

# PHYS2041 Notes

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## 1 Wave Function

**Schrodinger eq.,**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + V\Psi$$

$|\Psi(x, t)|^2$  gives the probability of finding the particle at  $(x, t)$ .

Wave function is complex, so  $|\Psi|^2 = \Psi^* \Psi$  where  $\Psi^*$  is the complex conjugate - let  $i = -i$ .

### 1.1 Probability

For some quantity,  $j$ , the mean is  $\langle j \rangle$ .

The distance from the mean is

$$\Delta j = j - \langle j \rangle$$

Standard deviation is

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\langle j^2 \rangle - \langle j \rangle^2}$$

### 1.2 Normalization

We require total probability to be 1, so

**Normalization,**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx = 1$$

### 1.3 Momentum

For a particle in state  $\Psi$ , the expected value of  $x$  is

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = -\frac{i\hbar}{m} \int \Psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} dx$$

Customary to work instead with momentum,

$$\langle p \rangle = m \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = -i\hbar \int \Psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} dx$$

or, equivalently,

**Expected position and momentum,**

$$\langle x \rangle = \int \Psi^*(x) x \Psi dx$$

$$\langle p \rangle = \int \Psi^* \left( \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \Psi dx$$

The ‘sandwich’ed bits ( $(x)$  and then  $(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x})$ ) are called *operators*.

Every other dynamical variable can be expressed in terms of  $p$  and  $x$ . Kinetic energy,

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

Angular momentum,

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times m\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

To calculate expectation value, replace  $p$  with the operator  $(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x})$ , insert, and integrate.

$$\langle Q(x, p) \rangle = \int \Psi^* Q \left( x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \Psi dx$$

### 1.4 Uncertainty Principle

**de Broglie formula,**

$$p = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\lambda}$$

**Heisenberg uncertainty principle,**

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

## 2 Time Independent Schrodinger Equation

### 2.1 Stationary States

Recalling the Schrodinger equation, if we assume the solution is of the form

$$\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)\varphi(t)$$

We obtain system of ODEs,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varphi}{dt} &= -\frac{iE}{\hbar} \varphi \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V\psi &= E\psi \end{aligned}$$

The first is generally solved by  $\varphi(t) = e^{-iEt/\hbar}$ . The second equation is referred to as the

**time-independent Schrodinger eq.,**

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V\psi = E\psi$$

which we cannot solve without  $V(x)$ .

Solutions of this form make up a small subset of the possible solutions (that is, most solutions aren’t separable). However, we can do some useful things with the solution of the form

$$\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$

Probability density,

$$|\Psi(x, t)|^2 = |\psi(x)|^2$$

Energy is constant, so given the hamiltonian,

$$H(x, p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)$$

we have the **Hamiltonian operator**,

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x)$$

and the time independent Schrodinger eq. becomes

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

with expectation  $\langle H \rangle = E$ , and 0 variance.

Finally, the general solution will be a linear combination of separable solutions, so

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \psi_n(x) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

Or, more traditionally,

Solution to Schrodinger equation,

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \psi_n(x) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \Psi_n(x, t)$$

with

$$\Psi_n(x, t) = \psi_n(x) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

## 2.2 Infinite Square Well

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq a, \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Inside the well,

$$\frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = -k^2 \psi, \quad \text{where } k \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 k_n^2}{2m} = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right)$$

General solution is then

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) e^{-i(n^2 \pi^2 \hbar/2ma^2)t}$$

with coefficients

$$c_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) \Psi(x, 0) dx$$

## 2.3 Harmonic Oscillator

Classically, we have **Hooke's law**,

$$F = -kx = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

with solution

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t) + B \cos(\omega t)$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  is the angular frequency. Finally, we have potential

