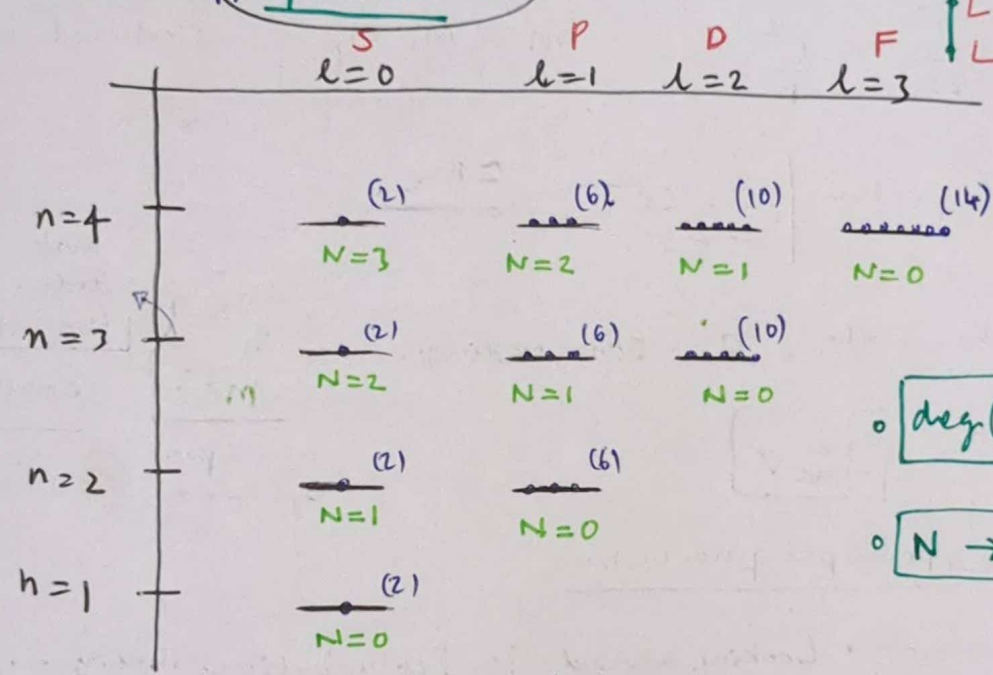
$$\text{momentum } p \sim \frac{\hbar}{a_0} = \frac{m e^2}{\hbar} = \frac{m \alpha \hbar c}{\hbar} = \boxed{\alpha(m c)} \quad !!!$$

$$= \underline{m(\alpha c)} \quad \text{attempt for slow velocities...}$$

$$v \sim \frac{c}{137} \quad \text{non-relativistic...}$$

Still review... Spectrum...

- $L(l)$:
- $L(l=0) = S$
 - $L(l=1) = P$
 - $L(l=2) = D$
 - $L(l=3) = F$



- $\boxed{\text{deg}(n) = n^2} \times 2$ (SPIN)
- $\boxed{N \rightarrow \# \text{nodes.}}$

Fig - (*)

One formula that says it all -- Degeneracies...

$$n = \underbrace{N}_{\text{degree of polynomial}} + \underbrace{l}_{\text{orbital ang. momentum } l=0,1,2,\dots} + 1$$

$$\text{deg}(n) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (2l+1) = n^2$$

degree of polynomial in the wavefunction

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

fixed 'n': $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

for each l , $m = -l, \dots, l$ $(2l+1)$ values

$$\Psi_{nlm} = A \left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right)^l \left(1 + \beta \frac{r}{a_0} + \dots + (-1)^N \left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right)^N \right) e^{-\frac{r}{n a_0}} \cdot Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

• more Comments...

$$\psi_{000} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0}$$

• Large degeneracy! — corresponds to states with (diff) values of any. mom...

semi-classically — iso-semi-major axis
~~varying~~ eccentricity
 orbits of e's —

• most imp. complication ignored here... } → spin...

