

We are only interested in the s -state, so throughout, we have $l = 0$. Following methods from section 3.7.1, define $u(r) = R(r)r$, which should satisfy the boundary condition

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u(r) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} u(r) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Also the original radial wavefunction $R(r)$ should also satisfy

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} R(r) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} R'(r) = 0 \quad (4)$$

By eq (3.271), the differential equation for u is (recall that $l = 0$)

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u(r)}{dr^2} + V(r)u(r) = Eu(r) \quad (5)$$

Multiply $u' = du/dr$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u' \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + V u u' &= E u u' & \Rightarrow \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(u'^2)}{dr} + \frac{1}{2} V \frac{d(u^2)}{dr} &= \frac{1}{2} E \frac{d(u^2)}{dr} & \Rightarrow \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d(u'^2)}{dr} + \frac{d(V u^2)}{dr} - \frac{dV}{dr} u^2 &= E \frac{d(u^2)}{dr} & \Rightarrow \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u'^2 \Big|_0^\infty + \underbrace{V u^2 \Big|_0^\infty}_{=0} - \int_{r=0}^\infty \frac{dV}{dr} u^2 dr &= \underbrace{E u^2 \Big|_0^\infty}_{=0} & \Rightarrow \\ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u'^2(0) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u'^2(\infty) &= \int_{r=0}^\infty \frac{dV}{dr} u^2 dr & (6) \end{aligned}$$

But

$$u' = R'r + R \quad (7)$$

therefore (6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} R^2(0) &= \int_{r=0}^\infty \frac{dV}{dr} R^2(r) r^2 dr = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\langle \frac{dV}{dr} \right\rangle & \Rightarrow \\ R^2(0) &= \frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \left\langle \frac{dV}{dr} \right\rangle & (8) \end{aligned}$$

which is trivially equal to $|\psi(0)|^2$ if we add the spherical harmonics $Y_{l=0}^0(\theta = 0, \phi = \text{undefined})$ to the LHS to get the full ψ .