

## Session N1

theory for class (about 15 minutes)

Every thing in q.m. is described by the wave function  $\Psi(x;t)$  which satisfies Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(x;t) = H \Psi(x;t) \quad ; \quad \text{where } H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \text{ is}$$

Hamiltonian if we now assume that

$\Psi(x;t) = e^{-i\omega t} \psi(x)$ , substitution back gives us  
that  $e^{-i\omega t} \psi(x) = e^{-i\omega t} \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \right) \psi(x)$ ; and thus  
we get time independent Schrödinger equation.

$\boxed{E \psi(x) = \hat{H} \psi(x)}$  i.e.  $\psi(x)$  are eigenfunctions of Hamiltonian operator and  $E$  is corresponding eigenvalue. Wave function express probability distribution given by probability density  $\boxed{\rho(x;t) = \Psi^*(x;t) \Psi(x;t)}$ , thus

w.p. should be normalised in a proper way:

$\boxed{\int \Psi \Psi^* dx = 1}$ ; Using this concept of probability we can finally define average of some operator  $\hat{O}$   
 $\boxed{\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \int \Psi^* \hat{O} \Psi dx}$ , where  $\Psi$  is already normalised.

Most of operator we deal with <sup>today</sup> are functions of  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{p}$  operator, which in  $x$ -representation, are written in the following form:  $\boxed{\hat{x} = x; \hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}}$ ; Now, using definition

of average and Schrödinger equation we are able to show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{O} \rangle &= \frac{d}{dt} \int \Psi^* \hat{O} \Psi dx = \int \left\{ \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial t} \hat{O} \Psi + \Psi^* \hat{O} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} \right\} dx = \\ &= \int \left( \frac{i}{\hbar} \right) \{ (H\Psi)^* \hat{O} \Psi - \Psi^* \hat{O} H\Psi \} dx = \int \left( \frac{i}{\hbar} \right) \Psi^* [H; \hat{O}] \Psi dx, \text{ so} \end{aligned}$$

time evolution of averages is given by:

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [\hat{H}; \hat{O}] \rangle}$$
; here we have used hermiticity of  $H$ :  
 $\boxed{\int \Psi^* (\hat{H} \Psi) dx = \int (\hat{H} \Psi)^* \Psi dx}$ ; -definition of hermiticity.

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Problems

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Consider the wave function at  $t=0$ ;  $\psi(x;0) = \psi(x)$   
where

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} A(a^2 - x^2) & ; |x| < a \\ 0 & ; |x| > a \end{cases}$$

Ⓐ Find  $A$  in terms of  $a$  so that  $\psi(x)$  is properly normalised. We should find such  $A$  that

$$\int \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx = 1, \text{ or}$$

$$|A|^2 \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 dx = \int_{-a}^a (a^4 - 2a^2x^2 + x^4) dx =$$

$$= \left( a^4x - \frac{2}{3}a^2x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 \right) \Big|_{-a}^a = 2a^5 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{16a^5}{15}, \text{ thus}$$

$$\boxed{|A|^2 \cdot \frac{16a^5}{15} = 1} \text{ and } A = \sqrt{\frac{15}{16a^5}} \text{ - we have chosen } A \text{ to be real.}$$

Ⓑ Find  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $\langle p \rangle$  in terms of  $a$

$$\langle x \rangle \equiv A^2 \int dx \psi^* x \psi = A^2 \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) x dx = 0, \text{ because}$$

expression under integral is odd

$$\langle p \rangle \equiv A^2 \int dx (a^2 - x^2) \hat{p} (a^2 - x^2) = A^2 \int_{-a}^a dx (a^2 - x^2) (-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}) (a^2 - x^2) =$$

$$= A^2 2i\hbar \int_{-a}^a dx (a^2 - x^2) x = 0 \text{ because of the same reason}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = 0; \langle p \rangle = 0$$

Ⓒ Find  $\langle x^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle p^2 \rangle$  in terms of  $a$ .

$$\langle x^2 \rangle \equiv \int dx x^2 |\psi(x)|^2 = A^2 \int_{-a}^a dx x^2 (a^2 - x^2)^2 = A^2 \cdot 2 \int_0^a dx (a^4x^2 - 2a^2x^4 + x^6) =$$

$$= A^2 \cdot 2a^7 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{7} \right) = 2a^7 \cdot \frac{15}{16a^5} \cdot \frac{8}{18 \cdot 7} = \frac{a^2}{7}; \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{a^2}{7};$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle \equiv \int dx \psi^*(x) \hat{p}^2 \psi(x) = \int dx \psi^*(x) (-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x})^2 \psi(x) =$$

$$= -\hbar^2 A^2 \int_{-a}^a dx (a^2 - x^2) \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (a^2 - x^2) = +\hbar^2 A^2 \cdot 2 \int_{-a}^a dx (a^2 - x^2) = 4a^3 \hbar^2 A^2 \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{8}{3} a^3 \hbar^2 \cdot \frac{15}{16a^3} = \frac{5\hbar^2}{2a^2}; \quad (3)$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{a^2}{7}; \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{5\hbar^2}{2a^2};$$

(d) Show that your results are consistent with Heisenberg uncertainty.