• Correction due to SPIN RELATIVITY, also see by adding E, B

L 4.1

L 4.2

BASIS STATES

• e⁻ spin • e⁻ any. mom → Total = sum
ang. momentum "are fully important"

• Angular momentum (j, j_m) J² eigenvals — $\hbar^2 j(j+1)$
general I_z/ħ " — $j m$.

• Electron — spin (s, m_s) = ($\frac{1}{2}$, ± 1/2)^{e⁻}

• Electron — orbital (l, m_l) =

• Uncoupled basis (n, l, m_l, m_s)_{m_s} ^(s=1/2) → knowing any e⁻ state in Fig — (*) uniquely...
electron S_z

Coupled basis:

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

{ we express our basis states in terms of eigenstates of }
total angular momentum ...

\vec{L}^2 eigenstates

{ That's it to ang. mom addition ... }

\vec{S}^2 eigenstates

multiplying & rearranging states

$$(l \text{ multiplet}) \otimes (s \text{ multiplet}) = \sum j \text{-multiplet}$$

(l, m)

(s, m_s)

(j, j_m)

Can you specify more?

(l, s, j, j_m)

review

m, m_s are not good!

Application of in H-atom?

"value of l is preserved"

$$l \otimes \frac{1}{2} = \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right) \oplus \left(l - \frac{1}{2} \right) = L_{l+\frac{1}{2}} \oplus L_{l-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\rightsquigarrow L(l)$

spectroscopic notation

\overline{nLj}

In Coupled Basis...

	s $l=0$	p $l=1$	d $l=2$
$1 \otimes \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2}$ $n=3$	<u>$3S_{1/2}$</u>	<u>$3P_{3/2}, 3P_{1/2}$</u>	<u>$3D_{5/2}, 3D_{3/2}$</u>
$n=2$	<u>$2S_{1/2}$</u>	<u>$2P_{3/2}, 2P_{1/2}$</u>	
$0 \otimes \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ $n=1$	<u>$1S_{1/2}$</u>		

~~uncoupled~~

UNCOUPLD

(n, l, m, m_s)

nLj

(n, l, j, j_m)

COUPLED

~~uncoupled~~

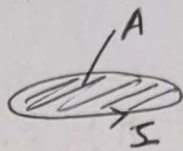
PAULI EQUATION:

- First attempt to figure, how the Dirac eqn must be tailored for electron... Baby version of Dirac eqn...

What is the magnetic moment $\vec{\mu}$ of an electron?

Classically

(Gaussian units)



$$\vec{\mu} = \frac{I \vec{A}}{c}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = \frac{q}{2mc} \vec{L}$$

Expect

$$\vec{\mu} = "g" \frac{q}{2mc} \vec{S}$$

g-factor factor,

no reason for it to work...

For electrons $g=2$, $\vec{\mu} = 2 \left(\frac{-e}{2mc} \right) \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{\sigma}$

$$\vec{\mu}_e = - \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{\sigma}$$

Next:

$$H = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$= \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Why $g=2$?

we'll see the beginning of this...

$$\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \psi = E \psi \rightsquigarrow \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \chi = E \chi$$

Pauli spinor!
2x2

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli noticed something funny... $(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{b})$

$$= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \mathbb{1} + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{p})(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{p})$$

$$= p^2 \mathbb{1} + 0$$

$$H = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} = \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})}{2m}$$



↪ rewriting in some provocative way... $\propto \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}$

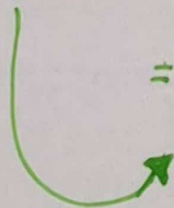
Couple to E.M. by

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{\pi} = \vec{p} - \frac{q}{c} \vec{A} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(\vec{x}) \\ \sqrt{V(\vec{x})} \end{array} \right.$$

$$H_{\text{Pauli}} = \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\pi})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\pi})}{2m} = \frac{1}{2m} \left((\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\pi}) + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{\pi} \times \vec{\pi}) \right)$$

$\vec{L} \times \vec{L} = i\hbar \vec{L}$

$$(\vec{\pi} \times \vec{\pi})_k = \epsilon_{ijk} \pi_i \pi_j = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} [\pi_i, \pi_j] = \frac{i\hbar q}{c} (2A_k) = \frac{i\hbar q}{c} B_k$$



$$H_{\text{Pauli}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{m} \cdot \frac{i\hbar q}{c} \vec{B} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} + \dots$$

suggests $g=2$... ↪

+ L404 :

Dirac Eqn: 24.4.

