

LECTURE 27

8-7-09

FINISH HYDROGEN : VISUAL/INTUITIVE

HOW BIG ARE ATOMS?

LEGENDRE AND ASSOC. LEGENDRE

The Wave Function Equations

<http://panda.unm.edu/Courses/Finley/P262/Hydrogen/WaveFcns.html>

http://quantummechanics.ucsd.edu/ph130a/130_notes/node233.html

The Radial Components

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/Hbase/hydwf.html#c1>

<http://www.pha.jhu.edu/~rt19/hydro/img73.gif>

The Angular Components

<http://oak.ucc.nau.edu/jws8/dpgraph/Yellm.html>

Radial times Angular

http://webphysics.davidson.edu/faculty/dmb/hydrogen/intro_hyd.html

<http://www.falstad.com/qmatom/>

http://quantummechanics.ucsd.edu/ph130a/130_notes/img1944.png

Even More

<http://www.pha.jhu.edu/~rt19/hydro/>

http://itl.chem.ufl.edu/4412_aa/radwfct.html

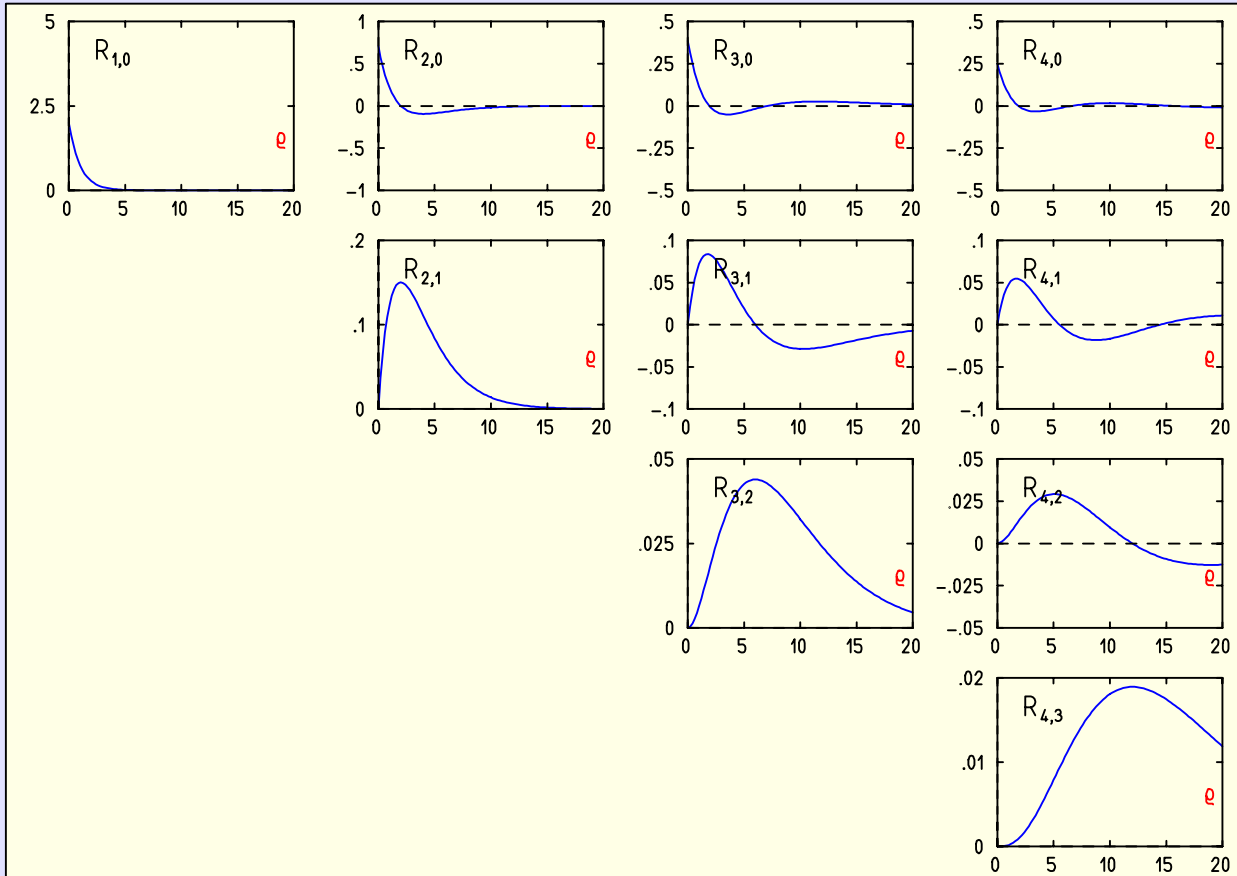
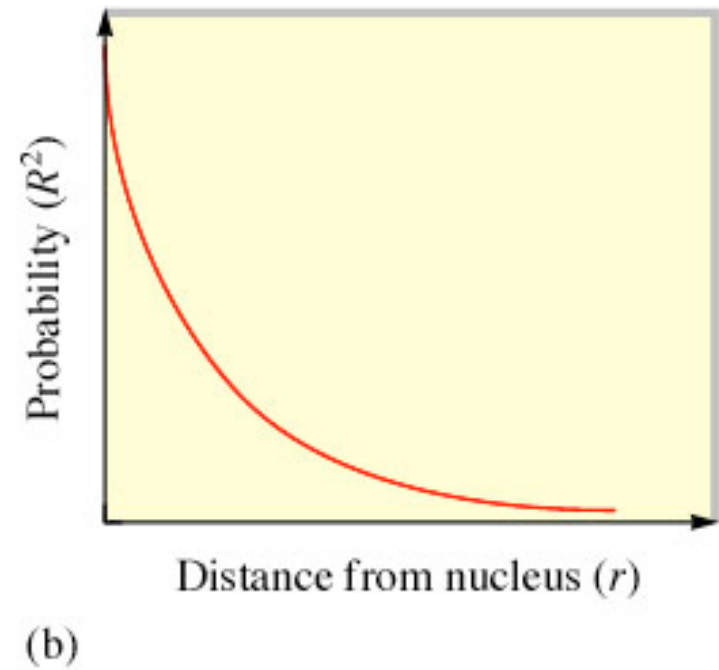