Heisenberg uncertainty is  $(\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p)^2 \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$

where  $(\Delta x)^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$ ;  $(\Delta p)^2 = \langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2$ ;

as in our case  $\langle x \rangle = \langle p \rangle = 0$  we just get

$$\langle x^2 \rangle \langle p^2 \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4}; \quad \frac{a^2}{7} \cdot \frac{5\hbar^2}{2a^2} \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{14} \hbar^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 - \text{true}$$

(e) Suppose hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \hat{x}^2, \quad \text{find } \langle E \rangle;$$

$\langle E \rangle = \langle H \rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \langle p^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \langle x^2 \rangle$  Now using result of part (c) we get

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{5\hbar^2}{2a^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \cdot \frac{a^2}{7}; \quad \langle E \rangle = \left[ \frac{5\hbar^2}{4ma^2} + \frac{m\omega^2 a^2}{14} \right];$$

(f) What is  $\langle E \rangle$  at a later time?

We can use formula from theoretical introduction.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle E \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \underbrace{[\hat{H}; \hat{H}]}_0 \rangle = 0, \quad \text{thus } \langle E \rangle \text{ is constant in}$$

time

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## Compendium N1

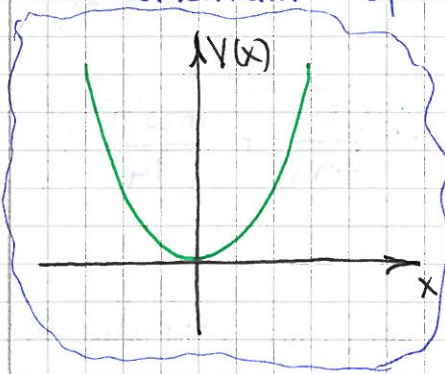
Consider a particle of mass  $m$  in a one dimensional potential  $V(x) = \lambda x^4$  where  $\lambda$  is positive. Using the Heisenberg uncertainty relation ( $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$ ), estimate the ground state energy of the particle as a function of  $m, \hbar$ , and  $\lambda$ ;

Potential is symmetric under  $x \rightarrow -x$ , and usually in this case lowest energy state possess symmetric wave function i.e.  $\psi(-x) = \psi(x)$ , thus

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^*(x) x \psi(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^*(-x) (-x) \psi(-x) dx =$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^*(x) x \psi(x) dx \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle = 0, \text{ the same is valid}$$

for momentum operator  $\langle p \rangle = 0$ . Other way to



Understand this is more physical.

Obviously state with the lowest energy shouldn't "move" and

should just oscillate ( $\langle p \rangle = 0$ ) around  $x=0$  ( $\langle x \rangle = 0$ )

Average energy is given by  $\langle E \rangle = \langle H \rangle = \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle}{2m} + \lambda \langle x^4 \rangle$

What should we do with  $\langle x^4 \rangle$ ? Let's write down

$$(\Delta x^2)^2 = \langle x^4 \rangle - \langle x^2 \rangle^2 \Rightarrow \langle x^4 \rangle = (\Delta x^2)^2 + \langle x^2 \rangle^2 \geq \langle x^2 \rangle^2, \text{ as } (\Delta x^2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\langle E \rangle \geq \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle}{2m} + \lambda \langle x^2 \rangle^2 = \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} + \lambda (\Delta x)^4, \text{ using Heisenberg unc.}$$

$$\langle E \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{8m(\Delta x)^2} + \lambda (\Delta x)^4. \text{ Now minimizing r.h.s with respect to } (\Delta x)^2 \text{ we get: } \frac{\partial \langle E \rangle_{\text{r.h.s}}}{\partial (\Delta x)^2} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{8m(\Delta x)^4} + 2\lambda (\Delta x)^2 = 0$$

$$(\Delta x)^2 = \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{16m\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

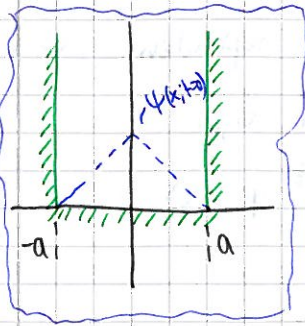
$$\langle E \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} \left( \frac{16m\lambda}{\hbar^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \lambda \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{16m\lambda} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left( \frac{\hbar^4 \lambda}{32m^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \left( \frac{\hbar^4 \lambda}{16m^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\hbar^4 \lambda}{32m^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \boxed{E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\hbar^4 \lambda}{32m^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

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Compendium N2

Consider a particle with mass  $m$  in 1<sup>d</sup> infinite square well



$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & ; |x| > a \\ 0 & ; |x| \leq a \end{cases}$$

At time  $t=0$  w.f. for this particle is  $\psi(x) = A(a - |x|)$

(a) Find coefficient  $A$  that gives proper normalisation.

$$A^2 \int_{-a}^a dx (a - |x|)^2 = 2A^2 \int_0^a dx (a - x)^2 = 2A^2 \left( a^2x - \frac{2}{2}ax^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right) \Big|_0^a = 2A^2 \cdot a^3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 1 \Rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2a^3}}$$

- chosen to be real

(b) determine the time dependent w.f.  $\Psi(x;t)$  (get infinite summ)

Let's first find eigenfunctions and values of Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \text{boundary conditions } \psi(a) = \psi(-a) = 0$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi_n(x) = E_n \psi_n(x)$$

$$\psi_n(x) = A_n \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE_n}x}{\hbar}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE_n}x}{\hbar}\right)$$

out of boundary condition we get  $\rightarrow$  We take  $B_n=0$  and when  $|x| \leq a$ , when  $|x| > a$  we get 0

$$\frac{\sqrt{2mE_n}a}{\hbar} = \frac{\pi}{2}(2n+1) \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and from normalisation condition:}$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cos\left[\frac{\pi x}{a} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right]; \quad |x| \leq a$$

