



**Figure 7-5** The radial probability density for the electron in a one-electron atom for  $n = 1, 2, 3$  and the values of  $l$  shown. The triangle on each abscissa indicates the value of  $\bar{r}_{nl}$  as given by (7-29). For  $n = 2$  the plots are redrawn with abscissa and ordinate scales expanded by a factor of 10 to show the behavior of  $P_{nl}(r)$  near the origin. Note that in the three cases for which  $l = l_{\max} = n - 1$  the maximum of  $P_{nl}(r)$  occurs at  $r_{\text{Bohr}} = n^2 a_0 / Z$ , which is indicated by the location of the dashed line.