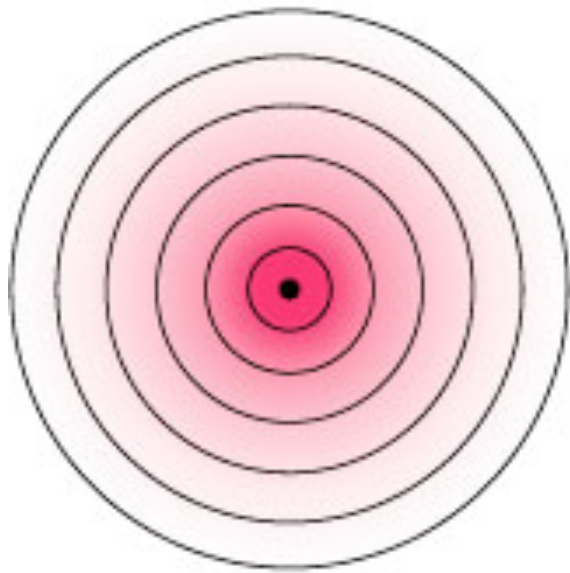
Fig. 13.14. Radial eigenfunctions $R_{n\ell}(\rho)$ for the electron in the hydrogen atom. Their zeros are the $n - \ell - 1$ zeros of the Laguerre polynomials $L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(2\rho/n)$. Here the argument of the Laguerre polynomial is $2\rho/n$ with n being the principal quantum number and $\rho = r/a$ the distance between electron and nucleus divided by the Bohr radius a .

A hydrogen atom lost its electron and went to the police station to file a missing electron report. He was questioned by the police:
"Haven't you just misplaced it somewhere? Are you sure that your electron is really lost?"
"I'm positive." replied the atom.

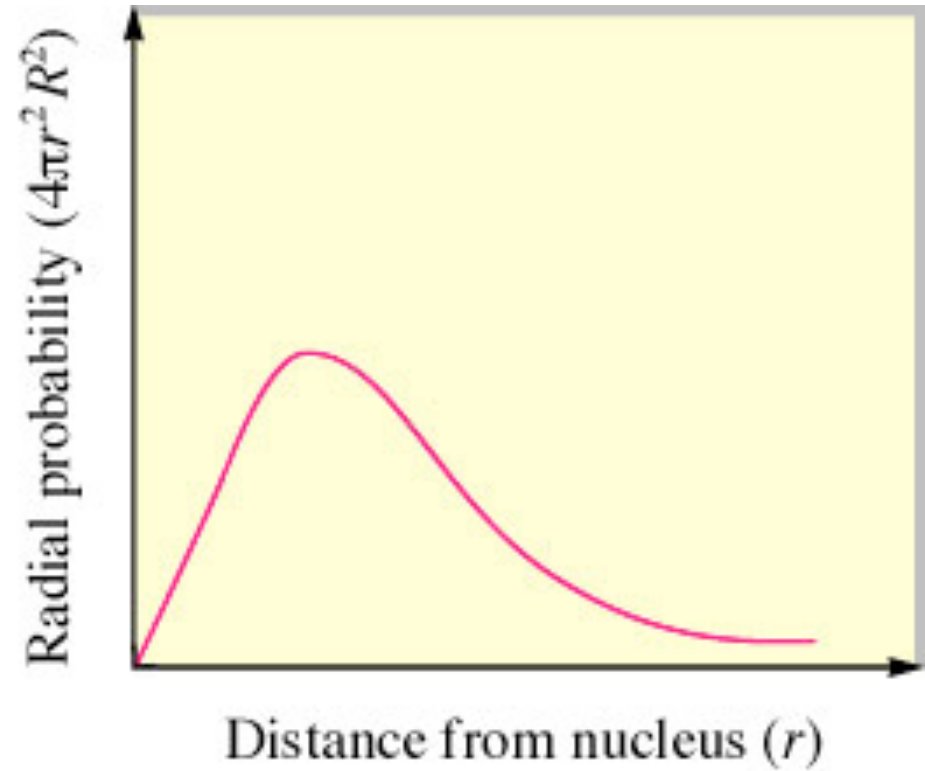
Probability Distribution for the 1s Wave Function



