

# Pauli Hamiltonian

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Since we are working with the charge in the interaction between the 1/2 charge and the external field, we need to use the Pauli Equation instead of the original Schrödinger equation. In general, it reads:

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2m} (\vec{\sigma}(\vec{p} - q\vec{A}))^2 + q\phi \right] |\psi\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi\rangle}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

To separate the spinor part and the radius part, we use the Pauli vector identity:

$$(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + i\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}), \quad (2)$$

which in turn, implies:  $\sigma_j \sigma_k = \delta_{jk} I + i\varepsilon_{jkl} \sigma_l$ . Also, since  $\vec{p} \propto \nabla$  and  $\nabla \times \vec{A} = \vec{B}$ , then the standard Pauli equation will be:

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2m} [(\vec{p} - q\vec{A})^2 - q\hbar \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}] + q\phi \right] |\psi\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi\rangle}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$