

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(t, \vec{x})}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \psi(t, \vec{x}), \quad \hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V(\vec{x})$$

$$\psi(t, \vec{x}) = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi(\vec{x})$$

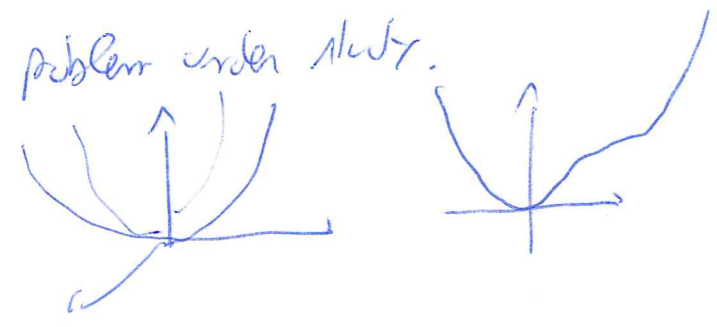
$$i\hbar \left(-\frac{iE}{\hbar}\right) \phi(\vec{x}) e^{-iEt/\hbar} = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \hat{H} \phi(\vec{x})$$

$$\hat{H} \phi(\vec{x}) = E \phi(\vec{x})$$

This is an eigenvalue equation for the operator \hat{H} . $\psi(\vec{x})$ is the eigenfunction with energy E .

The spectrum depends on the problem under study.

For "binding" potentials one "usually" has a discrete spectrum:



$$\phi_m(\vec{x}) \text{ with } m=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$\{\phi_m(\vec{x})\}$ is a "basis". If one determines $\phi_m(\vec{x})$ one has 'solved' the associated QM problem.

At $t=0$ I have: $\psi(0, \vec{x})$.

In general, I can write $\psi(0, \vec{x})$ as:

$$\psi(0, \vec{x}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(\vec{x})$$

But then, I immediately know the full solution at each t :

$$\psi(t, \vec{x}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \phi_n(\vec{x})$$

Namely:

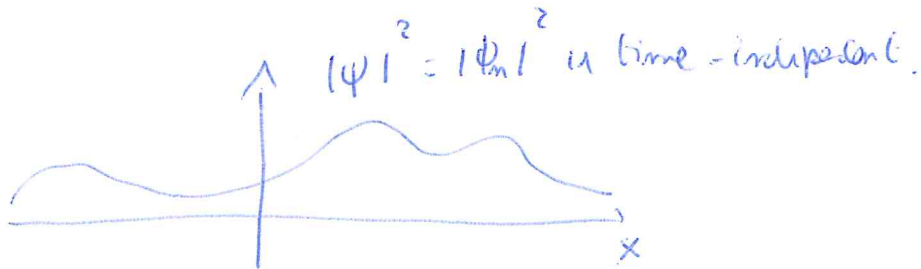
$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n E_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \phi_n = \sum_n c_n H(e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \phi_n) \\ &= H \sum_n c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \phi_n \\ &= H\psi \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi \quad \forall t.}$$

PROPERTY OF STATIONARY STATES:

$$\psi(t, \vec{x}) = e^{-iE_m t/\hbar} \phi_m(\vec{x})$$

$$\rho(t, \vec{x}) = |\psi(t, \vec{x})|^2 = |\phi_m(\vec{x})|^2 \text{ indep. on } t! \quad (= \rho(\vec{x}) \text{ only!})$$



• \hat{A} observable:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\psi(t, \vec{x})} &= \int d^3x \psi^*(t, \vec{x}) \hat{A} \psi(t, \vec{x}) \\ &= \int d^3x \phi_m^*(\vec{x}) \hat{A} \phi_m(\vec{x}) = \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\phi_m(\vec{x})} \end{aligned}$$

is also time-independent.

$$\int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) = 1 \quad \mapsto \quad \psi(|\vec{x}| \rightarrow \infty) = 0$$

• $\phi(\vec{x})$ is everywhere cont.

• $\partial_{x_i} \phi(\vec{x})$ is almost everywhere continuous.

One-dimensional - problem

$$\vec{x} \mapsto x$$

$$\psi(t, x) = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi(x)$$

$$H\phi = E\phi$$

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \right) \phi(x) = E \phi(x)$$

$\phi \equiv \phi_m(x)$ for a binding problem.

