

Quantum Mechanics - Solutions

Q 6.6

$$V(r) = \frac{A}{r^2} - \frac{B}{r}$$

So the radial equation is

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{A}{r^2} - \frac{B}{r} \right\} R = ER$$

Note that

$$l(l+1) \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + A = \mu(\mu+1) \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}$$

so

$$\mu(\mu+1) = l(l+1) + A \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}$$

So the problem looks like the hydrogen atom of angular momentum $l \rightarrow \mu$

For the hydrogen atom we have

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) - \frac{Ze^2}{r} R + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2m r^2} R = ER$$

Here $\lambda = -\frac{Ze^2}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{-2mE}{\hbar^2}} = l + \nu + 1 \neq \text{integer}$
* This has to be an integer.

~~Here~~ and so

$$\left(\frac{Ze^2}{2E} \right)^2 \frac{-2mE}{\hbar^2} = (l + \nu + 1)^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{(Ze^2)^2}{2E} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{m} (l + \nu + 1)^2$$