

177(2): Find Eigenvalue for zeroth wavefunction of Harmonic Oscillator.

Consider the quantum force equation:

$$\boxed{(\hat{H} - E) \frac{d\psi}{dx} = F\psi} \quad - (1)$$

for Harmonic oscillator. The zeroth wavefunction is:

$$\psi_0 = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2\right) \quad - (2)$$

Sub eq. (1):

$$\hat{H} \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2\right) \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} \quad - (3)$$

where:

$$\frac{d\psi_0}{dx} = -2x\psi_0 \quad - (4)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi_0}{dx^2} = -2\psi_0 + 2^2 x^2 \psi_0 \quad - (5)$$

$$\frac{d^3\psi_0}{dx^3} = 2^2 x \psi_0 (3 - 2x^2) \quad - (6)$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} &= \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2\right) \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} m\omega^2 x \psi_0 \quad - (7) \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$E \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x \psi_0 \quad - (8)$$

2) From eqs. (1), (7) and (8):

$$F_0 \psi_0 = -m\omega^2 x \psi_0 \quad - (9)$$

and

$$\boxed{F_0 = -kx} \quad - (10)$$

where

$$k = m\omega^2 \quad - (11)$$

The restoring force of the wavefunction  $\psi_0$  is the classical result of Hooke's law, eq. (10).

The energy of the zeroth wavefunction  $\psi_0$  is:

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega \quad - (12)$$

This result is a remarkable one because it shows that the zero point energy (12) is accompanied by a  $\hbar$ -times unknown restoring force  $F_0$ .

Computer algebra can now be used to apply the new fundamental equation (1) of quantum mechanics to an essentially limitless number of problems. For example, the harmonic oscillator wavefunctions are given by

$$\psi_0 = \left(\frac{d}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2}\right) \quad - (13)$$

$$\psi_1 = \left(\frac{d}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} \sqrt{2} y \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2}\right) \quad - (14)$$

$$3) \quad \psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{d}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} (2y^2 - 1) \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2}\right) \quad - (15)$$

$$\psi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{d}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} (2y^3 - 3y) \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2}\right) \quad - (16)$$

where  $d = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}$ ,  $y = d^{1/2} x \quad - (17)$

The radial H wavefunctions are:

$n$	$l$	$R_{nl}(r)$
1	0 (1s)	$2 \left( \frac{1}{a} \right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{2}\right)$
2	0 (2s)	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{a} \right)^{3/2} (2 - \rho) \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{2}\right)$
2	1 (2p)	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \left( \frac{1}{a} \right)^{3/2} \rho \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{2}\right)$

where  $a$  is the Bohr radius and

$$\rho = \frac{2r}{na} \quad - (18)$$

The Bohr radius is:

$$a = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{me^2} = 5.29177 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m} \quad - (19)$$

So the fake eigenvalues  $E_n$  can be worked out for the harmonic oscillator and radial wavefunction of the H atom.