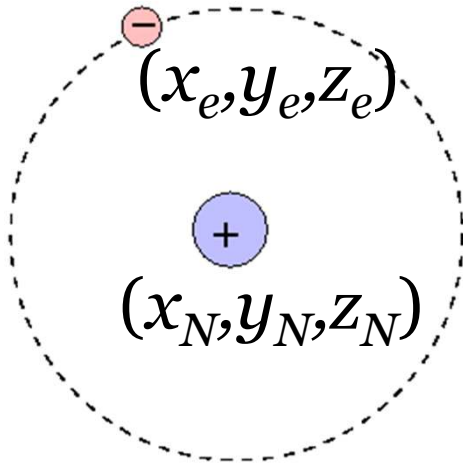


Hydrogen Atom



Two particle central-force problem

Completely solvable – a rare example!

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T}_N + \hat{T}_e + \hat{V}_{N-e}$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \nabla_N^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_N Z_e e^2}{r_{eN}}$$

$$\nabla_N^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_N^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_N^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_N^2} \quad \nabla_e^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_e^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_e^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_e^2}$$

$$r_{eN} = \sqrt{(x_e - x_N)^2 + (y_e - y_N)^2 + (z_e - z_N)^2}$$

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$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \nabla_N^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_N Z_e e^2}{r_{eN}}$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \nabla_N^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r_{eN}}$$

$$\text{with } Z_N = Z \quad Z_e = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = Q$$

Schrodinger Equation

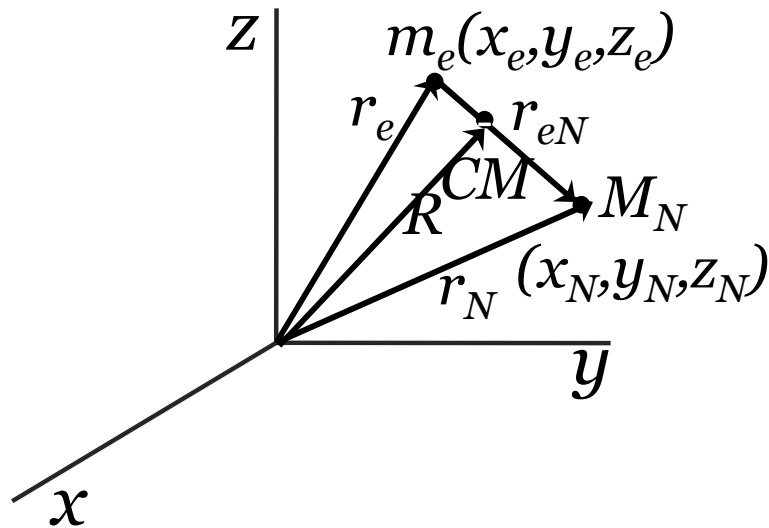
$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \nabla_N^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r_{eN}} \right] \Psi_{Total} = E_{Total} \cdot \Psi_{Total}$$

$$\Psi_{Total} = \Psi(x_N, y_N, z_N, x_e, y_e, z_e)$$

Hydrogen Atom: Relative Frame of Reference

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \nabla_N^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r_{eN}} \right) \Psi_{Total} = E_{Total} \cdot \Psi_{Total}$$

Separation of \hat{H} into Center of Mass and Internal co-ordinates



$$x = x_e - x_N$$

$$y = y_e - y_N$$

$$z = z_e - z_N$$

$$r_e = \sqrt{(x_e^2 + y_e^2 + z_e^2)}$$

$$r_N = \sqrt{(x_N^2 + y_N^2 + z_N^2)}$$

$$r = r_{eN} = r_e - r_N$$

$$= \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$$

$$X = \frac{m_e x_e + m_N x_n}{m_e + m_N}$$

$$Y = \frac{m_e y_e + m_N y_n}{m_e + m_N}$$

$$Z = \frac{m_e z_e + m_N z_n}{m_e + m_N}$$

$$R = \frac{m_e r_e + m_N r_N}{m_e + m_N}$$

Hydrogen Atom: Relative Frame of Reference

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \nabla_N^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r_{eN}} \right) \Psi_{Total} = E_{Total} \cdot \Psi_{Total}$$

\Downarrow

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_R^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r} \right) \Psi_{Total} = E_{Total} \cdot \Psi_{Total}$$

where $M = m_e + m_N$ and $\mu = \frac{m_e m_N}{m_e + m_N}$

Checkout Appendix-1

Hydrogen Atom: Separation to Relative Frame

Hydrogen atom has two particles the nucleus and electron with co-ordinates x_N, y_N, z_N and x_e, y_e, z_e

