

Hydrogen atom: radial wave function using Ladder operator: with the use of Mathematica

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Derivation of radial wave function of hydrogen atom can be discussed using the ladder operators. The radial Hamiltonian of the hydrogen atom is strikingly similar to that of the three-dimensional simple harmonic oscillator. We use essentially the same technique, defining the dimensionless ladder operator. This method is explained in detail in a book of Binney and Skinner (The Physics of Quantum Mechanics, Oxford, 2014). The lecture on this topic is also presented on the video [Quantum Mechanics by Binney (Oxford University, 2011)]. It seems that the mathematics is rather complicated. Here we use the Mathematica. The derivation of a various kind of recursion relations of ladder operators can be made without difficulty.

1. Ladder operator

The Hamiltonian of hydrogen atom is given in terms of the radial momentum p_r and the total orbital angular momentum L^2 as

$$\begin{aligned} H_l &= \frac{1}{2\mu} \mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\mu} (p_r^2 + \frac{L^2}{r^2}) - \frac{Ze^2}{r} \\ &= \frac{p_r^2}{2\mu} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{Ze^2}{r} \quad , \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[\frac{p_r^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2Z}{ar} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where the radial momentum operator p_r is given by

$$p_r = -i\hbar \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r = -i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \right),$$

and a is defined by

$$a = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu e^2}.$$

When $\mu = m$, a is the Bohr radius a_B . H_l is the Hamiltonian for a particle that moves in one dimension in the effective potential

$$V_{eff}(r) = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{Ze^2}{r} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2Z}{ar} \right].$$

Here we defined a operator given by

$$A_l = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{ip_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a} \right].$$

We also define another ladder operator given by

$$A_l^+ = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left[-\frac{ip_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a} \right].$$

We now calculate $A_l^+ A_l$

$$\begin{aligned} A_l^+ A_l &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left[-\frac{ip_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a} \right] \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{ip_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a} \right] \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left\{ \frac{p_r^2}{\hbar^2} + \left(\frac{Z}{(l+1)a} - \frac{l+1}{r} \right)^2 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \left[p_r, \frac{l+1}{r} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left\{ \frac{p_r^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{Z^2}{(l+1)^2 a^2} + \frac{(l+1)^2}{r^2} - \frac{2Z}{ar} + \frac{i}{\hbar} \left[p_r, \frac{l+1}{r} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left\{ \frac{p_r^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{Z^2}{(l+1)^2 a^2} + \frac{(l+1)^2}{r^2} - \frac{2Z}{ar} - \frac{l+1}{r^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left\{ \frac{p_r^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2Z}{ar} + \frac{Z^2}{(l+1)^2 a^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} H_l + \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

leading to the expression of H_l as

$$H_l = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l^+ A_l - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2}],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \left[p_r, \frac{l+1}{r} \right] \psi(r) &= p_r \frac{l+1}{r} \psi - \frac{l+1}{r} p_r \psi \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{l+1}{r} \psi \right) - \frac{l+1}{r} \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \psi) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{(l+1)}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \psi - \frac{l+1}{r} \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{1}{r} \left(\psi + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \psi \right) \\ &= -\frac{l+1}{r^2} \frac{\hbar}{i} \psi \end{aligned}$$

The commutation relation:

$$\begin{aligned} [A_l^+, A_l] &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[-\frac{i p_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a}, \frac{i p_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a} \right] \\ &= a^2 \frac{i}{\hbar} [p_r, \frac{l+1}{r}] \\ &= -\frac{a^2(l+1)}{r^2} \\ &= -\frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} (H_{l+1} - H_l) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$[A_l, A_l^+] = \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} (H_{l+1} - H_l),$$

since

$$H_{l+1} - H_l = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} [(l+2)(l+1) - l(l+1)] = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu r^2} (l+1).$$

Using the above commutation relation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_l &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l^+ A_l - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2}] \\
 &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} \{ [A_l^+, A_l] + A_l A_l^+ - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2} \} \\
 &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} \{ -\frac{a^2 \mu}{\hbar^2} (H_{l+1} - H_l) + A_l A_l^+ - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2} \} \\
 &= -(H_{l+1} - H_l) + \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l A_l^+ - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2}]
 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$H_{l+1} = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l A_l^+ - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2}].$$