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

Hooke's law is not perfect - springs are not always elastic, and eventually break, etc. However, the potential is parabolic around the local minimum. Taylor expansion around minimum,

$$V(x) \approx \frac{1}{2} V''(x_0)(x - x_0)^2$$

The *quantum* problem is to solve Schrodinger equation for potential

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2$$

### 2.3.1 Analytical Solution

Introduce

$$\xi \equiv \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} x$$

Solution is

$$\psi_n(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} H_n(\xi) e^{-\xi^2/2}$$

with the first few **Hermite polynomials**,

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &= 1 \\ H_1 &= 2\xi \\ H_2 &= 4\xi^2 - 2 \\ H_3 &= 8\xi^3 - 12\xi \\ H_4 &= 16\xi^4 - 48\xi^2 + 12 \\ H_5 &= 32\xi^5 - 160\xi^3 + 120\xi \end{aligned}$$

### 2.3.2 Ladder Operators

The Schrodinger equation may be re-written

$$\frac{1}{2m} [p^2 + (m\omega x)^2] \psi = E\psi$$

Define the

Ladder operator,

$$a_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}} (\mp ip + m\omega x)$$

and the

**commutator** of operators  $A$  and  $B$  is

$$[A, B] = AB - BA$$

For example the **canonical commutation relation**,

$$[x, p] = i\hbar$$

and so the Schrodinger equation becomes

$$\hbar\omega \left( a_{\pm} a_{\mp} \pm \frac{1}{2} \right) \psi = E\psi$$

Crucially,

If  $\psi$  satisfies the Schrodinger equation with energy  $E$ , then  $a_+ \psi$  also satisfies with energy  $(E + \hbar\omega)$ . Similarly,  $a_- \psi$  satisfies with energy  $(E - \hbar\omega)$

We call

$a_+$  the **raising operator**, and  
 $a_-$  the **lowering operator**.

What if we apply the lowering operator repeatedly? We'd eventually have negative energy - this would still be a solution, but not normalisable. Denote  $\psi_0$  as the lowest energy normalisable solution,

$$\psi_0(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}x^2}$$

with energy

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$$

Increasing the energy each step,

$$\psi_n(x) = A_n (a_+)^n \psi_0(x), \quad \text{with } E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega$$

or

$$\psi_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} (a_+)^n \psi_0$$

## 2.4 The Free Particle

$V(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ . Expect solution of form

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$$

No boundary conditions (unlike infinite square well), so cannot restrict  $k$ . Tacking on standard time dependence,  $\exp(-iEt/\hbar)$ ,

$$\Psi(x, t) = Ae^{ik(x - \frac{\hbar k}{2m}t)} + Be^{-ik(x + \frac{\hbar k}{2m}t)}$$

Or, setting

$$k \equiv \pm \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} k > 0 \Rightarrow & \text{traveling to the right,} \\ k < 0 \Rightarrow & \text{traveling to the left.} \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\Psi_k(x, t) = Ae^{i(kx - \frac{\hbar k^2}{2m}t)}$$

with  $p = \hbar k$  and  $v_{\text{quantum}} = \frac{\hbar|k|}{2m} = \sqrt{\frac{E}{2m}}$ .

Not normalisable - no such thing as a free particle with a definite energy. General solution is

$$\Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(k) e^{i(kx - \frac{\hbar k^2}{2m}t)} dk$$

We call this a **wave packet** - carries a range of  $k$ 's and range of energies and speeds.

$$\phi(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Psi(x, 0) e^{-ikx} dx$$

## 2.5 Delta-function Potential

$$\begin{cases} E < 0 \Rightarrow & \text{bound state} \\ E > 0 \Rightarrow & \text{scattering state} \end{cases}$$

The **Dirac delta function**,

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ \infty, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \text{with } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$

We consider a potential of the form

$$V(x) = -\alpha\delta(x)$$

and the bound state, with  $E < 0$ , and the Schrodinger eq. becomes

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \kappa^2\psi, \quad \text{where } \kappa \equiv \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}$$

with solution

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} Be^{\kappa x}, & x \leq 0 \\ Be^{-\kappa x}, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Normalization of  $\psi$  gives  $B = \sqrt{\kappa}$ , with energy

$$\psi(x) = \frac{\sqrt{m\alpha}}{\hbar} e^{-m\alpha|x|/\hbar^2}; \quad E = -\frac{m\alpha^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