Radial Probability Distribution



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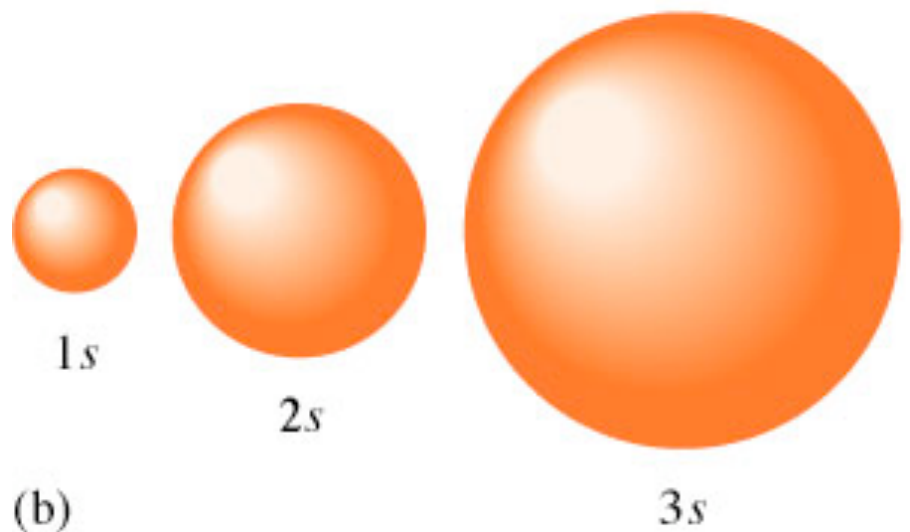
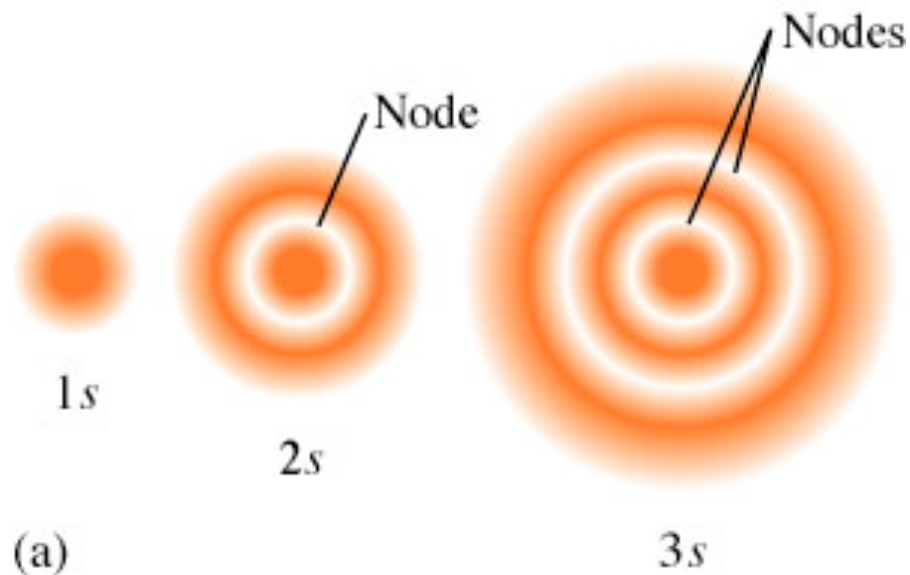


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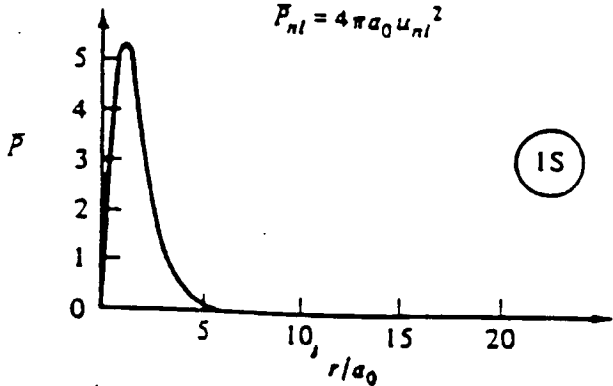
Probability Distribution

- ✓ square of the wave function
- ✓ probability of finding an electron at a given position
- ✓ Radial probability distribution is the probability distribution in each spherical shell.

