

The final "touch" requires putting all together

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$$

where

$$\Theta(\theta) = A P_l^m(\cos \theta)$$

and

$$\Phi(\phi) = e^{im\phi}$$

with the "quantization" condition:

$$l = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \quad m = -l, -l + 1, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, l - 1, l$$

We also need to **normalize** using $d^3\mathbf{r} = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

$$\int |\psi|^2 r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi = \underbrace{\int |R|^2 r^2 dr}_{=1} \underbrace{\int |Y|^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi}_{=1} = 1$$

For the angular component this means:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi |Y|^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = 1$$

By this procedure the famous **spherical harmonics** arise:

1 "s"

$$Y_0^0 = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$Y_2^{\pm 2} = \left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$$

pz

$$Y_1^0 = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta$$

$$Y_3^0 = \left(\frac{7}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)$$

3 "p"

px, py

$$Y_1^{\pm 1} = \mp \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_3^{\pm 1} = \mp \left(\frac{21}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) e^{\pm i\phi}$$

7 "f"

5 "d"

$$Y_2^0 = \left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

$$Y_3^{\pm 2} = \left(\frac{105}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^{\pm 1} = \mp \left(\frac{15}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_3^{\pm 3} = \mp \left(\frac{35}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^3 \theta e^{\pm 3i\phi}$$

In a compact form:

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-|m|)!}{4\pi(l+|m|)!}} e^{im\phi} P_l^m(\cos\theta)$$

with $\epsilon = (-1)^m$ for $m \geq 0$ and $\epsilon = 1$ for $m \leq 0$

and the **orthonormality** condition

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)]^* [Y_{l'}^{m'}(\theta, \phi)] \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

"l" is the **azimuthal quantum number** (or **angular momentum**)

"m" is the **magnetic quantum number** (or **z-axis projection of the angular momentum**)

4.1.3: The Radial Equation

For the angular component we are DONE. But the radial portion depends on $V(r)$.

Reminder:

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) - \frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} [V(r) - E]R = l(l+1)R$$

Before proceeding **another** redefinition!

$$u(r) = r R(r)$$

$$dR/dr = d[u(r)/r]/dr = (1/r)du/dr - u/r^2$$

$$d/dr [r^2 dR/dr] = r d^2u(r)/dr^2$$

It is indeed a simplification!

The new **radial equation** becomes ... (make sure you do the math to prove that this is correct; you have to multiply all by $-\hbar^2/2mr$)

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

Mathematically identical to a 1D problem (if $u \rightarrow \psi$) with an **effective potential** that includes a **centrifugal term**:

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

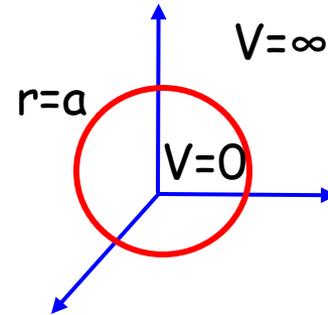
Normalization becomes

$$\int_0^\infty |u|^2 dr = 1$$

$$[u(r) = r R(r)]$$

Example 4.1: infinite spherical well

$$V(r) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } r \leq a. \\ \infty, & \text{if } r > a \end{cases}$$



(in HW9 you will solve the infinite **cubic** well)

Steps very similar to 1D. Same k etc., but with a centrifugal component

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} = \left[\underbrace{\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}} - k^2 \right] u \quad k \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

Math diff between
1D and 3D radial

If $l=0$, then it is the exact same Sch. Eq. of the 1D infinite square well! We know the general solution:

$$\frac{d^2u}{dr^2} = -k^2u \Rightarrow u(r) = A \sin(kr) + B \cos(kr)$$

But the boundary conditions are different. On one hand, $u(r=a)=0$ as before. But $u(r=0)$ is just one point.

However, the true function we need is $R(r) = u(r)/r$. Thus, we must choose $B=0$ to avoid a divergence at $r=0$. A nonzero "A" is ok because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(x)/x = 1$.

Then, at "the end of the day" it is all the same as in 1D:
 $ka=n\pi$, with $n=1,2,3, \dots$ i.e.

$$E_{n0} = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$$

Now we have to put all together! In general:

$$\psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

$$R_{nl}(r) = u_{nl}(r)/r$$

$$Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) = 1/\sqrt{4\pi}$$

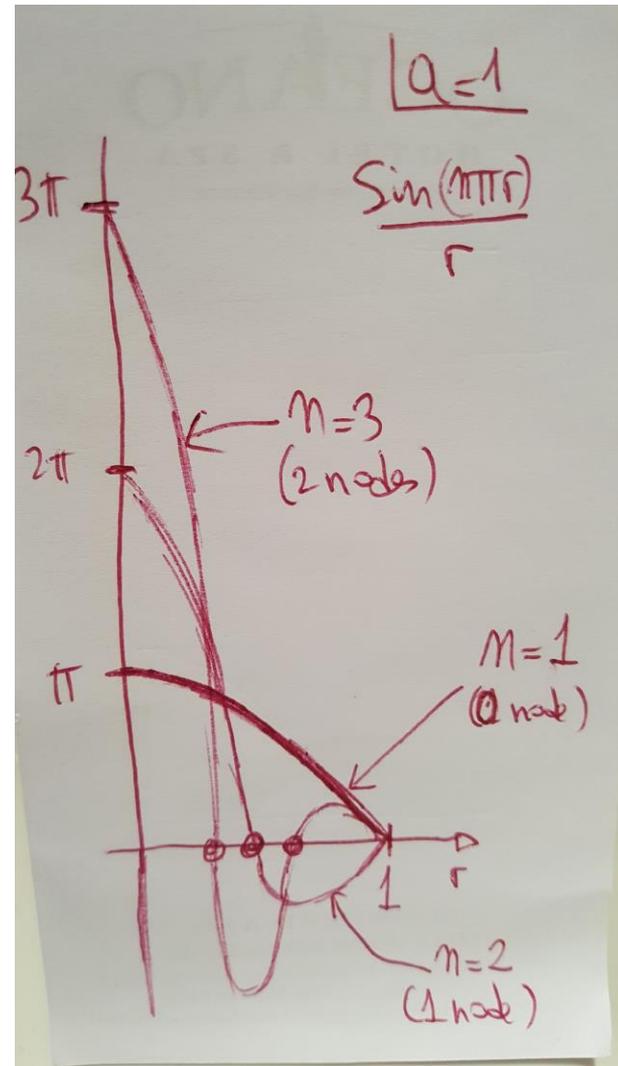
$$u(r) = A \sin(kr) \quad \text{for } l=0 \text{ with normalization} \quad A = \sqrt{2/a}$$

Then, the final answer for arbitrary n, l=0, m=0 is:

$$\psi_{n00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi a}} \frac{\sin(n\pi r/a)}{r}$$

Common error:
forgetting this r.

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In general, for arbitrary "l" the solution is more complicated because of the centrifugal term.

$$u_{nl}(r) = Ar j_l(kr)$$

Spherical Bessel function of order "l" denoted as $j_l(x)$

$$R_{nl}(r) = A j_l(kr)$$

Boundary condition:

$$j_l(ka) = 0$$

k no longer "easy"

Do NOT worry about the **Spherical Neumann function** of order "l" denoted as $n_l(x)$. They diverge at $r=0$.

$$j_0 = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$j_1 = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

$$j_2 = \left(\frac{3}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \sin x - \frac{3}{x^2} \cos x$$

As $x \rightarrow 0$, converges to 1.
 "s" wave is nonzero at $r=0$

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 converges to 0

