

Exercise 9.4.4

Verify that

$$\nabla^2 \psi(r, \theta, \varphi) + \left[k^2 + f(r) + \frac{1}{r^2} g(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} h(\varphi) \right] \psi(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$$

is separable (in spherical polar coordinates). The functions f , g , and h are functions only of the variables indicated; k^2 is a constant.