

8.30) WRITE DOWN THE Θ EQUATION FOR $l = m = 1$. VERIFY THAT $\Theta = \sin\theta$ IS A SOLUTION. WRITE THE COMPLETE WAVE FUNCTION FOR $l = 1$, $m = \pm 1$. WITH r FIXED, IN WHAT DIRECTION IS $|\psi|^2$ A MAXIMUM FOR THESE STATES?

THE Θ EQUATION IS (8.65)

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right] + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2\theta} \right] \Theta = 0 \quad (1)$$

FOR $l = m = 1$, THIS BECOMES

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right] + \left[2 - \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \right] \Theta = 0 \quad (2)$$

SEE IF $\Theta = \sin\theta$ IS A SOLUTION:

DEALING WITH THE FIRST TERM,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right] &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\sin\theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\sin\theta \cos\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \left(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

BACK TO THE FULL EQUATION (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right] + \left[2 - \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \right] \Theta &= \\ \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \left(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \right) + \left(2\sin\theta - \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \right) \Theta &\stackrel{?}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

MULTIPLYING THROUGH BY $\sin\theta$ GIVES

$$\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta + 2\sin^2\theta - 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$$\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta - 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$$\boxed{1 - 1 = 0} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{QED!}}}$$

YES! $\Theta = \sin\theta$ IS A SOLUTION.



8.30) CONTINUED

THE COMPLETE WAVE FUNCTION FOR $l=m=\pm 1$ IS

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) (\sin \theta) e^{\pm i\phi} \quad (\text{AFTER 8.64})$$

THIS GIVES A PROBABILITY DENSITY OF $(|e^{\pm i\phi}|^2 = 1)$

$$|\psi|^2 = |\psi^* \psi| = |R(r)|^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

FOR $R(r)$ IT'S CONSTANT, THE MAXIMUM WILL BE WHERE $\sin^2 \theta$ IS A MAXIMUM

$$\Rightarrow |\psi|_{\text{MAX}}^2 \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \text{MAXIMUM} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \text{MAXIMUM ON THE X-Y PLANE}$$