

Problem set #4 (Modern Physics)

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Solve the problems below. Describe the ways of thinking in English: only final solutions are not accepted. Make clear how you reach each solution.

As official homework, you are not forced to do the problem 3', but for those who are interested in deriving Schrödinger equation expressed by spherical polar coordinates, the problem 3' is prepared.

If you work on problem 3' and properly solve it, you can get some bonus points.

Problem 1. (20 points)

Express $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$ by spherical-polar coordinates. Use the relations below.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \cos\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\sin\phi}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \sin\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \cos\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\cos\phi}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) = \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) = \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) - \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) - \\ &\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) + \left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) \\ &= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos\theta \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) \\ &= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos\theta \sin\theta \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\cos\theta\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right\} + \\ &\frac{\sin\theta}{r^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin\theta\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\} \\ &= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos\theta \sin\theta \left\{ -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \left\{ -\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right\} + \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2} \left\{ \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right\} \\ &= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\cos\theta \sin\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\cos\theta \sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\ &= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2 \cos\theta \sin\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2 \sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1'. (Bonus)

In the same way of problem 1, derive $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$ by spherical coordinates and derive how kinetic energy hamiltonian $\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right)$ can be expressed in spherical coordinates.

See the following pages.

Problem 2. (20 points)

Using the commutator $[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] = i\hbar \hat{L}_z$, and its cyclic variants, prove that total angular momentum squared and the individual components of angular momentum commute, i.e. $[\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_x] = 0$ etc.

Using $\hat{L}^2 = \hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2$, the commutator with total angular momentum squared can be evaluated

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_z] &= [\hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2, \hat{L}_z] = [\hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2, \hat{L}_z] = \hat{L}_x[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_z] + [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_z] \hat{L}_x + \hat{L}_y[\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] + [\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] \hat{L}_y = -i\hbar \\ &\hat{L}_x \hat{L}_y - i\hbar \hat{L}_y \hat{L}_x + i\hbar \hat{L}_y \hat{L}_x + i\hbar \hat{L}_x \hat{L}_y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_x] = [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_y] = [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_z] = 0$$

Problem 3. (30 points)

The Schrödinger wave function for a stationary state of an atom is $\psi = Af(r)\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi}$ where (r, θ, ϕ) are spherical polar coordinates.

- (a) Find the z component of the angular momentum of the atom.
 (b) Find the square of the total angular momentum of the atom.

$$(a) \hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\hat{L}_z \psi = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} Af(r)\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi} = i(-i\hbar Af(r)\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi}) = \hbar Af(r)\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi} = \hbar \psi$$

Therefore, the z-component of the angular momentum is \hbar .

$$(b) \hat{L}^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$$

$$\hat{L}^2 \psi = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] Af(r)\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi} = -\hbar^2 Af(r)e^{i\phi} \left\{ -4\sin\theta \cos\theta + \cot\theta(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) - \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{\sin^2\theta} \right\}$$

$$= 6\hbar^2 Af(r)\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi} = 6\hbar^2 \psi$$

Thus, $L^2 = 6\hbar^2$. But $L^2 = l(l+1) = 6\hbar^2$. Therefore, $l=2$

Problem 4. (20 points)

Calculate the expectation value $\langle r \rangle$ of an electron in a state of $n=1$ and $l=0$ of hydrogen atom. r is the position from the nucleus. Use the wave functions appropriately in Table 6-1 of the textbook.

You can use the integration of $\int_0^\infty x^n \exp(-ax) dx = \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}}$ ($n > -1, a > 0$).

What we are interested in is the radial part of the wavefunction of the state, $n=1$ and $l=0$.

We use the $R_{1,0}^2(r) = \frac{2}{a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}$

$$\langle r \rangle = \int_0^\infty R_{1,0}^*(r) r R_{1,0}^2(r) r^2 dr = 4 \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)^3 a_0^4 \int_0^\infty \rho^3 \exp(-2\rho) d\rho = \frac{3}{2} a_0 \quad (\rho = \frac{r}{a_0})$$

Problem 5. (30 points)

Assume the Hamiltonian of a particle in three dimension is expressed by spherical-polar coordinates $(x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi, y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi, z = r \cos\theta)$ as below:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] - \frac{k}{r} \quad (\mathbf{k}: \text{the positive real constant})$$

If a wavefunction: $\psi = Ne^{-br}$ (N, b : the positive real constant) is given, determine the value of b so that ψ is the eigenfunction of $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ and also derive the eigenvalue.