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{2a}\right)^2 (2n+1)^2;$$

$$A_n^2 \cdot \frac{2a}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow A_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$$

Now we are able to expand any wave function over this

basis  $\psi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot \psi_n(x)$ , where coefficients  $c_n$  are given by  $c_n = \int dx \psi_n^*(x) \psi(x)$  in our case

$$c_n = \int_{-a}^a dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cos\left[\frac{\pi x}{a} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2a^3}} (a - |x|) = \frac{1}{a^2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 2 \int_0^a dx \cos\left[\frac{\pi x}{a} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] (a - x) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{a^2} \left\{ a \cdot \frac{a}{\pi(n+\frac{1}{2})} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \Big|_0^a - \right.$$

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$$- \frac{ax}{\pi(n+\frac{1}{2})} \sin \left[ \pi(n+\frac{1}{2}) \frac{x}{a} \right] \Big|_0^a + \frac{a}{\pi(n+\frac{1}{2})} \int_0^a dx \sin \left[ \pi(n+\frac{1}{2}) \frac{x}{a} \right] \Big|_0^a =$$

$$= \sqrt{G} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi(n+\frac{1}{2})} - \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi(n+\frac{1}{2})} + \frac{1}{\pi^2(n+\frac{1}{2})^2} \cos \left[ \pi(n+\frac{1}{2}) \frac{x}{a} \right] \Big|_0^a \right\} =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{G}}{\pi^2(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}; \quad C_n = \frac{\sqrt{G}}{\pi^2(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}; \quad \text{time-dependent w.f. is given by:}$$

$$\Psi(x;t) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} \Psi(x;t=0) = \sum_n C_n e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} \psi_n(x) =$$

$$= \sum_n C_n e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_n t} \psi_n(x) \quad \text{or, in our case}$$

$$\Psi(x;t) = \sum_n \frac{\sqrt{G}}{\pi^2(n+\frac{1}{2})^2} \exp \left( -\frac{i}{2m\hbar} \left[ \frac{\hbar}{a} (n+\frac{1}{2}) \right]^2 t \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cos \left( (n+\frac{1}{2}) \frac{\pi x}{a} \right)$$

⑦ What is the w.f. after a time  $t = \frac{2ma^2}{\pi\hbar}$  has elapsed?

Let's write down exponents in a little bit more explicit way

$$\exp \left( -\frac{i}{2m\hbar} \left[ \frac{\hbar}{a} (n+\frac{1}{2}) \right]^2 \cdot \frac{2ma^2}{\pi\hbar} \right) = \exp \left( -i\pi (n+\frac{1}{2})^2 \right) =$$

$$= e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4} (2n+1)^2} = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} \quad \text{thus } \Psi(x;t) = \sum_n C_n \psi_n(x) e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} \Psi(x;t=0)$$

$$\Psi(x;t) = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2a^3}} (a-|x|)$$

⑧ Does this state have definite parity?

$\Psi(-x;t) = \Psi(x;t)$  so this w.f. has definite parity equals to +1;

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### Compendium N8

Consider particle of mass  $m$  in 1D harmonic oscillator potential  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$

① Show that  $\psi(x) = Cx \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{m\omega x^2}{2\hbar} \right)$  is a solution of the time independent Schrödinger equation.  $C$  is constant

$$\text{Let's find } \hat{H} \psi(x) = \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \right) \psi(x) =$$

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$$= \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \right) C \cdot x \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2\hbar}\right) =$$

$$= C \cdot \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ 1 - \frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{\hbar} \right\} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2\hbar}\right) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2\hbar}\right) \right)$$

$$= C \cdot \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( 1 - \frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{\hbar} \right) \left( -\frac{m\omega^2 x}{\hbar} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \cdot \frac{2m\omega^2 x}{\hbar} + \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \right) \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2\hbar}\right) = C \cdot \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega \cdot x \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2\hbar}\right)$$

thus we get

$$\hat{H} \psi(x) = \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega \psi(x);$$

⑧ Determine C such that the w.f. is properly normalized

$$\int |\psi(x)|^2 dx = |C|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{\hbar}\right) dx = 2|C|^2 \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx =$$

$$= 2|C|^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4a} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \Rightarrow C = \left( \frac{4a^3}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}; \quad C = \left( \frac{4m^3 \omega^3}{\pi \hbar^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

⑨ Find the expectation value for  $x^2$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int \psi^*(x) \cdot x^2 \cdot \psi(x) = |C|^2 \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^4 e^{-ax^2} dx = 2|C|^2 \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-ax^2} dx =$$

$$= -2|C|^2 \frac{d}{da} \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx = 2|C|^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{a^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = 2 \cdot 2a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2a^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{2a}; \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{3\hbar}{2m\omega}$$

⑩ What is the inner product of  $\psi(x)$  and

$$\psi_1(x) = Ax^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2\hbar}\right)?$$

$$\text{We should calculate } \langle \psi_1(x), \psi(x) \rangle = \int dx \psi_1^*(x) \psi(x) =$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx A \cdot C \cdot x^3 \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{\hbar}\right) = 0 \text{ because of function}$$

under integral being odd. Another way to

say it  $\psi_1(x)$  is parity even  $\psi(x)$  is odd thus

they should be orthogonal.