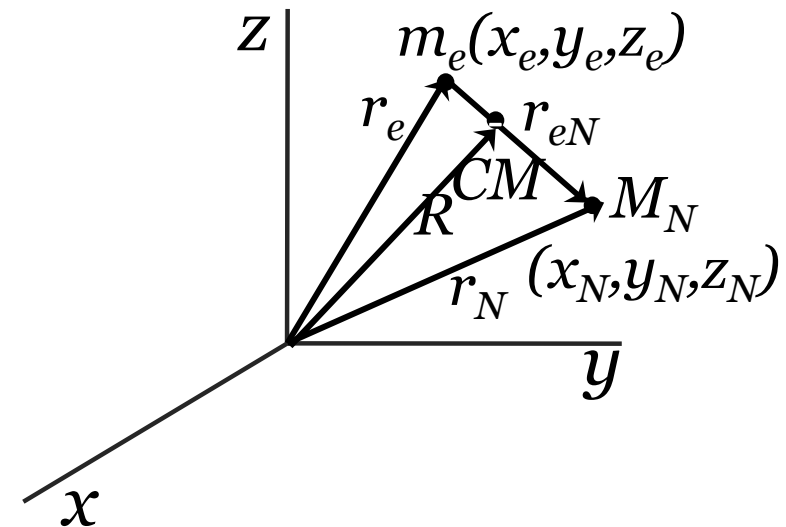
The potential energy between the two is function of relative co-ordinates $x = x_e - x_N$, $y = y_e - y_N$, $z = z_e - z_N$

$$r = ix + jy + kz$$

$$x = x_e - x_N, y = y_e - y_N, z = z_e - z_N$$

$$R = iX + jY + kZ$$

$$X = \frac{m_e x_e + m_N x_n}{m_e + m_N}, Y = \frac{m_e y_e + m_N y_n}{m_e + m_N}, Z = \frac{m_e z_e + m_N z_n}{m_e + m_N}$$



Hydrogen Atom: Separation to Relative Frame

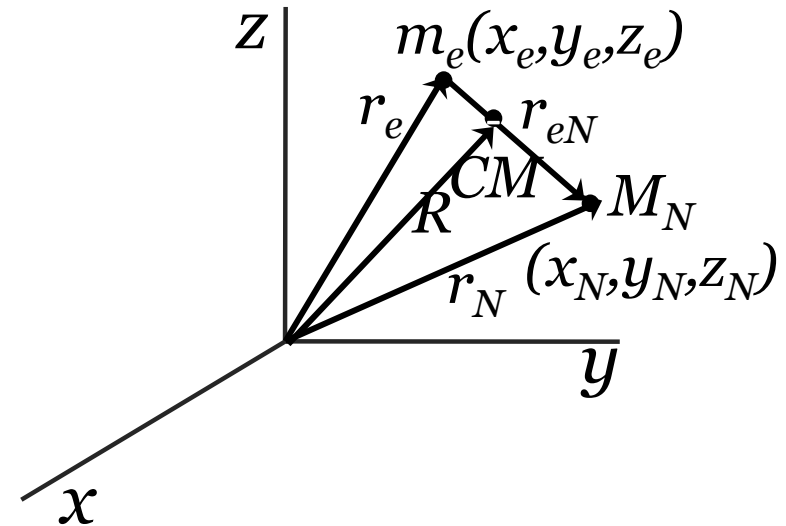
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$$R = \frac{m_e r_e + m_N r_N}{m_e + m_N}$$

$$r = r_{eN} = r_e - r_N$$

$$r_e = R - \frac{m_N}{m_e + m_N} r$$

$$r_N = R - \frac{m_e}{m_e + m_N} r$$



Hydrogen Atom: Separation to Relative Frame

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$$T = \frac{1}{2}m_e |\dot{r}_e|^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_N |\dot{r}_N|^2$$

$$\dot{r}_e = \frac{dr_e}{dt}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m_e \left(\dot{R} - \frac{m_N}{m_e + m_N} \dot{r} \right) \cdot \left(\dot{R} - \frac{m_N}{m_e + m_N} \dot{r} \right)$$

$$\dot{r}_N = \frac{dr_N}{dt}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}m_e \left(\dot{R} - \frac{m_e}{m_e + m_N} \dot{r} \right) \cdot \left(\dot{R} - \frac{m_e}{m_e + m_N} \dot{r} \right)$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}(m_e + m_N) |\dot{R}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_e m_N}{m_e + m_N} \right) |\dot{r}|^2$$

$$\dot{R} = \frac{dR}{dt}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}M |\dot{R}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu |\dot{r}|^2 \quad \text{where } M = m_e + m_N \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = \frac{m_e m_N}{m_e + m_N}$$