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$$p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4 = \left(-\frac{?}{i} \right)^2$$

$$= \left(c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m c^2 \right)^2$$

$$= \cancel{(c \alpha_1 p_1 + c \alpha_2 p_2 +}$$

However
 $c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \left(\vec{p} + \frac{e \vec{A}}{c} \right) + \beta m c^2 + V(r)$

derivation in R Shankar.

From Dirac eqn - hydrogen atom Hamiltonian -

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)}_{H^{(0)}} - \underbrace{\frac{\vec{p}^4}{8m^3 c^2}}_{\delta H_{rel}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m^2 c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}}_{\delta H_{so}}$$

$$+ \frac{\hbar^2}{8m^2 c^2} \nabla^2 V$$

$$\frac{H^{(0)} \sim \alpha^2 (mc^2)}{\delta H \sim \alpha^4 (mc^2)}$$

δH_{Darwin}

surprising term...
 Charles G. Darwin

Fine Structure...

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Darwin term

$$\nabla^2 V = 4\pi \delta(r)$$

$$H^0 \sim \alpha^2 (mc^2)$$

$$\delta H \sim \alpha^4 (mc^2)$$

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put it all together...

Darwin term

$$V = -\frac{e^2}{r}, \quad \nabla^2 V = -e^2 \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) =$$

$$= \underline{4\pi e^2 \delta(\vec{r})}$$

$$\delta H_{\text{Darwin}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{e^2 \hbar^2}{m^2 c^2} \delta(\vec{r})$$
~~$$= \frac{\pi}{2m^2} \frac{\hbar^2 c^2}{c^2} \delta(\vec{r})$$~~

$$= \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{2m^2} \delta(\vec{r})$$

usual...
1st order correction...

$$\langle \psi^{(0)} | \delta H | \psi^{(0)} \rangle$$

$\delta(\vec{r}) \rightarrow$ ~~if~~ ψ vanishes at 0
the correction vanishes...

$$\langle \dots | \delta H_{\text{Darwin}} | \dots \rangle_{l=0}$$

all wavefunctions vanish at $r=0$
unless $\boxed{l=0}$

δH_{Darwin} only affects $\boxed{l=0}$!

$l=0$

$$E^{(1)}_{\text{Darwin}} = \langle \psi_{n00} | \delta H_{\text{Darwin}} | \psi_{n00} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\pi e^2 \hbar^2}{2m^2 c^2} |\psi_{n00}(\vec{0})|^2$$

normalized wavefunction? a clever way...

HW: $|\psi(0)| \sim \left\langle \frac{dV}{dr} \right\rangle$
 $l=0$ probs

$$|\psi_{n00}(\vec{0})|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi n^3 a_0^3}$$

Darmen

$$E_{\text{hov}} = \cancel{2^4} mc^2 \left(\frac{1}{2n^2} \right), \quad l=0 \text{ states} \quad (*)$$

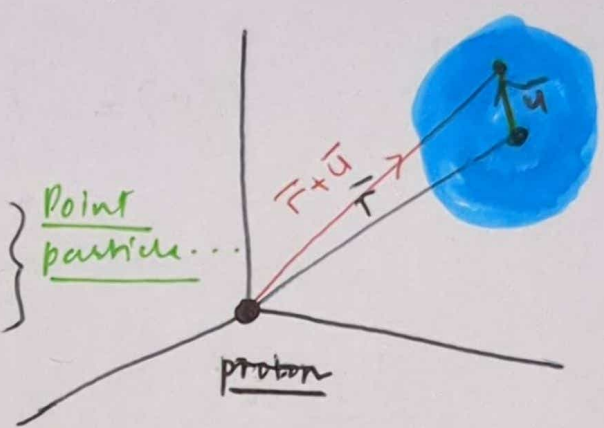
Darm!

