

1. This problem is concerned with a nonrelativistic Hydrogen atom in a uniform, external electric field,  $\mathbf{E}$ . Let the field point along the  $z$  axis,  $\mathbf{E} = E\hat{z}$ . The perturbing Hamiltonian is

$$H' = -eEz = -eEr \cos \theta .$$

You will need the  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  states of the Hydrogen atom,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r, \theta, \phi | 100 \rangle &= \frac{2}{a^{3/2}} e^{-r/a} Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) \\ \langle r, \theta, \phi | 200 \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}a^{3/2}} \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a}\right) e^{-r/2a} Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) \\ \langle r, \theta, \phi | 21m \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}a^{3/2}} \frac{r}{a} e^{-r/2a} Y_1^m(\theta, \phi) \quad (m = 0, \pm 1) \end{aligned}$$

where  $a$  is the Bohr radius.

- (a) Show that the shift in the energy of the ground state is zero in first-order perturbation theory.
- (b) The four  $n = 2$  states are degenerate, so degenerate perturbation theory must be used. Label the four states as

$$|1\rangle = |200\rangle$$

$$|2\rangle = |210\rangle$$

$$|3\rangle = |211\rangle$$

$$|4\rangle = |21-1\rangle$$

As a first step, calculate the  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $\langle i | H' | j \rangle$ . Be aware that all but one of the matrix elements (and its complex conjugate) are zero, for reasons of symmetry or by direct calculation. Express them in terms of  $a$ ,  $e$ , and  $E$ .

- (c) Use this matrix to find the energy shifts in the presence of the external electric field. Express your result in terms of  $a$ ,  $e$ , and  $E$ .
- (d) Sketch a qualitative graph of the  $n = 2$  energy levels versus the magnitude of the external electric field. Indicate any degeneracies on your graph.