

Solution

The projection operators \hat{P}_0 and \hat{P}_1 can be rewritten as

$$\hat{P}_1 = \frac{3}{4} - \vec{s}_1 \cdot \vec{s}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \hat{s}^2, \quad \hat{P}_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \hat{s}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad V = [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \hat{P}_0 + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \hat{P}_1$$

Since $\hat{s}^2|1, m\rangle = 2|1, m\rangle$ and $\hat{s}^2|0, m=0\rangle = 0$ it is clear that

$$\hat{P}_1|1, m\rangle = |1, m\rangle, \quad \hat{P}_1|0, m=0\rangle = 0$$

and

$$\hat{P}_0|0, m=0\rangle = |0, m=0\rangle, \quad \hat{P}_0|1, m\rangle = 0.$$

The Hamiltonian of “relative particle” is

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - E + (v_c - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma) \hat{P}_0 + (v_c + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma) \hat{P}_1 = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - E + [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] (1 - \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2}) + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2}$$

Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{H} - E)|\psi_E\rangle &= \lambda_{00} \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - E + [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] (1 - \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2}) + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2} \right] |\psi_E^{(0)}\rangle |s=0, m=0\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{m=-1}^{m=1} \lambda_{1m} \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - E + [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] (1 - \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2}) + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2} \right] |\psi_E^{(1)}\rangle |s=1, m\rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\hat{P}_0|s=1, m\rangle = \hat{P}_1|s=0, m=0\rangle = 0$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{H} - E)|\psi_E\rangle &= \lambda_{00} \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - E + [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] (1 - \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2}) \right] |\psi_E^{(0)}\rangle |s=0, m=0\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{m=-1}^{m=1} \lambda_{1m} \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \frac{\hat{s}^2}{2} \right] |\psi_E^{(1)}\rangle |s=1, m\rangle \\ &= \lambda_{00} \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - E + [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \right] |\psi_E^{(0)}\rangle |s=0, m=0\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{m=-1}^{m=1} \lambda_{1m} \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \right] |\psi_E^{(1)}\rangle |s=1, m\rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying from the left by the bra states $\langle s=1, m|$ and $\langle s=0, m=0|$ we see that the equations for $\psi_E^{(0)}(r)$ and $\psi_E^{(1)}(r)$ are

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + [v_c(r) - \frac{3}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \right] \psi_E^{(0)}(r) = E \psi_E^{(0)}(r)$$

and

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + [v_c(r) + \frac{1}{4} v_\sigma(r)] \right] \psi_E^{(1)}(r) = E \psi_E^{(1)}(r)$$