What's the story? Where does it come from? The physics fit...

- The e^- is distributed, not a ~~point~~ ^{fuzzy ball + charge} point particle just.

due to proton.

$$V(\vec{r}) = -e \Phi(r) = -e \left(\frac{e}{r} \right) = -\frac{e^2}{r}$$



Point particle...

↓

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{r}) = \int_e dq \Phi$$

{ charge density of e^- }

$$\rho(\vec{u}) = -\frac{e}{4\pi} \rho_0(\vec{u})$$

$$\int_e d^3u \rho_0(\vec{u}) = 1$$

$$= \int_e d^3u \rho(\vec{u}) \Phi(\vec{r} + \vec{u})$$

e centre at \vec{r} .

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{electron}} d^3u \rho_0(\vec{u}) V(\vec{r} + \vec{u})$$

→ after all the ball is small...

$$V(\vec{r} + \vec{u}) \approx V(\vec{r}) + \sum_i \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} \bigg|_{\vec{r}} u^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \bigg|_{\vec{r}} u^i u^j$$

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r}) \int d^3u \rho_0(\vec{u}) + \sum_i \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} \bigg|_{\vec{r}} \int d^3u \rho_0(\vec{u}) u^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \bigg|_{\vec{r}} \int d^3u \rho_0(\vec{u}) u^i u^j$$

→ 0 symmetry

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \left. \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right|_r \int d^3u \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \rho(u) u^2 \quad 10.$$

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{r}) \approx V(\vec{r}) + \frac{1}{6} \nabla^2 V(\vec{r}) \int d^3u \rho_0(u) u^2$$

assume $\rho_0(\vec{u}) = \rho_0(u)$

assume electron - ball of radius $\lambda = \frac{h}{mc}$



$$\rho_0(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4\pi\lambda^3} u < \lambda \\ 0 & u > \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \lambda^2$$

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r}) + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right) \frac{h^2}{m^2 c^2} \nabla^2 V$$

Compton wavelength of e^-
fundamental in QFT

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16} \right\} \leftarrow \text{rough answer}$$

$\lambda \rightarrow$ size of a photon where $E =$ rest mass of e^- .

enough energy photon to
create e^- , positron pair.

• $E_{n\ell m_\ell}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{8m^3c^2} \langle \Psi_{n\ell m_\ell} | \bar{p}^4 | \Psi_{n\ell m_\ell} \rangle$

$\bar{p}^4 = \bar{p}^2 \circ \bar{p}^2$

for non-degenerate ~~systems~~ !!!

↑ degeneracy

so we better think through...

• ~~check~~ $[\bar{p}^4, \bar{L}^2] = 0, [\bar{p}^4, L_z] = 0$!

if \hat{O} hermitian commutes with your perturbation for which n eigenstates are \hat{O} with diff. evs. —

Good basis!

diff ℓ — vanish

diff m_ℓ — vanish

in the subspace

δH is actually diagonal

$E_{n\ell m_\ell}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{8m^3c^2} \langle p^2 \Psi_{n\ell m} | p^2 \Psi_{n\ell m} \rangle$

• $\left(\text{use } \left(\frac{\bar{p}^2}{2m} + V(r) \right) \Psi_{n\ell m} = E_n \Psi_{n\ell m} \right)$

$= -\frac{1}{8m^3c^2} \langle (E_n - V(r)) \Psi_{n\ell m} | (E_n - V(r)) \Psi_{n\ell m} \rangle$

$$\langle \frac{1}{r} \rangle = \frac{1}{n^2 a_0}$$

$$E_{n \neq m \ell}^{(1) \text{rel}} = -\frac{1}{8} \alpha^4 (mc^2) \left\{ \frac{4n}{(l+\frac{1}{2})} - 3 \right\} \quad (*)^2$$