⑧ N5

## Compendium N5

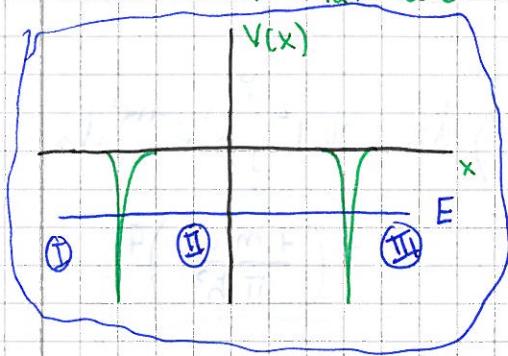
Consider 1<sup>d</sup> double  $\delta$ -function potential

$$V(x) = -g\delta(x+a) - g\delta(x-a), \quad g > 0 \quad \text{the}$$

effect of  $\delta$ -functions is to introduce a discontinuity in the derivatives of the wave function.

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx} \psi(x) \right) \Big|_{-a-\epsilon}^{-a+\epsilon} = g\psi(-a); \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx} \psi(x) \right) \Big|_{a-\epsilon}^{a+\epsilon} = g\psi(a)$$

Ⓐ Find an equation for the energies of the bound state w.f. that are even under parity ( $x \rightarrow -x$ )



Let the energy of state be  $E$  ( $E < 0$ ). Then S. equation is

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi'' = E\psi \quad + \text{boundary conditions for derivatives.}$$

General solution looks like

$$\psi(x) = A e^{-\alpha x} + B e^{\alpha x} \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar} \quad \text{If we write}$$

such solution for each region we get:

$$\begin{cases} \psi_I(x) = A_I e^{-\alpha x} + B_I e^{\alpha x} \\ \psi_{II}(x) = A_{II} e^{-\alpha x} + B_{II} e^{\alpha x} \\ \psi_{III}(x) = A_{III} e^{-\alpha x} + B_{III} e^{\alpha x} \end{cases}$$

We want  $\psi(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

thus  $A_I = B_{III} = 0$ , and we get.

$$\begin{cases} \psi_I(x) = A e^{-\alpha x} \\ \psi_{II}(x) = B (e^{\alpha x} + e^{-\alpha x}) \\ \psi_{III}(x) = A e^{-\alpha x} \end{cases}$$

→ here we have taken only even parity w.f. as asked in problem (thus it should be  $\psi(x) = \psi(-x)$ )

finally we should take boundary condition

$$\left\{ \frac{d}{dx} \psi_{II}(x) - \frac{d}{dx} \psi_I(x) \right\}_{x=a} = \alpha \cdot (A e^{-\alpha a} + B (e^{-\alpha a} - e^{\alpha a})) = g A e^{-\alpha a} \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}$$

(+) condition of continuity  $A e^{-\alpha a} = B (e^{-\alpha a} + e^{\alpha a})$

thus  $A = B (1 + e^{2\alpha a})$   ~~$B = A (1 + e^{2\alpha a})$~~   ~~$B = A (1 + e^{2\alpha a})$~~

~~thus leads to equation  $\alpha =$~~



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thus we get 2 equations

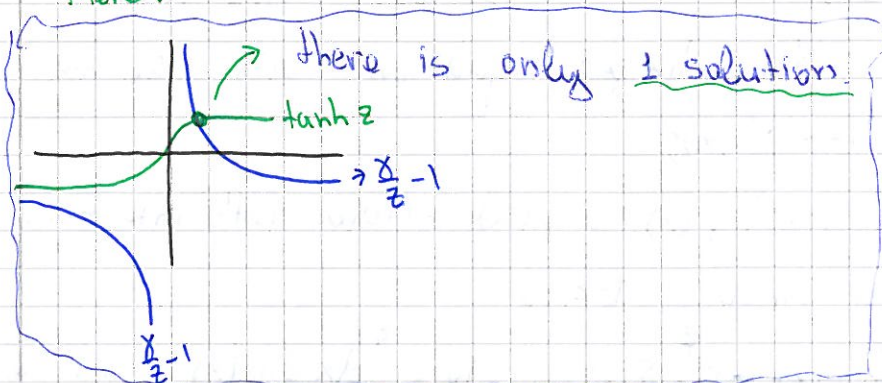
$$A = 2B \left\{ \cosh az \cdot e^{az} \right. \quad \text{and}$$

$$\left. \cosh B (\cosh az + \sinh az) = B \gamma \cosh az \right. \quad \text{where } \gamma = \frac{2m\phi}{\hbar^2}$$

and we get equation:

$$\left[ \tanh z = \frac{\gamma}{z} - 1 \right], \quad \text{where } z = az$$

show graphical solution how many solutions are there?



