

1. Using

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger) \quad p = i\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}} (-a + a^\dagger)$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= x_2 p_3 - x_3 p_2 = \frac{i\hbar}{2} [(a_2 + a_2^\dagger)(-a_3 + a_3^\dagger) - (a_3 + a_3^\dagger)(-a_2 + a_2^\dagger)] \\ &= i\hbar (a_2 a_3^\dagger - a_3 a_2^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

then it follows

$$L_i = i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} a_j a_k^\dagger$$

To get L^2 , note that

$$\begin{aligned} L_1^2 &= -\hbar^2 (a_2 a_3^\dagger - a_3 a_2^\dagger)^2 \\ &= -\hbar^2 (a_2 a_3^\dagger a_2 a_3^\dagger + a_3 a_2^\dagger a_3 a_2^\dagger - a_2 a_3^\dagger a_3 a_2^\dagger - a_3 a_2^\dagger a_2 a_3^\dagger) \quad (\text{use } a^\dagger a = N, [a, a^\dagger] = 1) \\ &= -\hbar^2 (a_2 a_3^\dagger a_2 a_3^\dagger + a_3 a_2^\dagger a_3 a_2^\dagger - N_3(N_2 + 1) - N_3(N_2 + 1)) \\ &= \hbar^2 (2N_2 N_3 + N_2 + N_3 - a_2 a_3^\dagger a_2 a_3^\dagger - a_3 a_2^\dagger a_3 a_2^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

Then adding similar terms for L_2^2, L_3^2 , we have

$$L^2 = \hbar^2 [2(N_2 N_3 + N_3 N_1 + N_1 N_2) + 2N - a_k^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_j a_j + a_j^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k a_k]$$

Since

$$a_j^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_j a_j = a_j^\dagger (a_j a_j^\dagger - [a_j, a_j^\dagger]) a_j = N_j^2 - N_j$$

it follows that

$$L^2 = \hbar^2 [N(N + 1) - a_k^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_j a_j]$$

2. For $|qlm\rangle = |01m\rangle$, we have $N = 2q + l = 1$. Then in the Cartesian basis, the 3 degenerated states for $N = 1$ are

$$|n_x n_y n_z\rangle \in \{|100\rangle, |010\rangle, |001\rangle\}$$

where the "1" indicates the eigenstate for the harmonic oscillator corresponding to $n = 1$.

Let

$$|01m\rangle = \alpha_1 |100\rangle + \alpha_2 |010\rangle + \alpha_3 |001\rangle$$

Apply the eigenequation $L_z |01m\rangle = m\hbar |01m\rangle$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_z |01m\rangle &= i\hbar (a_1 a_2^\dagger - a_2 a_1^\dagger) (\alpha_1 |100\rangle + \alpha_2 |010\rangle + \alpha_3 |001\rangle) \\ &= i\hbar (\alpha_1 |010\rangle - \alpha_2 |100\rangle) \\ &= m\hbar (\alpha_1 |100\rangle + \alpha_2 |010\rangle + \alpha_3 |001\rangle) \quad \implies \\ i\alpha_1 &= m\alpha_2 \quad -i\alpha_2 = m\alpha_1 \quad m\alpha_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} |01m=1\rangle &= C_1 (|100\rangle + i|010\rangle) \\ |01m=0\rangle &= C_0 |001\rangle \\ |01m=-1\rangle &= C_{-1} (|100\rangle - i|010\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

For $q = 0$, by equation (3.295), $f(\rho) = a_0$, thus $u(\rho) \propto \rho^{l+1} e^{-\rho^2/2}$, with $\rho = r/\sqrt{\hbar/m\omega} \equiv r/a$, and the radial wavefunction is

$$R(r) = \frac{u(r)}{r} \propto r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}}$$

Of course the directional wavefunctions are the spherical harmonics

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1^{-1}(\theta, \phi) &\propto e^{-i\phi} \sin \theta = \frac{x - iy}{r} \\ Y_1^0(\theta, \phi) &\propto \cos \theta = \frac{z}{r} \\ Y_1^1(\theta, \phi) &\propto e^{i\phi} \sin \theta = \frac{x + iy}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Now coming back to the $|n_x n_y n_z\rangle$ basis, we shall recover the radial function and spherical harmonics.