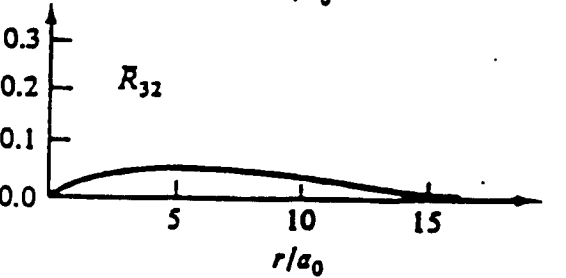
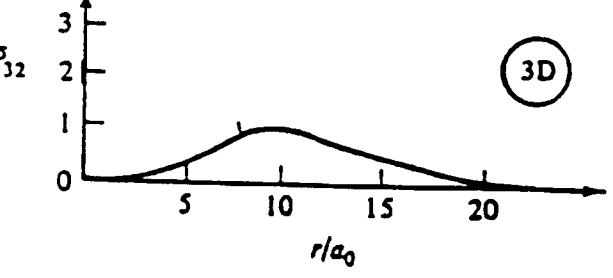
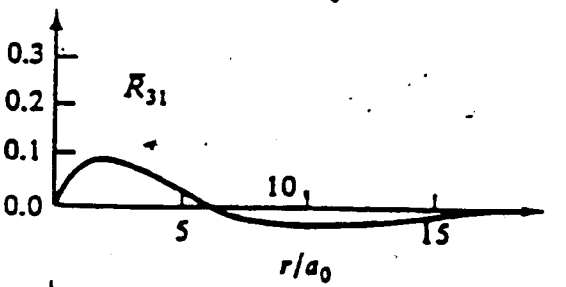
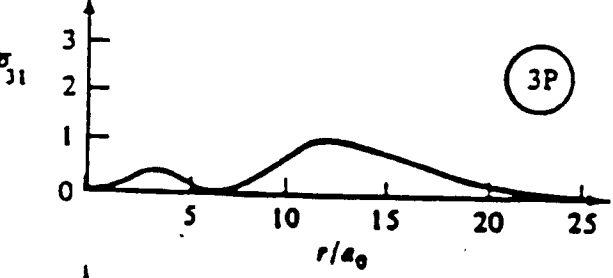
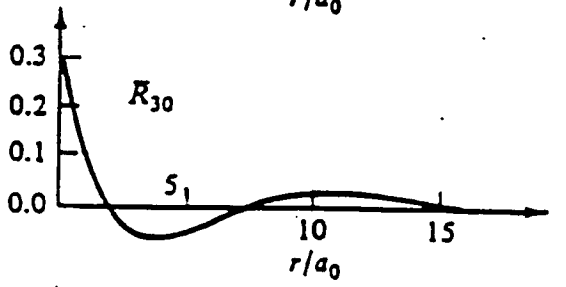
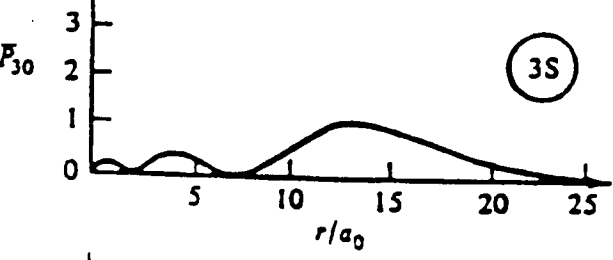
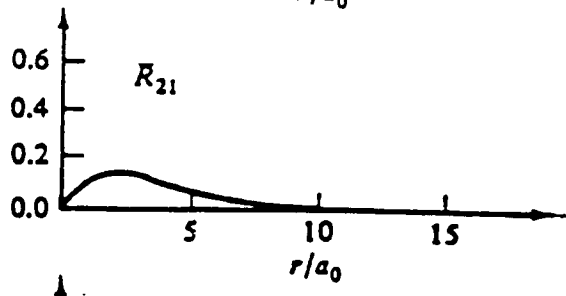
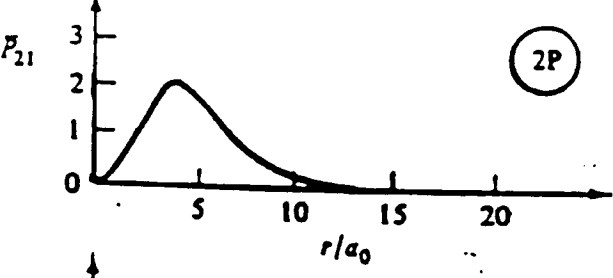
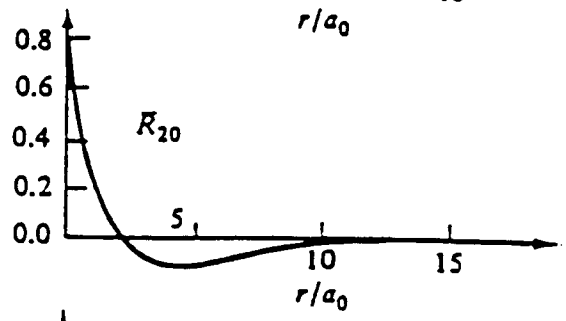
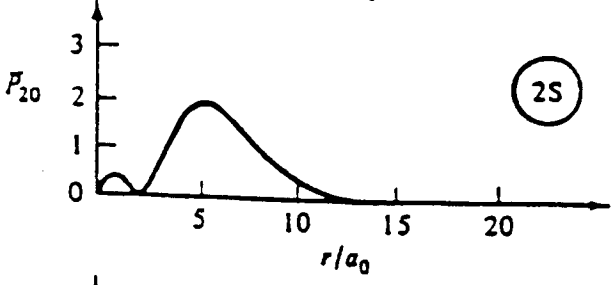
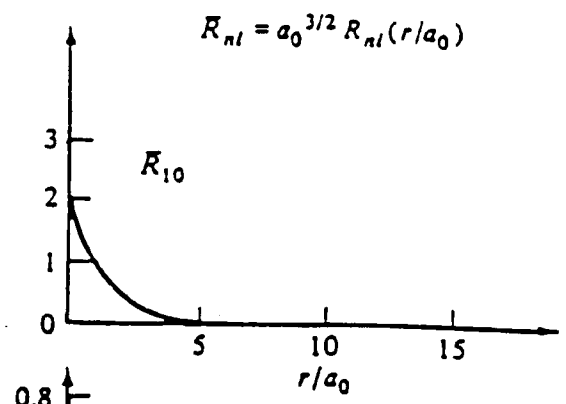
Two Representations of the Hydrogen 1s, 2s, and 3s Orbitals