General properties:

1) $\{\phi_m(x)\}$ is discrete \mapsto no energy degeneracy

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \right) \phi(x) = E \phi(x)$$

ϕ_1, ϕ_2 solution.

$$W = \phi_1 \frac{d\phi_2}{dx} - \phi_2 \frac{d\phi_1}{dx} = C \quad (= 0 \text{ for } x \mapsto \pm\infty)$$

2) $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{\frac{d\phi_2}{dx}}{\phi_2} = \frac{\frac{d\phi_1}{dx}}{\phi_1} \rightarrow \phi_2 = K\phi_1.$$

Intuitively, it is obvious... "n" determines the solution, there is no other quantity which can do that...

Proof:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \phi_1'' + V\phi_1 = E\phi_1$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \phi_2'' + V\phi_2 = E\phi_2$$

$$\psi_2 \psi_1'' - \psi_1 \psi_2'' = 0$$

$$\text{Ergo: } \psi_2 \psi_1' - \psi_1 \psi_2' = \text{const} = 0!$$

• $\phi_n(x)$ can be chosen as real

(time independence of QM; also a bad beast...)

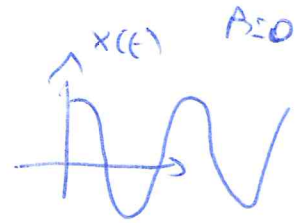
$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$$

$$m \ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$x(t) = a \cos(\omega t + \beta)$$

$$a \in \mathbb{R}$$



$$\langle x \rangle = 0, \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 a^2 = \text{const.}$$

All values between 0 and ∞ are allowed.

All energies are permitted.



Harmonic oscillators \rightarrow QM

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$$

$$H \Psi = E \Psi(x) \quad \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V \right) \Psi = E \Psi$$

answer $\text{Re}(\Psi(x \pm \infty)) = 0$

$$(k) \quad \Psi_m = N_m e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\alpha x)^2} \underbrace{H_m(\alpha x)}$$

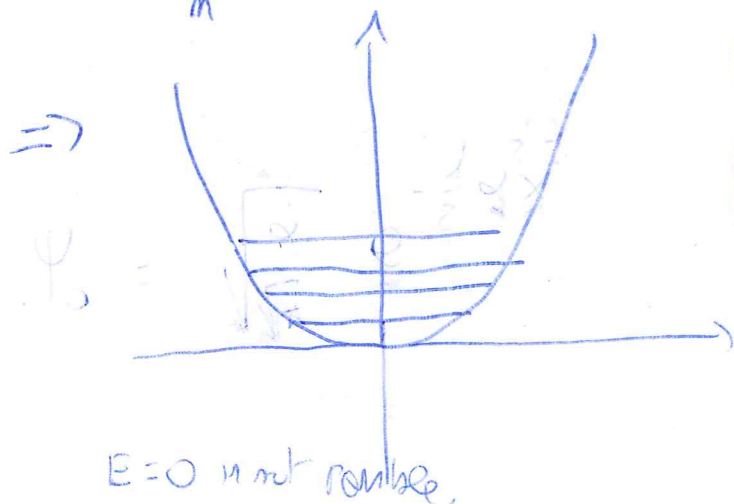
$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}}$$

Hermite polynomial

if you plug (k) into the stationary eq. you find:

$$H'' - 2(\alpha x) H' + (\epsilon - 1) H = 0$$

$\Rightarrow H_m(\alpha x)$ are the so-called Hermite polynomials.

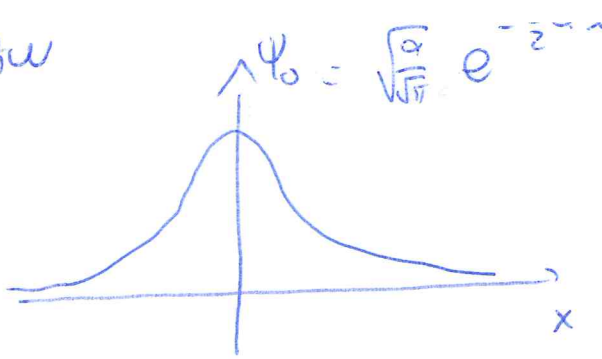


$$E_m = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$$

$$m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Only some values are allowed. Discrete spectrum.