Hydrogen Atom: Separation to Relative Frame

$$T = \frac{1}{2} M |\dot{R}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu |\dot{r}|^2$$

$$T = \frac{p_R^2}{2M} + \frac{p_r^2}{2\mu}$$

In the above equation the first term represent the kinetic energy of the center of mass (CM) motion and second term represents the kinetic energy of the relative motion of electron and

$$H = \frac{p_R^2}{2M} + \frac{p_r^2}{2\mu} - \frac{Z_N \cdot Z_e}{r}$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_R^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 - \frac{Z_N \cdot Z_e}{r}$$

Hydrogen Atom: Separation of CM motion

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_R^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r} \right) \Psi_{Total} = E_{Total} \cdot \Psi_{Total}$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_e$$

$$\Psi_{Total} = \chi_N \cdot \psi_e$$

$$E_{Total} = E_N + E_e$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_R^2 = \hat{H}_N$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r} = \hat{H}_e$$

$$\hat{H}_N \chi_N = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_R^2 \right) \chi_N = E_N \chi_N$$

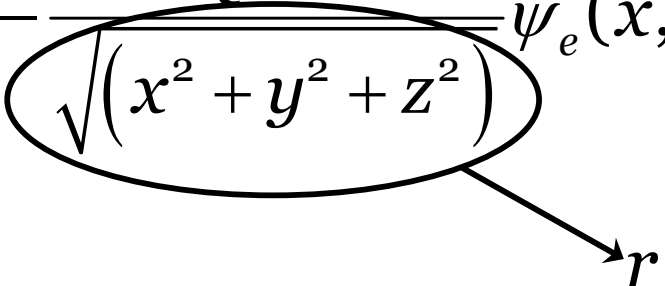
Free particle!
Kinetic energy of the atom

$$E_N = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2M}$$

Hydrogen Atom: Electronic Hamiltonian

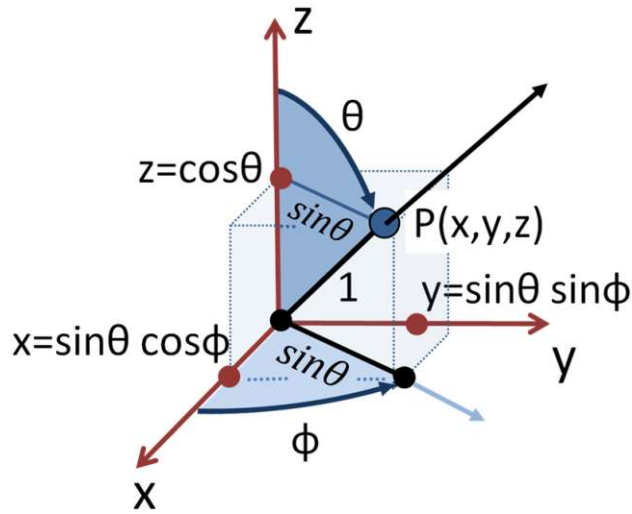
$$\hat{H}_e \cdot \psi_e = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 - \frac{QZe^2}{r} \right) \psi_e = E_e \cdot \psi_e$$

$$\psi_e \Rightarrow \psi_e(x, y, z)$$

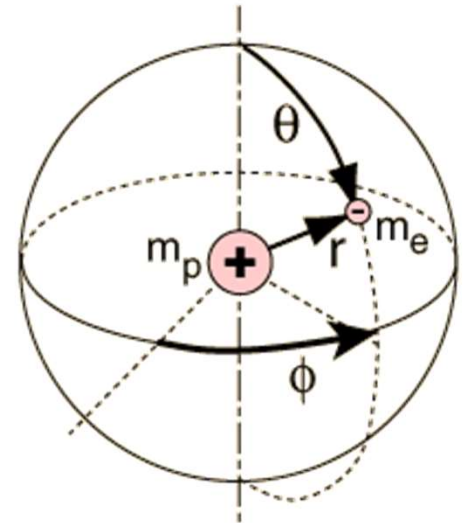
$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \psi_e(x, y, z) - \frac{QZe^2}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}} \psi_e(x, y, z) \\ & = E_e \cdot \psi_e(x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$


