

The limits of m and n .

1. From class, we saw the limits of m have to be in integer from

$$e^{im\phi} = e^{im(\phi+2\pi)} \rightarrow 1 = e^{2im\pi} \rightarrow 1 = \cos(2m\pi) + i \sin(2m\pi) \text{ which can only be true if } m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

2. From class we have the index n defined by $n = l + 1 + j$, where j is from the power series solution to the reduced radial equation. The values of the index n can be $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$. Setting this equal to $l + 1 + j$, we have $n = l + 1 + j \rightarrow n - 1 = l + j$. This was where my mistake was in class, j cannot just be a *single value* $j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, but rather there are allowed values of l and j . Here are some of the allowed values of l and j for a given n .

n	$n-1$	l	j
1	0	0	0
2	1	0	1
		1	0
3	2	0	2
		1	1
		2	0

If we continue this pattern, we see that for any n , the index l can assume values $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1)$. This is the limits l of for a given n .

In addition, we can construct the values of $L_z = m\hbar$ and $L = \sqrt{l(l+1)}\hbar$ for any given l and m .

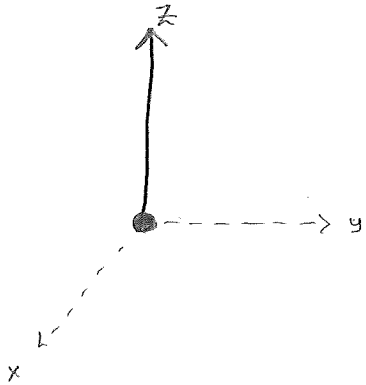
We have:

l	m	L_z	L
0	0	0	0
1	-1	$-\hbar$	$\sqrt{2}\hbar$
	0	0	
	1	\hbar	
2	-2	$-2\hbar$	$\sqrt{6}\hbar$
	-1	$-\hbar$	
	0	0	
	1	\hbar	
	2	$2\hbar$	

The vector diagrams that we drew at the end of class illustrating $L = \sqrt{l(l+1)}\hbar$ and $L_z = m\hbar$ are attached.

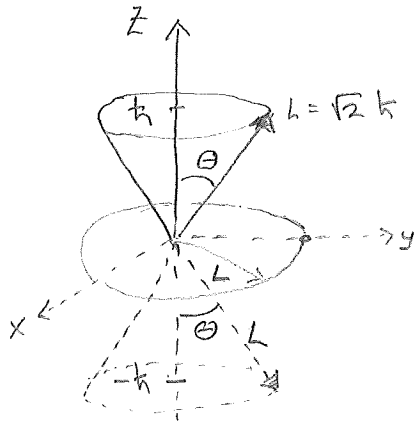
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$l=0$
 $m=0$



$L_z = 0$
 $L = 0$

$l=1$
 $m = -1, 0, 1$

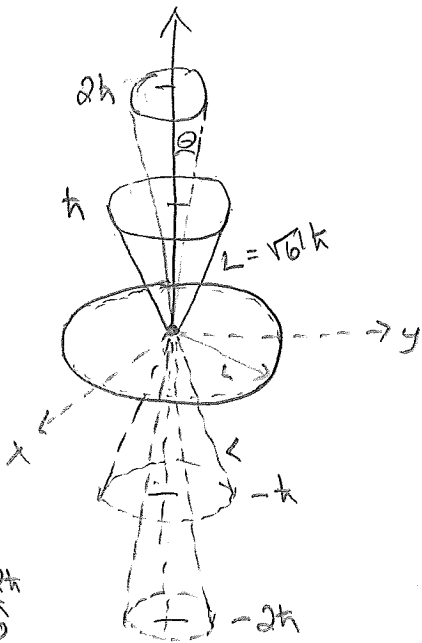


$L_z = \begin{cases} -h \\ 0 \\ h \end{cases}$
 $L = \sqrt{2}h$

3 allowed states of angular momentum.

The components L_x & L_y are unknown and are smeared around a cone of angle θ .

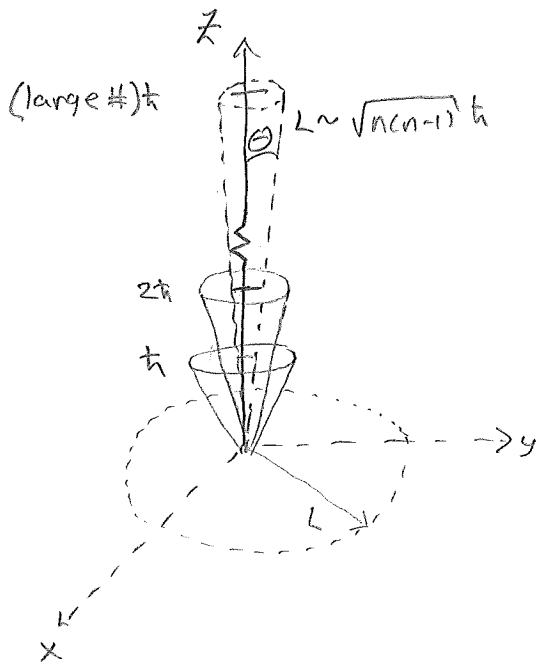
$l=2$
 $m = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$



$L_z = \begin{cases} -2h \\ -h \\ 0 \\ h \\ 2h \end{cases}$
 $L = \sqrt{6}h$

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In the limit of large n , l is large and there are more allowed states of angular momentum.



$$1) L = \sqrt{l(l+1)} \hbar \sim \sqrt{(n-1)n} \hbar$$

$$2) \cos \theta = \frac{L_z}{L} \approx 1 \text{ in the limit that } \theta \text{ is small (as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{).}$$

$L \sim L_z$ and L becomes fixed in space. That means the mag. & dir. are fixed and this is the Classical Limit.

Since L points in a given direction w/ known magnitude
→ no uncertainty.
all components are known.