

to look for quantization of angular momentum in neutral atoms.

b) True  $\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$   $\mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p}$   
 $m_p \gg m_e$  by a factor of  $\approx 1840$   
 $\mu_B > \mu_N$  by a factor of about 1840

not required  
if they are  
true.

c) Yes. Suppose  $\psi$  is an eigenstate of  $\hat{L}_z$  with eigenvalue zero, then if  $\psi$  is also an eigenstate of  $\hat{L}_x$  with eigenvalue zero the operators will commute, since

$$(\hat{L}_z \hat{L}_x - \hat{L}_x \hat{L}_z) \psi = \hat{L}_z \hat{L}_x \psi - \hat{L}_x \hat{L}_z \psi$$

$$= \hat{L}_z 0 - \hat{L}_x 0 = 0 - 0 = 0$$

But since  $(\hat{L}_z \hat{L}_x - \hat{L}_x \hat{L}_z) = i\hbar \hat{L}_y$ , the state is also an eigenstate of  $\hat{L}_y$  with eigenvalue zero. This is the only possibility.

d) No. For this to be possible  $\hat{L}_x$  and  $\hat{L}_z$  would have to commute i.e.  $(\hat{L}_z \hat{L}_x - \hat{L}_x \hat{L}_z) \psi = 0$  but  $(\hat{L}_z \hat{L}_x - \hat{L}_x \hat{L}_z) = i\hbar \hat{L}_y$  so  $\hat{L}_x$  and  $\hat{L}_z$  do not commute and simultaneous eigenstates are impossible. (From c) the only eigenstate simultaneously eigenstates of  $\hat{L}_x$ ,  $\hat{L}_y$  and  $\hat{L}_z$  is that with eigenvalue zero for all three operators).

e) Yes. The potential is of the form  $\frac{C}{r^2}$  and some possible eigenvectors are given in FT page 462.

$$\text{eg } \psi = k e^{i\phi} r e^{-r^2/2a^2}$$

is an eigenfunction of  $\hat{L}_z$  and  $\hat{E}$  (see opposite)

f) Yes  $(\hat{L}_z \hat{L}_z - \hat{L}_z \hat{L}_z) \psi$

$$= (\hat{L}_z \hat{L}_z - \hat{L}_z \hat{L}_z) \psi = 0$$

$\hat{L}_z$  and  $\hat{L}_z^2$  commute, they may have simultaneous eigenfunctions

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