

53(2): Development of the Dirac Equation with Spin Connection and Gravitation

Start by considering the Dirac energy equation or equation of relativistic momentum:

$$E^2 = c^2 p^2 + m^2 c^4 \quad - (1)$$

$$\text{i.e. } (E - mc^2)(E + mc^2) = c^2 p^2 \quad - (2)$$

Use the minimal prescription as follows:

$$E \rightarrow E - e\phi \quad - (3)$$

where $-e$ is the charge of the electron and ϕ is the scalar potential of the electromagnetic field. Therefore:

$$E = e\phi + mc^2 + \frac{c^2 p^2}{E - e\phi + mc^2} \quad - (4)$$

In the $SU(2)$ basis:

$$E = e\phi + mc^2 + c^2 \frac{\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p}}{E - e\phi + mc^2} \quad - (5)$$

In the approximation:

$$E \sim mc^2 \quad - (6)$$

eq. (5) is:

$$E = e\phi + mc^2 + \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \left(1 - \frac{e\phi}{2mc^2} \right)^{-1} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \quad - (6)$$

Now assume:

$$e\phi \ll mc^2 \quad - (7)$$

So:

$$E = e\phi + mc^2 + \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \left(1 + \frac{e\phi}{2mc^2} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \quad - (8)$$

$$= e\phi + mc^2 + \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} + \frac{e}{4m^2 c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p}$$

This equation quantizes to:

$$H\psi = \left(e\phi + mc^2 + \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} + \frac{e}{4m^2 c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \right) \psi \quad - (9)$$

where

$$\underline{p}\psi = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla}\psi \quad - (10)$$

Consider

$$\phi = -\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad - (11)$$

to see the potential between electron and proton of H atom. Then eq. (9) is the fermion equation of H atom.

Spin orbit coupling is given by the term:

$$H_1\psi = \frac{e}{4m^2 c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi \quad - (12)$$

$$= \frac{-ie\hbar}{4m^2 c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi$$

The Hamiltonian must be interpreted as:

$$H_1 \psi = -\frac{i\epsilon\hbar}{4m^2c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} (\phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi) \quad - (13)$$

By the Leibnitz Theorem:

$$\underline{\nabla} (\phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi) = \underline{\nabla} (\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p}) \phi \psi + \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\nabla} (\phi \psi) \quad - (14)$$

$$\text{If } \underline{\nabla} (\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p}) = \underline{0} \quad - (15)$$

i.e. if \underline{p} has no dependence on \underline{r} , then:

$$H_1 \psi = -\frac{i\epsilon\hbar}{4m^2c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} (\phi \psi) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \quad - (16)$$

Using the Leibnitz Theorem:

$$\underline{\nabla} (\phi \psi) = (\underline{\nabla} \phi) \psi + \phi (\underline{\nabla} \psi) \quad - (17)$$

Therefore:

$$\psi = -\frac{i\epsilon\hbar}{4m^2c^2} \left(\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi + \phi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \right) \quad - (18)$$

At this point the standard physics uses:

$$\underline{E} = -\underline{\nabla} \phi - (19)$$

but ECE physics uses the spin connection and the antisymmetry law to produce an equation formally identical to eq. (19) but written as part of a unified field theory. There is the added possibility of spin connection resonance.

From eqs. (18) and (19), using eq. (11):

$$H\psi = \frac{ie\hbar}{4m^2c^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{E} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi + \frac{ie^2\hbar}{16\pi\epsilon_0 m^2 c^2 r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} - (20)$$

where

$$\underline{E} = -\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\underline{r}}{r^3} - (21)$$

so:

$$H\psi = -\frac{ie^2\hbar}{16\pi\epsilon_0 m^2 c^2} \left(\frac{1}{r^3} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \psi - \frac{1}{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \right) - (22)$$

using Pauli algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} &= \underline{r} \cdot \underline{p} + i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \times \underline{p} \\ &= \underline{r} \cdot \underline{p} + i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \end{aligned} - (23)$$

where

$$\underline{L} = \underline{r} \times \underline{p} - (24)$$

S is the classical angular momentum. So the real part of the first term on the right hand side of eq. (22)

is:

$$\text{Real } H_{II} \psi = \frac{e^2 \hbar}{16\pi\epsilon_0 m^2 c^2 r^3} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \psi \quad - (25)$$

which is the spin-orbit coupling in the H atom as usually given.