⑥ the same problem for odd solutions.

$$\psi_I(x) = -A e^{zx}$$

$$\psi_{II}(x) = B (e^{zx} - e^{-zx})$$

$$\psi_{III}(x) = A e^{-zx}$$

continuity and bound conditions in

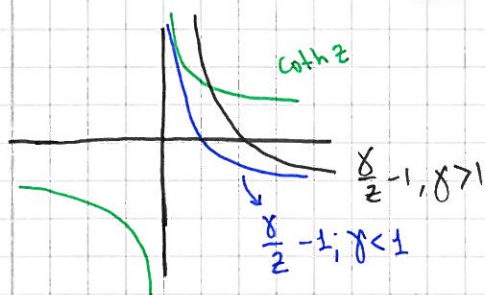
$$x=a:$$

$$A e^{-z} = 2B \sinh z$$

$$2B \cosh z + A e^{-az} = \frac{\gamma}{z} 2B \sinh z$$

and we find

$$\left[ \coth z = \frac{\gamma}{z} - 1 \right]$$



How should we understand the

fact that ~~no~~ solutions exist only

when  $\gamma > 1$

$z \coth z = \gamma - z$ , if we look on

l.h.s and find its derivative we get

$$\left( \frac{\gamma}{z} - 1 \right)' = \coth z - \frac{z}{\sinh^2 z} = \frac{\cosh 2z - z}{\sinh^2 z} > 0 \quad \text{always meanwhile}$$

$$(\gamma - z)' = -1 < 0 \quad \text{always, thus if we want to obtain}$$

intersection point we should assume that

$$\gamma > \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \coth z = 1 = \underline{\gamma > 1}$$

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Some theoretical material on  $\delta$ -functions (if it will be enough time)

The  $\delta$ -function has following properties

$$\delta(x) = 0 \quad x \neq 0$$

$$\delta(x) = \infty \quad x = 0$$

$$\int_a^b \delta(x) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & a < 0, b > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and actually it is functional, not function:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \delta(x) dx = f(0);$$

where the condition for derivatives comes from?

Let's consider Schrödinger equation with only one

$\delta$ -potential:  $V = -g\delta(x)$ ;

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + g\delta(x)\right) \psi(x) = E\psi(x) \quad \text{Now let's integrate this in thin shell } (-\varepsilon; \varepsilon):$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} dx \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) + g \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \delta(x) \psi(x) dx = \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} dx E\psi(x) \quad \text{and we then}$$

get:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi'(x) \Big|_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} + g\psi(0) = E\psi(x) \Big|_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \quad \text{r.h.s. is 0 due}$$

to continuity of w.f. and we get that w.f. derivatives

appear to be discontinuous

$$\boxed{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\psi'(\varepsilon) - \psi'(-\varepsilon)) = -g\psi(0);}$$

①

Session 2Theoryforclass(about 15min)

Previously we have worked with w.f. as some functions defined in space. Now we will introduce something more general than just w.f. We have already considered inner product during previous class.

$\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \int \psi_1^* \psi_2 dx$ ;  $\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle^* = \langle \psi_2 | \psi_1 \rangle$ . The inner product is bilinear, i.e.

$$\langle \psi_1 | a_2 \psi_2 + a_3 \psi_3 \rangle = a_2 \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle + a_3 \langle \psi_1 | \psi_3 \rangle;$$

$$\langle a_1 \psi_1 + a_2 \psi_2 | \psi_3 \rangle = a_1^* \langle \psi_1 | \psi_3 \rangle + a_2^* \langle \psi_2 | \psi_3 \rangle;$$
 and inner

product satisfy Schwarz inequality:  $\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle \langle \psi_2 | \psi_1 \rangle \leq \langle \psi_1 | \psi_1 \rangle \langle \psi_2 | \psi_2 \rangle$

All this let us consider quantum states as vectors defined in some abstract vector space

$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$  - vector;  $\vec{u}^+ = (u_1^*, u_2^*, \dots, u_n^*)$  - dual vector; inner product:

$\langle u | v \rangle \equiv u_1^* v_1 + u_2^* v_2 + \dots + u_n^* v_n$ ; Vector space where we define our states is called Hilbert space. and other usual notations  $|v\rangle$  - ket  $\langle u|$  - bra. We can also define

linear operators in this Hilbert space

$$O|\psi\rangle = |\chi\rangle \quad \text{it's linear i.e. } O(|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle) = O|\psi_1\rangle + O|\psi_2\rangle$$

For particle number of states, which is equal to dimension of Hilbert space, is infinite, but we can consider systems with finite number of states. The analogy of operator  $\hat{O}$  in finite dimensional Hilbert space is just matrix acting on column, which describe quantum states.

$$M|v\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & \dots & M_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{n1} & M_{n2} & \dots & M_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} = |u\rangle;$$

Some words about probability and measurement

If we measure some value described by operator  $\hat{A}$  w.f. collapse into one of the ~~base~~ eigenfunction of  $\hat{A}$  operator

② with probability  $P_n = |\langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle|^2$ ; (i.e. we measure some concrete value of  $P$ ;

## Problems N1 (compendium N6)

$$|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; |2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; H = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4i \\ 4i & -3 \end{pmatrix}; U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\lambda > 0$ .

① Find eigenvalues of  $H$ .

How we usually do it?

$H \cdot \vec{h}_i = \lambda_i \vec{h}_i$  where  $\vec{h}_i$  - eigenvector,  $\lambda_i$  - eigenvalue

$(H - \lambda I) \vec{h}_i = 0 \Rightarrow \det(H - \lambda I) = 0$  - equation which determines eigenvalues and then we solve equation  $(H - \lambda I) \vec{h}_i = 0$  and determine eigenvectors.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3\lambda - \lambda & -4i\lambda \\ 4i\lambda & -3\lambda - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 9\lambda^2 - 16\lambda^2 = \lambda^2 - 25\lambda^2; \quad \lambda = \pm 5\lambda$$

now eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix}$  first  $\lambda = 5\lambda$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2\lambda & -4i\lambda \\ 4i\lambda & -8\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad a_1 = -2ib_1 + \text{normalization condition } |a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2 = 1$$

finally we get

$$\underline{h_+ = \begin{pmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{or} \quad |h_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |2\rangle - \frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}} |1\rangle \text{ in ket notation.}}$$

Now for  $\lambda = -5\lambda$ ;

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8\lambda & -4i\lambda \\ 4i\lambda & 2\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad b_2 = -2ia_2 + \text{same normalization and we get } \underline{h_- = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ or}}$$

$$\underline{|h_-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} |1\rangle - \frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}} |2\rangle;}$$

② What is the probability that a measurement of  $U$  will be +1 if the system is in the lower energy state?