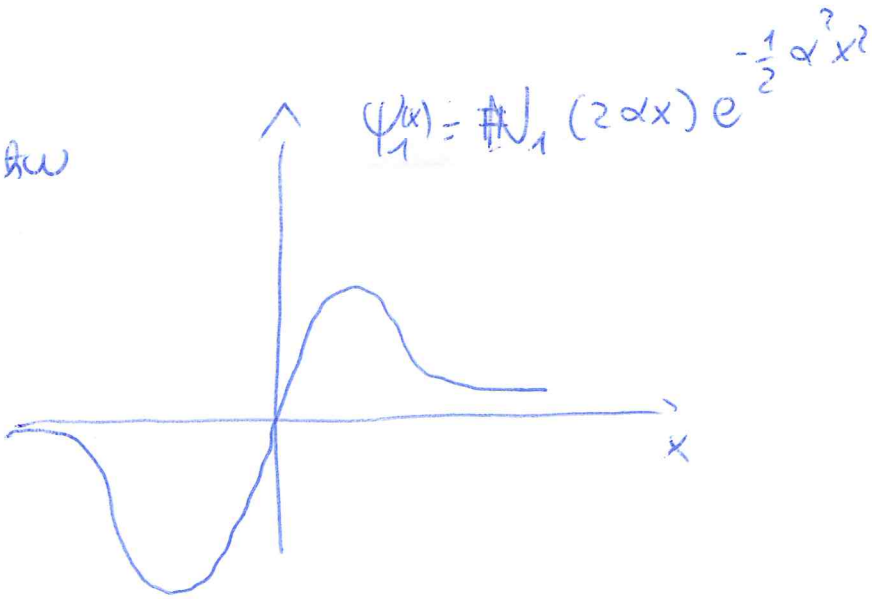
$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega$$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi_0|^2 dx = 1 \quad 0$$

even
 $\psi_0(-x) = \psi_0(x)$

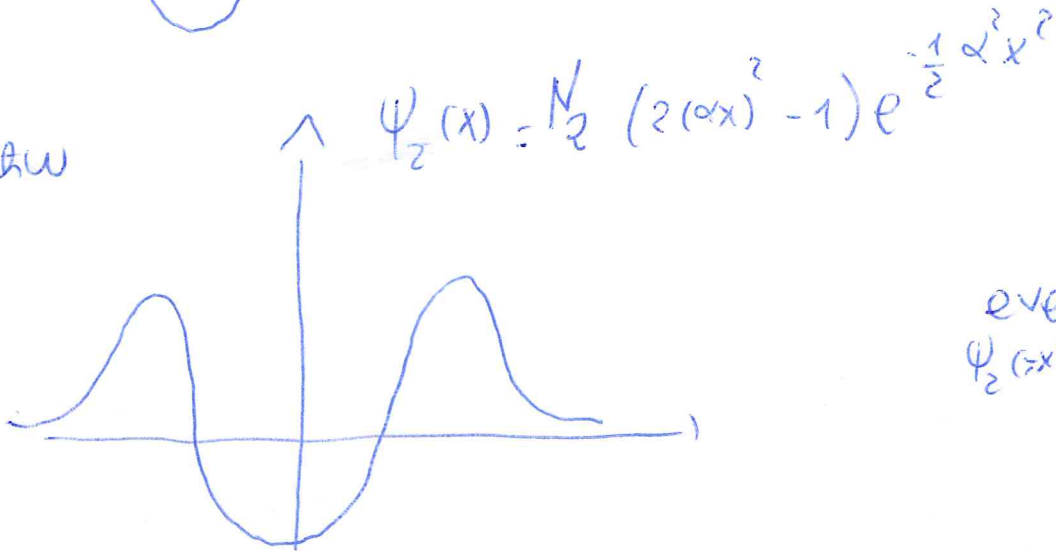
$$E_1 = \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega$$



