

# **Exactly Soluble System (II)**

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# LEBIENDE POLYNOMIALS AND ASSOCIATED LEBIENDER FUNCTIONS AND SOLUTION

The first result in the search for separated solution e.g.  $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\delta}{\delta r} (r^2 \frac{\delta \phi}{\delta r}) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} (\sin \phi \frac{\delta \phi}{\delta \phi}) = 0$  which ultimately leads to the formulas  $r^{l+1} P_l \cos \phi$  and  $r^{-(l+1)} P_l \cos \phi$ , is the pair of differential equations

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ (1-z^2) \frac{dP_l(z)}{dz} \right] + L(L+1) P_l(z) = 0$$

where  $P_l(z)$  is the Legendre polynomial of degree  $l$ . The properties of polynomial restrict  $l$  in such a way that it must be zero or an integer.

$$P_l(z) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l (z^2-1)^l}{dz^l}$$

[The  $r$ -equation is equidimensional and thus has solution, easily found, which are powers of  $r$ . The  $\phi$ -equation is Legendre's equation. We begin by transforming it to a somewhat simpler form by a change of independent variable

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{df}{dr} - lf = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\phi} \left( \sin \phi \frac{dP}{d\phi} \right) + l \sin \phi P = 0$$

$$z = \cos \phi$$

When we know two adjacent polynomials, one can calculate others from the recursion formula -

$$(l+1) P_{l+1}(z) - (2l+1)z P_l(z) + l P_{l-1}(z) = 0$$

The associated functions of degree  $l$  and  $|m|$ , where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $|m| = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$

are defined in terms of the Legendre polynomials  
by

$$P_l^{(m)}(z) = (1-z^2)^{|m|/2} \frac{d^{|m|}}{dz^{|m|}} P_l(z)$$

This satisfies the differential equation

$$(1-z^2) \frac{d^2 P_l^{(m)}(z)}{dz^2} - 2z \frac{d P_l^{(m)}(z)}{dz} + \left[ l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-z^2} \right] P_l^{(m)}(z) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Solution of  $T_l(\theta)$  dependent equation

Comparing equation (1), the differential equation which is satisfied by the associated Legendre function, with equation -

$$(1-z^2) \frac{d^2 P}{dz^2} - 2z \frac{dP}{dz} + \left[ \beta - \frac{m^2}{1-z^2} \right] P = 0$$

[from transformed  $T_l(\theta)$  equation], we see that they are of the same form, we need only to identify  $P(z)$  with  $P_l^{(m)}(z)$  and  $\beta$  with  $l(l+1)$ . we need now have

$$T_l(\theta) = N \Theta P_l^{(m)}(z) \quad (2)$$

$$\beta = l(l+1) \quad (3)$$

where  $l$  is known as the azimuthal quantum number. Hence  $l = m, (m+1), (m+2), (m+3), \dots$

One should now normalize  $T_l(\theta)$ . One knows that since the variable is  $z = \cos \theta$ , the electron is confined between  $z = -1$  and  $z = +1$

The value of the integral is

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} P_l^{(m)}(z) P_l^{(m)}(z) dz = \frac{2}{(2l+1)} \frac{l+|m|!}{l-|m|!} \delta_{ll} \quad (4)$$

has been determined. The symbol  $\delta_{ll}$  the Kronecker delta.

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has the value zero when  $l \neq l'$  and unity when  $l = l'$ .

Variation from  $z = -1$  to  $z = +1$ , corresponds to variation of  $\theta$  from zero to  $\pi$ . The normalization integral.

$$\int_0^\pi T_{l,m}^*(\theta) T_{l,m}(\theta) \sin\theta d\theta = 1$$

becomes. 
$$N_{\theta}^2 \int_{-1}^{+1} P_l^{(m)}(z) P_l^{(m)}(z) dz = 1 \quad (5)$$

in terms of the associated Legendre functions.

Substituting for the integral its value in terms of  $l$  and  $m$  from equation (4) in (5) we find

$$N_{\theta}^2 = \frac{(2l+1)(l-|m|)!}{2(l+|m|)!}$$

Substituting above equation in (2), we get-

$$T_{\theta} = \frac{(2l+1)(l-|m|)!}{2(l+|m|)!} P_l^{(m)} \cos\theta \quad (6)$$

### The Solution of $r$ dependent equation:-

$$\text{Equation} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dR(r)}{dr} \right) - \frac{\beta}{r^2} R(r) + \frac{8\pi^2 \mu (E-V)}{h^2} R(r) = 0 \quad (7)$$

Here we know that  $\beta = l(l+1)$  and  $E$  is negative and

$$V = -\frac{ze^2}{r}$$

Suppose we make the following substitutions

$$d^2 = -\frac{8\pi^2 \mu E}{h^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \frac{4\pi^2 \mu z e^2}{h^2} \quad (8)$$

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and  $P = 2Lr$ , where  $P$  is a new independent variable lying between 0 and  $\infty$

$S(r) = R(r)$  then

$$\frac{ds}{dP} = \frac{ds}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dP} \text{ and } \frac{dP}{dr} = 2L$$