((Note))

$$[A_l^+, A_{l+1}^+] = -\frac{a^2}{2r^2},$$

$$[A_l, A_{l+1}] = \frac{a^2}{2r^2},$$

$$[A_l, A_{l+1}^+] = \frac{a^2}{2r^2} (2l+3),$$

$$[A_l^+, A_{l+1}] = -\frac{a^2}{2r^2} (2l+3).$$

We also note that

$$\begin{aligned}
[A_l^+, H_l] &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l^+, A_l^+ A_l] \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} A_l^+ [A_l^+, A_l] \\
&= -A_l^+ (H_{l+1} - H_l)
\end{aligned}$$

leading to

$$H_l A_l^+ = A_l^+ H_{l+1}.$$

or

$$A_l H_l = H_{l+1} A_l.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
[A_l, H_l] &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l, A_l^+ A_l] \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l, A_l^+] A_l \\
&= (H_{l+1} - H_l) A_l
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$H_{l+1} A_l = A_l H_l.$$

2. Eigenvalue problem

Suppose that

$$H_l |E, l\rangle = E |E, l\rangle, \quad H_{l+1} |E, l+1\rangle = E |E, l+1\rangle.$$

Then we get

$$H_{l+1} A_l |E, l\rangle = A_l H_l |E, l\rangle = E A_l |E, l\rangle.$$

This means that $A_l|E, l\rangle$ is the eigenket of H_{l+1} with the eigenvalue E . Then we have

$$A_l|E, l\rangle \propto |E, l+1\rangle.$$

The operator A_l creates a stationary state with the same energy E for the one step up from l to $(l+1)$. We also get

$$H_l A_l^+ |E, l+1\rangle = A_l^+ H_{l+1} |E, l+1\rangle = E A_l^+ |E, l+1\rangle.$$

This means that $A_l^+ |E, l+1\rangle$ is the eigenket of H_l with the eigenvalue E . Then we have

$$A_l^+ |E, l+1\rangle \propto |E, l\rangle.$$

The operator A_l^+ creates a stationary state with the same energy E for the one step down from $(l+1)$ to l . The kinetic energy is shifted from $\frac{p_r^2}{2\mu}$ to $\frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2}$ as l increases up to $l = l_{\max}$. Here we assume that

$$A_{l_{\max}} |E, l_{\max}\rangle = 0,$$

or

$$\langle E, l_{\max} | A_{l_{\max}}^+ A_{l_{\max}} | E, l_{\max} \rangle = 0.$$

Since

$$A_{l_{\max}}^+ A_{l_{\max}} = \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} H_{l_{\max}} + \frac{Z^2}{2(l_{\max} + 1)^2},$$

we have

$$\langle E, l_{\max} | \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} H_{l_{\max}} + \frac{Z^2}{2(l_{\max} + 1)^2} | E, l_{\max} \rangle = 0,$$

or

$$\langle E, l_{\max} | \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} H_{l_{\max}} | E, l_{\max} \rangle = -\frac{Z^2}{2(l_{\max} + 1)^2}.$$

Noting that

$$H_{l_{\max}} | E, l_{\max} \rangle = E | E, l_{\max} \rangle,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E, l_{\max} | H_{l_{\max}} | E, l_{\max} \rangle &= E = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a^2} \frac{Z^2}{(l_{\max} + 1)^2} \\ &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{\mu e^2}\right)^2 \mu} \frac{Z^2}{n^2}, \\ &= -\frac{\mu Z^2 e^4}{2n^2 \hbar^2} \end{aligned}$$

which agrees well with the prediction from the Bohr model. Here we note that n is the principal quantum number and is given by

$$n = l_{\max} + 1,$$

The energy eigenvalue is

$$E = E_n = -\frac{\mu e^4 Z^2}{2n^2 \hbar^2}.$$

3. Mathematica-I: Derivation of commutation relations

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Clear["Global`*"] ;
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The operator: A=AD

$$\text{AD}[L_] := \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{r} D[r \#, r] - \frac{L+1}{r} \# + \frac{Z}{(L+1)a} \# \right) \&;$$

The operator: A+=AU

$$\text{AU}[L_] := \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{r} D[r \#, r] - \frac{L+1}{r} \# + \frac{Z}{(L+1)a} \# \right) \&;$$

The quantum mechanical operator

$$\text{pr} := -i \frac{\hbar}{r} D[r \#, r] \&;$$

The Hamiltonian of hydrogen atom. μ is a reduced mass.