{ Fine structure is something one should must do in their life ... so do them ... }

$$\langle n \ell m_\ell m_s | \delta H_{\text{rel}} | n \ell m_\ell m_s \rangle$$

uncoupled basis elements...
(diagonal ...)

$$= f(n, \ell) \quad \text{indep of } m_\ell, m_s$$

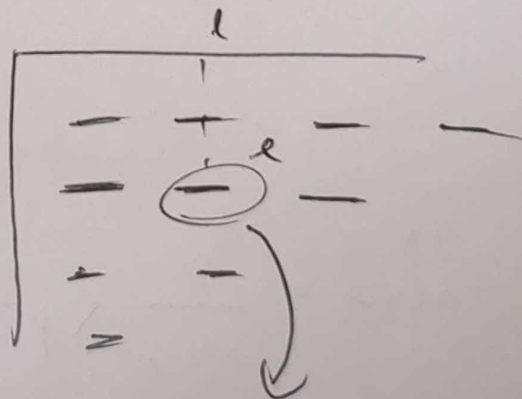
$$\langle n \ell m_j | \delta H_{\text{rel}} | n \ell m_j \rangle \quad \text{redot?}$$

I don't have to!

recons. w. \vec{j}, m_j

but only in j, m_j ...

another arg(?) : abstractly



In this subspace → The basis makes perturbative diagonal ...

in fact $\propto \frac{1}{n} \cdot f(n, \ell)$

this same ...

$\propto \frac{1}{n}$ in any Orthobasis

$$\delta H_{SO} = \frac{e^2}{2m^2 c^2} \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}$$

$$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} = \frac{1}{2} (J^2 - S^2 - L^2)$$

Coupled basis:

$$E_{n,l,j,m_j}^{(1) S.O} = \frac{e^2}{2m^2 c^2} \langle n,l,j,m_j | \frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}}{r^3} | n,l,j,m_j \rangle$$

• what about degeneracies?

do we have the right to use NDPT again?

Yes, $\frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}}{r^3}$ commutes w. L^2, J^2, J_z . !!! Good basis...

(check! do it...)

$$E_{n,l,j,m_j}^{(1) S.O} = \frac{e^2 \hbar^2}{4m^2 c^2} \left(j(j+1) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4} \right) \langle n,l,j,m_j | \frac{1}{r^3} | n,l,j,m_j \rangle$$

so

$$E_{n,l,j,m_j}^{(1) S.O} = \frac{(E_n^{(10)})^2}{mc^2} \frac{n [j(j+1) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4}]}{l(l+\frac{1}{2})(l+1)} = \frac{1}{n^3 a_0^3 (l+\frac{1}{2})(l+1)} \langle n,l,m_l | \frac{1}{r^3} | n,l,m_l \rangle$$

$$E_n^{(10)} = -\frac{1}{2} 2^2 m c^2 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)$$

doesn't depend on m_l !
so cool.

• much of difficulty in DPT
NDPT
Good Basis

that's it...

$l=0$, s-o coupling (gets messy)...

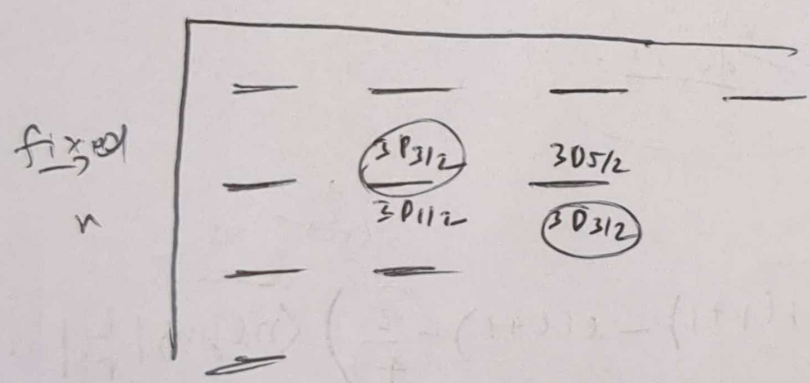
they say s-o vanishes.

