

Find the most probable radius for the hydrogen atom in the 1s state. (Use $P_{1,0} = \frac{4r^2}{a_0^3} * e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}$)

Most probable is when probability is maximized. Use first derivative test.

$$\frac{d(P_{1,0})}{dr} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d\left[\frac{4r^2}{a_0^3} e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}\right]}{dr} = 0$$

$$0 = \frac{8r}{a_0^3} \left(e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}\right) + \left(\frac{4r^2}{a_0^3}\right) e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}} \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{a_0}\right)$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{8r}{a_0^3} - \frac{8r^2}{a_0^4}\right) e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}}$$

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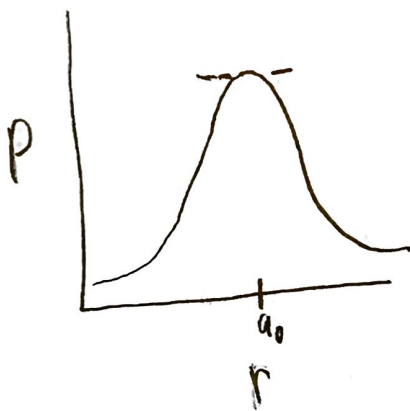
Can never equal zero

$$\frac{8r^2}{a_0^4} = \frac{8r}{a_0^3}$$

$$\frac{r}{a_0} = 1$$

$$r = a_0$$

Graphical depiction



An electron is trapped in a square well of length $L = 10^{-10}$ m. What is the probability of finding the electron in the region from $x = 0.5 \times 10^{-10}$ m to 0.6×10^{-10} m.

- If the electron is in the ground state?
- If the electron is in the first excited state?

$$\Psi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right), \text{ n'is state}, \quad x_1 = 0.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}, \quad x_2 = 0.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

a) $n=1$

$$P = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \Psi^* \cdot \Psi dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{L} \left[\frac{x}{2} - \frac{L}{4\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} = \left(\frac{x_2}{L} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{L}\right) \right) - \left(\frac{x_1}{L} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{L}\right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.6935 - 0.5 = \boxed{0.1935}$$

b) $n=2$

$$P = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \Psi^* \cdot \Psi dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \left[\frac{x}{2} - \frac{L}{8\pi} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x}{L}\right) \right]_{x_1}^{x_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x_2}{L} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x_2}{L}\right) \right) - \left(\frac{x_1}{L} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x_1}{L}\right) \right) = 0.524 - 0.5 = \boxed{0.2432}$$

Find the normalization constant A for the following wave function. $\Psi^* \Psi = A^2 r^2 e^{-\frac{2r}{a}}$

$$1 = \int_0^{\infty} \Psi^* \Psi dr = A^2 \int_0^{\infty} r^2 e^{-\frac{2r}{a}} dr \rightarrow \text{use double integration by parts}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 \left[\frac{a^3}{4} \right] = 1 \Rightarrow A^2 = \frac{4}{a^3} \Rightarrow \boxed{A = \sqrt{\frac{4}{a^3}} = 2 a^{-3/2}}$$