$$\text{H}[L_] := \left(\frac{1}{2\mu} \text{pr}[\text{pr}[\#]] + \frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} \# - \frac{Ze1^2}{r} \# \right) \&;$$

AI+ AI calculation

$$f1 = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} \left(AU[L] [AD[L] [\chi[r]]] - \frac{z^2 \chi[r]}{2 (L+1)^2} \right) //$$

Simplify;

$$f2 = H[L] [\chi[r]] // \text{Simplify};$$

$$eq3 = (f1 - f2) /. \left\{ a \rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu e1^2} \right\} // \text{Simplify}$$

0

The commutation relation

$A[L] A+[L] - A+[L] A[L]$

$$f3 =$$

$$(AU[L] [AD[L] [\chi[r]]] - AD[L] [AU[L] [\chi[r]]]) //$$

Simplify

$$- \frac{a^2 (1 + L) \chi[r]}{r^2}$$

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f4 =
-  $\frac{a^2 \mu}{\hbar^2}$  (H[L + 1][ $\chi[r]$ ] - H[L][ $\chi[r]$ ] // Simplify);
f3 - f4 // Simplify
0

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Some comment on various kinds of commutation relations

$A+[L] A+[L+1] - A+[L+1]+A[L]$

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AU[L][AU[L + 1][ $\chi[r]$ ]] -
AU[L + 1][AU[L][ $\chi[r]$ ]] // Simplify
-  $\frac{a^2 \chi[r]}{2 r^2}$ 

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$A[L] A[L+1] - A[L+1]A[L]$

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AD[L][AD[L + 1][ $\chi[r]$ ]] -
AD[L + 1][AD[L][ $\chi[r]$ ]] // Simplify
 $\frac{a^2 \chi[r]}{2 r^2}$ 

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$$A[L] A+[L+1] - A+[L+1]A[L]$$

$$\text{AD}[\text{L}] [\text{AU}[\text{L} + 1] [\chi[\text{r}]]] - \\ \text{AU}[\text{L} + 1] [\text{AD}[\text{L}] [\chi[\text{r}]]] \text{ // Simplify}$$

$$\frac{a^2 (3 + 2 L) \chi[r]}{2 r^2}$$

$$A+[L] A[L+1] - A[L+1]A+[L]$$

$$\text{AU}[\text{L}] [\text{AD}[\text{L} + 1] [\chi[\text{r}]]] - \\ \text{AD}[\text{L} + 1] [\text{AU}[\text{L}] [\chi[\text{r}]]] \text{ // Simplify}$$

$$- \frac{a^2 (3 + 2 L) \chi[r]}{2 r^2}$$

$$H[L+1] - H[L]$$

$$\text{seq1} = \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} (H[\text{L} + 1] [\chi[\text{r}]] - H[\text{L}] [\chi[\text{r}]]) \text{ //} \\ \text{Simplify}$$

$$\frac{a^2 (1 + L) \chi[r]}{r^2}$$

$$A[L] H[L] - H[L+1] A[L]=0$$

$$\mathbf{AD}[\mathbf{L}][\mathbf{H}[\mathbf{L}][\chi[\mathbf{r}]]] - \mathbf{H}[\mathbf{L} + 1][\mathbf{AD}[\mathbf{L}][\chi[\mathbf{r}]]] /.$$

$$\left\{ \mathbf{a} \rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu \mathbf{e} \mathbf{1}^2} \right\} // \text{Simplify}$$

$$0$$

$$H[L] AU[L] - AU[L] H[L+1]=0$$

$$\mathbf{H}[\mathbf{L}][\mathbf{AU}[\mathbf{L}][\chi[\mathbf{r}]]] - \mathbf{AU}[\mathbf{L}][\mathbf{H}[\mathbf{L} + 1][\chi[\mathbf{r}]]] /.$$

$$\left\{ \mathbf{a} \rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu \mathbf{e} \mathbf{1}^2} \right\} // \text{Simplify} // \text{Simplify}$$

$$0$$

4. Energy eigenfunction $\langle r | E, l_{\max} \rangle$

We start with

$$A_{l_{\max}} |E, l_{\max}\rangle = 0,$$

or

$$A_{l_{\max}} |E, l_{\max}\rangle = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{ip_r}{\hbar} - \frac{l_{\max} + 1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l_{\max} + 1)a} \right] |E, l_{\max}\rangle = 0.$$

