

- 9.4 The transitional charge density for the radiative transition from the  $m=0$   $2p$  state in hydrogen to the  $1s$  ground state is, in the notation of (9.1),

$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{2e}{\sqrt{6}} a_0^{-4} \cdot r e^{-3r/2a_0} Y_{00} Y_{10} e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

where  $a_0 = \hbar^2/me^2$  is the Bohr radius and  $\omega_0 = 3e^2/8\hbar a_0$  is the frequency difference of the levels.

(a) Evaluate all the radiation multipoles for this charge density in the long wavelength limit.

(b) In the electric dipole approximation calculate the total time-averaged power radiated. Express your answer in units of  $(\hbar\omega_0) \cdot (\alpha^4 c/a_0)$ , where  $\alpha = e^2/\hbar c$  is the fine-structure constant.

(c) Interpreting the classically calculated power as the photon energy ( $\hbar\omega_0$ ) times the transition probability, evaluate numerically the transition probability in units of  $\text{sec}^{-1}$ .

(d) If, instead of the semiclassical charge density used above, the electron in the  $2p$  state was described by a *circular* Bohr orbit of radius  $2a_0$ , rotating with the transitional frequency  $\omega_0$ , what would the radiated power be? Express your answer in the same units as in (b) and evaluate the ratio of the two powers numerically.