Not possible to separate out into three different co-ordinates.
Need a new co-ordinate system

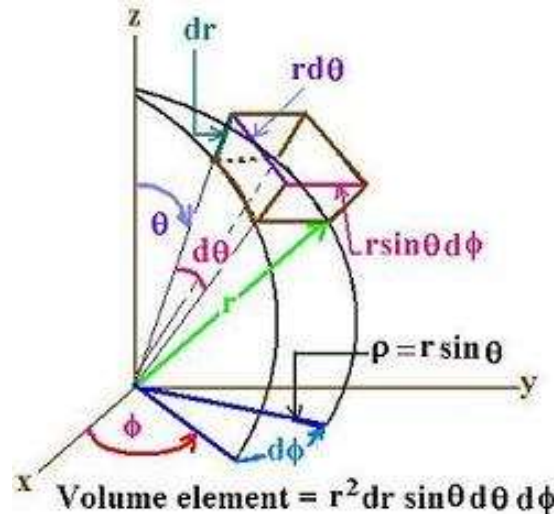
Spherical Polar Co-ordinates



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



'r' ranges from 0 to ∞
 'theta' ranges from 0 to π
 'phi' ranges from 0 to 2π



$$r = \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{r} \right)$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$d\tau = dx \cdot dy \cdot dz = r^2 \cdot dr \cdot \sin \theta \cdot d\theta \cdot d\phi$$

Laplacian in Spherical Coordinates

We start with the primitive definitions

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

and

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

and their inverses

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{z}{r} = \cos^{-1} \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

and

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

and attempt to write (using the chain rule)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)_{y,z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)_{\theta,\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right)_{y,z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)_{r,\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_{y,z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)_{r,\theta}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right)_{x,z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)_{\theta,\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right)_{x,z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)_{r,\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right)_{x,z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)_{r,\theta}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right)_{x,y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)_{\theta,\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \right)_{x,y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)_{r,\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)_{x,y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)_{r,\theta}$$

Laplacian in Spherical Coordinates

The needed (above) partial derivatives are:

$$\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}\right)_{y,z} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}\right)_{x,z} = \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad (2)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y} = \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

and we have as a starting point for doing the θ terms,

$$d \cos \theta = -\sin \theta d\theta = \frac{dz}{r} - \frac{z}{r^2} \frac{1}{r} (x dx + y dy + z dz)$$

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so that, for example

$$-\sin \theta d\theta = -\frac{z}{r^2} \frac{x}{r} dx$$

which is

$$-\sin \theta d\theta = -\frac{r \cos \theta}{r^2} \sin \theta \cos \phi dx$$

so that

$$\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right)_{y,z} = \frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \quad (4)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right)_{x,z} = \frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \quad (5)$$

but, for the z-equation, we have

$$-\sin \theta d\theta = \frac{dz}{r} - \frac{z}{r^2} \frac{1}{r} z dz$$

which is

$$-\sin \theta d\theta = \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{z^2}{r^3} \right) dz = \frac{r^2 - z^2}{r^3} dz$$

$$-\sin \theta d\theta = \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{z^2}{r^3} \right) dz = \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{r^3} dz$$

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so one has

$$\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y} = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \quad (6)$$

Next, we have (as an example)

$$\tan \phi = \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

so

$$\left(1 + \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{\cos^2 \phi}\right) d\phi = \frac{dy}{x} - \frac{y}{x^2} dx$$

or

$$\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \phi}\right) d\phi = \frac{dy}{x} - \frac{y}{x^2} dx$$

which leads to

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)_{x,z} = \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_{y,z} = -\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \quad (8)$$

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$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y} = 0 \quad (9)$$

Given these results (above) we write

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = (\sin \theta \sin \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (11)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(-\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (12)$$

From Equation 10 we form

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right]}{\partial r} - \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r}\right) \frac{\partial \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)}{\partial \theta} \quad (13)$$

while from Equation 11 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} &= (\sin \theta \sin \phi) \frac{\partial \left[\sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]}{\partial r} \\ &+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r}\right) \frac{\partial \left[\sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]}{\partial \theta} \\ &+ \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}\right) \frac{\partial \left[\sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