What about scattering states,  $E > 0$ ? Schrodinger eq. becomes

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\psi, \quad k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

with general solution

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$$

for  $x < 0$ , and

$$\psi(x) = Fe^{ikx} + Ge^{-ikx}$$

for  $x > 0$ . Continuity of  $\psi(x)$  and  $x = 0$  requires that  $F + G = A + B$  and that the derivatives are equal, which implies

$$F - G = A(1 + 2i\beta) - B(1 - 2i\beta), \quad \text{where } \beta \equiv \frac{m\alpha}{\hbar^2 k}$$

1.  $A$  is the amplitude of the **incident** wave,
2.  $B$  is the amplitude of the **reflected** wave, and
3.  $F$  is the amplitude of the **transmitted** wave.

Solving for  $B, F$ ,

$$B = \frac{i\beta}{1 - i\beta} A, \quad F = \frac{1}{1 - i\beta} A$$

We define the **reflection coefficient**,

$$R \equiv \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2} = \frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2}$$

and **transmission coefficient**,

$$T \equiv \frac{|F|^2}{|A|^2} = \frac{1}{1 + \beta^2}$$

and  $R + T = 1$ . Otherwise, we may express these as

Reflection  $R$  and transmission  $T$  coefficients,

$$R = \frac{1}{1 + (2\hbar^2 E / m\alpha^2)}, \quad T = \frac{1}{1 + (m\alpha^2 / 2\hbar^2 E)}$$

## 2.6 Finite Square Well

Finally, consider a potential

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} -V_0, & \text{for } -a < x < a \\ 0, & \text{for } |x| > a \end{cases}$$

with solutions of the form

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} Fe^{-\kappa x}, & \text{for } (x > a) \\ D \cos(lx), & \text{for } (0 < x < a) \\ \psi(-x), & \text{for } (x < 0) \end{cases}$$

where

$$l \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2m(E + V_0)}}{\hbar}$$

## 3 Formalism

### 3.1 Hilbert Space

In  $N$  dimensional space, we represent a vector,  $|\alpha\rangle$ , by the  $N$ -tuple of it's components,

$$|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_N \end{pmatrix}$$

The **inner product** of two vectors,

$$\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = a_1^*b_1 + a_2^*b_2 + \dots + a_N^*b_N$$

Linear transformations,  $T$ , are represented by matrices,

$$|\beta\rangle = T|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & \dots & t_{1N} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & \dots & t_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ t_{N1} & t_{N2} & \dots & t_{NN} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_N \end{pmatrix}$$

For quantum mechanics in particular, we define

The **Hilbert space** is the vector space of

$$f(x) \text{ such that } \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

Then, *wave functions live in Hilbert space.*

**Inner product of two function**,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  as

$$\langle f|g\rangle \equiv \int_a^b f(x)^* g(x) dx$$

Notice,

$$\langle g|f\rangle = \langle f|g\rangle^*$$

and

$$\langle f|f\rangle = \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx$$

Finally, a set of functions is *complete* if any other function (in Hilbert space) can be expressed as a linear combination of them,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n f_n(x)$$

If the functions  $\{f_n(x)\}$  are orthogonal, coefficients are given by Fourier's trick,

$$c_n = \langle f_n|f\rangle$$

### 3.2 Dirac Notation

Let  $|\mathcal{S}\rangle$  represent the state of a system in QM,

$$\Psi(x, t) = \langle x|\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle$$

with  $|x\rangle$  standing for the eigenfunction of  $\hat{x}$  with eigenvalue  $x$ . Likewise, Momentum space,

$$\Phi(p, t) = \langle p|\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle$$

Or, in terms of the energy eigenfunctions,

$$c_n(t) = \langle n|\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle$$

These are just different ways of expression the exact same vector in Hilbert space, but with different basis.

Operators are linear transformations,

$$|\beta\rangle = \hat{Q}|\alpha\rangle$$

Operators are represented by matrix elements,

$$\langle e_m|\hat{Q}e_n\rangle = Q_{mn}$$

and with the linear transformations notation,

$$\sum_n b_n |e_n\rangle = \sum_n a_n \hat{Q} |e_n\rangle$$

#### 3.2.1 Dirac Notation

Dirac proposed to split the inner product notation  $\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle$ , into the **bra**  $\langle\alpha|$  and **ket**  $|\beta\rangle$ . The latter is a column vector. The former is a *linear function* of vectors. In function space,

$$\langle f| = \int f^*(\dots) dx$$

with  $(\dots)$  to be determined by the ket it encounters.