$$P_{nl} = 4\pi a_0 u_{nl}^2$$



$$R_{nl} = a_0^{3/2} R_{nl}(r/a_0)$$



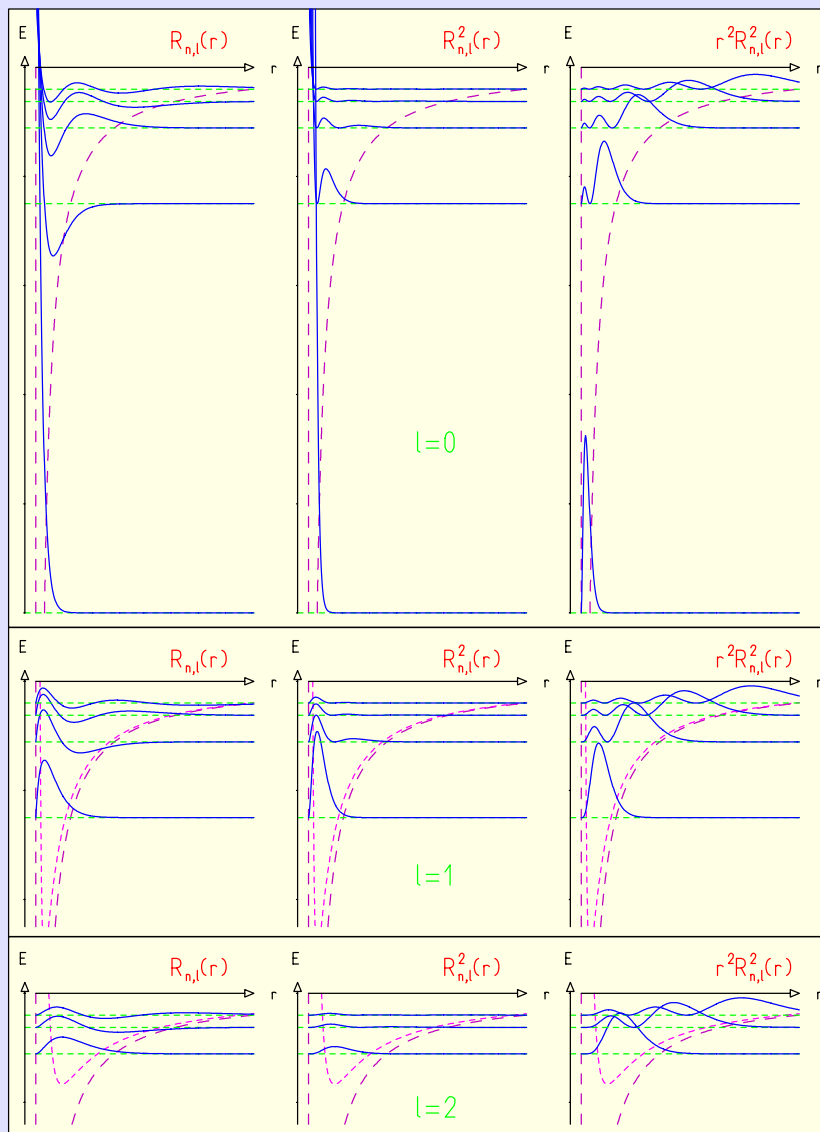
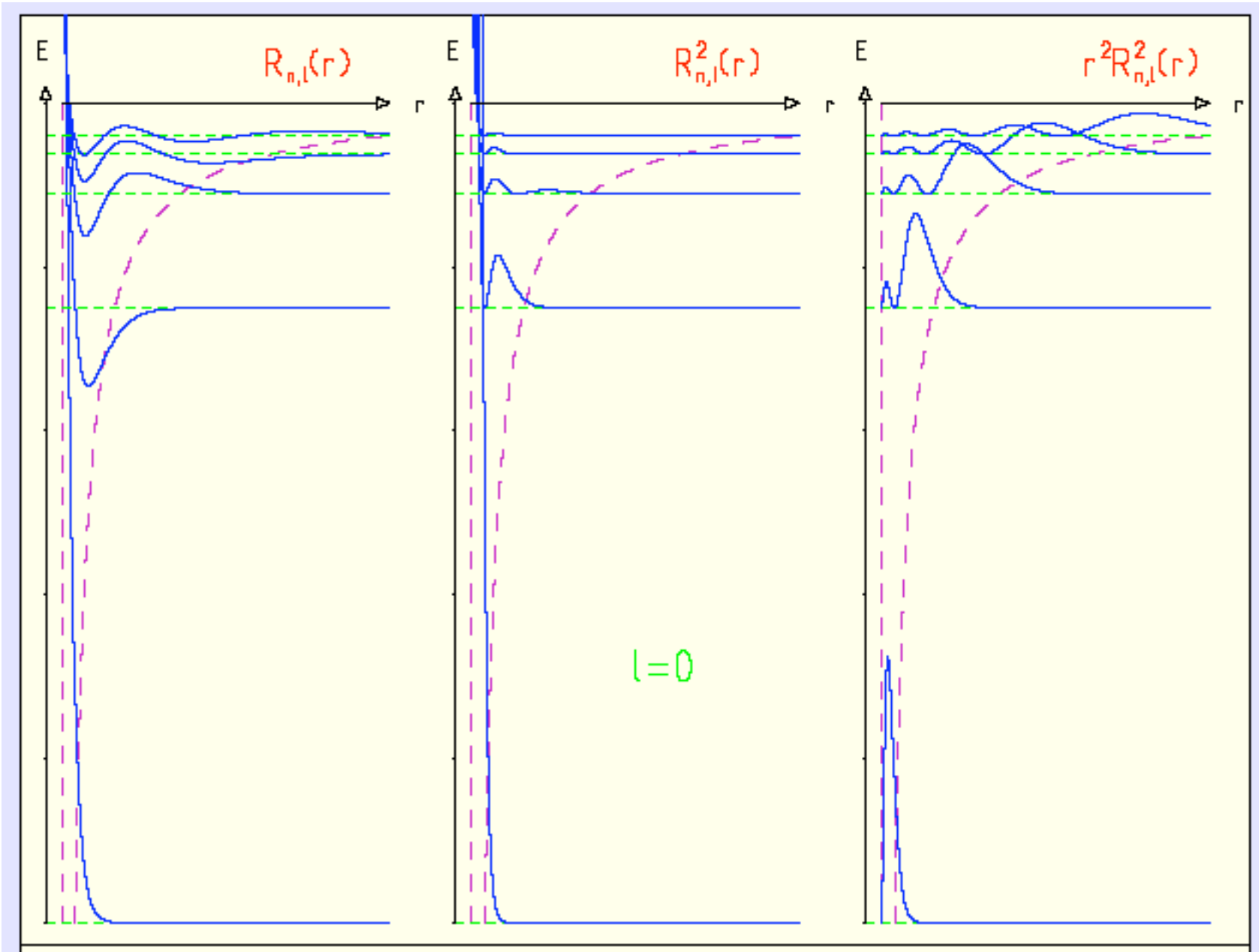
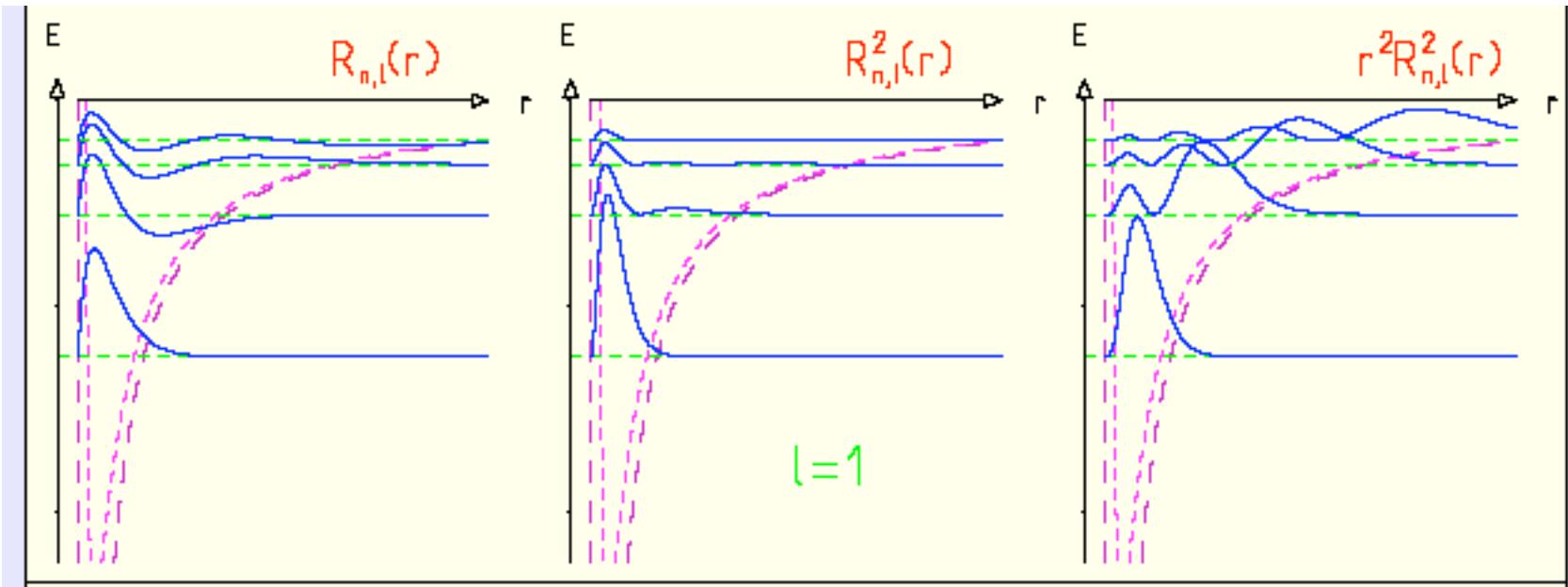


