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(1) We actually did this in class!

$$(a) \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = r \hat{r} \cdot \left(\hat{r} \frac{d}{dr} + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \frac{d}{d\theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\phi} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = r \frac{d}{dr}}$$

Next we need $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$.

Careful, this is an operator. So let's see what it does on a function ψ

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \psi \right) &= \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right) \psi + \hat{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi \\ &= \left[\sum \frac{d}{dx_i} \left(\frac{x_i}{r} \right) \right] \psi + \frac{d\psi}{dr} \end{aligned}$$

Where I wrote the first term in Cartesian and used the "boxed" expression for

the second term - Thus page 2

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \psi \right) = \left(\sum \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{dx_i}{dx_i} + x_i \frac{\partial (1/r)}{\partial x_i} \right) \right) \psi + \frac{d\psi}{dr}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \psi \right) = \left(\sum \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{-x_i \frac{2x_i}{2r}}{r^2} \right) \right) \psi + \frac{d\psi}{dr}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \psi \right) = \frac{3}{r} \psi - \sum \frac{x_i^2}{r^3} \psi + \frac{d\psi}{dr}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \psi \right) = \frac{3}{r} \psi - \frac{r}{r^2} \psi + \frac{d\psi}{dr}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \psi \right) = \left(\frac{2}{r} + \frac{d}{dr} \right) \psi$$

Putting the two boxed equations together

$$\begin{aligned} P_r &= \frac{1}{2} (\vec{r} \vec{p} + \vec{p} \vec{r}) = -\frac{i\hbar}{2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \vec{r} \vec{\nabla} + \vec{\nabla} \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right) = \\ &= -\frac{i\hbar}{2} \left(\frac{d}{dr} + \frac{2}{r} + \frac{d}{dr} \right) = \boxed{-i\hbar \left(\frac{d}{dr} + \frac{1}{r} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

About the Hermitian property:

From the previous discussion,

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$$\hat{r} \hat{p} - \hat{p} \cdot \hat{r} = \frac{2i\hbar}{r}$$

Which means that $(\hat{r} \hat{p})^\dagger = \hat{p}^\dagger \hat{r}^\dagger \neq \hat{r} \hat{p}$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad p_r^2 \psi &= -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{d}{dr} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \left(\frac{d}{dr} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \psi \\ &= -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \psi \\ &= -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \right) \psi = \underline{\underline{-\frac{\hbar^2}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \right) \psi}} \end{aligned}$$

② (a) Note that $[\Gamma \frac{1}{\Gamma}] = 0$ $[P_r P_r] = 0$

Therefore $[P_r \Gamma] = -i\hbar \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \Gamma \right] = -i\hbar$

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$$[P_r \frac{1}{\Gamma}] = -i\hbar \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{1}{\Gamma} \right] = \frac{i\hbar}{\Gamma^2}$$

Then

$$[a_\ell a_\ell^+] = \frac{1}{2m\hbar\omega} \left(-i(\ell+1)\hbar [P_r \frac{1}{\Gamma}] + i m \omega [P_r \Gamma] + i(\ell+1)\hbar \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma} P_r \right] - i m \omega [\Gamma P_r] \right)$$

$$[a_\ell a_\ell^+] = \frac{1}{2m\hbar\omega} \left[\frac{2\hbar^2(\ell+1)}{\Gamma^2} + 2\hbar m \omega \right]$$

$$[a_\ell a_\ell^+] = \frac{(\ell+1)\hbar}{m\omega\Gamma^2} + 1$$

$$(b) \hbar \omega a_l^+ a_l = \frac{1}{2m} \left(-i p_r - (l+1) \frac{\hbar}{r} + m \omega r \right) \cdot \left(+i p_r - (l+1) \frac{\hbar}{r} + m \omega r \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left(p_r^2 + i(l+1)\hbar p_r \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) - i m \omega p_r r - i(l+1)\hbar \frac{1}{r} p_r + (l+1)^2 \frac{\hbar^2}{r^2} + - 2(l+1)\hbar m \omega + i m \omega r p_r + m^2 \omega^2 r^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left(p_r^2 + i\hbar(l+1) \left[p_r \frac{1}{r} \right] - i m \omega \left[p_r r \right] + (l+1)^2 \frac{\hbar^2}{r^2} - 2(l+1)\hbar m \omega + m^2 \omega^2 r^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left(p_r^2 - \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)}{r^2} - \hbar m \omega + \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)^2}{r^2} + - 2(l+1)\hbar m \omega + m^2 \omega^2 r^2 \right)$$

$$\hbar \omega a_l^\dagger a_l = \frac{p_r^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2mr^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2 - \left(l + \frac{3}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$$

