

$\nabla^2 \Psi = (R, Y)$ Since wave function is solely dependent on r ψ is not only a function of θ but both θ & ϕ

$$\textcircled{1} \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left\{ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{R}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \theta^2} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{R}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} \right\}$$

Ψ will come out because $\Psi(r)$ ~~not~~ but doesn't have any correlation with θ & ϕ

So for θ or ϕ individually we write

$\textcircled{2}$ partial derivative

$$\textcircled{1} \nabla^2 \Psi$$

$$\textcircled{2} \nabla^2 \Psi = \nabla^2 RY = ERY \textcircled{3}$$

$\therefore -\frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2 RY}$; multiplying both sides

$$\therefore \left[-\frac{2mr}{\hbar^2 RY} \left\{ \frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) - \frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} (V-E) \right\} + \left\{ \frac{1}{Y} \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \right\} \right]$$

[separated radial and angular portion]

Radial equation

$$\left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) - \frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} (V-E) \right] = C = l(l+1)$$

Wave function in regards to the radius

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

Angular equation

Wave function in regards to angle

$$- [l(l+1)]$$

Radial equation: potential must be known to solve the radial equation

Angular equation: separate Y because Y is not only a function of θ but also a function of ϕ

→ multiply with $Y \sin^2 \theta$

$$\rightarrow \sin(\theta) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} = -l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta Y$$

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

$$\Theta \Phi$$

→ To separate Θ and Φ we divide with $(\Theta \Phi)$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{\Theta} \sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

depends on Θ only $(= m^2)$

$$+ \left[\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} \right] = 0$$

depends on $\Phi = (-m^2)$