In finite-dimensional vector space,

$$|\alpha\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\langle\alpha| = (a_1^* a_2^* \dots a_n^*)$$

### 3.3 Observables

#### 3.3.1 Hermitian Operators

The expectation value of an observable  $Q(x, p)$  may be expressed in inner-product notation,

$$\langle Q\rangle = \int \Psi^* \hat{Q} \Psi dx = \langle \Psi | \hat{Q} \Psi \rangle$$

We call an operator **hermitian** if

$$\langle f | \hat{Q} f \rangle = \langle \hat{Q} f | f \rangle \quad \text{for all } f(x)$$

#### 3.3.2 Determinate States

For determinate states, where every measurement of  $Q$  should return the same value,  $q$ , then

$$\hat{Q}\Psi = q\Psi$$

This is the **eigenvalue equation** for  $\hat{Q}$ ;  $\Psi$  is an **eigenfunction** of  $\hat{Q}$ , and  $q$  is the corresponding **eigenvalue**.

### 3.4 Generalised Statistical Interpretation

If I measure  $Q(x, p)$ , on a particle with state  $\Psi(x, t)$ , I will get one of the eigenvalues of hermitian operator  $\hat{Q}(x, -\frac{i\hbar d}{dx})$ . If spectrum of  $\hat{Q}$  is discrete, probability of getting  $q_n$  with eigenfunction  $f_n$  is

$$|c_n|^2 \quad \text{where} \quad c_n = \langle f_n | \Psi \rangle$$

If the spectrum continuous, eigenvalues  $q(z)$  and eigenfunctions  $f_z(x)$ , probability of result in range  $dz$  is

$$|c(z)|^2 dz \quad \text{where} \quad c(z) = \langle f_z | \Psi \rangle$$

Eigenfunctions of an observable operator are complete, so

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_n c_n f_n(x)$$

with coefficients

$$c_n = \langle f_n | \Psi \rangle = \int f_n(x)^* \Psi(x, t) dx$$

$$\sum_n |c_n|^2 = 1$$

Similarly, expectation value of  $Q$  should be the sum of all possible outcomes/eigenvalues, times the probability of that eigenvalue,

$$\langle Q | Q \rangle = \sum_n q_n |c_n|^2$$

**Momentum space wave function,**

$$\Phi(p, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx/\hbar} \Psi(x, t) dx$$

$$\Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx/\hbar} \Phi(p, t) dp$$

### 3.5 Uncertainty Principle

**Shwarz inequality,**

$$\langle f | f \rangle \langle g | g \rangle \geq |\langle f | g \rangle|^2$$

**Commutator** between operators  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$ ,

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \equiv \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$$

**Energy-time uncertainty principle,**

$$\Delta t \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

## 4 Three-Dimensions

### 4.1 Schrodinger eq.

In 3D, the Schrodinger eq.,

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$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + V\Psi$$

where *Laplacian*,

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

Normalisation,

$$\int |\Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} = 1$$

Stationary states,

$$\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

where  $\psi_n$  satisfies the

**time-independent Schrodinger eq.,**

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi = E\psi$$

General solution,

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum c_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

### 4.1.1 Spherical coordinates

Of form  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .

Solution to *something* is

$$\Theta(\theta) = AP_l'''(\cos \theta)$$

where  $P_l^m$  is **Legendre function**,

$$P_l^m(x) \equiv (1-x^2)^{|m|/2} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \right)^{|n|} P_l(x)$$

and  $P_l(x)$  is the  $l$ th **Legendre polynomial**, defined by **Rodrigues formula**,

$$P_l(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2^l l!} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (x^2 - 1)^l$$

Normalised angular wave function are called

**spherical harmonics**

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi} \frac{(l-|m|)!}{(l+|m|)!}} e^{im\phi} P_l^m(\cos \theta)$$

$l$  is called the **azimuthal quantum number**, and  $m$  the **magnetic quantum number**.

