

3.5(2) : Analytical Solution of the Schrodinger Equation with a Gravitational Potential.

The Schrodinger equation is :

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} - V_1 \right) \psi = E\psi \quad (1)$$

where
$$V_1 = -\frac{m_2 M G}{R} \quad (2)$$

in the notation of the previous note.

Write :

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + V_1 \quad (3)$$

so:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{r_1} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_1}{e^2}} \quad (4)$$

so the Schrodinger equation is :

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} \right) \psi = E\psi \quad (5)$$

The solution of eq. (5) is the same as that of the usual Schrodinger equation with r replaced by r_1 , i.e.

A) $\psi(r_1, \theta, \phi) = R(r_1) Y(\theta, \phi) \quad - (16)$

where:

$$R_{nl}(r_1) = \left(\frac{2L}{na} \right) \left[\frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3} \right] \rho^l L_{n+l}^{2l+1}(\rho) e^{-\rho/2} \quad - (17)$$

where:

$$\rho = \left(\frac{2L}{na} \right) r_1, \quad - (18)$$

$$a = \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{m e^2} \quad - (19)$$

$$\frac{1}{r_1} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0}{e^2} V_1 \quad - (20)$$

$$V_1 = \frac{m_2 M G}{R} \quad - (21)$$

The solution of eq. (1) is eqs. (16) to (22).

The expectation values of energy are

$$E = \int \psi^* \hat{H} \psi d\tau \quad - (12)$$

and depend on gravitation. They must be worked out with r replaced by r_1