$$N_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi_1(x)|^2 dx = 1$$

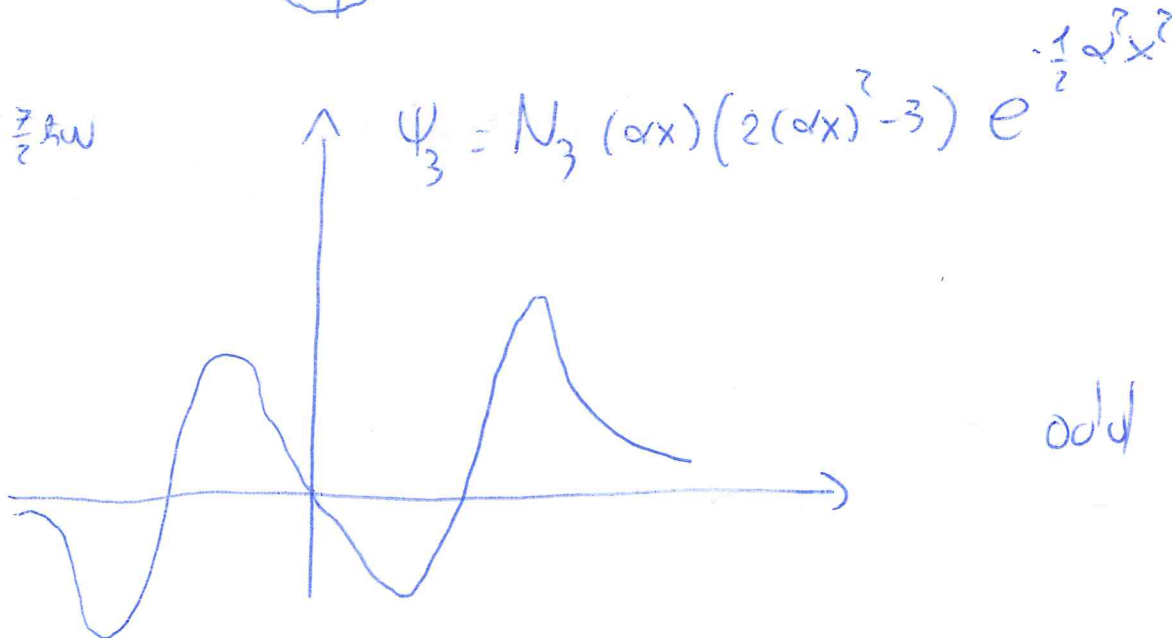
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$$E_2 = \frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega$$



even
 $\psi_2(-x) = \psi_2(x)$

$$E_3 = \frac{7}{2} \hbar \omega$$

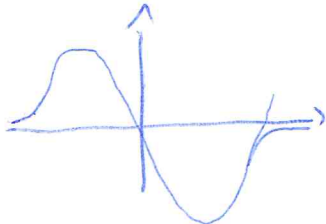


odd

- $\psi_0(x)$ is the ground state. It is the minimal energy but it is not zero energy...

$E_0 = 0$ is not possible. Namely, one could have $\Delta x < \infty$, $\Delta p = 0 \rightarrow$ one could violate the uncertainty relation

- Quantized spectrum: photon absorption and emission.

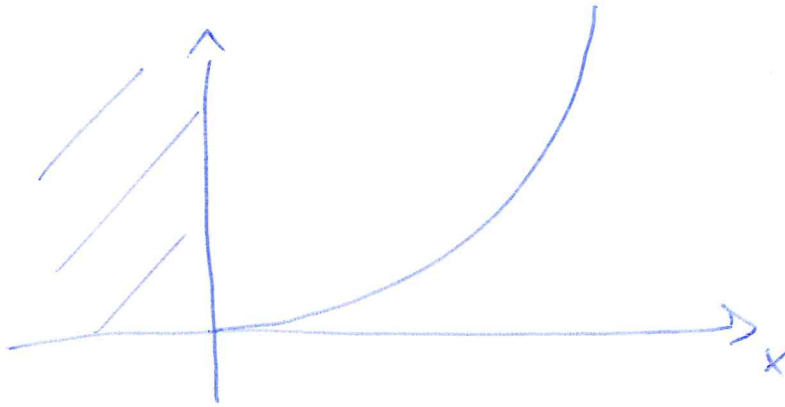
-  $\psi_1(x) \rightarrow$ contrary to intuition, it is not in the middle...

- $\begin{cases} \psi_0, \psi_2, \psi_4, \dots \rightarrow \text{even} \\ \psi_1, \psi_3, \psi_5, \dots \rightarrow \text{odd} \end{cases}$

This is general for every binding potential with $V(x) = V(-x)$.

- "flow" very small for macroscopic objects. It looks as if were continuous!!!

