

1. In three dimensions, we require

$$\int |\Psi_{3d}|^2 dx dy dz = 1$$

as our normalization condition. The right-hand-side is dimensionless, so the left-hand-side must be as well. Each of dx, dy, dz have units of L , so $|\Psi_{3d}|^2$ must have units of L^{-3} . The wavefunction itself thus has units of $L^{-3/2}$ in three dimensions.

2. In one dimension, we require that

$$\int |\Psi(x)|^2 dx$$

be finite. Since

$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \log x \Big|_{x_0}^{\infty}$$

is infinite and

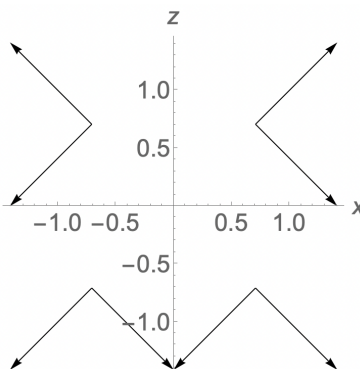
$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{1+p}} dx = -\frac{1}{px^p} \Big|_{x_0}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{px_0^p}$$

is finite for $p > 0$, we have that the wavefunction must fall off faster than $1/\sqrt{x}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. (Note that the behavior for small x does not matter as long as the wavefunction is finite because the range of the integration is finite; it's only when going out to infinity that the wavefunction must be not only finite but also small enough.) In three dimensions, we now require that

$$\int |\Psi(x, y, z)|^2 dx dy dz = \int |\Psi(r)|^2 r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

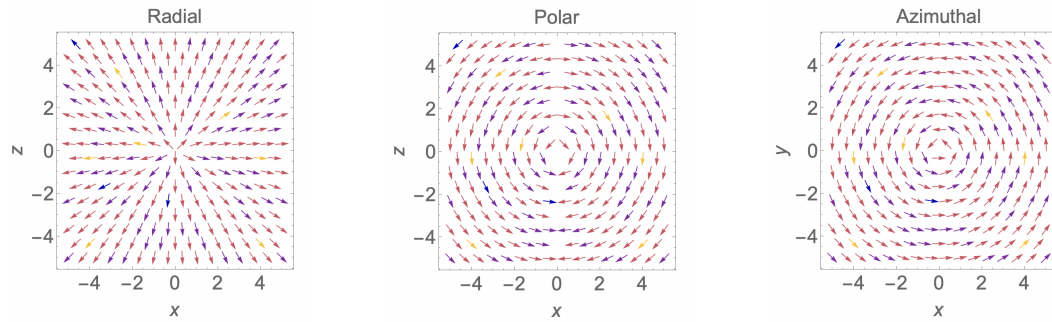
be finite for a spherically symmetric wavefunction. The θ and ϕ integrals just give an overall factor of 4π ; focusing on the r integral, we see there is an extra factor of r^2 as compared to the one-dimensional case. $|\Psi(r)|^2$ must thus decay faster than $1/r^3$ for the integral to infinity to be finite, so we need $\Psi(r)$ to fall off faster than $r^{-3/2}$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

3. (a) .



Those vectors pointing away from the origin are \hat{r} ; the other four are $\hat{\theta}$. The $\hat{\phi}$ point into the page on the right and out of the page on the left.

- (b) .



The probability current densities are shown above for particular 2D slices. Per the continuity equation, having a probability density that is constant in time requires having a probability current with zero divergence. The purely radial current has a source at the origin, so it is not divergenceless; the purely polar current has a source on the positive z -axis and a sink on the negative z -axis, so it is not divergenceless. The purely azimuthal current has no sources or sinks, so it is the only one of the three consistent with a constant probability density.

- (c) Looking at the expression for the probability current, we see that it is proportional to the difference of the two terms $\Psi^* \vec{\nabla} \Psi$ and $\Psi \vec{\nabla} \Psi^*$. These terms are complex conjugates of each other, so their difference is proportional to the imaginary part of one of them. Furthermore, since each term has one factor of Ψ and one of Ψ^* , any overall phase will cancel. We thus only have a nonzero imaginary part if the gradient generates an imaginary part. From the expressions in lecture, we know that the only non-real part of $\psi_{n,l,m}$ comes from the ϕ dependence in the form of $e^{im\phi}$. A ϕ derivative will bring down a factor of im , which has a factor of i . This means the only possible non-zero spherical component of \vec{J} is the ϕ component.
- (d) From the previous part, we know we only need to calculate the ϕ component. Since the only ϕ dependence of $\psi_{n,l,m}$ is $e^{im\phi}$, the effect of a ϕ derivative is to bring down a factor of im . We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J} &= -\frac{i\hbar}{2M} \left(e^{iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_{n,l,m}^*(\vec{r}) (im) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_{n,l,m}(\vec{r}) \hat{\phi} - e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_{n,l,m}(\vec{r}) (-im) e^{iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_{n,l,m}^*(\vec{r}) \hat{\phi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\hbar m}{M} |\psi_{n,l,m}(\vec{r})|^2 \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$