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and from Equation 12 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = & (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \frac{\partial \left[\sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]}{\partial r} \\ & + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial \left[\sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]}{\partial \theta} \\ & - \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial \left[\sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Expanding, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = & \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \\ & - \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \left(-\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

while for the y-equation we have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \quad (17)$$

$$+ \sin \theta \sin \phi \left[\left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right] \quad (18)$$

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$$+ \sin \theta \sin \phi \left[\left(-\frac{\cos \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \right] \quad (19)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \left[\cos \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right] \quad (20)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \left[-\left(\frac{\sin \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right] \quad (21)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \left[-\left(\frac{\cos \phi \cos \theta}{r \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial \theta} \right] \quad (22)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \left[\sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \right] \quad (23)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \left[+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} \right] \quad (24)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \left[-\left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \quad (25)$$

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and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} &= (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \\ &+ (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \left[- \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$- (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \left[- \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial r} \right] \quad (27)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \left[\cos \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right] \quad (28)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \left[- \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right] \quad (29)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \left[+ \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial \theta} \right] \quad (30)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \left[\sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \right] \quad (31)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \left[- \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} \right] \quad (32)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \left[- \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \left(\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \quad (33)$$

Now, one by one, we expand completely each of these three terms. We have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \quad (34)$$

$$+ \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (35)$$

$$- \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \quad (36)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad (37)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \quad (38)$$

$$+ \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (39)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \quad (40)$$

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and, for the y-equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \quad (41)$$

$$(18) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (42)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \quad (43)$$

$$(19) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (44)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \quad (45)$$

$$(20) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad (46)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \quad (47)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (48)$$

$$(21) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \quad (49)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (50)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial \theta} \quad (51)$$

$$(22) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad (52)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \quad (53)$$

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$$+ \left(\frac{\cos^2 \phi \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (54)$$

$$(24) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} \quad (55)$$

$$(25) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{\cos^2 \phi \sin \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (56)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos^2 \phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \quad (57)$$

and finally, for the x-equation, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \quad (58)$$

$$(26) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (59)$$

$$(26) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \quad (60)$$

$$\left(\frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (61)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial r} \quad (62)$$

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$$(27) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad (63)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \quad (64)$$

$$(27) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (65)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \quad (66)$$

$$(28) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \left(\frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (67)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial \theta} \quad (68)$$

$$(29) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{\sin^2 \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad (69)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \quad (70)$$

$$(31) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (71)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} \quad (72)$$

$$(32) \rightarrow + \left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (73)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\sin^2 \phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \quad (74)$$

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Gathering terms as coefficients of partial derivatives, we obtain (from Equations 34, 41 and 58)

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi) \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2}$$

and (from Equations 35, 38, 42, 48, 54, 59, 65, and 71)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(+\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \phi \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r^2} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r^2} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \\ \rightarrow \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

while we obtain from Equations 40, 49, and 66:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r^2} \right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \quad (76)$$

From Equations 37, 46, 52, 63, 69,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(+\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r} + \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r} - \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{r} \right) \rightarrow \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad (77)$$

From Equations 44, 50, 56, 61, 67 and 73 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(-\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^2} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r^2} + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos^2 \phi \sin \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) + \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r \sin^2 \theta} \right) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

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From Equations 57 and 74 we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \left(\frac{\cos^2 \phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \quad (79)$$

The mixed derivatives yield, first, from Equations 45, 53, 62, and 70 leading to

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \left(\frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r} + \frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r} - \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r} - \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r} \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad (80)$$

From Equations 36, 39, 47, 43 64, 60

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \left(-\frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi}{r} + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi}{r} \right) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

From Equations 51 55 68 72

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial \theta} \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) - \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right) \right) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

Gathering together the non-vanishing terms, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

which is one of the two “classic” forms for ∇^2 . The other is

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

Spherical Polar Co-ordinates

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) f \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi_e \Rightarrow \psi_e(r, \theta, \phi) \Leftarrow \psi_e(x, y, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_e}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \\ & - \frac{QZe^2}{r} \psi_e = E_e \psi_e \end{aligned}$$

Separation of variables

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_e}{\partial \phi^2} \right] - \frac{QZe^2}{r} \psi_e = E_e \psi_e$$

Multiply with $\frac{-2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_e}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2\mu r QZe^2}{\hbar^2} \psi_e + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e \psi_e = 0$$

