

Solution:

a) The wavefunction is given by

$$|\psi\rangle = C(+4i|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle - 2\sqrt{2}|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle + |\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle)$$

Where  $\phi_{n,l,m}$  is a normalized eigenfunction of the H-atom with the corresponding quantum numbers. Due to the orthonormality of the eigenfunction we find that

$$\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = C^2(16 + 8 + 1) = 25C^2 \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{5}.$$

b) The expectation value of the energy is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E \rangle &= \langle\psi|\hat{H}|\psi\rangle = C^2(-4i\langle\phi_{2,1,0}| - 2\sqrt{2}\langle\phi_{2,2,-1}| + \langle\phi_{1,0,0}|)\hat{H}(+4i|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle \\ &\quad - 2\sqrt{2}|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle + |\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle) \\ &= C^2 16\langle\phi_{2,1,0}|\hat{H}|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle + C^2 8\langle\phi_{2,2,-1}|\hat{H}|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle \\ &\quad + C^2\langle\phi_{1,0,0}|\hat{H}|\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle = \frac{1}{25}(16E_2 + 8E_2 + E_1) = \frac{1}{25}\left(24\frac{E_1}{4} + E_1\right) \\ &= \frac{7}{25}E_1 \end{aligned}$$

c) The expectation value of the squared angular momentum is:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L^2 \rangle &= \langle\psi|\hat{L}^2|\psi\rangle \\ &= C^2(-4i\langle\phi_{2,1,0}| - 2\sqrt{2}\langle\phi_{2,2,-1}| + \langle\phi_{1,0,0}|)\hat{L}^2(+4i|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle \\ &\quad - 2\sqrt{2}|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle + |\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle) \\ &= C^2 16\langle\phi_{2,1,0}|\hat{L}^2|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle + C^2 8\langle\phi_{2,2,-1}|\hat{L}^2|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle \\ &\quad + C^2\langle\phi_{1,0,0}|\hat{L}^2|\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{25}(16\hbar^2 1(1+1) + 8\hbar^2 2(2+1) + \hbar^2 0(0+1)) \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{25}(32 + 48) = 3\frac{1}{5}\hbar^2 \end{aligned}$$

d) The expectation value of the z-component of the angular momentum is:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L_z \rangle &= \langle\psi|\hat{L}_z|\psi\rangle \\ &= C^2(-4i\langle\phi_{2,1,0}| - 2\sqrt{2}\langle\phi_{2,2,-1}| + \langle\phi_{1,0,0}|)\hat{L}_z(+4i|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle \\ &\quad - 2\sqrt{2}|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle + |\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle) \\ &= C^2 16\langle\phi_{2,1,0}|\hat{L}_z|\phi_{2,1,0}\rangle + C^2 8\langle\phi_{2,2,-1}|\hat{L}_z|\phi_{2,2,-1}\rangle \\ &\quad + C^2\langle\phi_{1,0,0}|\hat{L}_z|\phi_{1,0,0}\rangle = \frac{1}{25}(16\hbar 0 + 8\hbar(-1) + \hbar 0) = -\frac{8}{25}\hbar \end{aligned}$$

e) The probability of finding the atom in the state  $\phi_{210}$  is given by the square of the absolute value of the projection of the state on the  $\phi_{210}$  state. Namely,

$$P(2,1,0) = |\langle\phi_{2,1,0}|\psi\rangle|^2 = C^2|4i|^2 = \frac{16}{25}.$$

- f) The lowest eigenfunction of the H-atom is  $\phi_{1,0,0} = \frac{2}{a_0^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{r}{a_0}}$ . Therefore, the probability density of finding the electron at a distance  $r$  from the nucleus is given by:

$$p(r) = \frac{r^2 4}{a_0^3} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}$$

In order to find the most likely distance we have to find the maximum of the probability density. Therefore, we take its derivative with respect to  $r$ .

$$\frac{dp(r)}{dr} = \frac{8r}{a_0^3} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}} - \frac{r^2 8}{a_0^4} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}$$

Requesting that the derivative is zero in order to find the maximum we find:

$$\frac{8r}{a_0^3} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}} - \frac{r^2 8}{a_0^4} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}} = 0 \Rightarrow r^\# = a_0$$

Where  $r^\#$  denotes the most likely distance. Note that there is a small difference between the reduced Bohr radius, and the Bohr radius due to the use of the reduced mass rather than the electron mass in the definition.

- g) At  $t = 0$ , the z-component of the angular momentum is measured and it is found that  $L_z = 0$ , which implies that the wavefunction collapses to:

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t = 0) = \tilde{c}[\phi_{100}(\vec{r}) + 4i\phi_{210}(\vec{r})]$$

At a later time, the wave function is given by:

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \tilde{c} \left[ \phi_{100}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\frac{E_1 t}{\hbar}} + 4i\phi_{210}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\frac{E_2 t}{\hbar}} \right]$$

Where  $\tilde{c}$  is the new normalization coefficient, and with a similar calculation to the one we have already done before we get  $\tilde{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}$ .

The probability to measure the 2<sup>nd</sup> energy is given by  $P(E_2) = \sum_{l,m} |\langle 2, l, m | \psi \rangle|^2$ , and in our case we get  $P(E_2) = |\tilde{c} 4i|^2 = \frac{16}{17}$ .