

Solution of equation (3) are the "associated Legendre polynomials". See Table 7.2 in your textbook. They are called  $P_l^{m_l}(\cos\theta)$

The product  $\Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$  specifies the full angular dependence of the central force wavefunction and are known as "spherical harmonics", denoted  $Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi)$ . See Table 7.3 in your textbook.

In our case  $|\vec{L}|$ ,  $L_z$  and  $E$  are sharp observables

$$|\vec{L}| = \sqrt{l(l+1)} \hbar \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$L_z = m_l \hbar \quad -l \leq m_l \leq l$$

$l$ : "orbital quantum number"

$m_l$ : "magnetic quantum number"

"Angular momentum and its  $z$ -component are QUANTIZED"

So:

$$\underbrace{\Psi(\vec{r})}_{\text{Total wavefunction}} = \underbrace{R(r)}_{\text{radial wave}} \underbrace{Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi)}_{\text{angular wave}}$$