Separation of variables

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_e}{\partial \phi^2} \\ + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} \psi_e + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e \psi_e = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi_e(r, \theta, \phi) \Rightarrow R(r) \cdot \Theta(\theta) \cdot \Phi(\phi)$$

$$\psi_e \Rightarrow R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi)}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi)}{\partial \phi^2} \\ + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Separation of variables

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi)}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi)}{\partial \phi^2} \\ & + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Theta \cdot \Phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + (R \cdot \Phi) \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + (R \cdot \Theta) \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \\ & + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Separation of variables

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Theta \cdot \Phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + (R \cdot \Phi) \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + (R \cdot \Theta) \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \\ & + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e (R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply with $\frac{1}{R \cdot \Theta \cdot \Phi}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \\ & + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Separation of variables

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \\ & + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e \\ & = - \left[\frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS} = f(r) = f(\theta, \phi) = \text{RHS}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r) = f(\theta, \phi) = \text{constant} = \beta$$

Separation of variables

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \\ & + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e \\ & = - \left[\frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} \right] = \beta \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS} = f(r) = f(\theta, \phi) = \text{RHS}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r) = f(\theta, \phi) = \text{constant} = \beta$$

Separation of variables

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e = \beta$$

$$\frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = -\beta$$

Let us consider

$$\frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = -\beta$$

Multiply with $\sin^2 \theta$ and rearrange

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta = -\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Separation of variables

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta = -\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= f(\theta) = f(\phi) = \text{RHS} \\ \Rightarrow f(\theta) &= f(\phi) = \text{constant} = m^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \beta = m^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = -m^2$$

Separation of variables

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e = \beta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta = m^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = -m^2$$

We have separated out all the three variables r , θ and ϕ

Solution to Φ part

$$\frac{1}{\Phi(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} + m^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} = -m^2 \Phi(\phi)$$

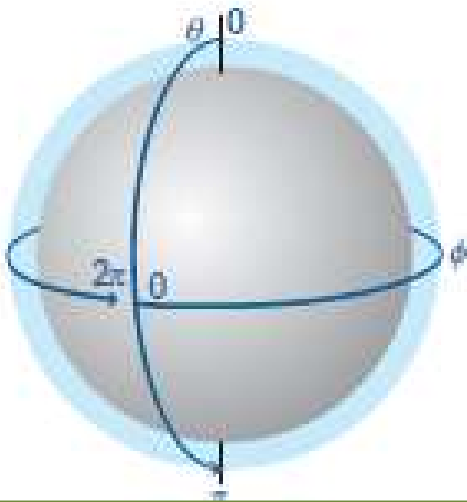
Let us assume

$$\Phi(\phi) = Ae^{\pm im\phi}$$

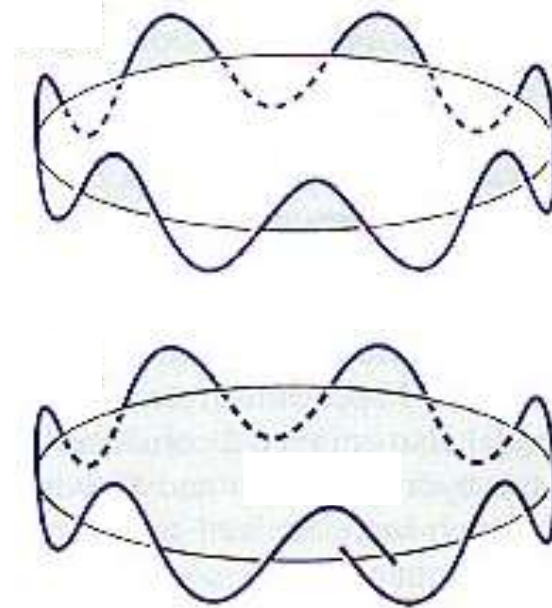
as trial solution

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \phi} = \pm im\Phi$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = -m^2 \Phi$$



' ϕ ' ranges from 0 to 2π



Wavefunction has to be continuous

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\phi + 2\pi) = \Phi(\phi)$$

Solution to Φ part

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\phi + 2\pi) = \Phi(\phi)$$

$$A_m e^{im(\phi+2\pi)} = A_m e^{im(\phi)} \quad \text{and} \quad A_{-m} e^{-im(\phi+2\pi)} = A_{-m} e^{-im(\phi)}$$
$$e^{im(2\pi)} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad e^{-im(2\pi)} = 1$$