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$$\hbar \omega a_l^\dagger a_l = H_l - \left(l + \frac{3}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{H_l = \hbar \omega \left[a_l^\dagger a_l + \left(l + \frac{3}{2}\right) \right]}$$

(c) Take R_{l+1} such that $H_{l+1} R_{l+1} = E R_{l+1}$

$$\text{Then } a_l^\dagger H_{l+1} R_{l+1} = E a_l^\dagger R_{l+1}$$

$$\text{From lecture } a_l^\dagger H_l = H_{l+1} a_l^\dagger + \hbar \omega a_l^\dagger$$

Taking hermitian conjugate of both sides

$$H_l a_l^\dagger = a_l^\dagger H_{l+1} + \hbar \omega a_l^\dagger$$

Take both left and right hand side and

make them act on $R_{\ell+1}$

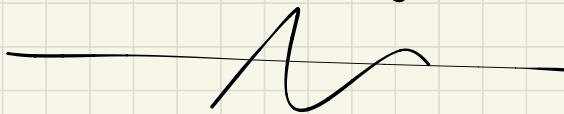
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this gives

$$H_{\ell} (a_{\ell}^{+} R_{\ell+1}) = (E + \hbar\omega) (a_{\ell}^{+} R_{\ell+1})$$

Thus $a_{\ell}^{+} R_{\ell+1}$ is a state of energy

$E + \hbar\omega$ and an eigenfunction of H_{ℓ}



(3) (a) This is taking what we have done in class and setting $V(r) = 0$

$$(b) a_{\ell}^{+} a_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2m} \left(p_r^2 + \frac{\hbar^2(\ell+1)^2}{r^2} + i(\ell+1) \left[p_r \frac{1}{r} \right] \right)$$

The commutator $\left[p_r \frac{1}{r} \right] = \frac{i\hbar}{r^2}$

from problem 2(a)

Thus

$$a_l^+ a_l = \frac{1}{2M} \left[p_r^2 - \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)^2}{r^2} \right]$$

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$$a_e^+ a_e = \frac{1}{2M} \left(p_r^2 + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{r^2} \right) = H_e$$

$$(c) [a_e a_e^+] = \frac{1}{M} \left[-i(l+1)\hbar \left[p_r \frac{1}{r} \right] \right] = \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)}{Mr^2}$$

And also

$$H_{l+1} - H_l = \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)}{2Mr^2} \left[(l+2) - l \right]$$

$$H_{l+1} - H_l = \frac{\hbar^2(l+1)}{Mr^2}$$

$$\text{So } [a_e a_e^+] = H_{l+1} - H_l$$

$$(d) [a_l H_l] = [a_l a_l^\dagger a_l] =$$

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$$= a_l a_l^\dagger a_l - a_l^\dagger a_l a_l = [a_l a_l^\dagger] a_l$$

$$[a_l H_l] = (H_{l+1} - H_l) a_l$$

$$a_l H_l - H_l a_l = H_{l+1} a_l - H_l a_l$$

$$a_l H_l = H_{l+1} a_l$$

Then if we have a solution

$$H_l R_l = E R_l$$

acting with a_l on both sides gives

$$H_{l+1} (a_l R_l) = E (a_l R_l)$$

So $a_l R_l$ is a soltn with the same E but with $l \rightarrow l+1$

(e) Starting with a solution (E, l)

We can build more and more page 10 solutions with same E but higher and higher l . This seems like an impossibility since eg classically $L = mvr$ so you'd think that increasing L means increasing $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ and you cannot do that at infinitum. But there is a " r " factor in L . So as L can become as large as you want without having v become inconsistent with fixed $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, just by increasing r

④ From the chain rule

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$$(a) \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}_e} = \frac{\partial \vec{x}^{-1}}{\partial \vec{x}_e} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} + \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \vec{x}_e} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} = \frac{m_e}{m_e + m_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}}$$

Then taking the dot product of each side with itself

$$\nabla_e^2 = \left(\frac{m_e}{m_e + m_p} \right)^2 \nabla_x^2 + \nabla_r^2 + \frac{2m_e}{m_e + m_p} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vec{x} \partial \vec{r}}$$