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 & x \geq 0 \\ \infty & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\psi(0) = 0$$

Ergo, only the odd part of the spectrum survives.

$$E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega \quad n = 1, 3, 5$$

$$E_k = \left(2k + 1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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From 1 dim to 3 dim = a special simple case.

$$V(\vec{x}) = V_1(x) + V_2(y) + V_3(z)$$

$$H = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2) + V(\vec{x}) = H_1(x) + H_2(y) + H_3(z)$$

$$H_1 \phi_1(x) = E_1 \phi_1(x) \quad \phi_{1,m}(x)$$

$$H_2 \phi_2(y) = E_2 \phi_2(y) \quad \phi_{2,k}(y)$$

$$H_3 \phi_3(z) = E_3 \phi_3(z) \quad \phi_{3,r}(z)$$

$$\Psi_{mkr}(x, y, z) = \phi_{1,m}(x) \phi_{2,k}(y) \phi_{3,r}(z)$$

is a solution of the whole Schr. eq $H\Psi = E\Psi$
with energy

$$E_{mkr} = E_{1,m} + E_{2,k} + E_{3,r}$$

If we have:

$$V(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_1^2 x^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_2^2 y^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_3^2 z^2$$

The spectrum is given by

$$E_{mkr} = \hbar \omega_1 \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \hbar \omega_2 \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \hbar \omega_3 \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

The ground state is given by

$$E_0 = E_{000} = \frac{1}{2} (\hbar \omega_1 + \hbar \omega_2 + \hbar \omega_3)$$

(The wf is the product of 3 wfs).

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(Quantum Field Theory:

$E_0 = \infty$, infinity of oscillation with all possible frequencies)

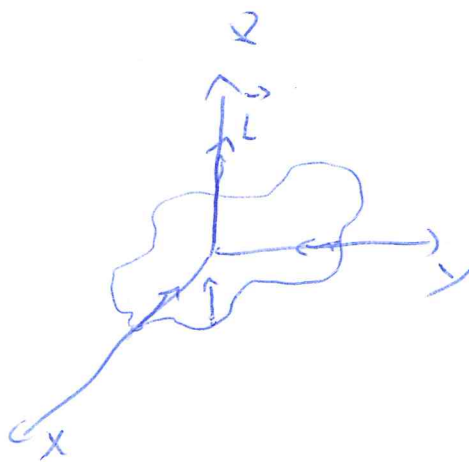
$$E = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + V(r)$$

$$z = 0, \quad \dot{z} = 0$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \text{const.}$$

Let us choose $z = 0$, x and $y \neq 0$.

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \varphi \\ y = r \sin \varphi \end{cases} \quad \text{Polar coordinates}$$



$$|\vec{L}| = r m v \sin \varphi_{\vec{r}, \vec{v}} = \text{const.}$$

$$\dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \varphi - r \sin \varphi \dot{\varphi}$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{r} \sin \varphi + r \cos \varphi \dot{\varphi}$$

$$\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = \dot{r}^2 \cos^2 \varphi + r^2 \sin^2 \varphi \dot{\varphi}^2 + \dot{r}^2 \sin^2 \varphi + r^2 \cos^2 \varphi \dot{\varphi}^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2$$

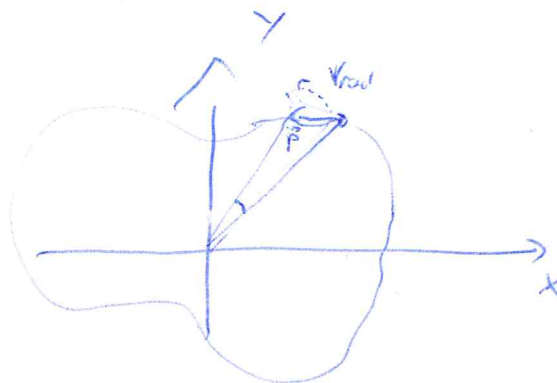
Ergebnis, die Energiefunktion ist:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2) + V(r) \quad (= \text{const.})$$

But:

$$|\vec{L}| = |\vec{r} \times \vec{p}| = m r \cdot v_{\text{tang}} =$$

$$= m r \dot{\varphi} r = m r^2 \dot{\varphi} = L$$



Ergebnis:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2 + V(r)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{L^2}{2 m r^2} + V(r)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(r)$$

