

sec 5.2. H-atom

If we consider the Hamiltonian for H-atom

$$H = \frac{p_p^2}{2m_p} + \frac{p_e^2}{2m_e} + V(\vec{r}_p - \vec{r}_e)$$

we can decouple this two-body problem into two one-body problems. If we use the C.O.M frame.

(i) free particle (C.O.M)

(ii) single particle of reduced mass in the potential $V(r)$

In C.O.M frame.

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{m_p \vec{r}_p + m_e \vec{r}_e}{m_p + m_e}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_p - \vec{r}_e$$

reduced mass $\mu = \frac{m_p m_e}{m_p + m_e}$; total mass $M = m_p + m_e$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{but } m_e = 0.91 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg} \\ m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{m_e}{m_p} \ll 1$$

using binomial expansion

$$(1 + x)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\dots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!} x^n$$

$$\mu = m_e \left(1 + \frac{m_e}{m_p}\right)^{-1} \approx m_e \left(1 - \frac{m_e}{m_p}\right) \approx m_e$$

Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{P_{cm}^2}{2M} + \frac{P_{rel}^2}{2\mu} + V(\vec{r})$$

If we write TISE

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{r}_{cm}, \vec{r}_{rel}, t) = \left[\frac{P_{cm}^2}{2M} + \frac{P_{rel}^2}{2\mu} + V(\vec{r}) \right] \Psi(\vec{r}_{cm}, \vec{r}_{rel}, t)$$

for H-atom $V(r) = -\frac{e^2}{r}$ in Gaussian units.

$\Rightarrow V(r)$ time independent.

The time dependence can be separate from the spacial part and then the spacial part can be separated into "product functions of \vec{r}_{cm} & \vec{r}_{rel} "

Now we are considering the case of single particle of reduced mass in the potential $V(r)$

$\hookrightarrow \mu = m_e = \text{say } m$

From eqⁿ (5.24) in last section.

The radial Schrödinger eqⁿ:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \left[V(r) + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2m r^2} \right] u_{l\ell}(r) = E_{l\ell} u_{l\ell}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2me^2}{\hbar^2 r} + \frac{2mE_{kl}}{\hbar^2} \right] u_{kl}(r) = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

($\frac{2me^2}{\hbar^2}$ has dimensions of (length)⁻¹)

$$\frac{2me^2}{\hbar^2} \text{ define as } \frac{1}{a_0}$$

where a_0 is define as Bohr radius

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2}$$

Now let us change our variables as $\rho = r/a_0$

Then (1) \Rightarrow

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{\rho^2} + \frac{2}{\rho} + \frac{2ma_0^2 E_{kl}}{\hbar^2} \right] u_{kl}(\rho) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let us define this term as $-\lambda_{kl}^2$.

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda_{kl}^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} \right)^2 E_{kl}$$

$$= \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \frac{\hbar^4}{m^2 e^4} E_{kl}$$

$$= \frac{2\hbar^2}{me^4} E_{kl}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{kl} = -\frac{me^4}{2\hbar^2} \lambda_{kl}^2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Goal: find the value for λ_{kl} .

If we consider the asymptotic behavior of eqⁿ ② we can write a general solution for that.

$$\text{General sol}^n = U_{kl}(p) = e^{-\lambda_{kl} p} y_{kl}(p)$$

by expanding $y_{kl}(p)$ in the powers of p

$$y_{kl}(p) = p^s \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k p^{k^c}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{kl}(p) = e^{-\lambda_{kl} p} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k p^{k^c + s} \quad \text{--- ③}$$

Now we assume this solution is true for every where (i.e. not only when $p \rightarrow \infty$)

by sub ③ in ② an equating the coefficients of both sides we can get a relationship as follows

$$C_k = 2 \left[\frac{\lambda_{kl}(k+l) - 1}{k^2 + 2kl + k} \right] C_{k-1}$$

$$\text{If we consider } \frac{C_k}{C_{k-1}} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\lambda_{kl} \cancel{k}}{k^2} \rightarrow \frac{2\lambda_{kl}}{k} \rightarrow 0$$

\Rightarrow this can't be happen

\Rightarrow q - should be finite.

\Rightarrow Series should terminate for physically acceptable solution?

for terminating value

$$2 [a_{k+1} (k+l) - 1] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{k+1} = \frac{1}{(k+l)}$$

we found a value for a_{k+1} .

\Rightarrow sub n (3)

$$E_{nl} = -\frac{m_0 e^4}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{(k+l)^2}$$

we define the principle quantum no. n as

$$n = (k+l)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n = -\frac{m_0 e^4}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Now let us consider the degeneracy of E_n .

For H-atom, shells characterized by n and it contain n subshells corresponding to each l value, where l can vary $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$

Each sub shell contain $(2l+1)$ distinct states corresponding to possible values of m .

$$m = -l, -l+1, \dots, l-1, l.$$

$$1, 2, 3, \dots, n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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this is due to radial w.d² is independent of quantum number n .

=> total degeneracy

$$g_n = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (2l+1) = 2 \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} l + n$$

$$= 2 \frac{(n-1)(n)}{2} + n$$

$$= n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g_n = n^2 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Now let us discuss about the quantized energy levels of H-atom.

We analyse this by means of wave length of emitted or absorbed photons from transitions.

It is clear that photons carry the difference in energy in initial & final states

Planck formula

$$E_{\text{photon}} = h\nu = E_i - E_n = -\frac{me^4}{8h^2} \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

but we know that $c = \nu\lambda$

$$h = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{me^4 c}{4\pi h^3} \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) \quad \text{--- Rydberg formula.}$$

In page 150 fig 5.1 we can see the spectrum of H atom.

here $n_i = 1$ — $n_f = 2, 3, \dots$ — Lyman series
in ultraviolet region

$n_i = 2$ — $n_f = 3, 4, \dots$ — Balmer series
in visible region.

$n_i = 3$ — $n_f = 4, 5, \dots$ — Paschen series
infrared.

Brackett.
infrared

Pfund
infrared

Humphreys
infrared.