Doing the same manipulations with $\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}_p}$ gives

$$\nabla_p^2 = \left(\frac{m_p}{m_e + m_p} \right)^2 \nabla_x^2 + \nabla_r^2 - \frac{2m_p}{m_e + m_p} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vec{x} \partial \vec{r}}$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{m_e} \nabla_e^2 + \frac{1}{m_p} \nabla_p^2 = \frac{m_e}{M^2} \nabla_x^2 + \frac{m_p}{M^2} \nabla_x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_p} \right) \nabla_r^2$$

where $M = m_p + m_e$

$$\rightarrow = \frac{1}{M} \nabla_x^2 + \frac{1}{r} \nabla_r^2 \quad \text{where } \mu = \frac{m_e m_p}{M}$$

Substituting into the original H we get the desired expression page 12

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_x^2 \psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 \psi - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \psi = E \psi$$

$$(c) \psi = F(\vec{x}) \phi(\vec{r})$$

Plug into the SE, divide by $F\phi$, get

$$-\frac{1}{F} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_x^2 F - \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 \phi - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = E$$

Split it into

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_x^2 F(\vec{x}) = E_k F(\vec{x})$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 \phi(\vec{r}) - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \phi(r) = E_H \phi(\vec{r})$$

$$\text{with } E = E_k + E_r$$

The 1st equation is associated with the motion (kinetic energy) of the center of mass. The second equation is associated with the "binding" of the electron into the H atom

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$$(5) (a) \psi_{100} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0}$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} \int d\Omega \int_0^\infty r^3 e^{-2r/a_0} dr$$

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

Looking up integral $\int_0^\infty x^n e^{-bx} = \frac{n!}{b^{n+1}}$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \frac{6 a_0^4}{2^4}$$

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

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \int_0^{\infty} r^4 e^{-2r/a_0} dr \quad \text{page 14}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \frac{24 a_0^5}{2^5} \quad \langle r^2 \rangle = 3a_0^2$$

(b) Looking up solutions

$$\psi_{n, n-1, m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2n)!}} \left(\frac{2}{na_0} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{2r}{na_0} \right)^{n-1} e^{-r/na_0} Y_{n-1}^m(\theta, \phi)$$

The normalization of the Y_{ℓ}^m is taken into account automatically
Thus

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{2}{na_0} \right)^{2n+1} \int_0^{\infty} r^3 \left(\frac{2}{na_0} \right)^{2(n-1)} r^{2n-2} e^{-2r/na_0} dr$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{2}{na_0} \right)^{2n+1} \frac{(2n+1)!}{(2/na_0)^{2n+2}}$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{(2n+1)!}{2(2n)!} na_0 = n(n+\frac{1}{2})a_0$$

Similarly

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{2}{na_0} \right)^{2n+1} \frac{(2n+2)!}{(2/na_0)^{2n+3}}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{(2n+2)!}{4(2n)!} n^2 a_0^2 = n^2(n+1)(n+\frac{1}{2})a_0^2$$

$$(c) \text{ RMS} = \sqrt{n^2(n+1)(n+\frac{1}{2}) - n^2(n+\frac{1}{2})^2} a_0$$

$$\text{RMS} = na_0 \sqrt{(n+\frac{1}{2})(n+1 - n - \frac{1}{2})}$$

$$\text{RMS} = n \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(n+\frac{1}{2})} a_0 = \frac{1}{2} n \sqrt{2n+1} a_0$$

(d) For large n , $\langle r \rangle \sim n^2 a_0$ page 16

Compare it with $\langle r \rangle = \frac{3}{2} a_0$ for the ground state -

So, for $n=100$, radius $\bar{r} \sim 10^4$ larger, volume $\bar{v} \sim 10^{12}$ larger

(6) Compared with the H atom, everything looks the same in the SE expect that $e^2 \rightarrow Ze^2$. Since the energy eigenvalues come from solving SE, we simply have to replace e with Ze in the Rydberg constant - Now, the Rydberg constant goes like e^4 , so

$$\begin{cases} R(Z) = Z^2 R(Z=1) \\ E(Z) = Z^2 E(Z=1) \end{cases}$$

OTOH, the Bohr radius goes like $\frac{1}{e^2}$
therefore

$$a_0(z) = a_0(z=1)/z$$

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