

PHYSICS 232 – CHAPTER 41: ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Energy levels of the H atom:

$$E_n = -\frac{me^4}{8h^2\epsilon_0^2n^2} = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$$

Orbital angular momentum has magnitude

$$L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)} \frac{h}{2\pi} \quad (\ell = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1)$$

and z -component

$$L_z = m_\ell \frac{h}{2\pi} \quad m_\ell = -\ell, \dots, 0, \dots, \ell$$

Similarly for spin ($s = 1/2$, $m_s = \pm 1/2$).

In a uniform magnetic field in the z -direction, the extra energy is

$$U = m_\ell \frac{eh}{4\pi m} B$$

For spin, $U = 2m_s \frac{eh}{4\pi m} B$ (Dirac).