

Quadratic Zeeman effect

Q: [1] pr. 5.18 Work out the quadratic Zeeman effect for the ground state hydrogen atom due to the usually neglected $e^2 \mathbf{A}^2 / 2m_e c^2$ term in the Hamiltonian.

A: The first order energy shift is

For a z-oriented magnetic field we can use

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{B}{2} \{-y, x, 0\}, \quad (1.1)$$

so the perturbation potential is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{e^2 \mathbf{A}^2}{2m_e c^2} \\ &= \frac{e^2 \mathbf{B}^2 (x^2 + y^2)}{8m_e c^2} \\ &= \frac{e^2 \mathbf{B}^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{8m_e c^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

The ground state wave function is

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_0 &= \langle \mathbf{x} | 0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

so the energy shift is

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta &= \langle 0 | V | 0 \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} 2\pi \frac{e^2 \mathbf{B}^2}{8m_e c^2} \int_0^\infty r^2 \sin \theta e^{-2r/a_0} r^2 \sin^2 \theta dr d\theta \\
&= \frac{e^2 \mathbf{B}^2}{4a_0^3 m_e c^2} \int_0^\infty r^4 e^{-2r/a_0} dr \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \theta d\theta \\
&= -\frac{e^2 \mathbf{B}^2}{4a_0^3 m_e c^2} \frac{4!}{(2/a_0)^{4+1}} \left(u - \frac{u^3}{3} \right) \Big|_1^{-1} \\
&= \frac{e^2 a_0^2 \mathbf{B}^2}{4m_e c^2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

If this energy shift is written in terms of a diamagnetic susceptibility χ defined by

$$\Delta = -\frac{1}{2}\chi \mathbf{B}^2, \tag{1.5}$$

the diamagnetic susceptibility is

$$\chi = -\frac{e^2 a_0^2 \mathbf{B}^2}{2m_e c^2}. \tag{1.6}$$

Bibliography

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