

252(8): Evaluation of the \hat{H}_3 Hamiltonian.

The \hat{H}_3 Hamiltonian is defined by:

$$\hat{H}_3 \psi = \frac{ie}{4\pi^2 c^2} \underline{r} \cdot \underline{p} \left(\frac{\phi}{r^3} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \psi \right) \quad (1)$$

where:

$$\underline{r} \cdot \underline{p} \psi = -i\hbar r \frac{d\psi}{dr} \quad (2)$$

Therefore:

$$\hat{H}_3 \psi = \frac{e\hbar r}{4\pi^2 c^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{\phi}{r^3} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \psi \right)$$

$$= \frac{e\hbar r}{4\pi^2 c^2} \left(\left(\frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{\phi}{r^3} \right) \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \psi + \frac{\phi}{r^3} \frac{d}{dr} (\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \psi) \right)$$

where

$$\phi = -\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad (3)$$

Therefore:

$$\hat{H}_3 \psi = -\frac{e^2 \hbar r}{16\pi\epsilon_0 m^2 c^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{1}{r^3} \right) (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \psi$$

$$= \frac{3e^2 \hbar}{16\pi\epsilon_0 m^2 c^2 r^3} (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \psi \quad (4)$$

This is the same as E_1 of note 252(4), eq. (17).