Lowest energy state is  $\lambda = -5\lambda$  with corresponding eigenvector  $|h_-\rangle$ . Probability to find system in +1 state

③

of  $U$  is given by

$P_{+} = |\langle + | h_{-} \rangle|^2$  where  $U|+\rangle = |+\rangle$ . Note now that  $|1\rangle$  and  $|2\rangle$  are eigenstates of  $U$ :

$U|1\rangle = |1\rangle$ ;  $U|2\rangle = -|2\rangle$  with eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ .

thus  $|+\rangle = |1\rangle$ , so that

$$P_{+1} = |\langle 1 | h_{-} \rangle|^2 = \left| (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{5} \text{ probability is } \frac{1}{5} \text{ or just } \underline{20\%}$$

$$P_{+1} = \frac{1}{5};$$

④ What is the expectation value of  $U$  for the system in the lower energy state?

We again should work with the state

$|h_{-}\rangle$  Expectation value is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U \rangle &= \langle h_{-} | U | h_{-} \rangle = \bar{h}_{-}^{\dagger} U h_{-} = \frac{1}{5} (1 \ 2i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (1 - 4) = -\frac{3}{5}; \quad \boxed{\langle U \rangle = -\frac{3}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

⑤ compendium N7

$$|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad |2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad |3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$H = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha > 0$$

⑥ find 3 energy eigenvalues

We again should write  $\det(H - \lambda I) = 0$  or

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha - \lambda & \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}} & \alpha - \lambda & \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}} & \alpha - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 = (\alpha - \lambda)^3 - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 (\alpha - \lambda) - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 (\alpha - \lambda) =$$

$$= (\alpha - \lambda) (\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\lambda + \lambda^2 - \alpha^2) = (\alpha - \lambda) (\lambda - 2\alpha) \cdot \lambda = 0$$

eigenvalues are

$$\boxed{\lambda = 0; \lambda = \alpha; \lambda = 2\alpha;}$$

④

⑥ Find normalised energy eigenstates.

$\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$b_1 = -\sqrt{2}a_1 = -\sqrt{2}c_1 \quad \text{normalised}$$

eigenstate is

$$h_0 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$b_2 = 0; \quad c_2 = -a_2, \quad \text{normalised eigenvector is}$$

$$h_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$\lambda = 22$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ b_3 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$b_3 = \sqrt{2}a_3 = \sqrt{2}c_3$$

$$h_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

⑦ If the system is in ground state what is probability that it is in state  $|1\rangle$

Probability as usually is given by inner product:

$$P = |\langle 1|h_0\rangle|^2 = \left| (1\ 0\ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad \boxed{P_1 = \frac{1}{4}} \text{ or } 25\%$$

⑧ If the system starts in state  $|1\rangle$  with probability 1 at time  $t=0$ , what is the probability that it is in state  $|3\rangle$  at time  $t = \frac{\pi\hbar}{a}$ ?

To understand how do state evolves we should expand it over the basis of Hamiltonians eigenstates  $|n\rangle$  which evolve int time, as prescribed

by Schrödinger equation, in the following way:

$$|n, t\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_n t} |n, t=0\rangle, \quad \text{where } E_n \text{ is corresponding eigenvalue of Hamiltonian}$$

$$|1\rangle = c_0 |h_0\rangle + c_1 |h_1\rangle + c_2 |h_2\rangle$$

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$$c_0 = \langle h_0 | 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}; \quad c_1 = \langle h_1 | 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad c_2 = \langle h_2 | 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2};$$

$|\psi, t=0\rangle = |1\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|h_0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|h_1\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|h_2\rangle$  if we "turn on" time evolution we get

$$|\psi, t\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} |\psi, t=0\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|h_0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \Delta t} |h_1\rangle + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} 2\Delta t} |h_2\rangle$$

$$|\psi, t = \frac{\pi \hbar}{2}\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|h_0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|h_1\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|h_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = |3\rangle$$

thus probability is just 1:  $P_{31} = |\langle 3 | 3 \rangle|^2 = 1;$

(N3)

Let's consider 4 states

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle; |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle; |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle; |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle;$$

$A_1$  measure sign of first arrow.

$A_2$  ———— second arrow.

$F_{1,2}$  flips 1 (2) arrow.

write down  $A_1, A_2, F_1, F_2$  as 4x4 matrices.

