

6. An electron in the Coulomb field of a proton is initially ($t=0$) in a state described by the wave function.

$$\psi(\vec{r}, 0) = 1/6 [4 \psi_{100} + 3 \psi_{211} - \psi_{210} + \sqrt{10} \psi_{21-1}]$$

with ψ_{nlm} , the energy eigenfunctions, satisfying

$$\left(\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} - \frac{e^2}{r} \right) \psi_{nlm} = E_n \psi_{nlm} \text{ where}$$

$$E_n = -\frac{R_\infty}{n^2} \text{ and } \bar{m} = -m$$

Correction given at start of exam.

ψ_{nlm} is normalized to 1

- 1) Is ψ_{nlm} normalized? Give evidence for your answer. $\langle 1|1 \rangle = \frac{1}{36} [16 + 9 + 1 + 10] = 1$
- 2) What is the probability of measuring an eigenvalue of L^2 to be $2\hbar^2$. $\frac{1}{36} [9 + 1 + 10] = \frac{5}{18}$
- 3) What is the probability of measuring an eigenvalue of L_z to be $-\hbar$? $m = -1 \quad \frac{1}{36} [10] = \frac{5}{18}$
- 4) What is the expectation value of the energy? $\langle H \rangle = \frac{1}{36} [16 + \frac{9+1+10}{4}] R_\infty = -\frac{7}{12} R_\infty$
- 5) What is the expectation value of L_z ? $\langle L_z \rangle = \frac{1}{36} [9 - 10] \hbar = -\frac{1}{36} \hbar$
- 6) What is the probability of measuring an energy of $-(1/4)R_\infty$? $\frac{9+1+10}{36} = \frac{5}{9}$
- 7) What is the wave function at time t ? $\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{6} [4\psi_{100} e^{-\frac{iE_1 t}{\hbar}} + (3\psi_{211} - \psi_{210} + \sqrt{10}\psi_{21-1}) e^{-\frac{iE_2 t}{\hbar}}]$
- 8) Will any of the answers to parts 1 through 6 be different at time t ? If so, which ones? Give your reasoning.

L is constant of motion

Note corrections