$l=0 \rightarrow$ s-o \rightarrow Darwin $\nabla^2 \psi$
units to

$$\langle n \ell j m_j | \delta H_{rel} + \delta H_{so} | n \ell j m_j \rangle$$

$$= \frac{2^4 m c^2}{(E_n^{(0)})^2} \times \left\{ 3 + 2n \left\{ \frac{j(j+1) - 3\ell(\ell+1) - \frac{3}{4}}{\ell(\ell+\frac{1}{2})(\ell+1)} \right\} \right\}$$

\downarrow
 $f(j, \ell)$



\bar{j} - fixed

$$\begin{cases} \ell = \bar{j} - 1/2 \\ \ell = \bar{j} + 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(j, \ell) |_{\ell = \bar{j} - 1/2} \\ f(j, \ell) |_{\ell = \bar{j} + 1/2} \end{aligned} \right\} = \frac{2}{j+1/2}$$

The whole structure just depends on \bar{j} !!!

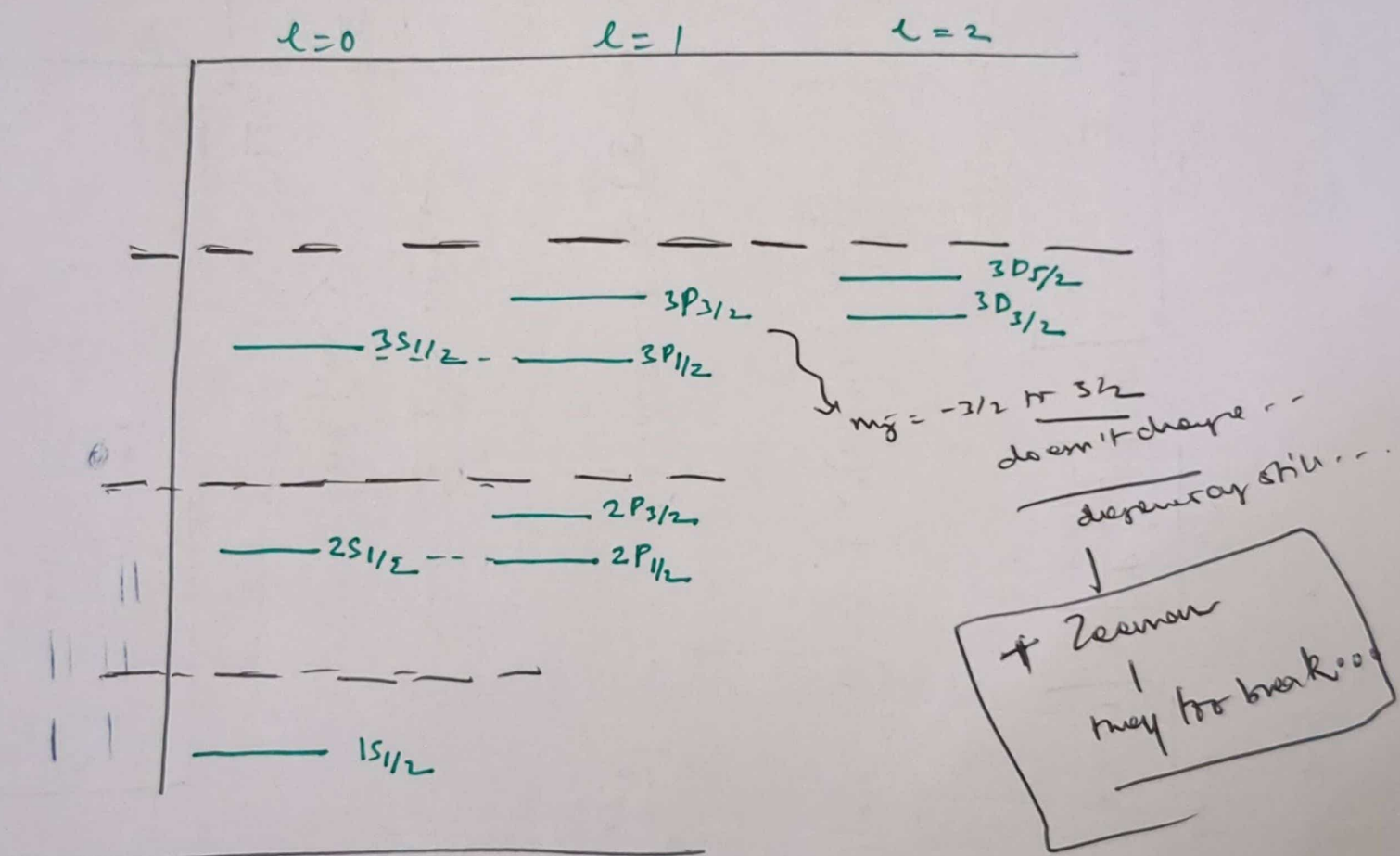
(1) fine structure

$$E_{n,l,m_j} = -\alpha^4 (mc^2) \frac{1}{2n+1} \left[\frac{n^2}{j+1/2} - \frac{3}{4} \right] \quad (*)$$

Consequence of "j" symmetry in Dirac eqn...

• how the spectrum looks...

always positive.



Zeeman
may be broken...

final $E_{n,l,m_j}^{(1)} / \text{fine structure} = -\alpha^4 (mc^2) \frac{1}{2n+1} \left\{ \frac{n}{j+1/2} - \frac{3}{4} \right\}$

• $E_{n,l,m_l}^{(1)} / \text{rel} = -\frac{1}{8} \alpha^4 (mc^2) \left(\frac{4n}{l+1/2} - 3 \right)$

• $E_{n,l,m_j}^{(1)} / \text{so} = \frac{(E_n^{(0)})^2}{mc^2} \left\{ n \left(\frac{j(j+1) - l(l+1) - 3/4}{l(l+1/2)(l+1)} \right) \right\}$

$E_n^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 mc^2 \frac{1}{n^2}$

• $E_n^{(1)} / \text{Zeeman} = \alpha^4 mc^2 \left(\frac{1}{2n^3} \right)$

FINE STRUCTURE