Let's denote

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

Now let's look how these operators ( $A_1, A_2, F_1, F_2$ ) act on these states. For example  $F_1$  that flips "spin" 1:

$$F_1 |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \Rightarrow F_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & - & - & - \\ 0 & - & - & - \\ 1 & - & - & - \\ 0 & - & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \Rightarrow F_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & - & - \\ - & 0 & - & - \\ 0 & 1 & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \Rightarrow F_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$$

in analogy

$$F_2 |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle; \quad F_2 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$F_2 |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$F_2 |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

$$F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

⑥

$$A_1 |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle; \quad A_2 |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle;$$

$$A_1 |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle; \quad A_2 |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = -|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle;$$

$$A_1 |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle; \quad A_2 |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle;$$

$$A_1 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle; \quad A_2 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle;$$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

⑦ Find the eigenvalues and eigenstates of  $F_1 F_2$ , are there any degeneracies?

$$F_1 F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

let's find eigenvalues

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\lambda \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda(-\lambda^3 + \lambda) - (\lambda^2 - 1) = \lambda^4 - 1 = (\lambda^2 - 1)^2$$

$\lambda = \pm 1$  - both eigenvalues are twice degenerate.

We can't define eigenvectors for degenerate case good enough but we can build orthonormal basis in the following way:

$$\lambda = +1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a=d \\ b=c \end{matrix}$$

we choose

$$\vec{F}_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \vec{F}_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

actually any linear combination of these 2 vectors

is eigenvector of  $F_1 F_2$

$$\lambda = -1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a=-d \\ b=-c \end{matrix}$$

$$\vec{F}_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \vec{F}_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

the same comment about linear combination as in previous case.



⑦ (a) With eigenstates of  $F_1, F_2$  are not eigenstates of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ ?

$F_1$  and  $F_2$  obviously commute (as they act on different spins), thus we can take degeneracy of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  eigenstates by looking for simultaneous eigenvector of  $F_1, F_2$  and  $F_1, F_2$

eigenstates of  $F_1$  are given by

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda(-\lambda^3 + \lambda) + 1 - \lambda^2 =$$

$$= \lambda^4 - 2\lambda^2 + 1 = (\lambda^2 - 1)^2; \lambda = \pm 1 \text{ - double degenerate state}$$

corresponding eigenvectors:

$\lambda = +1$   $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c = a \\ b = d \end{matrix}$   $V_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; V_{+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and any linear comb. of them.

$\lambda = -1$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c = -a \\ b = -d \end{matrix}$   $V_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; V_{-2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; and any linear combin.

eigenstates of  $F_2$  are given by:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda(-\lambda^3 + \lambda) - \lambda^2 + 1 =$$

$$= (\lambda^2 - 1)^2; \lambda = \pm 1 \text{ - double degenerate states, corresponding}$$

eigenvectors:

$\lambda = +1$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; U_{+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  any linear combination

$\lambda = -1$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; U_{-2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; any linear combination

Now we can compare set of eigenvectors:

$F_1, F_2$ :  $f_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; f_{+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; f_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; f_{-2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$F_1$ :  $v_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; v_{+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; v_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; v_{-2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$F_2$ :  $u_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; u_{+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; u_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; u_{-2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

simultaneous eigenvectors and corresponding eigenvalues of  $F_1, F_2$  and  $F_1, F_2$ :

①  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(f_{+1} + f_{+2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_{+1} + v_{+2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u_{+1} + u_{+2}); F_1 F_2 = \pm 1 = F_1 = F_2;$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad \textcircled{II} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow_{+1} - \uparrow_{+2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (V_{-1} - V_{-2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (U_{-1} - U_{-2}); \quad F_1 F_2 = +1$$

$$\textcircled{III} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow_{-1} + \uparrow_{-2}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (V_{-1} + V_{-2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (U_{+2} - U_{+1}); \quad F_1 F_2 = -1; \quad F_1 = -1; F_2 = +1;$$

$$\textcircled{IV} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow_{-1} - \uparrow_{-2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (V_{+2} - V_{+1}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (U_{-1} + U_{-2}); \quad F_1 F_2 = -1$$

$$F_1 = +1; F_2 = -1$$

Eventually we have 4 states that take degeneracy away

$$\textcircled{I} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F_1 F_2 = F_1 = F_2 = +1; \quad \textcircled{II} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad F_1 F_2 = +1; \quad F_1 = F_2 = -1;$$

$$\textcircled{III} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad F_1 F_2 = -1; \quad F_1 = -1; F_2 = +1; \quad \textcircled{IV} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad F_1 F_2 = -1; \quad F_1 = +1; F_2 = -1;$$

Degeneracy is away because now measuring  $F_1, F_2, F_1$  and  $F_2$  at the same time gives us definite wave function (one of the wave functions written above).

But in problem we are asked to find opposite object: eigenfunction of  $F_1 F_2$  which is not eigenfunction of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  individually. There are a lot of such states, in fact any linear combinations of  $\uparrow_{+1}$  and  $\uparrow_{+2}$ , or  $\uparrow_{-1}$  and  $\uparrow_{-2}$  different from 4 combinations written above. as example we can take.

$\uparrow_{+1}$  and  $\uparrow_{+2}$  which in terms of spins are just

$$(|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \pm |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \pm |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}};$$

This result we were able to obtain from the very beginning just noting, that  $\uparrow_{+1}$  and  $\uparrow_{+2}$  are not eigenvectors of  $F_1$  or  $F_2$  individually.

This can be, in principle, understood from physical point of view (i.e. not going into matrix representation)

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because same states  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \pm |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle)$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \pm |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$  can be found by hands after looking for states, which don't go to itself after flipping of one spin, but go after flipping both of them.

② Describe what happens with eigenstates of  $F_1 F_2$  for measurement  $A_2$  after measurement of  $A_1$ ?