We note that

$$\langle r | \left(\frac{ip_r}{\hbar} - \frac{n}{r} + \frac{Z}{na} \right) | E, l_{\max} \rangle = 0,$$

where

$$p_r = -i\hbar \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r = -i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \right).$$

Then we have the differential equation,

$$\frac{d}{dr} \chi(r) - \frac{n-1}{r} \chi(r) + \frac{Z}{na} \chi(r) = 0,$$

with

$$\chi(r) = \langle r | E, l_{\max} \rangle.$$

The solution of this differential equation is given by

$$\chi_{l_{\max}}(r) = \langle r | E, l_{\max} \rangle = C r^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{na}\right),$$

where

$$C = \frac{2^n}{\sqrt{n(2n-1)!}} \left(\frac{Z}{na} \right)^{n-1+\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2^n}{\sqrt{n(2n-1)!}} \left(\frac{Z}{na} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{Z}{na} \right)^{n-1}.$$

Using this constant, we get the normalized wave function

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{l_{\max}}(r) &= \langle r | E, l_{\max} \rangle = \frac{2^n}{\sqrt{n(2n-1)!}} \left(\frac{Z}{na} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{Zr}{na} \right)^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{na}\right) \\ &= \frac{2^n}{\sqrt{n(2n-1)!}} \frac{1}{n^{n-1}} \left(\frac{Z}{na} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{Zr}{a} \right)^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{na}\right) \\ &= \frac{2^n \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{(2n)!}} \frac{1}{n^{n-1}} \left(\frac{Z}{na} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{Zr}{a} \right)^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{na}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the expectation value $\langle r \rangle$ and $\langle r^2 \rangle$.

$$\langle r \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} r^3 dr [\chi_{l_{\max}}(r)]^2 = \frac{a}{Z} n(n + \frac{1}{2}),$$

and

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} r^4 dr [\chi_{l_{\max}}(r)]^2 = \frac{a^2}{Z^2} n^2 (n+1)(n + \frac{1}{2}).$$

Then we have the ratio defined by

$$\frac{\langle r^2 \rangle}{\langle r \rangle^2} = \frac{n+1}{n + \frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2n+1}.$$

The uncertainty in r is

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle - \langle r \rangle^2} = \frac{\langle r \rangle}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}Z} n \sqrt{n + \frac{1}{2}} \propto n^{3/2}.$$

As n increases, the uncertainty in r increases as $n^{3/2}$.

5. Mathematica-II: Derivation of energy eigen function

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Clear["Global`*"] ;
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$$\text{eq1} = \chi'[\mathbf{r}] - \frac{\mathbf{n} - 1}{\mathbf{r}} \chi[\mathbf{r}] + \frac{\mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{n} \mathbf{a}} \chi[\mathbf{r}] == 0$$

$$- \frac{(-1 + \mathbf{n}) \chi[\mathbf{r}]}{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{\mathbf{Z} \chi[\mathbf{r}]}{\mathbf{a} \mathbf{n}} + \chi'[\mathbf{r}] == 0$$

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eq2 = DSolve[eq1, χ[r], r] // Simplify
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$$\left\{ \left\{ \chi[\mathbf{r}] \rightarrow e^{-\frac{\mathbf{r} \mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{a} \mathbf{n}}} \mathbf{r}^{-1+\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{C}[1] \right\} \right\}$$

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χ[r_] = χ[r] /. eq2[[1]]
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$$e^{-\frac{\mathbf{r} \mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{a} \mathbf{n}}} \mathbf{r}^{-1+\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{C}[1]$$

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k1 = Integrate[χ[r]2 r2, {r, 0, ∞}] //  
Simplify[#, {n > 0, n ∈ Integers, Z > 0,  
          a > 0}] &
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$$4^{-n} n \left(\frac{Z}{a n} \right)^{-1-2 n} C[1]^2 \text{Gamma}[2 n]$$

$$\mathbf{eq3} = \mathbf{Solve}[\mathbf{k1} == \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{C[1]}]$$

$$\left\{ \left\{ C[1] \rightarrow - \frac{2^n \left(\frac{Z}{a n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} (1+2 n)}}{\sqrt{n} \sqrt{\text{Gamma}[2 n]}} \right\}, \right.$$

$$\left. \left\{ C[1] \rightarrow \frac{2^n \left(\frac{Z}{a n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} (1+2 n)}}{\sqrt{n} \sqrt{\text{Gamma}[2 n]}} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{h1} = \mathbf{C[1]} /. \mathbf{eq3}[[2]]$$

$$\frac{2^n \left(\frac{Z}{a n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} (1+2 n)}}{\sqrt{n} \sqrt{\text{Gamma}[2 n]}}$$

