

Angular Momentum Operators & Commutators:

Classically: $\underline{L} = \underline{r} \times \underline{p}$

Hence, quantum mechanically: $\hat{\underline{L}} = \hat{\underline{r}} \times \hat{\underline{p}}$

Now: $\hat{\underline{p}} = -i\hbar\nabla$
 $\hat{\underline{r}} = \hat{x}\underline{i} + \hat{y}\underline{j} + \hat{z}\underline{k}$

Hence:

$$\hat{\underline{L}} = -i\hbar \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ x & y & z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

Thus:

$$\hat{L}_x = -i\hbar \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\hat{L}_y = -i\hbar \left(z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

And:

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] = i\hbar \hat{L}_z$$

$$[\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] = i\hbar \hat{L}_x$$

$$[\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_x] = i\hbar \hat{L}_y$$

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{L}_z] = 0$$

Remembering that: $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = -[\hat{B}, \hat{A}]$

Also: $\hat{\underline{L}}^2 = \hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2$

Hence:

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