

You may assume the following formulae in any exam question if proof is not explicitly requested (updated Nov 2010):

Spherical Harmonics:

$$Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} \quad Y_1^{\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi} \quad Y_1^0(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$$

Harmonic Oscillator:

$$\hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\hat{x}}{x_0} + i \frac{x_0}{\hbar} \hat{p} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{a}^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\hat{x}}{x_0} - i \frac{x_0}{\hbar} \hat{p} \right) \quad \text{where } x_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$$

$$\hat{a}|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle.$$

Wave functions:

$$\phi_n(x) = (2^n n!)^{-1/2} H_n\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) \times (\pi x_0^2)^{-1/4} \exp(-x^2/(2x_0^2))$$

$$H_0(z) = 1; H_1(z) = 2z; H_2(z) = 4z^2 - 2; H_3(z) = 8z^3 - 12z; H_4(z) = 16z^4 - 48z^2 + 12$$

Hydrogen atom:

normalised radial wave functions ($\int_0^\infty r^2 R^2 dr = 1$), where $a_0 = \hbar c/(mc^2\alpha)$:

$$R_{10}(r) = 2a_0^{-3/2} e^{-r/a_0}, \quad R_{20}(r) = (2a_0^3)^{-1/2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a_0}\right) e^{-r/2a_0}, \quad R_{21}(r) = (24a_0^3)^{-1/2} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0}.$$

Radial integrals for the state $|nlm\rangle$:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 n^2 (5n^2 + 1 - 3l(l+1)), \quad \langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{2} a_0 (3n^2 - l(l+1)), \quad \langle r^{-1} \rangle = (n^2 a_0)^{-1},$$

$$\langle r^{-2} \rangle = \left((l + \frac{1}{2}) n^3 a_0^2 \right)^{-1} \quad \langle r^{-3} \rangle = \left(l(l + \frac{1}{2})(l+1) n^3 a_0^3 \right)^{-1}.$$

Landé g -factor: $g_{jls} = 1 + (j(j+1) - l(l+1) + s(s+1))/(2j(j+1))$

Integrals: for positive integer n ,

$$\int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x/a} dx = n! a^{n+1} \quad \int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x^2/a^2} dx = \begin{cases} (n-1)!! a^{n+1}/2^{(n+1)/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ (n-1)!! \sqrt{\pi} a^{n+1}/2^{(n/2+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Time-independent perturbation theory:

$$|n^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle m^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} |m^{(0)}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{|\langle m^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | n^{(0)} \rangle|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}}.$$

Time-dependent perturbation theory: If at t_0 a system is in a state $|i\rangle$, to first order the chance of finding it in the state $|n\rangle$ at time t is $|d_n(t)|^2$, where

$$d_n(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t e^{i(E_n - E_i)t/\hbar} \langle n | \hat{H}^{(1)}(t) | i \rangle dt$$

Fermi's Golden Rule: $R_{i \rightarrow n} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle n | \hat{H}^{(1)} | i \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_{ni} - \hbar\omega)$

Scattering theory: Born approximation expression for the scattering amplitude:

$$f(k, \theta, \phi) = \frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} V(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

where $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_f$ is the difference between the initial and final wave vectors.

Phase shifts and cross section: $\sigma = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sigma_l = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} (2l+1) \sin^2 \delta_l$