

A hydrogen atom is subjected to a perturbation from an external electric field  $E_{\text{ext}}$  in the  $z$  direction, hence  $H' = eE_{\text{ext}}r \cos \theta$ .

- (a) The unperturbed  $n = 1$  level in Hydrogen is non-degenerate (ignoring spin) and has wavefunction  $\psi_{100}^0 = (\pi a^3)^{-1/2} e^{-r/a}$ . Show that there is no first order correction to the ground state energy, i.e.,  $E_1^1 = \int \psi_{100}^{0*} H' \psi_{100}^0 dV = 0$
- (b) The unperturbed  $n = 2$  level in Hydrogen is 4-fold degenerate, with energy eigenfunctions

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1 \equiv \psi_{200}^0 &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi a}} \frac{1}{2a} \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a}\right) e^{-r/2a} \\ \varphi_2 \equiv \psi_{211}^0 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \frac{r}{8a^2} e^{-r/2a} \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \\ \varphi_3 \equiv \psi_{210}^0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi a}} \frac{r}{4a^2} e^{-r/2a} \cos \theta \\ \varphi_4 \equiv \psi_{21-1}^0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \frac{r}{8a^2} e^{-r/2a} \sin \theta e^{-i\phi}\end{aligned}$$

Use degenerate perturbation theory to determine the first order correction,  $E_2^1$ , to the  $n = 2$  level by writing down a  $4 \times 4$  matrix equation with terms  $W_{jk} = \langle \varphi_j | H' | \varphi_k \rangle$  for  $j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . [Hint: do the angle integrals first, as many of these turn out to be zero!]

- (c) Solve the matrix to determine all possible values of  $E_2^1$ . Into how many different energy levels does  $n = 2$  split?
- (d) Write down the wavefunctions  $\chi = \alpha|\varphi_1\rangle + \beta|\varphi_2\rangle + \gamma|\varphi_3\rangle + \delta|\varphi_4\rangle$  for which we could have used non-degenerate perturbation theory.

### Useful Integrals:

$$\int_0^\infty x^p e^{-qx} dx = \frac{p!}{q^{p+1}}$$