True only if $m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots$
 m is the “magnetic quantum” number

m is restricted by another quantum number (orbital Angular momentum), l , such that $|m| < l$

The Θ and the R part

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r Q Z e^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} E_e = \beta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\Theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta = m^2$$

Rearrange

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{Q Z e^2}{r} + E_e \right) R(r) - \beta R(r) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \Theta(\theta) + \beta \Theta(\theta) = 0$$

The Θ and the R part

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{QZe^2}{r} + E_e \right) R(r) - \beta R(r) = 0$$

Solve to get $R(r)$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \Theta(\theta) + \beta \Theta(\theta) = 0$$

Solve to get $\Theta(\theta)$

Restriction on m are
due this this equation

**Need serious mathematical skill to solve these two equations.
We only look at solutions**

The Θ part

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \Theta(\theta) + \beta \Theta(\theta) = 0$$

Solution to $\Theta(\theta)$ are

Restriction on $m \leq l$
is due to this equation

$$P_l^m(\cos \theta) = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^l l!} (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^{m/2} \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} (\cos^2 \theta - 1)^l$$

$$P_l^{-m}(\cos \theta) = (-1)^m \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} P_l^m(\cos \theta) \quad \text{with } \beta = l(l+1)$$

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

$P_l^m(\cos \theta)$ are known as Associated Legendre Polynomials

The new quantum number is ' l ' called orbital / Azimuthal quantum number

The angular ($\Theta \cdot \Phi$) part

The angular part of the solution

$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) \cdot \Phi(\phi)$ are called spherical harmonics

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$$

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

$$m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3\dots \text{ and } |m| \leq l$$

The R part

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2\mu r^2}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{QZe^2}{r} + E_e \right) R(r) - \beta R(r) = 0$$

Solution to $R(r)$ are

$$a = \frac{\hbar^2}{Q\mu e^2} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{\mu e^2}$$

$$R_{nl}(r) = - \left[\frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3} \right]^{1/2} \left(\frac{2Z}{na} \right)^{l+3/2} r^l e^{-Zr/na_0} L_{n+l}^{2l+1} \left(\frac{2Zr}{na} \right)$$

Restriction on $l < n$

Where $L_{n+l}^{2l+1} \left(\frac{2Zr}{na_0} \right)$ are called associated *Laguerre* functions

The new quantum number is ' n ' called principal quantum number

Energy of the Hydrogen Atom

$$E_n = -\frac{2Q^2 Z^2 \mu e^4}{\hbar^2 n^2} = -\frac{Z^2 \mu e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2 n^2} = -\frac{Z^2 e^4}{8\pi\epsilon_0 a_0 n^2} (\mu \approx m_e)$$

$$E_n = \frac{-13.6\text{eV}}{n^2}$$

Energy is dependent only on ‘ n ’

Energy obtained by full quantum mechanical treatment is equal to Bohr energy

Potential energy term is only dependent on the ***Radial*** part and has no contribution from the ***Angular*** parts

Quantum Numbers of Hydrogen Atom

n	Principal Quantum number Specifies the energy of the electron
l	Orbital Angular Momentum Quantum number Specifies the magnitude of the electron's orbital angular momentum
m	Z-component of Angular Momentum Quantum number Specifies the orientation of the electron's orbital angular momentum
s	Orbital Angular Momentum Quantum number Specifies the orientation of the electron's spin angular momentum

Orbital Angular Momentum Quantum Number

$l=0 \Rightarrow s\text{-Orbital}$

$l=1 \Rightarrow p\text{-Orbital}$

$l=2 \Rightarrow d\text{-Orbital}$

$l=3 \Rightarrow f\text{-Orbital}$

Normalization

$$\psi_{n,l,m}(r,\theta,\phi) = R_{n,l}(r) \cdot Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)$$

\Rightarrow

$$|\psi_{n,l,m}(r,\theta,\phi)|^2 = |R_{n,l}(r) \cdot Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)|^2 = |R_{n,l}(r)|^2 \cdot |Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)|^2$$

Normalize the Radial and Angular parts separately

$$\int_0^\infty r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi |\psi_{n,l,m}(r,\theta,\phi)|^2 = 1$$

$$\int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi |Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)|^2 = \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi [Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)]^* Y_l^m(\theta,\phi) = 1$$

$$\int_0^\infty r^2 dr |R_{n,l}(r)|^2 = \int_0^\infty dr [R_{n,l}(r)]^* R_{n,l}(r) = 1$$

