

Physics 137B Homework 4

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Question 1: Expectation of the Hydrogen atom

- (a) Treating $\lambda = e$, derive the expression $\langle 1/r \rangle_{nl}$.
- (b) Treating $\lambda = l$, derive the expression $\langle 1/r \rangle_{nl}$.

Solution:

For this question, we will need to use the Feynman-Hellman Theorem

$$\left. \frac{\partial_n E(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \langle \psi_n(\lambda) | \frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial \lambda} | \psi_n(\lambda) \rangle \Big|_{\lambda=0}$$

and the radial