**Radial equation,**

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \left[ V + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] u = Eu$$

### 4.2 Hydrogen Atom

Potential energy

$$V(r) = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$

Principal quantum number,  $n = j_{\max} + l + 1$ .

Allowed energies are **bohr formula**,

$$E_n = - \left[ \frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \right] \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{E_1}{n^2}, \quad n = 1.2.3, \dots$$

and **Bohr radius**,

$$a \equiv \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.529 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

Ground state,  $n = 1$ ,

$$E_1 = - \left[ \frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \right] = -13.6\text{eV}$$

Normalised hydrogen wave functions are

$$\psi_{nlm} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na}\right)^3 \frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3}} e^{-r/na} \cdot \left(\frac{2r}{na}\right)^l [L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2r/na)] Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

**TABLE 4.5:** The first few Laguerre polynomials,  $L_q(x)$ .

$L_0 = 1$
$L_1 = -x + 1$
$L_2 = x^2 - 4x + 2$
$L_3 = -x^3 + 9x^2 - 18x + 6$
$L_4 = x^4 - 16x^3 + 72x^2 - 96x + 24$
$L_5 = -x^5 + 25x^4 - 200x^3 + 600x^2 - 600x + 120$
$L_6 = x^6 - 36x^5 + 450x^4 - 2400x^3 + 5400x^2 - 4320x + 720$

**TABLE 4.6:** Some associated Laguerre polynomials,  $L_{q-p}^p(x)$ .

$L_0^0 = 1$	$L_0^2 = 2$
$L_1^0 = -x + 1$	$L_1^2 = -6x + 18$
$L_2^0 = x^2 - 4x + 2$	$L_2^2 = 12x^2 - 96x + 144$
$L_0^1 = 1$	$L_0^3 = 6$
$L_1^1 = -2x + 4$	$L_1^3 = -24x + 96$
$L_2^1 = 3x^2 - 18x + 18$	$L_2^3 = 60x^2 - 600x + 1200$

#### 4.2.1 Spectrum

Energy of transitions are equal to differences between initial and final states.

**Planck formula**, energy of photon proportional to its frequency,  $E_\gamma = h\nu$ . Wavelength  $\lambda = c/\nu$

**Rydberg formula**,

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R \left( \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

and **Rydberg constant** for Hydrogen,

$$R \equiv \frac{m}{4\pi\hbar^3} \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 = 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

#### 4.3 Angular Momentum

Classically, angular momentum,

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

or

$$L_x = yp_z - zp_y, \quad L_y = zp_x - xp_z, \quad L_z = xp_y - yp_x$$

Quantum operators defined  $p_x \rightarrow -\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and so on.

##### 4.3.1 Eigenvalues

Fundamental commutation relations for angular momentum,

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z; \quad [L_y, L_z] = i\hbar L_x; \quad [L_z, L_x] = i\hbar L_y$$

$$[L^2, L_x] = 0, \quad [L^2, L_y] = 0, \quad [L^2, L_z] = 0$$

Define the ladder operator,

$$L_\pm \equiv L_x \pm iL_y$$

So

$$[L_z, L_\pm] = \pm\hbar L_\pm, \text{ and } [L^2, L_\pm] = 0$$

Eigenfunctions,

$$L^2 f_l^m = \hbar^2 l(l+1) f_l^m; \quad L_z f_l^m = \hbar m f_l^m$$

where  $l = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, \dots$  and  $m = -l, -l+1, \dots, l-1, l$ .

#### 4.3.2 Eigenfunctions

Gradient, in spherical coordinates,

$$\nabla = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

implies

$$L_z = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

and

$$L^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$$

#### 4.4 Spin

Good luck!

### 5 Identical Particles

Ran out of time. GL!

### 6 Fundamental Constants

Planck's constant,  $\hbar = 1.05457 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$

Speed of light,  $c = 2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Mass of electron,  $m_e = 9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Mass of proton,  $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Charge of proton,  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Charge of electron,  $-e$

Permittivity of space,  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}$

Boltzmann constant,  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$