

277(1): Analogy Between 3D Orbit Theory and Orbital Theory.

The classical Hamiltonian of the orbit theory is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\phi}^2) + U(r) \quad - (1)$$

where:

$$U(r) = -\frac{k}{r} \quad - (2)$$

and

$$k = m M G \quad - (3)$$

Here:

$$\dot{\phi}^2 = \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad - (4)$$

and the spherical polar coordinate system is defined by:

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad - (5)$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad - (6)$$

$$z = r \cos \theta \quad - (7)$$

The starting point of the quantum theory of orbitals is eqn. (1) with:

$$k = \frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \quad - (8)$$

The kinetic energy in eq. (1) is the same for both orbit and the classical limit of the orbital theory:

$$T = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \quad - (9)$$

where:

$$\dot{v}^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\beta}^2 \quad - (10)$$

Quantization takes place through:

$$\underline{p} \phi = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla} \phi \quad - (11)$$

in three dimensions. Therefore:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \phi = \frac{p^2}{2m} \phi = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\beta}^2) \phi \quad - (12)$$

The Laplacian in spherical polar coordinates is:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) + \frac{\Lambda^2 \phi}{r^2} \quad - (13)$$

where the Laplacian is:

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2}{d\phi^2} \quad - (14)$$

Here:

$$\Lambda^2 Y = -l(l+1)Y \quad - (15)$$

where Y are the spherical harmonics and where l is an integer.

For a particle constrained on a sphere:

$$\dot{r} = 0 \quad - (16)$$

3) and the moment of inertia is:

$$I = mr^2 \quad - (17)$$

It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} E\psi &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2I} \Lambda^2 \psi \\ &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2I} l(l+1) \psi \quad - (18) \end{aligned}$$

if $\psi = Y \quad - (19)$

Therefore the eigenvalues of the rotational kinetic energy are:

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} l(l+1) \quad - (20)$$

The Schrodinger equation is:

$$\Lambda^2 \psi = -\left(\frac{2IE}{\hbar^2}\right) \psi = -l(l+1) \psi \quad - (21)$$

Therefore

$$\beta^2 = l(l+1) \frac{\hbar^2}{I^2} \quad - (22)$$

The particle constrained on a sphere is

4) also a spherical orbit, which is quantized in the same way.

The expectation value of the energy is:

$$\langle E \rangle = \int \psi^* E \psi d\tau = \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \dot{\beta}^2 \quad (23)$$

where $E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} l(l+1) \quad (24)$

The expectation value of $\dot{\beta}^2$ is:

$$\langle \dot{\beta}^2 \rangle = \frac{2E}{I} = \int \psi^* \dot{\beta}^2 \psi d\tau \quad (25)$$

where $\dot{\beta}^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{I^2} l(l+1) \quad (26)$

classically: $\langle \dot{\beta} \rangle = \frac{L}{mr^2} = \frac{L}{I} \quad (27)$

so $\langle L \rangle = I \langle \dot{\beta} \rangle = I \omega \quad (27)$

and $L = \hbar (l(l+1))^{1/2} \quad (28)$

$$\dot{\beta} = \frac{\hbar}{I} (l(l+1))^{1/2} \quad (29)$$

5) Therefore for a particle on a sphere or a spherical rot. the quantized β is:

$$\beta = \frac{\hbar}{I} (l(l+1))^{1/2} \quad - (30)$$

and its classical value is:

$$\langle \beta \rangle = \frac{L}{I} \quad - (31)$$

Now the classical $\langle \beta \rangle$ can be related to ϕ and θ as in previous work.

This analysis must now be repeated for the Schrodinger equation.