

12. When an atom is placed in an external magnetic field, it experiences a perturbation given by $\hat{H}' = -i\beta H \frac{d}{d\phi}$ where $\beta = \frac{e\hbar}{2mc}$ and H is the strength of the field which is assumed to be along the z -axis. Calculate the splitting of the d state of the hydrogen atom (neglect spin degeneracy)

The matrix of the perturbation is

Show how!

\hat{H}'	$ 2 -2\rangle$	$ 2 -1\rangle$	$ 2 0\rangle$	$ 2 1\rangle$	$ 2 2\rangle$
$\langle 2 -2 $	$-2\beta H$	0	0	0	0
$\langle 2 -1 $	0	$-\beta H$	0	0	0
$\langle 2 0 $	0	0	βH 0	0	0
$\langle 2 1 $	0	0	0	βH	0
$\langle 2 2 $	0	0	0	0	$2\beta H$

This is already diagonal. Therefore, the splitting is

$$\begin{aligned}
 |2 2\rangle & - 2\beta H \\
 |2 1\rangle & - \beta H \\
 |2 0\rangle & - 0 \\
 |2 -1\rangle & - \beta H \\
 |2 -2\rangle & - 2\beta H
 \end{aligned}$$

Why is m_l called the magnetic quantum number?