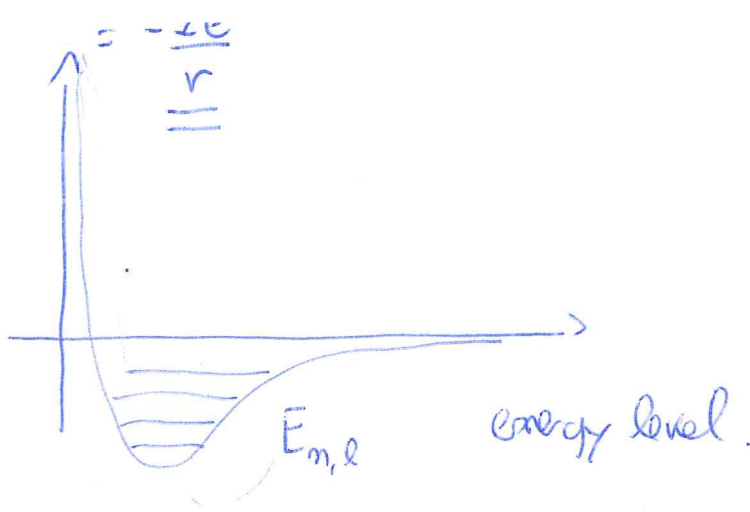
$$V_{\text{eff}}(r) = V(r) + \frac{L^2}{2 m r^2}$$

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→

$$V(r) + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2 m r^2}$$

= V_{eff}

$$V(r) = -\frac{k}{r}$$



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n is the radial quantum number.

$$E \mapsto H$$

$$\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{R_{n,l}(r)}{r} Y_{l,m}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

reduces to an eq. for $R_{n,l}(r)$ only.

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + V(r) + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2mr^2} \right] R_{n,l}(r) = E_{n,l} R_{n,l}(r)$$

$$\int_0^\infty |R_{n,l}(r)|^2 dr = 1$$

$$\int d^3r |\Psi|^2 = 1 = \int_0^\infty r^2 \frac{|R_{n,l}(r)|^2}{r^2} \underbrace{\int \sin^2\theta d\phi |Y_{l,m}|^2}_1 = \int_0^\infty |R_{n,l}(r)|^2 dr = 1!!$$

$$\Psi_{nlm} = \frac{1}{r} N_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(r, \varphi)$$

$$N_{nl}(r) = N_{nl} \eta^{l+1} L_{m-l-1}^{2l+1}(\eta) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\eta}$$

$$\eta = 2\sqrt{\frac{-2mE}{\hbar^2}} r$$

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Examples:

$$N_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a_0}} \frac{2r}{a_0} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}$$

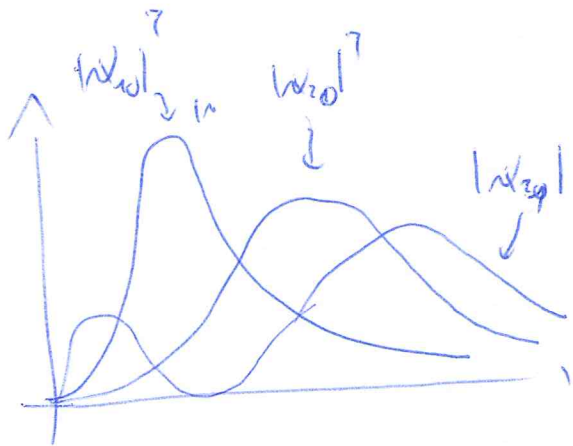
$$N_{20} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5a_0}} \frac{2r}{a_0} \left(2 - \frac{2r}{a_0}\right) e^{-\frac{2r}{2a_0}}$$

$$N_{21} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{24a_0}} \left(\frac{2r}{a_0}\right)^2 e^{-\frac{2r}{2a_0}}$$

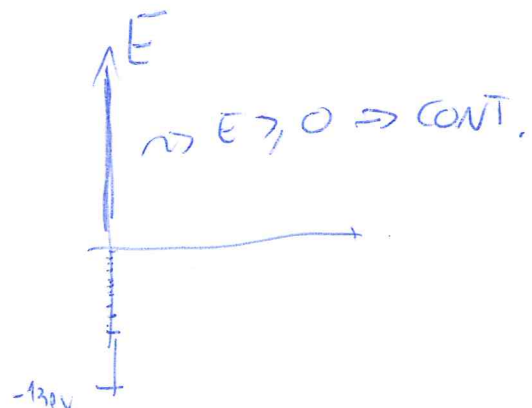
$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{m e^2}$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
principal quantum number
 $l = 0, \dots, n-1$

$n=1, l=0$
 $n=2 \rightarrow l=0$
 $\quad \quad \quad \rightarrow l=1$



$$E_n = -\frac{e^2}{2a_0} \frac{1}{n^2}$$



Spectral energy levels of m^1

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$$E_{ml} = - \frac{Z^2 e^2}{2a_0} \frac{1}{(n^1 + l + 1)^2}$$

$$m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$l = 0, 1, \dots$$

n^1 is the no. of zero
of $\psi_{nlm}(r)$