

(a) Our wavefunction is given by

$$\psi = C \left(\phi_{100} + 4i\phi_{210} - 2\sqrt{2}\phi_{22-1} \right)$$

To normalize, we compute $(\psi|\psi)$ and set it to 1:

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi|\psi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C^* \left(\phi_{100} + 4i\phi_{210} - 2\sqrt{2}\phi_{22-1} \right)^* \times \\ &\quad C \left(\phi_{100} + 4i\phi_{210} - 2\sqrt{2}\phi_{22-1} \right) d^3\vec{r} \\ &= |C|^2 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_{100}^* \phi_{100} d^3\vec{r} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 16 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_{210}^* \phi_{210} d^3\vec{r} + 8 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_{22-1}^* \phi_{22-1} d^3\vec{r} \right) \\ &= |C|^2 [(\phi_{100}|\phi_{100}) + 16(\phi_{210}|\phi_{210}) + 8(\phi_{22-1}|\phi_{22-1})] \\ &= |C|^2(1 + 16 + 8) = 25|C|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that the energy eigenfunctions are normalized. Note that “cross-terms” do not appear because the energy eigenstates are orthogonal. Choosing C to be real gives

$$C = \frac{1}{5}.$$

(b) Finding the expectation value of \hat{E} requires very similar manipulations, except this time we need to “sandwich” the energy operator in between the two copies of ψ :

$$\langle \hat{E} \rangle = (\psi|\hat{E}\psi).$$

Note that the cross-terms *still* do not appear, because the energy eigenstates satisfy the energy eigenvalue equation *i.e.*

$$\hat{E}\psi_{nlm} = E_n\psi_{nlm},$$

so for example

$$(\psi_{100}|\hat{E}\psi_{311}) = E_3(\psi_{100}|\psi_{311}) = 0.$$

Armed with this, we can immediately say

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{E} &= (\psi|\hat{E}\psi) \\
 &= |C|^2 [(\phi_{100}|\hat{E}\phi_{100}) + 16(\phi_{210}|\hat{E}\phi_{210}) + 8(\phi_{22-1}|\hat{E}\phi_{22-1})] \\
 &= |C|^2 [E_1(\phi_{100}|\phi_{100}) + 16E_2(\phi_{210}|\phi_{210}) + 8E_2(\phi_{22-1}|\phi_{22-1})] \\
 &= \frac{1}{51} (E_1 + 24E_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The algebra required to find \hat{L}^2 is very similar to what we have already done:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{L}^2 &= (\psi|\hat{L}^2\psi) \\
 &= |C|^2 [(\phi_{100}|\hat{L}^2\phi_{100}) + 16(\phi_{210}|\hat{L}^2\phi_{210}) + 8(\phi_{22-1}|\hat{L}^2\phi_{22-1})] \\
 &= |C|^2 [(0\hbar^2)(\phi_{100}|\phi_{100}) + 16(2\hbar^2)(\phi_{210}|\phi_{210}) + 8(6\hbar^2)(\phi_{22-1}|\phi_{22-1})] \\
 &= \frac{80\hbar^2}{25}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Finally, for \hat{L}_z we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{L}_z &= (\psi|\hat{L}_z\psi) \\
 &= |C|^2 [(\phi_{100}|\hat{L}_z\phi_{100}) + 16(\phi_{210}|\hat{L}_z\phi_{210}) + 8(\phi_{22-1}|\hat{L}_z\phi_{22-1})] \\
 &= |C|^2 [(0\hbar)(\phi_{100}|\phi_{100}) + 16(0\hbar)(\phi_{210}|\phi_{210}) + 8(-\hbar)(\phi_{22-1}|\phi_{22-1})] \\
 &= -\frac{8\hbar}{25}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (e) The probability of finding the electron in the $\phi_{210}(\mathbf{r})$ state is just the square of the magnitude of its normalized coefficient which is $|C4i|^2 = 16/25 = 0.64$

(f) The eigenfunction, $\phi_{100}(\mathbf{r})$, for a 1s electron of a hydrogen-like atom is given by,

$$\psi = k e^{-Zr/a_0}$$

where k is a constant, a_0 is the radius of the first Bohr orbit (and for hydrogen $Z=1$). The radial probability density of finding the electron at distance r , irrespective of direction, is given by $P = 4\pi r^2 \psi^2$, which can be written as $P = k_2 r^2 e^{-2Zr/a_0}$, where k_2 is a constant.

The radius at which P is maximum occurs when $\frac{dP}{dr} = 0$. We obtain the following:

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = k_2 \left[2r e^{-2Zr/a_0} - r^2 2 \left(\frac{Z}{a_0} \right) e^{-2Zr/a_0} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = k_2 2r e^{-2Zr/a_0} \left(1 - \frac{Zr}{a_0} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{Zr}{a_0} = 1$$

$$r = \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

(g) Each energy eigenstate evolves in time by a phase:

$$\psi_{nlm}(\vec{r}, t) = \psi_{nlm}(\vec{r}, 0) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

Note that the energy (and therefore the time evolution) depends only on the principal quantum number n . Using the superposition principle, we have

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = C(\phi_{100}(\vec{r})e^{-iE_1 t/\hbar} + 4i\phi_{210}(\vec{r})e^{-iE_2 t/\hbar} - 2\sqrt{2}\phi_{22-1}(\vec{r})e^{-iE_2 t/\hbar}),$$

where $E_n = -13.6 \text{ eV}/n^2$ since we are dealing with hydrogen.