

1. a) In the infrared spectrum of H^{79}Br , there is an intense line at 2630 cm^{-1} . Calculate the force constant of H^{79}Br and the period of vibration of H^{79}Br .

b) The force constant of $^{79}\text{Br}^{79}\text{Br}$ is $240\text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$. Calculate the fundamental vibrational frequency and zero-point energy of $^{79}\text{Br}^{79}\text{Br}$.

c) Calculate the average z component of angular momentum, $\langle L_z \rangle$, for an electron in a ring of constant potential when it has the wavefunction:

$$i) \psi(\phi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}} \sin 3\phi$$

and

$$ii) \psi(\phi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}} e^{-3i\phi}.$$

2. The Earth (mass $\cong 6 \times 10^{24}\text{ kg}$) rotates about the sun (at an average distance of $r \cong 1.5 \times 10^{11}\text{ m}$) once per year (one year = 10π million seconds).

a) What is the Earth's angular momentum with respect to the sun in units of \hbar ?

b) What is the smallest principle quantum number n that allows the electron in a hydrogen atom to have this value of angular momentum?

c) How large is such an atom? Use $\langle \hat{r} \rangle$ for the H atom in the $1s$ state to express this size.

3. The five $l = 2$ spherical harmonic functions are:

$$Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} (2 \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$Y_{2,\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) = \mp \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{2,\pm 2}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$$

a) Prove that these functions are eigenfunctions of \hat{L}^2 and \hat{L}_z with appropriate eigenvalues.

b) Write $Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi)$ in terms of $\frac{x}{r}$, $\frac{y}{r}$, and $\frac{z}{r}$.

c) Use superposition to relate $Y_{2,1}$ and $Y_{2,-1}$ to real functions of $\frac{x}{r}$, $\frac{y}{r}$, and $\frac{z}{r}$. *Hint: Remember that $e^{\pm i\phi} = \cos \phi \pm i \sin \phi$*

d) Show that the smlplitude,

$$\psi(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [Y_{1,0}(\theta, \phi) + Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi)]$$

is an eigenfunction of \hat{L}_z but not \hat{L}^2 . $Y_{1,0}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$.

4. In class you were shown that not only are the $2l + 1$ m states of each l degenerate for the hydrogen atom, but there is an additional degeneracy for each n from the fact that $0 \leq l \leq n - 1$.

a) Given that under parity

$$\hat{P}Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi),$$

what is the first n for which a superposition of two different l states of even parity can be constructed? What are the values of l ?

b) The same question as in a), but for the case of odd parity.

5. This is a subtle question. When (in physical space, a.k.a. position representation) an eigenfunction of some Hamiltonian, \hat{H} , is $\psi_s(\vec{r})$ with a corresponding eigenvalue E_s (i.e. $\hat{H}\psi_s(\vec{r}) = E_s\psi_s(\vec{r})$), then we know that

$$E_s = \int \psi_s^*(\vec{r}) \hat{H} \psi_s(\vec{r}) d^3r,$$

where here we assume that $\psi_s(\vec{r})$ is normalized. Now, the amazing thing about the hydrogen atom (or any tow-body coulomb interaction) is that the $2s$ and $2p$ states are degenerate. Suppose instead of having a coulomb interaction that the relative interaction in atomic units is actually

$$V'(\rho) = \frac{-e^{-\gamma\rho}}{\rho},$$

where $\gamma \ll 1$.

a) Show that the new relative Hamiltonian, \hat{H}' , may be written as,

$$\hat{H}' = \hat{H} + \left(\frac{-e^{-\gamma\rho}}{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right),$$

where \hat{H} is the hydrogen atom Hamiltonian.

b) Assume that γ is so small that the eigenfunctions of the hydrogen atom Hamiltonian \hat{H} are also eigenfunctions of \hat{H}' . Show that no matter how small γ is, the energies of the $2s$ and $2p_z$ are no longer degenerate. Are the three $2p$ states still degenerate?

Extra credit: Suppose instead of a regular Coulomb interaction that the potential was given by $\frac{-1}{\rho^{1+\epsilon}}$, with $\epsilon \ll 1$. Show that the $2s$ and $2p_z$ states are not degenerate using the ideas advanced in the previous part of this problem.

6. Starting with the relationship $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$ and the definition $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$, show that:

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] = i\hbar\hat{L}_z$$

and

$$[\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}^2] = 0$$

The following commutator relations may be useful: $[A, BC] = B[A, C] + [A, B]C$ and $[AB, C] = A[B, C] + [A, C]B$.

7. Consider a U atom stripped of all but one electron: U^{91+} .

a) What is the ion's ionization energy in both eV and in atomic units?

b) What is $\langle \hat{r} \rangle$ for the 1s state of this ion in both Angstroms and atomic units?

c) For some principle quantum number n^* , U^{91+} will have $\langle \hat{r} \rangle_{n^*s} \geq \langle \hat{r} \rangle_{1s}$ for H. What is the smallest value that n^* can be?

d) What does the plot of $\langle \hat{r} \rangle_{1s}$ look like for all the one electron species from H to U^{91+} ?

8. Consider two possible spin states:

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = |0\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}|0\rangle + i\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}|1\rangle$$

a) What is the expectation value of S_z for each of these states? (Expectation value = $\langle S_z \rangle = \langle \Psi | S_z | \Psi \rangle$)

b) What is $\langle S_x \rangle$ for each of these states?

c) What is $\langle S_y \rangle$ for each of these states?