

P305 Assignment 3

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1. a.
$$V(r) = 0 \quad r \leq a$$
$$\infty \quad , \quad r > a$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi = E\psi$$

In spherical coordinates, when we solve this we get solution of the form,

$$= (\text{radial part}) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

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Bessel function.

$$\psi_{n\ell m}(r, \theta, \phi) = A_{n\ell} j_{\ell} \left(\frac{p_{n\ell} r}{a} \right) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

β_{nl} is the n^{th} zero of the l^{th} spherical Bessel function.

Selection rules:

From dipole approximation $W_{ab} \propto |\hat{E} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ab}|^2$

$$\hat{E} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ab} = \langle \psi_{n'l'm'} | r \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \right)^{1/2} Y_{1q}(\theta, \phi) | \psi_{n'lm'} \rangle$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \right)^{1/2} r^3 j_l \left(\frac{\beta_{n'l'} r}{a} \right) j_l \left(\frac{\beta_{n'l} r}{a} \right) d\tau$$

$$\times \int Y_{l'm'}^* Y_{1q} Y_{lm} d\Omega$$

For polarisation parallel to \hat{z} , $q = 0$

$\hat{E} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ab} \neq 0$, for transition to occur

$$\Rightarrow \int Y_{lm} Y_{l'm'}^* Y_{10} d\Omega \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(m-m')\phi} d\phi \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = m' \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta m = 0$$

For polarisation $\perp \hat{z}$, $\alpha = \pm 1$

$$\int Y_{lm} Y_{l'm'}^* Y_{1,\pm 1} d\Omega \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \int e^{i(m \pm 1 - m')\phi} d\phi \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta m = \pm 1$$

$$\Delta l = \pm 1$$

Selection rule : $\Delta l = \pm 1$, $\Delta m = 0, \pm 1$