Note carefully that $\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L}$ in eq. (25) is classical. It is the expectation value:

$$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} = \int \psi^* \underline{\hat{\sigma}} \cdot \underline{\hat{L}} \psi d\tau \quad - (26)$$

where $\hat{}$ denotes operator. In quantum mechanics:

$$\underline{\hat{S}} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \underline{\hat{\sigma}} \quad - (27)$$

so

$$\underline{\hat{\sigma}} \cdot \underline{\hat{L}} = \frac{2}{\hbar} \underline{\hat{S}} \cdot \underline{\hat{L}} \quad - (28)$$

In some representations:

$$\underline{\hat{S}} \cdot \underline{\hat{L}} \psi = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \psi \quad - (29)$$

so

$$\underline{\hat{\sigma}} \cdot \underline{\hat{L}} \psi = \hbar (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \psi \quad - (30)$$

*) The classical $\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L}$ of eq. (25) is therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} &= \langle \hat{\underline{\sigma}} \cdot \hat{\underline{L}} \rangle \\ &= \hbar (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \int \psi^* \psi d\tau \\ &= \hbar (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \quad - (31)\end{aligned}$$

From eqs. (25) and (31):

$$\text{Real } E_{II} = \frac{e^2 \hbar^2}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2} (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \int \frac{\psi^* \psi}{r^3} d\tau \quad - (32)$$

The second term on the right hand side of eq. (22)

is:

$$\frac{1}{12} \psi = \frac{ie^2 \hbar}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \quad - (33)$$

It is convenient to develop this with:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \quad - (34) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} (\underline{r} \cdot \underline{p} + i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L})\end{aligned}$$

From eqs. (33) and (34) the real part of

1) H_{12} can be evaluated from:

$$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} = i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \frac{\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L}}{r^2} + \dots \quad (35)$$

So:

$$\text{Real } H_{12} \psi = -\frac{e^2 \hbar}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2 r^3} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \quad (36)$$

where:

$$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{r} = \underline{\nabla} \psi \cdot \underline{r} + i \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \times \underline{r} \quad (37)$$

So

$$\text{Real } H_{12} \psi = -\frac{e^2 \hbar}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2 r^3} \underline{r} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{L} \quad (38)$$

From eqs. (31) and (38):

$$H_{12} \psi = -\frac{e^2 \hbar^2}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2 r^3} (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \underline{r} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \quad (39)$$

The energy expectation values are:

$$E_2 = \frac{-e^2 \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1))}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2} \int \psi^* \frac{\underline{r} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi}{r^3} d\tau \quad (40)$$

8) The expectation value in eqs. (40) and (32) can be evaluated for the hydrogenic orbitals by computer algebra. In spherical polar coordinates:

$$d\tau = r^2 \sin\theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi \quad - (41)$$

and

$$\underline{\nabla} \phi = \frac{d\phi}{dr} \underline{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{d\phi}{d\phi} \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (42)$$

Using

$$\underline{r} = r \underline{e}_r \quad - (43)$$

it follows that:

$$\underline{r} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \phi = r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \quad - (44)$$

So:

$$E_{12} = \frac{-e^2 \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1))}{16\pi \epsilon_0 m^2 c^2} \int \frac{\phi^*}{r^2} \frac{d\phi}{dr} d\tau \quad - (45)$$

This result is, ^{given by} the same as the second term of the type II Hamiltonian of eq. page 4 of note 252(10), providing a cross check of methods.

9) Incorporating the Gravitational Field

The gravitational field cause is incorporated in the simplest way using the minimal prescription:

$$\underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{E} - e\phi + m\underline{\Phi} \quad - (46)$$

where the gravitational potential is:

$$\underline{\Phi} = - \underline{GM} \quad - (47)$$

Here m is the mass of the electron and M is a mass to which it is attracted. By definition the gravitational force between m and M is:

$$\underline{F} = m\underline{g} = -mM G \frac{\underline{r}}{r^3} \quad - (48)$$

where

$$\underline{g} = -\underline{\nabla} \underline{\Phi} \quad - (49)$$

Its analogy: $\underline{E} = -\underline{\nabla} \phi \quad - (50)$

So in the presence of gravitation:

$$\boxed{e\phi \rightarrow e\phi - m\underline{\Phi}} \quad - (51)$$

in all the preceding equations. So fine structure is
atoms and molecules is affected by gravitation. This
will be the subject of the next note