The wavefunction $\psi = Ne^{-br}$ depends only on r .

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}\psi = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{k}{r} \right] \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[b^2 - \frac{2b}{r} \right] Ne^{-br} - \frac{k}{r} Ne^{-br} = -\frac{\hbar^2 b^2}{2m} \psi + \left[\frac{\hbar^2 b}{m} - k \right] \frac{1}{r} \psi. \text{ Here, we use } \frac{d}{dr} e^{-br} = -b e^{-br}, \frac{d^2}{dr^2} e^{-br} = \frac{d}{dr} (-b e^{-br}) = b^2 e^{-br}.$$

In order for ψ to be an eigenfunction of $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ for any r ,

$$\frac{\hbar^2 b}{m} - k = 0$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{mk}{\hbar^2}$$

The eigenvalue for this,

$$-\frac{\hbar^2 b^2}{2m} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{m^2 k^2}{\hbar^4} = -\frac{mk^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

✓ Second partial derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^2 f = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) f.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) = \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) \\ &= \cos^2\theta \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)^2 - 2 \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 \quad \underline{N.F.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(gf) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} f + g \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)$$

$$= \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

$$= \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) - \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

$$- \left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) + \left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

$$= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos\theta \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

$$= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos\theta \sin\theta \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cos\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right\} + \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\}$$

$$= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos\theta \sin\theta \left\{ -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \left\{ -\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right\} + \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2} \left\{ \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right\}$$

$$= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\cos\theta \sin\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\cos\theta \sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta}$$

$$+ \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$$

$$= \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2\cos\theta \sin\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2\cos\theta \sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$= \left(\sin\theta\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta\cos\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \frac{\sin\phi}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)\left(\sin\theta\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta\cos\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \frac{\sin\phi}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)$$

$$= \sin^2\theta\cos^2\phi\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \sin\theta\cos\theta\cos^2\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right)^2 - \sin\phi\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^2$$

$$+ \frac{\cos\theta\cos^2\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)^3 + \frac{\cos\theta\cos^2\phi}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\cos\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right)^4 - \frac{\cos\theta\sin\phi\cos\phi}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^4$$

$$- \frac{\sin\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\left(\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)^5 - \frac{\cos\theta\sin\phi}{r^2\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\left(\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right)^7 + \frac{\sin\phi}{r^2\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\left(\sin\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^9$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$$

$$= \left(\sin\theta\sin\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta\sin\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{\cos\phi}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)\left(\sin\theta\sin\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta\sin\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{\cos\phi}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)$$

$$= \sin^2\theta\sin^2\phi\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \sin\theta\cos\theta\sin^2\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right)^2 + \sin\phi\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^2$$

$$+ \frac{\cos\theta\sin^2\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)^3 + \frac{\cos\theta\sin^2\phi}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\cos\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right)^4 + \frac{\cos\theta\sin\phi\cos\phi}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^4$$

$$+ \frac{\cos\phi}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\left(\sin\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right)^6 + \frac{\cos\theta\cos\phi}{r^2\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\left(\sin\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right)^8 + \frac{\cos\phi}{r^2\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\left(\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^{10}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sin^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \sin\theta \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sin\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\cos\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\cos\theta \sin\phi}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\cos\theta \cos\phi}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\sin\phi}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{\cos\phi}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \\
 &= \sin^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\sin^2\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\phi \cos\phi}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\cos^2\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin\phi \cos\phi}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \phi} + \frac{\cos\theta \sin^2\phi}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\cos\theta \sin\phi \cos\phi}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\cos\theta \cos^2\phi}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos\theta \sin\phi \cos\phi}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} + \frac{\sin\phi \cos\phi}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\sin^2\phi}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sin\phi \cos\phi}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\cos^2\phi}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &= \sin^2\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{2\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{2\sin\theta \cos\theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}
 \end{aligned}$$