

+29(1): Anomalous g Factor of the Electron in a Theory

In Dirac theory the g factor of the electron is calculated from the Zeeman term:

$$H_2 \psi = i \frac{e \hbar}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \psi + \dots \quad (1)$$

Using Pauli algebra:

$$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{A} + i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A} \quad (2)$$

so
$$H_2 \psi = - \frac{e \hbar}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A} \psi + \dots \quad (3)$$

where the Bohr magneton is:

$$\mu_B = \frac{e \hbar}{2m} \quad (4)$$

The spin angular momentum operator is defined by:

$$\underline{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \underline{\sigma} \quad (5)$$

so
$$H_2 \psi = 2 \left(\frac{e}{2m} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{S} \psi \quad (6)$$

$$= g \left(\frac{e}{2m} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{S} \psi$$

where:
$$g = 2 \quad (7)$$

is the g factor of the electron in Dirac theory.

Finally we:

$$S_z \psi = \hbar m_s \psi \quad (8)$$

so
$$H_2 \psi = 2 g_B \hbar m_s \psi \quad (9)$$

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$$m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2} \quad (10)$$

In n (heavy):

$$H_2 \psi = \frac{i e \hbar}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \psi \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{i e \hbar}{2m} \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} + \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \right) \psi + \dots$$

$$= - \frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \left(\frac{e \hbar}{2m} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A} \psi + \frac{i e \hbar}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \psi \quad (12)$$

Now use the Pauli algebra:

$$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{B} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} = \underline{B} \cdot \underline{A} + i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{B} \times \underline{A} \quad (14)$$

to find that the real and physical part of the Hamiltonian is:

$$H_2 \psi = - \frac{e \hbar}{2m m(r)^{1/2}} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A} \psi - \frac{e \hbar}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \psi$$

$$= - \left(\frac{2}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \left(\frac{e}{2m} \right) \underline{S} \cdot \underline{B} \psi - 2 \left(\frac{e}{2m} \right) \underline{S} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \psi$$

$$= - \left(\frac{2}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \left(\frac{e \hbar}{2m} \right) m_s B_z \psi - 2 \left(\frac{e}{2m} \right) \underline{S} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \psi \quad (15)$$

3) Therefore from the first term in Eq. (15), the anomalous g factor of the electron is:

$$g = \frac{2}{n(r)^{1/2}} \quad - (16)$$

Experimentally: $g = 2.002319314 \quad - (17)$

So $n(r)^{1/2} = 0.9988417 \quad - (18)$

$$n(r) = 0.99942068 \quad - (19)$$

The n then gives a satisfactory description of the g factor of the electron to any accuracy.
