

For Monday 10/22, read Griffiths' section 4.1.1 and turn in by 9:30 am:

1. Conceptual: What the limits of integration when you integrate over all space in spherical coordinates? Why?
2. Conceptual: Write the momentum operator in 3 dimensions in terms of unit vectors \hat{x} , \hat{y} , and \hat{z} .
3. Conceptual: What variables can the potential energy in the schrodinger equation depend on (in other words, V in eq. 4.8 is generally a function of what)? Is equation 4.8 valid if V is a function of time? Why? Is equation 4.4 valid if V is a function of time? Why? In the derivation of equations 4.16 and 4.17 what is V a function of? What can't it be a function of?
4. Easy Math: Fill in any missing steps in the derivation of equations 4.16 and 4.17. Any questions?
5. Read problem 4.2. We will do this problem in class.
 - a. Conceptual: Set up the problem. Where do you start?
 - b. Math: How would the solution change if the box is not cubical? Say the particle is confined to: $0 < x < a$ and $0 < y < b$ and $0 < z < c$.

For Wednesday 10/24, read Griffiths section 4.1.2 and turn in by 9:30 am:

6. Conceptual: What are the possible values of m ? Why?
7. Conceptual: This time griffith's simply gives you the solution to a differential equation (4.26 solves 4.25). List some of the properties of these solutions.
8. Conceptual: Is equation 4.32 valid if V is a function of theta? Explain.
9. Easy math: Where does equation 4.30 come from? Explain.
10. Math: Use equations 4.27, 4.28, and 4.32 to construct Y_1^0 , Y_2^0 , and Y_2^{-2} . Show that they are normalized and orthogonal. Show that they satisfy the differential equation 4.18.

"For realz" weekly homework due 9:30 am on Friday 10/26 is math problems from 10/19, 10/22 and 10/24.

For Friday 10/26, read Griffiths' section 4.1.3 and turn in by 9:30 am:

1. Conceptual: Mathematically, why doesn't the energy depend on m ?
2. Conceptual: The solution to the infinite spherical well potential consists of Bessel functions (eq. 4.47). What happened to the Neumann functions?
3. Conceptual: What is meant by β_{nl} ? Realistically, how would you solve for it?
4. Math: Consider $u(r) = Arj_2(kr)$.
 - a. Show that it satisfies the differential equation 4.41 with $l=2$.
 - b. Make a plot of this function.
 - c. Where is the first place the function goes to zero where $x>0$?
 - d. What is n ? What does this mean for k ? What is the energy in terms of \hbar , m , and a ?