

PHYS405 - Possibly Useful Formulas

Fundamental Equations

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$
$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{r}) + V(\vec{r}) \psi(\vec{r}) = E \psi(\vec{r})$$

Some Important Solutions

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad E_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} \quad \xi = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} x$$
$$\psi_n(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} H_n(\xi) e^{-\xi^2/2} \quad E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega \quad \alpha = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi \hbar}\right)^{1/4}$$
$$\psi_{N\ell m}(\vec{r}) = A_{N\ell} j_\ell\left(\frac{\beta_{N\ell} r}{a}\right) Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) \quad E_{N\ell} = \frac{\beta_{N\ell}^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$$
$$\psi_{n\ell m}(\vec{r}) = A_{n\ell} e^{-r/na} \left(\frac{2r}{na}\right)^\ell \left[L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}\left(\frac{2r}{na}\right)\right] Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) \quad E_n = \frac{E_1}{n^2}$$

Mathematical Relations

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$
$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} [e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}] \quad \cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$
$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2i} [e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}]$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$$
$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Fundamental Constants and Units

$$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \quad a = 0.529 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$
$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 511 \text{ keV}/c^2 \quad E_1 = -13.6 \text{ eV}$$
$$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 938 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \quad 1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} = 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$
$$\hbar = 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} = 6.582 \times 10^{-16} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{s} \quad 1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$
$$\hbar c = 197.3 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}$$

Special Functions

$$P_\ell^m(x) = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^\ell \ell!} (1-x^2)^{m/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^{\ell+m} (x^2-1)^\ell$$

$$P_\ell^{-m}(x) = (-1)^m \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!} P_\ell^m(x)$$

$$P_0^0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1^0(x) = x$$

$$P_1^1(x) = -\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_2^0(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2-1)$$

$$P_2^1(x) = -3x\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_2^2(x) = 3(1-x^2)$$

$$H_n(\xi) = (-1)^n e^{\xi^2} \left(\frac{d}{d\xi} \right)^n e^{-\xi^2}$$

$$H_0(\xi) = 1$$

$$H_1(\xi) = 2\xi$$

$$H_2(\xi) = 4\xi^2 - 2$$

$$H_3(\xi) = 8\xi^3 - 12\xi$$

$$H_4(\xi) = 16\xi^4 - 48\xi^2 + 12$$

$$j_\ell(x) = (-x)^\ell \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \right)^\ell \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$j_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

$$j_2(x) = \left(\frac{3}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \sin x - \frac{3}{x^2} \cos x$$

$$L_q^p(x) = \frac{(-1)^p}{(p+q)!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^p \left[e^x \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^{p+q} (e^{-x} x^{p+q}) \right]$$

$$L_0^0(x) = 1$$

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$$L_0^2(x) = 1$$

$$L_1^0(x) = 1-x$$

$$L_1^1(x) = 2-x$$

$$L_1^2(x) = 3-x$$

$$L_2^0(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 1$$

$$L_2^1(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x + 3$$

$$L_2^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 4x + 6$$

Some Integrals

$$\int_0^\infty u^n e^{-u} du = n!$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-u^2} du = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty u^2 e^{-u^2} du = \sqrt{\pi}/2$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty u^4 e^{-u^2} du = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty u^6 e^{-u^2} du = \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{8}$$

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(nu) \sin(mu) du = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{nm}$$

$$\int_0^\pi u \sin(nu) du = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \pi}{n}$$

$$\int_0^\pi u \sin(nu) \sin(mu) du = \frac{2mn[(-1)^{m+n} - 1]}{(m-n)^2(m+n)^2}$$

$$\int_0^\pi u \sin^2(nu) du = \frac{\pi^2}{4}$$

$$\int_a^b u dv = uv \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v du$$