Fig. 13.15. Radial eigenfunctions $R_{n\ell}(r)$, their squares $R_{n\ell}^2(r)$, and the functions $r^2 R_{n\ell}^2(r)$ for the lowest eigenstates of the electron in the hydrogen atom and the lowest angular-momentum quantum numbers $\ell = 0, 1, 2$. Also shown are the energy eigenvalues as horizontal dashed lines, the form of the Coulomb potential $V(r)$, and, for $\ell \neq 0$, the forms of the effective potential $V_\ell^{\text{eff}}(r)$. The eigenvalue spectra are degenerate for all ℓ values, except that the minimum value of the principal quantum number is $n = \ell + 1$.

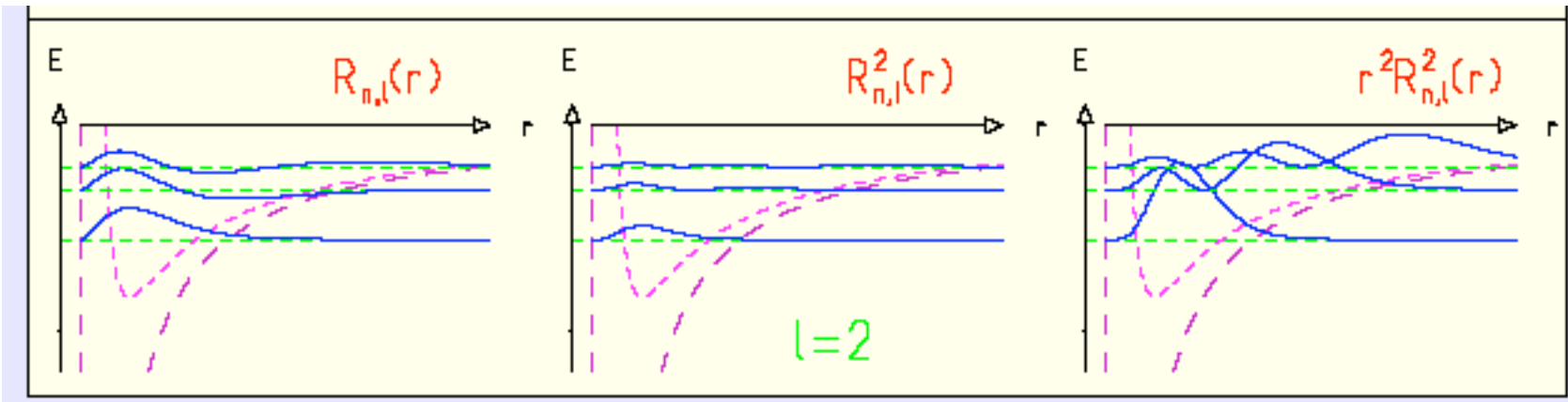
1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s