Putting  $\beta = L(L+1)$  and, making the appropriate substitutions, the  $r$  dependent equation (7) modifies

$$\frac{1}{P^2} \frac{d}{dP} \left( P^2 \frac{ds}{dP} \right) + \left[ \frac{-L(L+1)}{P^2} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{P} \right] S = 0 \quad (9)$$

For large values of  $P$ , equation (9) becomes approximately as

$$\frac{d^2 S}{dP^2} = \frac{S}{4} \quad (10)$$

Solution of this equation are  $S = e^{P/2}$  and  $S = e^{-P/2}$ , Only the second is suitable for wave functions. Assume that the solution of the complete equation is of the following form

$$S(P) = e^{-P/2} f; \quad 0 \leq P < \infty \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{ds}{dP} = e^{-P/2} \frac{df}{dP} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-P/2} f \quad (12)$$

On making the appropriate substitutions in equation (9)

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dp^2} + \frac{df}{dp} \left( \frac{2}{p} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{p} - \frac{L(L+1)}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p} \right) f = 0 \quad (13)$$

Coefficients of  $\frac{df}{dp}$  and  $f$  possess singularities at the origin, which is a regular point. Therefore a power series can be substituted for  $f$  beginning with a non-vanishing constant term.

$$\text{Let } f = p^s L \text{ where } L = a_0 + a_1 p + a_2 p^2 + a_3 p^3 + \dots \quad (14)$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{df}{dp} = p^s \frac{dL}{dp} + s p^{s-1} L \quad (15)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d^2 f}{dp^2} = p^s \frac{d^2 L}{dp^2} + 2s p^{s-1} \frac{dL}{dp} + s(s-1) p^{s-2} L \quad (16)$$

Multiplying equation (13) by  $p^2$

$$p^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dp^2} + (2p - p^2) \frac{df}{dp} + (1 - 1) p f - L(L+1) f = 0 \quad (17)$$

Substituting for  $\frac{d^2 f}{dp^2}$  and  $\frac{df}{dp}$

$$p^{s+2} \frac{d^2 L}{dp^2} + 2s p^{s+1} \frac{dL}{dp} + s(s-1) p^s L + 2p^{s+1} \frac{dL}{dp} + \underbrace{[+ 2s p^s L]}_{(18)} - p^{s+2} \frac{dL}{dp} - s p^{s+1} L + (1-1) p^{s+1} L - L(L+1) p^s L = 0$$

The equation is an identity in  $p$ , and therefore coefficient of individual powers of  $p$  get vanished. Taking the coefficient of  $p^s$

$$[s(s-1) + 2s - L(L+1)] a_0 = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Since } a_0 \neq 0 \text{ therefore } [s(s-1) + 2s - L(L+1)] = 0 \quad (19)$$

Therefore either  $s = L$  or  $s = -(L+1)$  but the second value does not lead to an acceptable wave function.

taking  $s = L$

$$f(p) = p^L$$

use eqn (14)

Substituting  $L$  for  $s$  and dividing by  $p^{L+1}$  in eqn (14)

$$P \frac{d^2 L}{dP^2} + \{2(L+1) - P\} \frac{dL}{dP} + (1-L-L) L = 0 \quad (20)$$

Suppose  $L = a_0 + a_1 P + a_2 P^2 + a_3 P^3 + \dots \quad (21)$

$$\frac{dL}{dP} = a_1 + 2a_2 P + 3a_3 P^2 + \dots \quad (22)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d^2 L}{dP^2} = 2a_2 + 6a_3 P + \dots \quad (23)$$

Substituting equation (21), (22) and (23) in (20), we get

$$2a_2 P + 6a_3 P^2 + 12a_4 P^3 + \dots - 2(L+1)(a_1 + 2a_2 P + 3a_3 P^2 + \dots) + (1-L-L)(a_0 + a_1 P + a_2 P^2 + \dots) = 0$$

The equation is an identity in  $P$ , and therefore, co-efficient of powers of  $P$  must be vanish individually.

$$\text{Thus } (1-L-1)a_0 + 1 \times 2(L+1)a_1 = 0$$

$$\text{and } (1-L-1)a_1 + \{2 \times 2(L+1) + 1 \times 2\} a_2 = 0$$

$$\text{and } (1-L-1)a_2 + \{3 \times 2(L+1) + 2 \times 3\} a_3 = 0$$

$$(1-L-1-n)a_n + 2(n+1)(L+1) + n(n+1)a_{n+1} = 0$$

if the solution of the main equation is acceptable as a wave function, the series should break off after a finite number of terms (so that  $\psi$  approaches zero at infinity). If it break off after the term

$$n = n', \text{ then we get } (1-L-1-n') = 0 \quad (24)$$

where  $n'$  has an integral value, 0, 1, 2

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Suppose  $l = n$ , then

$$n > l + 1 \quad - \quad - \quad (25)$$

As  $l$  is an integer,  $n$  should be an integer of series 1, 2, 3, ...  $n$  is known as the Principal quantum number. Thus the three quantum numbers defining the state of hydrogen atom are as follows:

Magnetic quantum number  $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$

Azimuthal quantum number  $l \geq m, (m+1), (m+2), (m+3), \dots$

Principal quantum number  $n > l \pm 1$

It becomes more convenient for the interpretation of spectra to rewrite these number as:

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$$

$$m = -l, -(l-1), \dots, -1, 0, +1, \dots, +l-1, l$$

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