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# 1. Derive that relation between orbital and magnetic quantum numbers $m=1, \ldots, 0, \ldots+l$ .

#### **Step 1: Definitions**

We begin by defining the relevant quantum numbers:

- *l*: orbital quantum number determines the *magnitude* of orbital angular momentum.
- *m*: magnetic quantum number determines the *z*-component of angular momentum.

#### Step 2: Orbital Angular Momentum Magnitude

The magnitude of orbital angular momentum is given by:

$$|\vec{L}| = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1)}$$

#### Step 3: Angular Momentum z-Component

Only the z-component of angular momentum is directly observable:

$$L_z = m\hbar$$

where m must be an integer.

Step 4: Physical Constraint on m

From quantum mechanics, the z-component cannot exceed the total angular momentum:

$$|L_z| \le |L| \Rightarrow |m\hbar| \le \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1)}$$
$$\Rightarrow |m| \le \sqrt{l(l+1)}$$

However, this only limits m's range in magnitude, not the actual discrete values it can take.

#### **Step 5: Quantum Mechanical Restriction**

From solving the Schrödinger equation in spherical coordinates, we know that m must be an integer satisfying:

 $m = -l, -(l-1), \dots, 0, \dots, +(l-1), +l$ 

Hence, for a given l, the magnetic quantum number m takes (2l+1) possible integer values.

 $m = -l, -(l{-}1), \, \ldots, \, 0, \, \ldots, \, +(l{-}1), \, +l$ 

# 16: Angle Between Angular Momentum Vector and z-axis

**Problem:** How in quantum mechanics can the angle between the angular momentum vector  $\vec{L}$  and the z-axis be calculated? Calculate this angle for **magnetic quantum numbers** m = -2 and +1 for **3d orbitals**.

#### Step 1: General Formula

In quantum mechanics, we have:

$$|\vec{L}| = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1)}$$
 and  $L_z = m\hbar$ 

The angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{L}$  and the z-axis is given by the projection:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{L_z}{|\vec{L}|} = \frac{m\hbar}{\hbar\sqrt{l(l+1)}} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}}$$

Step 2: For 3d orbitals

$$l = 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{l(l+1)} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{6}$$

**Case 1:** m = -2

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} = -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$$
$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \right) \approx \cos^{-1} (-0.8165) \approx 144.7^\circ$$

**Case 2:** m = +1

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}$$
$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}\right) \approx \cos^{-1}(0.4082) \approx 66.4^{\circ}$$

For m = -2,  $\theta \approx 144.7^{\circ}$ For m = +1,  $\theta \approx 66.4^{\circ}$ 

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## 21: Radial wave function for an uncharged electron

**Question:** What does the equation for the radial wave function look like if we assume that the electron is an uncharged particle?

#### Step 1: Start from the radial Schrödinger equation

In spherical coordinates, the time-independent Schrödinger equation for the radial wave function is:

$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r}\frac{dR}{dr} + \left[\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}\left(E - V(r)\right) - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\right]R = 0$$

For the hydrogen atom, the potential is Coulombic:

$$V(r) = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$$

#### Step 2: Assume the electron is uncharged

If the electron has no electric charge, it does not interact with the proton. Hence:

$$V(r) = 0$$

Substituting this into the radial equation gives:

$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r}\frac{dR}{dr} + \left(\frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\right)R = 0$$
$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r}\frac{dR}{dr} - \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2\mu|E|}{\hbar^2}\right)R = 0$$

#### **Step 3: Physical Interpretation**

- The equation now describes a **free particle** in spherical coordinates.
- The only remaining potential term is the **centrifugal barrier**  $\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}$ , due to angular momentum.
- Without the Coulomb potential, the particle is **no longer bound** to the nucleus.
- The solutions are not hydrogen-like orbitals, but resemble **spherical Bessel functions**.
- The energy spectrum is **continuous**, and all energies are allowed (E > 0). There are no quantized (bound state) energy levels.