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \delta H^{SO} = \delta H^{\text{Darwin}} \quad \delta H^{\text{Darwin}} = \begin{cases} \delta H^{SO} & l=0 \\ =0 & l \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$H_{\text{fine structure}} = \underbrace{\left[\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + V(r) \right]}_{H^{(0)}} - \underbrace{\left[\frac{\vec{p}^4}{8m^3c^2} \right]}_{\delta H^{\text{rel}}} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{2m^2c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} \right]}_{\delta H^{\text{spin-orbit}}} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{8m^2c^2} \nabla^2 V \right]}_{\delta H^{\text{Darwin}}}$$

$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} = \frac{1}{2} (J^2 - L^2 - S^2) \quad \nabla^2 V = 4\pi \delta(r)$

$$E_n^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 mc^2 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \quad E_{n,l,j,m_j}^{(1)\text{rel}} = -\frac{1}{8} \alpha^4 (mc^2) \left\{ \frac{4n}{(l+\frac{1}{2})} - 3 \right\} \quad E_{n,l,j,m_j}^{(1)\text{SO}} = \frac{(E_n^{(0)})^2}{mc^2} n \cdot \left\{ \frac{j(j+1) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4}}{l(l+\frac{1}{2})(l+1)} \right\}$$

$$E_n^{(1)\text{Darwin}} = \alpha^4 (mc^2) \left(\frac{1}{2n^3} \right) \quad (l\text{-mult}) \otimes (s\text{-multiplets}) = \sum_{j=l-1/2 \text{ to } l+1/2} j\text{-mult}$$

Uncoupled Basis

$$|n, l, m_l, m_s\rangle$$

Coupled Basis

$$|n, l, j, m_j\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow n, L(l), j$$

notation

$$E_n^{(1)F.S.} = -\frac{\alpha^4 (mc^2)}{2n^4} \left\{ \frac{n}{j+1/2} - \frac{3}{4} \right\}$$

Final Spectrum:

