

Stuff for Monday, April 23, 2012

- PS #7 and Quiz #4 returned up front. Class average: ??
- PS #8 due today. 1094 on Wednesday. Quiz #5 Thursday.
- Q1–Q11 Midterm: Any 2 hours from 6:30pm to 10:00pm on Wed., May 2.
- Handouts: Midterm study guide, wave function drawing

Quantum numbers for filling atomic levels:

- 1 n specifies the energy level $\implies n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
 - 2 l specifies the *magnitude* of the electron's orbital angular momentum $\implies l = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1 = s, p, d, f, g, \dots$ ($L = \sqrt{l(l+1)}\hbar$)
 - 3 m specifies the z component of that angular momentum ($L_z = m\hbar$) $\implies m = -l, -l + 1, \dots, l - 1, l$ ($2l + 1$ values)
 - 4 m_s specifies the z component of the electron's spin ($S_z = m_s\hbar$) $\implies m_s = +1/2$ or $-1/2$
- $n_r = n - l$ is the number of *radial* bumps
 - selection rule for photon transitions: $\Delta l = \pm 1$

Energy eigenfunctions of the hydrogen atom

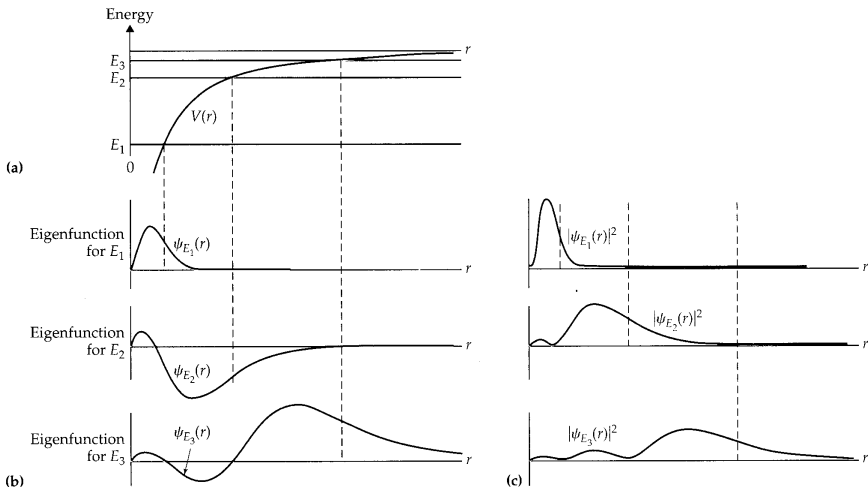
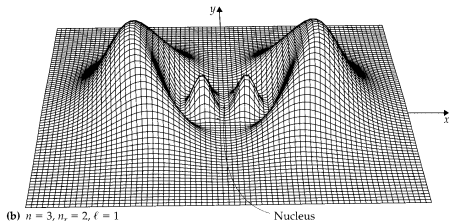
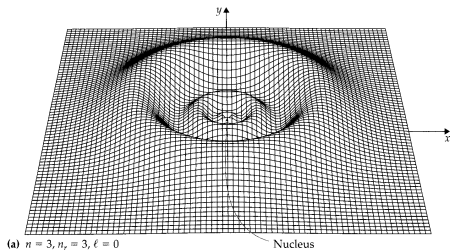


Figure Q9.1

(a) A graph of the potential energy of an electron in a hydrogen atom. (b) The energy eigenfunctions for the three lowest energy states of radial motion. (c) The absolute squares of those wavefunctions.

● $l = 0$ (s-wave) radial wave functions and absolute squares

Plots of $|\text{Re}\Psi(x, y, z = 0)|^2$ for hydrogen $n = 3$



- $n = n_r + l$ with $n_r = 1, 2, \dots$ and $l = 0, 1, \dots$
- Here $(n_r, l) = (3, 0), (2, 1),$ and $(1, 2)$

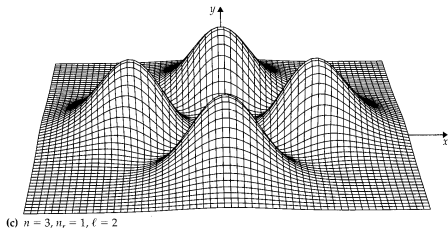


Figure Q9.2

Plots of the square of the (real part of the) electron energy eigenfunctions in hydrogen (evaluated in the xy plane) for $n = 3$ and various values of ℓ . Note how as ℓ increases, the number of radial bumps n_r decreases.