**Conclusion:** Assuming the electron is uncharged removes the Coulomb interaction, resulting in a freeparticle-like radial equation. The wavefunction no longer describes discrete bound states, and the system supports only scattering solutions.

# 30: maximum number of electrons in 1p and 3f orbitals for hydrogen atom 20

Question: Calculate the possible maximum number of electrons in 1p and 3f orbitals for the hydrogen atom.

**Important Clarification:** By quantum number rules, for an orbital to physically exist, the orbital quantum number l must satisfy:

$$l = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$$

Hence:

- 1p:  $n = 1, l = 1 \Rightarrow l \not< n$  Does not exist physically
- 3f:  $n = 3, l = 3 \Rightarrow l \not< n$  Does not exist physically

However, for the sake of calculation, we can still compute the *hypothetical maximum number of electrons* assuming these orbitals did exist:

#### **Calculation Formula:**

Each orbital is defined by quantum numbers  $(n, l, m_l, m_s)$ . - For given l, there are 2l + 1 values of  $m_l$  - Each  $m_l$  orbital can hold 2 electrons (with  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ )

Max electrons = 
$$(2l+1) \times 2$$

#### Hypothetical Calculations:

• 1p:  $l = 1 \Rightarrow m_l = -1, 0, +1 \Rightarrow 3$  orbitals Each orbital holds 2 electrons

Max electrons = 
$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

• 3f:  $l = 3 \Rightarrow m_l = -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3 \Rightarrow 7$  orbitals Each orbital holds 2 electrons

Max electrons = 
$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

#### Summary Table:

Orb	oital	Physically Allowed?	Hypothetical Max Electrons	Reason
1	р	No	6	$l = 1 \not< n = 1$
3	f	No	14	$l = 3 \not< n = 3$

14 electrons in 3f

# 45: why only terms n+1 and n-1 contribute in second-order energy correction

We consider a quantum harmonic oscillator under a constant force F, leading to a perturbation of the form:

$$H' = -Fx$$

The second-order correction to the energy of the *n*-th state is given by:

$$E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{|\langle k|H'|n \rangle|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}}$$

Substituting the perturbation H' = -Fx:

$$E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{F^2 |\langle k | x | n \rangle|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}}$$

### Step 1: Matrix Elements of x in Harmonic Oscillator Basis

The position operator in terms of ladder operators is:

$$x=\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}}(a+a^{\dagger})$$

Hence, only transitions  $k = n \pm 1$  give non-zero matrix elements:

$$\langle n+1|x|n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}}\sqrt{n+1} \qquad \langle n-1|x|n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}}\sqrt{n}$$
  
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Therefore:

$$\frac{|\langle n+1|x|n\rangle|^2}{|\langle n+1|x|n\rangle|^2} = \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}(n+1) \qquad |\langle n-1|x|n\rangle|^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}n$$

### Step 2: Energy Denominators

For the harmonic oscillator:

$$E_n^{(0)} = \hbar\omega \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} E_n^{(0)} - E_{n+1}^{(0)} = -\hbar\omega \\ E_n^{(0)} - E_{n-1}^{(0)} = +\hbar\omega \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Plug into the Energy Correction Formula

$$E_n^{(2)} = F^2 \left[ \frac{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}(n+1)}{-\hbar\omega} + \frac{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}n}{\hbar\omega} \right]$$
$$= F^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega} \left( \frac{-1}{\hbar\omega} \cdot (n+1) + \frac{1}{\hbar\omega} \cdot n \right) = F^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega} \cdot \left( \frac{n-(n+1)}{\hbar\omega} \right)$$
$$= F^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega} \cdot \left( \frac{-1}{\hbar\omega} \right) = -\frac{F^2}{2M\omega^2}$$

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## Conclusion

Only the n+1 and n-1 terms contribute to the second-order energy correction because the position operator x only connects adjacent harmonic oscillator eigenstates:

 $\langle k|x|n
angle=0$  unless  $k=n\pm 1$