

+27(5): Hamiltonians of Relativistic Quantum Theory

In the notation of UFT 250, the Dirac theory produces the equation:

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

where E is the total energy, e the charge of the proton, ϕ the scalar potential, \underline{A} the vector potential and \underline{p} the momentum. Eq. (1) can be expanded as:

$$H = mc^2 + e\phi + \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} + \frac{e}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} - \frac{e}{2m} (\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} + \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A}) + \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \frac{e\phi}{2mc^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \quad - (2)$$

Therefore:

$$H = mc^2 + e\phi + H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + H_4 \quad - (3)$$

where:

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} = \frac{p^2}{2m} \quad - (4)$$

$$H_2 = -\frac{e}{2m} (\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} + \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A}) \quad - (5)$$

$$H_3 = \frac{e^2}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \quad - (6) \quad - (7)$$

$$H_4 = \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \frac{e\phi}{2mc^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A})$$

Eq. (4) is the free particle kinetic energy, eq. (5) is the Zeeman effect Hamiltonian, eq. (6) is the second order effect due to \underline{A} and eq. (7) is the fine structure Hamiltonian.

In the theory the Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \frac{p^2}{2m} \left(1 - \frac{U}{2mc^2}\right)^{-1} + m(r)^{1/2} (mc^2 + U) \quad (8)$$

In order to prepare for quantization this is written in the $SL(2)$ basis σ :

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m(r)^{1/2}} \left(1 - \frac{U}{2mc^2}\right)^{-1} \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m(r)^{1/2}} + m(r)^{1/2} (mc^2 + U)$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m(r)^{1/2}} \left(1 + \frac{U}{2mc^2}\right) \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m(r)^{1/2}} + m(r)^{1/2} (mc^2 + U) \quad (9)$$

The effect of an external magnetic field is described by the minimal prescription:

$$\underline{p} \rightarrow \underline{p} - e \underline{A}, \quad (10)$$

and using

$$U = e\phi \quad (11)$$

Eq. (9) becomes:

$$H \sim \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot (\underline{p} - e \underline{A})}{m(r)^{1/2}} \left(1 + \frac{e\phi}{2mc^2}\right) \frac{\sigma \cdot (\underline{p} - e \underline{A})}{m(r)^{1/2}} + m(r)^{1/2} (mc^2 + U) \quad (12)$$

$$= m(r)^{1/2} (mc^2 + U) + H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + H_4$$

where:

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{p}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{p}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \quad (13)$$

$$H_2 = -\frac{e}{2m} \left(\frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{A}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{p}}{m(r)^{1/2}} + \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{p}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{A}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \quad (14)$$

$$H_3 = \frac{e^2}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{A}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \frac{\sigma \cdot \underline{A}}{m(r)^{1/2}} \quad (15)$$

$$\psi = \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \frac{e\phi}{2mc^2 n(r)^{1/2}} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \psi - (16)$$

It is seen that each one of the well known Hamiltonians of Dirac theory, eqs. (4) to (7) is changed by $n(r)^{1/2}$. Therefore the spectral structure of atoms and molecules is changed by $n(r)^{1/2}$:

- 1) the main structure of the atom or molecule (H_1);
- 2) the structure of the Zeeman effect (H_2);
- 3) the second order structure (H_3);
- 4) the fine structure of atoms and molecules (H_4).

Quantization now proceed using:

$$\underline{p} \psi = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla} \psi - (17)$$

In the Dirac theory, the energy levels of the H atom are given by:

$$H \psi = E \psi - (18)$$

$$H = H_1 + e\phi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{p} - \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} - (19)$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$H \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \psi - \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \psi - (20)$$

The energy levels of the H atom are given by:

$$E = \langle H \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int \psi^* \nabla^2 \psi d\tau - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \psi^* \frac{1}{r} \psi d\tau$$

$$= -\frac{\mu e^2}{32\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2 n^2} \quad - (21)$$

where n is the principal quantum number:
 $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ - (22)

and $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$ - (23)
 is the reduced mass of the electron and proton of the H atom. Here ψ are the well known hydrogen wave functions.

In the energy levels of the H atom are given by:

$$H\psi = E\psi \quad - (24)$$

where:

$$H = H_1 + m(r)^{1/2} e \psi \quad - (25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m(r)^{1/2}} \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m(r)^{1/2}} - \frac{m(r)^{1/2} e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \frac{p \cdot \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} p \right)}{m(r)^{1/2}} - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m(r)^{1/2}}{r}$$

So

$$H\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \nabla \psi \right) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m(r)^{1/2}}{r} \psi$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \nabla \psi \right) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m(r)^{1/2}}{r} \psi \quad - (26)$$

5) So:

$$H\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m m(r)^{1/2}} \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \cdot \nabla \psi - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m(r)^{1/2}}{r} \psi \quad (27)$$

$$\xrightarrow{m(r) \rightarrow 1} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \psi$$

The theory reduces correctly to the Dirac theory when: $m(r) = 1$ (28)

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The energy levels are:

$$E = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int \psi^* \frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \nabla^2 \psi d\tau - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int \psi^* \nabla \left(\frac{1}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) \cdot \nabla \psi d\tau - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \psi^* \frac{m(r)^{1/2}}{r} \psi d\tau \quad (29)$$

So the energy levels of the H atom are all changed to a different extent by the theory.