Spherical Harmonics Y_l^m

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$$

$l=0; m=0$	$\left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2}$	$l=3; m=0$	$\left(\frac{7}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta)$
$l=1; m=0$	$\left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta$	$l=3; m=\pm 1$	$\mp \left(\frac{21}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5\cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
$l=1; m=\pm 1$	$\mp \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$	$l=3; m=\pm 2$	$\left(\frac{105}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
$l=2; m=0$	$\left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3\cos^2 \theta - 1)$	$l=3; m=\pm 3$	$\mp \left(\frac{35}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^3 \theta e^{\pm 3i\phi}$
$l=2; m=\pm 1$	$\mp \left(\frac{15}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$		
$l=2; m=\pm 2$	$\left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$		

Radial Functions

$$R_{nl}(r) = - \left[\frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3} \right]^{1/2} \left(\frac{2Z}{na} \right)^{l+3/2} r^l e^{-Zr/na_0} L_{n+l}^{2l+1} \left(\frac{2Zr}{na} \right)$$

$$n=1; l=0 \quad 2 \left(\frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\rho/2}$$

$$n=2; l=0 \quad \frac{1}{8^{1/2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} (2-\rho) e^{-\rho/2}$$

$$n=2; l=1 \quad \frac{1}{24^{1/2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} \rho e^{-\rho/2}$$

$$n=3; l=0 \quad \frac{1}{243^{1/2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} (6-6\rho-\rho^2) e^{-\rho/2}$$

$$n=3; l=1 \quad \frac{1}{486^{1/2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} (4-\rho) e^{-\rho/2}$$

$$n=3; l=2 \quad \frac{1}{2430^{1/2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} \rho^2 e^{-\rho/2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{2Zr}{na}$$

$$a = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{\mu e^2}$$

$$a = a_0 \quad (\text{for } \mu = m_e)$$

Radial Functions of Hydrogen Atom

$$R_{nl}(r) = - \left[\frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3} \right]^{1/2} \left(\frac{2}{na_0} \right)^{l+3/2} r^l e^{-r/na_0} L_{n+l}^{2l+1} \left(\frac{2r}{na_0} \right)$$

$$n=1; l=0 \quad 2 \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} e^{-r/a_0}$$

$$\rho = \frac{2Zr}{na}$$

$$n=2; l=0 \quad \frac{1}{8^{1/2}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$a = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{\mu e^2}$$

$$n=2; l=1 \quad \frac{1}{24^{1/2}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$a = a_0 \quad (\text{for } \mu = m_e)$$

$$n=3; l=0 \quad 2 \left(\frac{1}{3a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{r}{a_0} \right] - \frac{2}{27} \left[\frac{r}{a_0} \right]^2 \right) e^{-r/3a_0}$$

$$n=3; l=1 \quad \frac{1}{486^{1/2}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left(4 - \frac{2r}{3a_0} \right) e^{-r/3a_0}$$

$$n=3; l=2 \quad \frac{1}{2430^{1/2}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{2r}{3a_0} \right)^2 e^{-r/3a_0}$$

Wavefunctions of Hydrogen Atom

$$\psi_{n,l,m}(r,\theta,\phi) = R_{n,l}(r) \cdot Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)$$

$$\psi_{1,0,0} = \psi_{1s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \boxed{e^{-r/a_0}} \quad f(\textcolor{red}{r})$$

$$\psi_{2,0,0} = \psi_{2s} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \boxed{\left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}} \quad f(\textcolor{red}{r})$$

$$\psi_{2,1,0} = \psi_{2p_z} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \boxed{\left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}} \boxed{\cos \theta} \quad f(\textcolor{red}{r}, \textcolor{blue}{\theta})$$

$$\psi_{2,1,+1} = \psi_{2p_{+1}} = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \boxed{\left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}} \boxed{\sin \theta} \boxed{e^{i\phi}} \quad f(\textcolor{red}{r}, \textcolor{blue}{\theta}, \textcolor{green}{\phi})$$

$$\psi_{2,1,-1} = \psi_{2p_{-1}} = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \boxed{\left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0}} \boxed{\sin \theta} \boxed{e^{-i\phi}} \quad f(\textcolor{red}{r}, \textcolor{blue}{\theta}, \textcolor{green}{\phi})$$