

1. Hydrogen atom: general representation

An electron is bound in a hydrogen atom. We will *neglect spin* in this problem. Its state at time $t = 0$ is

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = A \left(\psi_{100} + \sqrt{3} \psi_{211} + \sqrt{2} \psi_{310} \right) \quad (1)$$

where $\psi_{n\ell m}$ are the usual normalized energy eigenfunctions of the H-atom.

- (a) Normalize $\psi(r, \theta, \phi)$
- (b) What is the expectation value of the energy in state ψ ?
- (c) Suppose at $t = 0$ you measured the energy and observed E_2 . Write down the resulting $\Psi(r, \theta, \phi, t)$ for $t > 0$.
- (d) A *different* electron is prepared in a state identical to the one in Equation (1). At time $t = 0$, we measure L^2 and find $2\hbar^2$. What was the probability of getting this value?
- (e) *After* the measurement of L^2 described in part (d) is made (with result $2\hbar^2$), what is the probability that a measurement of the z -component of angular momentum would yield \hbar ? Explain.

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2. A spin state

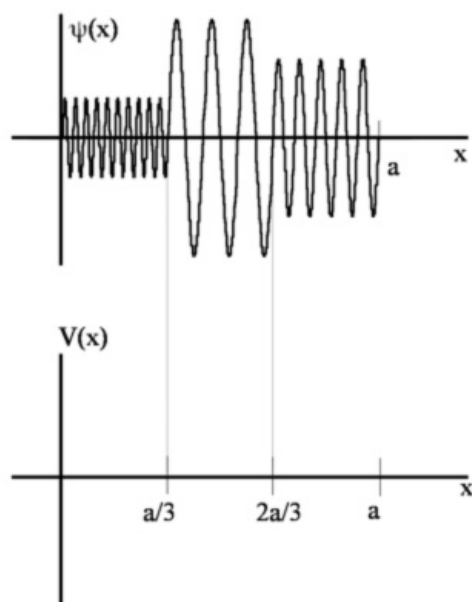
Consider an electron in the spin state

$$|\chi\rangle = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

- (a) Determine the normalization constant A .
- (b) What is the expectation value of S_x , using χ ?
- (c) Give the uncertainty relation (if any) for S_x and S_y , using χ .

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3. The real part of the wavefunction at $t = 0$ for a *highly excited energy eigenstate* of a quantum mechanical system is shown at the right. (The wave function is zero for $x < 0$ and $x > a$).
- In the empty graph below, sketch a potential energy $V(x)$ and total energy, that are consistent with this wavefunction. Clearly show relative lengths on your vertical scale and, *clearly explain the reasoning you used to draw your graph*.
 - Given the description of the wavefunction, is $\langle x \rangle$ greater than, less than or equal to $a/2$? Explain.
 - Will this wavefunction change with time, or not? Explain.
 - Will the probability density associated with this wavefunction change with time, or not? Explain.
 - Will $\langle x \rangle$ change with time, or not? Explain.
 - Is the uncertainty in the momentum of this particle σ_p , zero? If yes, explain why. If not, what bounds can you set for it?



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