2p, 3p, 4p, 5p



3d, 4d, 5d



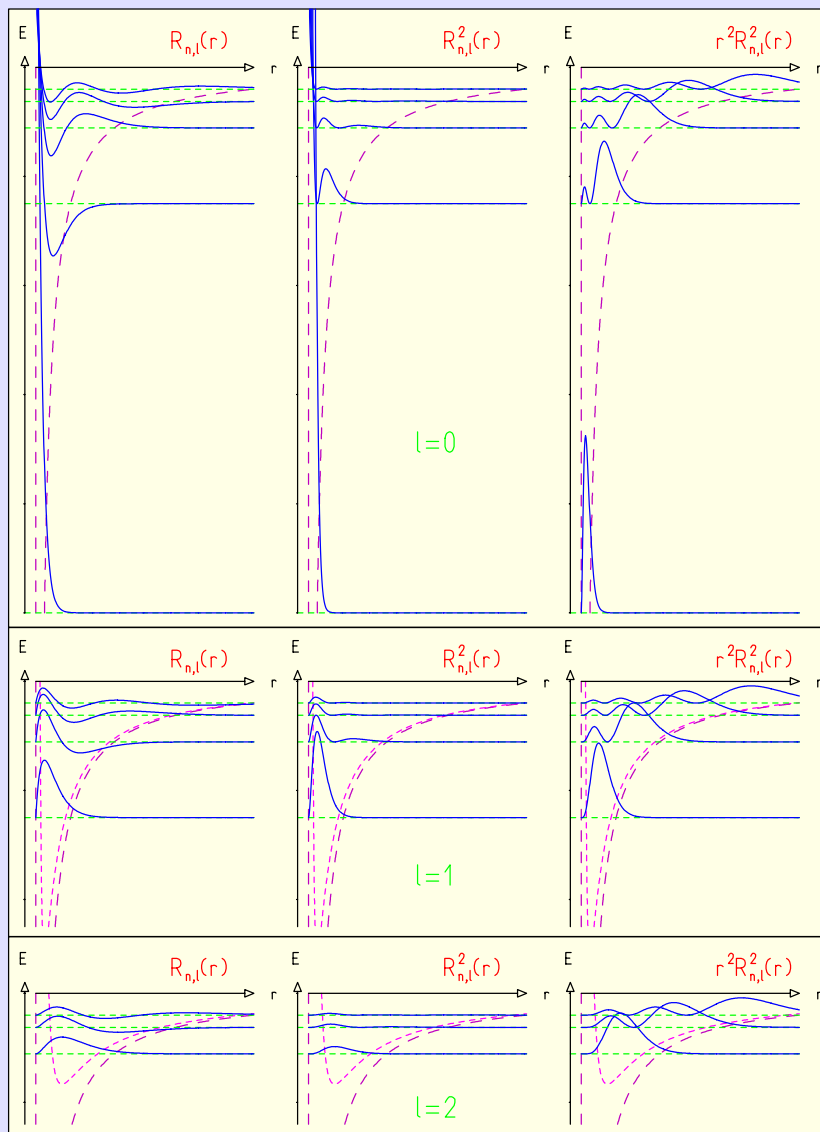


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**How big are
atoms?**

HOW BIG ARE ATOMS?

HOW BIG ARE THE ORBITS?

TWO WAYS TO CHARACTERIZE RADIUS

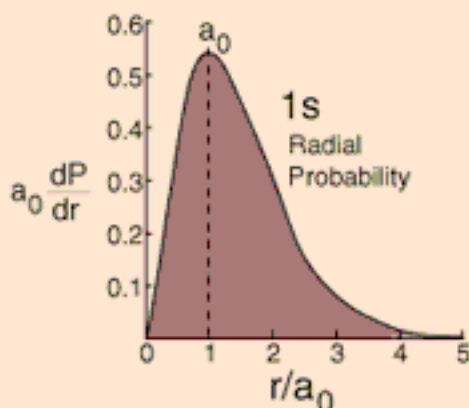
(1) MAX PROBABILITY r_{MAX}

(2) EXPECTATION VALUE $\langle r \rangle$

HOW SPREAD OUT ARE THE ORBITS

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle - \langle r \rangle^2}$$

The Most Probable Radius Hydrogen Ground State



The radial probability density for the hydrogen ground state is obtained by multiplying the square of the [wavefunction](#) by a spherical volume element.

$$dP = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0} \right]^2 4\pi r^2 dr = \frac{4}{a_0^3} r^2 e^{-2r/a_0}$$

It takes this comparatively simple form because the 1s state is spherically symmetric and no angular terms appear.

Dropping off the constant terms and taking the derivative with respect to r and setting it equal to zero gives the radius for maximum probability.

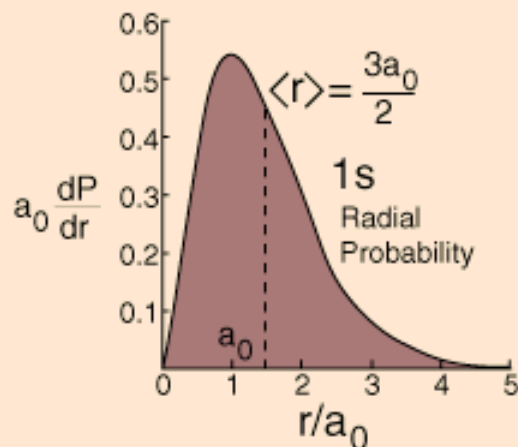
$$2re^{-2r/a_0} - \frac{2}{a_0} r^2 e^{-2r/a_0} = 0$$

$$2re^{-2r/a_0} \left[1 - \frac{r}{a_0} \right] = 0$$

which gives

$$r = a_0$$

The Expectation Value for Radius Hydrogen Ground State



The average or "[expectation value](#)" of the radius for the electron in the ground state of hydrogen is obtained from the integral

$$\langle r \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} r \frac{dP}{dr} dr = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \int_0^{\infty} r^3 e^{-2r/a_0} dr$$

This requires [integration by parts](#). The solution is

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \left[e^{-2r/a_0} \left(\frac{-a_0 r^3}{2} - \frac{3a_0^2 r^2}{4} - \frac{3a_0^3 r}{4} - \frac{3a_0^4}{8} \right) \right]_{r=0}^{r \rightarrow \infty}$$

All the terms containing r are zero, leaving

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{3a_0}{2}$$

It may seem a bit surprising that the average value of r is 1.5 x the first [Bohr radius](#), which is the [most probable value](#). The extended tail of the probability density accounts for the average being greater than the most probable value.

CALCULATING EXPECTATION VALUES

$$\langle r^k \rangle = \int R_{ml}^*(r) r^k R_{ml}(r) r^2 dr = \int r^{k+2} (R_{ml})^2 dr$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \langle m l m | r | m l m \rangle$$

$k=1$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[3m^2 - l(l+1) \right] a_0$$

does not depend on m

does depend on n and l

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \langle m l m | r^2 | m l m \rangle$$

$k=2$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \left[5m^2 + 1 - 3l(l+1) \right] a_0^2$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{r} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{a_0 m^2}$$

does not depend on m

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{r^2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{a_0^2 m^3 (l + \frac{1}{2})}$$

does depend on n and l

CALCULATING THE
MAXIMUM PROBABILITY RADIUS

$$P_{m l m}(r) dr = |R_{m l m}(r)|^2 r^2 dr$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} P_{m l m}(r) dr = 1$$