Indeed, if we recall equation (2.150-2.152), we know for each dimension $\tau \in \{x, y, z\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tau | 0 \rangle &\propto e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2a^2}} \\ \langle \tau | 1 \rangle &\propto \left(\tau - a^2 \frac{d}{d\tau} \right) e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2a^2}} \propto \tau e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2a^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying all 3 dimensions together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x} | 100 \rangle &\propto x e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{2a^2}} = x e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \\ \langle \mathbf{x} | 010 \rangle &\propto y e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \\ \langle \mathbf{x} | 001 \rangle &\propto z e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x} | 01m_{=1} \rangle &\propto \langle \mathbf{x} | 100 \rangle + i \langle \mathbf{x} | 010 \rangle = r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \cdot \frac{x + iy}{r} \\ \langle \mathbf{x} | 01m_{=0} \rangle &\propto \langle \mathbf{x} | 001 \rangle = r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \cdot \frac{z}{r} \\ \langle \mathbf{x} | 01m_{=-1} \rangle &\propto \langle \mathbf{x} | 100 \rangle - i \langle \mathbf{x} | 010 \rangle = r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \cdot \frac{x - iy}{r} \end{aligned}$$

which is exactly the product form of radial wavefunction and spherical harmonics.

3. In this case, $q = 1, l = m = 0$, which gives $N = 2$, which has 6-fold degeneracy:

$$|n_x n_y n_z\rangle \in \{|200\rangle, |020\rangle, |002\rangle, |011\rangle, |101\rangle, |110\rangle\}$$

Let

$$|qlm\rangle = \alpha_1 |200\rangle + \alpha_2 |020\rangle + \alpha_3 |002\rangle + \alpha_4 |011\rangle + \alpha_5 |101\rangle + \alpha_6 |110\rangle$$

then the L_z eigenequation gives

$$\begin{aligned} L_z |qlm\rangle &= i\hbar (a_1 a_2^\dagger - a_2 a_1^\dagger) (\alpha_1 |200\rangle + \alpha_2 |020\rangle + \alpha_3 |002\rangle + \alpha_4 |011\rangle + \alpha_5 |101\rangle + \alpha_6 |110\rangle) \\ &= i\hbar [(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) |110\rangle - \alpha_4 |101\rangle + \alpha_5 |011\rangle + \alpha_6 |020\rangle - \alpha_6 |200\rangle] \\ &= 0\hbar (\alpha_1 |200\rangle + \alpha_2 |020\rangle + \alpha_3 |002\rangle + \alpha_4 |011\rangle + \alpha_5 |101\rangle + \alpha_6 |110\rangle) \implies \\ &\alpha_4 = \alpha_5 = \alpha_6 = 0 \quad \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \quad \alpha_3 = \text{arbitrary value} \end{aligned}$$

For the L^2 eigenequation, notice

$$\begin{aligned} N(N+1) |200\rangle &= 2 \cdot 3 |200\rangle \\ a_k^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_j a_j |200\rangle &= a_k^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_1 a_1 |200\rangle = a_k^\dagger a_k^\dagger \sqrt{2} |000\rangle = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} (|200\rangle + |020\rangle + |002\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for $|020\rangle, |002\rangle$ states, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L^2 |qlm\rangle &= \hbar^2 [N(N+1) - a_k^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_j a_j] [\alpha_1 (|200\rangle + |020\rangle) + \alpha_3 |002\rangle] \\ &= \hbar^2 [6\alpha_1 (|200\rangle + |020\rangle) + 6\alpha_3 |002\rangle] - \hbar^2 [(4\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_3) (|200\rangle + |020\rangle + |002\rangle)] \\ &= \hbar^2 [(2\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_3) (|200\rangle + |020\rangle) + (4\alpha_3 - 4\alpha_1) |002\rangle] \\ &= 0 \cdot (0+1) |qlm\rangle \implies \\ &\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 \implies \\ &|qlm\rangle \propto |200\rangle + |020\rangle + |002\rangle \end{aligned}$$

In this case, $\lambda = 4q + 2l + 3 = 7$, and we expect $f(\rho)$ to have form $f(\rho) = a_2\rho^2 + a_0$, where by equation (3.298)

$$a_2 = -\frac{2}{3}a_0$$

Then the radial wavefunction becomes

$$R(r) \propto r^0 e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \left(-\frac{2}{3} \frac{r^2}{a^2} + 1 \right)$$

and the directional wavefunction is just Y_0^0 , i.e., a constant.

On the other hand, from equation (2.152)

$$\langle \tau | 2 \rangle \propto \left(\tau - a^2 \frac{d}{d\tau} \right)^2 e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2a^2}} \propto \left(\tau - a^2 \frac{d}{d\tau} \right) \left(\tau e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2a^2}} \right) = (2\tau^2 - a^2) e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2a^2}}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x} | qlm \rangle &\propto \langle \mathbf{x} | 200 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x} | 020 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x} | 002 \rangle \\ &\propto (2r^2 - 3a^2) e^{-\frac{r^2}{2a^2}} \end{aligned}$$

which agrees with above.

4. omitted, no additional insights to be gained.