

HOMEWORK SET 7: HYDROGEN WAVE EQUATION

Due Monday, February 12, 2024

PROBLEMS FROM TZDII¹

- 1) 8.44
- 2) 8.47

PROBLEM FROM AOD

3) The general 3-dimensional Schrödinger Equation in spherical coordinates is (equation 8.49 with substitutions)

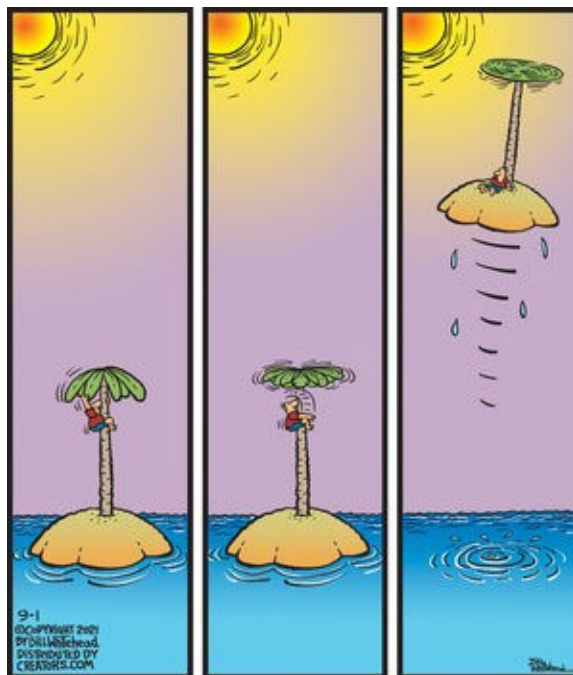
$$a_B = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e k e^2} \quad E = -\frac{E_R}{n^2} = -\frac{m_e (k e^2)^2}{2 \hbar^2 n^2} = -\frac{k e^2}{2 a_B n^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r \psi) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} = \left[\frac{1}{a_B^2 n^2} - \frac{2}{a_B r} \right] \psi$$

a) Using the tables in the text, write out the separate solutions for $R_{2,1}(r)$, $\Theta_{1,-1}(\theta)$ and $\Phi_{-1}(\phi)$ then write out $\psi_{2,1,-1}(r, \theta, \phi)$ (COMBINE ALL THE CONSTANTS INTO THE SIMPLEST FORM. FOR PART B, LET

$$A = \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a_B^5 \pi}})$$

b) Show that the $\psi_{2,1,-1}(r, \theta, \phi)$ you've written down is a solution to the 3-D Schrödinger equation shown above. (HINT: EVALUATE EACH TERM ON THE LEFT SEPARATELY (EACH TERM WITH PARTIAL DERIVATIVES) SIMPLIFY THEM SEPARATELY, THEN ADD THEM TOGETHER. SUBSTITUTE ψ ON THE RIGHT, CANCEL COMMON TERMS AND DO THE ALGEBRA TO GET $1 = 1$ OR $0 = 0$)



¹ Taylor, Zafiratos, & Dubson, *Modern Physics for Scientists and Engineers*, 2nd Edition, Pearson, Prentice Hall, 2004