

Instructions on how to solve exercise 11 problem 6

Apply the lecture notes discussion up to Eq. (132), which reads

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) + \left(E + \frac{2}{r} \right) \psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Note that in this problem, however, the Laplace operator and the position vector are two-dimensional. Write the Laplacian in polar coordinates and employ the separation of variables. You obtain an equation both for the angular and the radial part, namely

$$Y''(\varphi) = -m^2 Y(\varphi), \quad (2)$$

$$rR' + r^2R'' + 2rR + Er^2R = m^2R. \quad (3)$$

Solve the angular equation (you obtain a condition for the constant m). After that, substitute $R = u/\sqrt{r}$ into to the radial equation. You obtain

$$u'' + \left(E + \frac{2}{r} - \frac{(m - \frac{1}{2})(m - \frac{1}{2} + 1)}{r^2} \right) u = 0. \quad (4)$$

That is, you obtain the lecture notes Eq. (133) with the difference that l has been replaced by $m - 1/2$. Apply the discussion given in the lecture notes.