

Quantum Mechanics II PHYS-4601

Second In-Class Test

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Instructions:

- Do not turn over until instructed.
- You will have 75 minutes to complete this test.
- No electronic devices or hardcopy notes are allowed.
- INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE QUESTIONS WILL GO HERE.
- **Answer all questions briefly and completely.**
- **Only the lined pages of your exam book will be graded. Use the blank pages for scratch work only.**

Useful Formulae:

- Schrödinger Equation

– time-dependent and position-basis time-independent

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi\rangle = H |\Psi\rangle, \quad \langle \vec{x} | H | \psi \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{x}) + V(\vec{x})\psi(\vec{x}) = E\psi(\vec{x})$$

– Radial equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \left[V(r) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} \right] u = Eu, \quad u(r) = rR(r)$$

- Angular momentum

– Commutation relations (ϵ_{ijk} is the antisymmetric tensor):

$$[L_i, L_j] = i\hbar \sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} L_k, \quad [L_z, L_{\pm}] = \pm \hbar L_{\pm} \text{ for } L_{\pm} = L_x \pm iL_y \text{ (and for } \vec{L} \rightarrow \vec{S}\text{)}$$

– Raising and Lowering

$$L_{\pm} |\ell, m\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{(\ell \mp m)(\ell \pm m + 1)} |\ell, m \pm 1\rangle$$

– $s = 1/2$ spin operators in the S_z eigenbasis are $\vec{S} = (\hbar/2)\vec{\sigma}$, with Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

– The “total” quantum number j for two added angular momenta of quantum numbers j_1 and j_2 is $j = j_1 + j_2, j_1 + j_2 - 1, \dots, |j_1 - j_2|$ (one multiplet of each value)

- Hydrogen

- States are denoted $|n, \ell, m, m_s\rangle$ or $|n, j, \ell, m_j\rangle$ (recall that $s = 1/2$ always for electrons).
- Bohr radius $a = 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2/me^2$ and energy $E_n = -(\hbar^2/2ma^2)(1/n^2) = -13.6 \text{ eV}/n^2$
- Spatial wavefunction

$$\psi_{n\ell m}(\vec{x}) \equiv \langle \vec{x} | n, \ell, m \rangle = R_{n\ell}(r) Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi), \quad R_{n\ell}, Y_\ell^m \text{ normalized separately}$$

- Spherical harmonics and associated Legendre functions

$$Y_\ell^m = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!}} e^{im\phi} P_\ell^m(\cos\theta) \quad (m \geq 0), \quad Y_\ell^{-m} = (-1)^m (Y_\ell^m)^*$$

$$P_\ell^m(x) = (1-x^2)^{m/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^m P_\ell(x), \quad P_\ell(x) = \frac{1}{2^\ell \ell!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^\ell (x^2-1)^\ell$$

TABLE 4.3: The first few spherical harmonics, $Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi)$.

$Y_0^0 = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2}$	$Y_2^{\pm 2} = \left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2\theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
$Y_1^0 = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos\theta$	$Y_3^0 = \left(\frac{7}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta)$
$Y_1^{\pm 1} = \mp \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$	$Y_3^{\pm 1} = \mp \left(\frac{21}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin\theta (5\cos^2\theta - 1) e^{\pm i\phi}$
$Y_2^0 = \left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)$	$Y_3^{\pm 2} = \left(\frac{105}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2\theta \cos\theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
$Y_2^{\pm 1} = \mp \left(\frac{15}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin\theta \cos\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$	$Y_3^{\pm 3} = \mp \left(\frac{35}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^3\theta e^{\pm 3i\phi}$

TABLE 4.7: The first few radial wave functions for hydrogen, $R_{n\ell}(r)$.

$R_{10} = 2a^{-3/2} \exp(-r/a)$
$R_{20} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r}{a}\right) \exp(-r/2a)$
$R_{21} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} a^{-3/2} \frac{r}{a} \exp(-r/2a)$
$R_{30} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{27}} a^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} \frac{r}{a} + \frac{2}{27} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2\right) \exp(-r/3a)$
$R_{31} = \frac{8}{27\sqrt{6}} a^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{r}{a}\right) \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) \exp(-r/3a)$
$R_{32} = \frac{4}{81\sqrt{30}} a^{-3/2} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2 \exp(-r/3a)$

- Quantum Computing

- 1-bit gates $I : (|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle)$; $NOT : (|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle)$;
 $R(\phi) : (|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\phi}|1\rangle)$; $H : (|0\rangle \rightarrow (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, |1\rangle \rightarrow (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2})$
- 2-bit controlled NOT gate $CNOT(|x\rangle|y\rangle) = |x\rangle|x \oplus y\rangle$, $\oplus =$ addition mod 2

- Possibly useful integrals

- Gaussian integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-ax^2+bx} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{b^2/4a}$$

where a, b can be complex as long as $\text{Re } a > 0$

- Exponential integrals

$$\int_0^{\infty} dx x^p e^{-x/b} = p! b^{p+1}$$