

**Intermediate Quantum 492: HW #3 Extra**

Prove Kramer's relation for expectation values of  $r$  to power  $s$  for the electron wave functions  $\psi_{nlm}$  of the hydrogen atom:

$$\alpha \langle r^s \rangle + \beta a_0 \langle r^{s-1} \rangle + \gamma a_0^2 \langle r^{s-2} \rangle = 0$$

where  $\alpha = (s + 1)/n^2$ ,  $\beta = -(2s + 1)$  and  $\gamma = (s/4) [(2\ell + 1)^2 - s^2]$

start with the radial equation. then expectation values  $\langle r^s \rangle = \int_0^\infty r^s u(r)^2 dr$  so multiply equation by  $ur^s$  and integrate. get a second equation by multiplying the radial equation by  $u'r^{s+1}$  and integrate ( $u'$  is the derivative with respect to  $r$ ). everything else follows by integrating by parts. additional (different) hints can be found in Griffith's problem 6.34 page 288 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition).