

266(5) : Hamiltonian for Precessing Orbits and Atomic and Molecular Orbitals

The Hamiltonian derived in Note 266(4) is :

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - x^2 \frac{m M G}{r} + (x^2 - 1) \frac{L^2}{2 m r^2} \quad - (1)$$

where

$$v^2 = \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2, \quad - (2)$$
$$= \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{L^2}{m^2 r^2}$$

So:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{L^2}{2 m r^2} - x^2 \frac{m M G}{r} + (x^2 - 1) \frac{L^2}{2 m r^2}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + x^2 \left(-\frac{m M G}{r} + \frac{L^2}{2 m r^2} \right) \quad - (3)$$

$= T + U$

The Lagrangian is :

$$L = T - U \quad - (4)$$

For planetary precession :

$$x = 1 + \frac{3 M G}{c^2 a} \quad - (5)$$

The kinetic energy is :

2)

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 \quad - (6)$$

and the potential energy is:

$$U = \alpha^2 \left(-\frac{mM\phi}{r} + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} \right) \quad - (7)$$

This α theory gives all orbital precession to state of the ext experimental precision.

Atoms and Molecules

The same Hamiltonian and Lagrangian give Bohr Sommerfeld and Bohr quantization with the replacements:

$$mM\phi \rightarrow \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \quad - (8)$$

and

$$\alpha \rightarrow n \quad - (9)$$

where n is the principal quantum number.

So:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + n^2 \left(-\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} \right) \quad - (10)$$

The angular momentum is:

$$L = \hbar l \quad - (11)$$

3) where l is the angular momentum quantum number defined by:

$$\Delta^2 Y = -l(l+1)Y \quad - (12)$$

in three dimensions, where Δ^2 is the Laplacian and Y are the spherical harmonics. This procedure introduces the quantum numbers l and m .

The Hamiltonian (3) corresponds to:

$$r = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon \cos(x\theta)} \quad - (13)$$

where

$$d = \frac{L^2}{n^2 m \Gamma} \quad - (14)$$

and

$$\epsilon = \left(1 - \frac{2EL^2}{m^3 m^2 \Gamma^2} \right), \quad - (15)$$

$$x = 1 + \frac{3m\Gamma}{c^2 d} \quad - (16)$$

Using the replacement rules (8) and (9) the Hamiltonian (10) is:

$$r = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon \cos(n\theta)} \quad - (17)$$

with:

$$n = 1 + \frac{3\hbar}{mc} \left(\frac{d_f}{d} \right) \quad - (18)$$

4) where the fine structure constant is:

$$\alpha_f = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\hbar c \epsilon_0} = 0.007297351 \quad - (19)$$

and where the de Broglie / Compton wavelength is:

$$\lambda_c = \frac{h}{mc} = 2.426309 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} \quad - (20)$$

The half right latitude is changed as follows:

$$d = \frac{L^2}{m^2 \underline{M} G} \rightarrow \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0 L^2}{e^2 m} = \frac{L^2}{\hbar c \alpha_f m} \quad - (21)$$

and for an ellipse the eccentricity becomes:

$$e = \left(1 - \frac{2E}{mc^2} \left(\frac{L}{\hbar d_f} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad - (22)$$

For a hyperbola:

$$e = \left(1 + \frac{2E}{mc^2} \left(\frac{L}{\hbar d_f} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad - (23)$$

Quantization is defined by:

$$\oint L d\theta = 2\pi L = n h \quad - (24)$$

$$\text{and } m \oint \frac{dr}{dt} dr = L \oint \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 d\theta = n h \quad - (25)$$

Therefore in this theory:

$$L = \frac{h}{2\pi} n \quad - (26)$$

Note carefully that L is a function and not an operator, because wave functions do not appear in this theory.

The eccentricity is therefore, for an ellipse:

$$e = \left(1 - \frac{2E}{mc^2} \left(\frac{l}{d_f} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad - (27)$$

and for a hyperbola:

$$e = \left(1 + \frac{2E}{mc^2} \left(\frac{l}{d_f} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad - (28)$$

where

$$l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad - (29)$$

is the angular momentum quantum number.

The usual quantization of L^2 as an operator is:

6) From Eqs. (18) and (21):

$$n = 1 + 3d_g^2 \left(\frac{\ell^2}{L^2} \right) \quad - (30)$$

So:

$$L^2 = \left(\frac{3d_g^2}{n-1} \right) \ell^2 \quad - (31)$$

Summary

The Lagrangian (10) corresponds to:

$$r = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon \cos(n\theta)} \quad - (32)$$

where:

$$d = \frac{L^2}{\ell c m d_g} = \frac{3d_g \ell}{(n-1)mc} \quad - (33)$$

$$\epsilon = \left(1 + \frac{2E}{mc^2} \left(\frac{\ell}{d_g} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad - (34)$$

$$n = 1 + 3 \frac{\ell}{mc} \left(\frac{d_g}{d} \right) \quad - (35)$$

where

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad - (36)$$

$$\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$