EXAMPLE

MAX PROBABILITY POINT

$$P_{21}(r) = r^2 |R_{21}(r)|^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{24 a_0^5} r^4 e^{-r/a_0}$$

$$\left. \frac{dP_{21}}{dr} \right|_{r=r_{20}} = 0 \Rightarrow 4 r_{20}^3 - \frac{r_{20}^4}{a_0} = 0$$

$$r_{20} = 4 a_0$$

GENERAL EXPRESSION

$$\left. \frac{dP_{m,m-1}}{dr} \right|_{r=r_m} = 0$$

$$2 m r_m^{2m-1} - \frac{2 r_m^{2m}}{m a_0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_m = m^2 a_0$$

$$\text{MAX} \quad m^2 a_0$$

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{1}{2} [3m^2 - l(l+1)] a_0$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m^2 [5m^2 + 1 - 3l(l+1)] a_0^2$$

$$\Delta n = \sqrt{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2}$$

$$\langle n \rangle \gtrsim n_{\text{MAX}}$$

ml	l	$m^2 a_0$	$\frac{1}{2} [3m^2 - l(l+1)] a_0$	$\frac{m^2}{2} [5m^2 + 1 - 3l(l+1)] a_0^2$
10		a_0	$1.5 a_0$	$3 a_0^2$
20		$4 a_0$	$6 a_0$	
21		"	$4 a_0$	$30 a_0^2$
30		$9 a_0$		
31		"		
32		"		

EXAMPLE: WIDTH OF PROB DIST

$$R_{21}(r) = r e^{-r/2a_0} / \sqrt{24a_0^5}$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{24a_0^5} \int_0^{\infty} r^5 e^{-r/a_0} dr$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{24} \int_0^{\infty} u^5 e^{-u} du = \frac{120 a_0}{24}$$

$$\langle r \rangle = 5 a_0$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-x} dx = n!$$

$$r_{\text{MAX}} = 4 a_0$$

$$\langle r \rangle \approx n^2 a_0$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{21} = \int_0^{\infty} r^3 R_{21}^2(r) dr$$

$$= \frac{1}{24a_0^5} \int_0^{\infty} r^6 e^{-r/a_0} dr$$

$$= \frac{6! a_0^7}{24 a_0^5} = 30 a_0^2$$

SO, WIDTH

$$\Delta r_{21} = \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle - \langle r \rangle^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{30 a_0^2 - (5 a_0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{5} a_0$$

**Orthonormal
Basis Functions
for the hydrogen
atom problem**

Legendre Polynomials

Spherical Harmonics

Laguerre Polynomials

BASIC IDEA:

$$H\psi = E\psi$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right] \psi = E\psi$$

$$\nabla^2 = \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{L^2}{r^2} \right)$$

spherical harmonics

$$\psi(r, \theta, \varphi) = R(r) \Omega(\theta, \varphi)$$



asymptotic solution

times

Laguerre polynomials

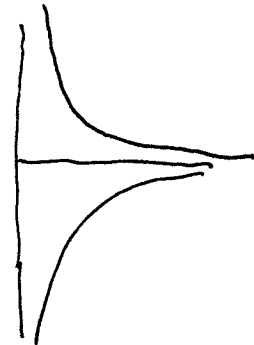
$$L_0(x) = 1$$

$$L_1(x) = 1 - x$$

$$L_2(x) = 1 - 2x + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

effective potential

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



$$x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (1-x) \frac{dy}{dx} + m y = 0$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} L_m(x) L_n(x) e^{-x} dx = \delta_{mn}$$

SPHERICAL HARMONICS

LEGENDRE EXPANSIONS

$$m \geq 0$$

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} P_{lm}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$

↑
ASSOCIATED
LEGENDRE
FUNCTIONS

$$m < 0 \quad Y_{l-m} = (-1)^m (Y_{lm})^*$$

GENERATOR FOR LEGENDRE POLYNOMIALS

$$P_l(u) = \frac{(-1)^l}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{du^l} (1-u^2)^l$$

ASSOCIATED LEGENDRE FUNCTIONS

$$P_{lm}(u) = \sqrt{(1-u^2)^m} \frac{d^m}{du^m} P_l(u)$$

THE LEGENDRE DIFF EQ

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + m(m+1)y = 0$$

LEGENDRE POLYNOMIALS

$$P_m(x) = \frac{1}{2^m m!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^m (x^2-1)^m$$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2} (5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

$$P_5(x) = \frac{1}{8} (63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$$

~~ASSOCIATED LEGENDRE FCNS~~

~~$$P_{mm}(x) = (1-x^2)^{m/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^m P_m(x)$$~~

ASSOCIATED LEGENDRE FCNS DIFF EQ

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] y = 0$$

⇒ ASSOCIATED LEGENDRE FCNS

$$P_{lm}(x) = (1-x^2)^{m/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^m P_l(x)$$

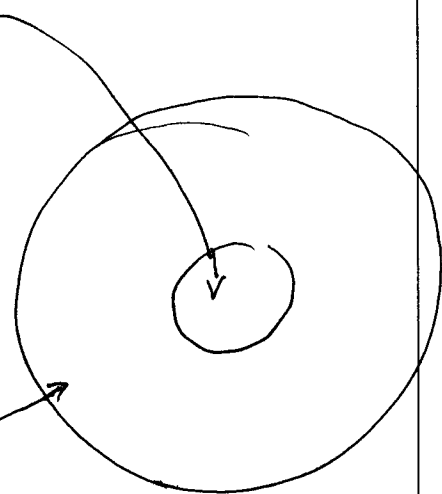
LEGENDRE POLYNOMIALS

ARE THE SPECIAL

$m=0$ CASE ($m=0$) OF

THE ASSOCIATED

LEGENDRE FCNS



ASSOCIATED LAGUERRE POLYNOMIALS

$$L_{m+l}(x) = (-1)^l \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l L_{m+l}(x)$$

$$x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (l+1-x) \frac{dy}{dx} + my = 0$$

$$L_{m+l}(x) = \frac{x^{-l} e^x}{m!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^m (x^{m+l} e^{-x})$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} L_{m+l}^* L_{m+l} \underbrace{x^l e^{-x}}_{\text{weight}} dx = \frac{(m+l)!}{m!} \delta_{mm}$$

ORTHONORMAL

WRT THIS

WEIGHT

FUNCTION

FOR HYDROGEN

$$\int [L_{m+l}]^2 x^{l+1} e^{-x} dx = (2m+l+1) \frac{(m+l)!}{m!}$$