6. Energy eigenvalues

We assume that

$$A_l^+ |E, l+1\rangle = c_l |E, l\rangle.$$

Using the formula

$$H_l = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l^+ A_l - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2}], \quad H_{l+1} = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a^2} [A_l A_l^+ - \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2}]$$

we get

$$\langle E, l+1 | A_l A_l^+ | E, l+1 \rangle = |c_l|^2.$$

Using the relation

$$A_l A_l^+ = \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} H_{l+1} + \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2},$$

we get

$$\langle E, l+1 | \frac{\mu a^2}{\hbar^2} H_{l+1} + \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2} | E, l+1 \rangle = |c_l|^2,$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} |c_l|^2 &= \frac{a^2 \mu}{\hbar^2} E + \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2} \\ &= -\frac{Z^2}{2(l_{\max}+1)^2} + \frac{Z^2}{2(l+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{Z^2}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{(l+1)^2} \right], \\ &= \frac{Z^2}{2} \left[\frac{n^2 - (l+1)^2}{n^2 (l+1)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{Z^2}{2} \left[\frac{(n+l+1)(n-l-1)}{n^2 (l+1)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

with

$$E = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a^2} \frac{Z^2}{(l_{\max}+1)^2} = -\frac{\hbar^2 Z^2}{2\mu a^2 n^2}.$$

By the appropriate choice of the phase factor for c_l , we have

$$c_l = \frac{1}{f(n, l)} = -\frac{Z}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{-\frac{1}{(l_{\max}+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(l+1)^2}} = -\frac{Z}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{(n+l+1)(n-l-1)}}{n(l+1)}.$$

Then we get

$$A_l|E, l+1\rangle = \frac{1}{f(n, l)}|E, l\rangle,$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(l) &= \langle r|E, l\rangle = f(n, l)\langle r|A_l|E, l+1\rangle \\ &= f(n, l)A_l\psi(l+1) \\ &= B(n, l)\psi(l+1)\end{aligned}$$

where the operator $B(n, l)$ is defined by

$$B(n, l) = f(n, l)A_l.$$

and the operator A_l is

$$A_l = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\left[\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}r - \frac{l+1}{r} + \frac{Z}{(l+1)a}\right]$$

Using the above recursion relation, we get

$$\psi(l = n-2) = B(n, l = n-2)\psi(l = n-1),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(l = n-3) &= B(n, l = n-3)\psi(l = n-2) \\ &= B(n, l = n-3)B(n, l = n-2)\psi(l = n-1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(l = n-4) &= B(n, l = n-4)\psi(l = n-3) \\ &= B(n, l = n-4)B(n, l = n-3)B(n, l = n-2)\psi(l = n-1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(l = n-5) &= B(n, l = n-5)\psi(l = n-4) \\ &= B(n, l = n-5)B(n, l = n-4)B(n, l = n-3)B(n, l = n-2)\psi(l = n-1)\end{aligned}$$

and so on. Using the Mathematica, the radial eigenfunctions are obtained as follows.

$$n = 1$$

$$R_{1,0}(r) = 2e^{-rZ/a} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2}. \quad n = 1, l = 0.$$

$n = 2$

$$R_{2,0}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-rZ/2a} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{rZ}{2a}\right), \quad n = 2, l = 0.$$

$$R_{2,1}(r) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} e^{-rZ/2a} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \frac{rZ}{a}. \quad n = 2, l = 1.$$

$n = 3$

$$R_{3,0}(r) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} e^{-rZ/3a} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{2rZ}{3a} + \frac{2r^2Z^2}{27a^2}\right), \quad n = 3, l = 0.$$

$$R_{3,1}(r) = \frac{4}{27} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{-rZ/3a} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \frac{rZ}{a} \left(1 - \frac{rZ}{6a}\right), \quad n = 3, l = 1.$$

$$R_{3,2}(r) = \frac{2}{81} \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}} e^{-rZ/3a} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \frac{r^2Z^2}{a^2}. \quad n = 3, l = 2.$$

7. Mathematica-III Wavefunctions and energy eigenvalues

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Clear["Global`*"]; Lmax = n - 1;
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$$f1[n1_, L1_] := -\frac{n1 (L1 + 1)}{\sqrt{(n1 + L1 + 1) (n1 - L1 - 1)}} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{z};$$

The raising operator: A+

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AU[n1_, k1_] :=
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$$f1[n1, k1] \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{-1}{r} D[r \#, r] - \frac{k1 + 1}{r} \# + \frac{z}{(k1 + 1) a} \# \right) \&;$$

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u[r_, Llmax_] :=
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$$e^{-\frac{r z}{a n}} r^{-1+n} \frac{2^n \left(\frac{z}{a n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} (1+2 n)}}{\sqrt{n} \sqrt{(2 n - 1)!}} /. n \rightarrow Llmax + 1 // Simplify$$

$n = 5; l = 4, 3, 2, 1, 0$

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n = 5; Lmax = 4;
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u[r, Lmax] // Simplify
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$$\frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{35}} e^{-\frac{r z}{5 a}} r^4 \left(\frac{z}{a} \right)^{11/2}}{140625}$$

AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]] // Simplify

$$\frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{35}} e^{-\frac{r Z}{5 a}} r^3 Z^4 \sqrt{\frac{Z}{a}} (20 a - r Z)}{46875 a^5}$$

AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]]] // Simplify

$$\frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{35}} e^{-\frac{r Z}{5 a}} r^2 Z^3 \sqrt{\frac{Z}{a}} (525 a^2 - 70 a r Z + 2 r^2 Z^2)}{46875 a^5}$$

AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]]]] // Simplify

$$\frac{1}{46875 a^3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{35}} e^{-\frac{r Z}{5 a}} r \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{5/2} (23625 a^3 - 5775 a^2 r Z + 400 a r^2 Z^2 - 8 r^3 Z^3)$$

**AU[n, n - 4][
AU[n, n - 3][
AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]]]]] // Simplify**

$$\frac{1}{328\,125\,a^4} \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}} e^{-\frac{rZ}{5a}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(945\,000\,a^4 - 454\,125\,a^3\,r\,Z + 64\,425\,a^2\,r^2\,Z^2 - 3360\,a\,r^3\,Z^3 + 56\,r^4\,Z^4\right)$$

$n = 4; l = 3, 2, 1, 0$

n = 4; Lmax = 3;

u[r, Lmax] // Simplify

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{rZ}{4a}} r^3 \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{9/2}}{768 \sqrt{35}}$$

AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]] // Simplify

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{rZ}{4a}} r^2 Z^3 \sqrt{\frac{Z}{a}} (12a - rZ)}{768 \sqrt{5} a^4}$$

AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]]] // Simplify

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{rZ}{4a}} r \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{5/2} (80a^2 - 20a\,r\,Z + r^2\,Z^2)}{256 \sqrt{15} a^2}$$

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AU[n, n - 4][AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]]]] //
Simplify
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$$\frac{e^{-\frac{r Z}{4 a}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} (192 a^3 - 144 a^2 r Z + 24 a r^2 Z^2 - r^3 Z^3)}{768 a^3}$$

$n = 3; l = 2, 1, 0$

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n = 3; Lmax = 2;
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u[r, Lmax] // Simplify
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$$\frac{2}{81} \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}} e^{-\frac{r Z}{3 a}} r^2 \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{7/2}$$

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AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]] // FullSimplify
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$$-\frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{-\frac{r Z}{3 a}} r \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{5/2} (-6 a + r Z)}{81 a}$$

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AU[n, n - 3][AU[n, n - 2][u[r, Lmax]]] // Simplify
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$$\frac{2 e^{-\frac{r Z}{3 a}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} (27 a^2 - 18 a r Z + 2 r^2 Z^2)}{81 \sqrt{3} a^2}$$

$$n = 2; l = 1, 0$$

$$n = 2; L_{\max} = 1;$$

$$u[r, L_{\max}] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{r}{2a}} r \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{5/2}}{2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$AU[n, n - 2][u[r, L_{\max}]] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{r}{2a}} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{3/2} (2a - r)}{2\sqrt{2}a}$$

$$n = 1; l = 0$$

$$n = 1; L_{\max} = 0;$$

$$u[r, L_{\max}] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$2 e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{3/2}$$

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