Let's take, for example, state  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$

if we make measurement with  $A_1$  w.f. collapse

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{measurement} \\ \text{with } A_1}} \begin{cases} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \text{ with prob. } p=\frac{1}{2} \\ \text{or} \\ |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \text{ with } p=\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

and then when we measure with  $A_2$  we get in result either  $S=\uparrow$  or  $S=\downarrow$  with  $p=1$  (depends on the result of first measurement). This is simple example of EPR paradox.

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## (14) Generalized uncertainty

(a) Find an uncertainty relation between  $x^2$  and  $p^2$  for a general state.

generalized uncertainty relation is

$$(\Delta A)^2 (\Delta B)^2 \geq \left( \left\langle \frac{1}{2i} [\hat{A}; \hat{B}] \right\rangle \right)^2$$

sketch of proof (if there will be enough time)

$$(\Delta A)^2 = \langle |(\hat{A} - \langle A \rangle)|^2 \rangle; \quad (\Delta B)^2 = \langle |(\hat{B} - \langle B \rangle)|^2 \rangle$$

here  $| \rangle$  is any state over which we take average

let's define new states:

$$|f\rangle \equiv (\hat{A} - \langle A \rangle) | \rangle; \quad |g\rangle \equiv (\hat{B} - \langle B \rangle) | \rangle \quad \text{thus}$$

$$(\Delta A)^2 = \langle f|f \rangle; \quad (\Delta B)^2 = \langle g|g \rangle. \quad \text{Now we can use}$$

Schwarz inequality

$$\langle f|f \rangle \langle g|g \rangle \geq \langle f|g \rangle \langle g|f \rangle$$

to prove Schwarz inequality we should consider some other state  $|f\rangle + \alpha |g\rangle$  and its norm, which is positive definite

$$\langle f + \alpha g | f + \alpha g \rangle = \langle f|f \rangle + \alpha^2 \langle g|g \rangle + \alpha \langle f|g \rangle + \alpha^* \langle g|f \rangle \geq 0$$

now we choose  $\alpha = - \frac{\langle g|f \rangle}{\langle g|g \rangle}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f|f \rangle + \frac{\langle g|f \rangle \langle f|g \rangle}{\langle g|g \rangle} - \frac{\langle g|f \rangle \langle f|g \rangle}{\langle g|g \rangle} - \\ - \frac{\langle f|g \rangle \langle g|f \rangle}{\langle g|g \rangle} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\langle f|f \rangle \langle g|g \rangle \geq \langle f|g \rangle \langle g|f \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

now let's consider r.h.s of Schwarz inequality.

$$\langle f|g \rangle \langle g|f \rangle = (\text{Re} \langle f|g \rangle)^2 + (\text{Im} \langle f|g \rangle)^2 \geq (\text{Im} \langle f|g \rangle)^2 =$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2i} (\langle f|g \rangle - \langle g|f \rangle) \right)^2 \quad \text{now}$$

$$\langle f|g \rangle - \langle g|f \rangle = \langle |(\hat{A} - \langle A \rangle)(\hat{B} - \langle B \rangle)| \rangle -$$

$$- \langle |(\hat{B} - \langle B \rangle)(\hat{A} - \langle A \rangle)| \rangle = \langle |[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]| \rangle, \quad \text{and finally we get}$$

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$$(\Delta A)^2 (\Delta B)^2 \geq \left( \left\langle \frac{1}{2i} [\hat{A}; \hat{B}] \right\rangle \right)^2$$

so we should find following commutator:

$$[x^2; p^2] = [x^2; p] p + p [x^2; p], \text{ now we will use two relations}$$

$$[f(x); p] = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x)$$

$$[x; p] = i\hbar$$

and get

$$[x^2; p^2] = 2i\hbar (xp + px) = 2i\hbar (2xp + [p; x]) = 2i\hbar (2xp - i\hbar)$$

and we get the following

$$(\Delta x^2)^2 (\Delta p^2)^2 \geq \left( \langle \hbar (2xp - i\hbar) \rangle \right)^2$$

ⓑ What is this relation for the ground state of harmonic oscillator?

W.F. of h.o. ground state is  $\psi_0(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2a}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}}$ ;  $a = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}$

now let's consider average  $\langle xp \rangle$ :

$$\langle xp \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}} x \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) e^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{\pi}} i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx =$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{a}{\pi}} i\hbar a \cdot \frac{1}{2a} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} = \frac{i\hbar}{2}; \quad \langle xp \rangle = \frac{i\hbar}{2} \text{ thus}$$

$$2\langle xp \rangle - i\hbar = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$(\Delta x^2)^2 (\Delta p^2)^2 \geq 0$$

ⓒ How does it compare to the square of uncertainty  $\Delta x \Delta p$

$$(\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p)^2 \geq \left( \left\langle \frac{1}{2i} [x; p] \right\rangle \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 > 0 \text{ this one is more strict.}$$

①

Session 3 (oscillator, second quantisation)Some theory on h.o.Let's introduce Ladder operators

$$\hat{a} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \sqrt{2} \hat{x} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2} \hbar} \hat{p} \right) ; \quad \hat{a}^\dagger \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \sqrt{2} \hat{x} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2} \hbar} \hat{p} \right) ; \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$$

Suppose hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega (a a^\dagger + a^\dagger a) = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega \left( 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2}^2 \hat{x}^2 + 2 \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{2}^2 \hbar^2} \hat{p}^2 - \frac{i}{2 \hbar} [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] + \frac{i}{2 \hbar} [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] \right) =$$

$$= \frac{\omega}{2 \sqrt{2}^2 \hbar} \hat{p}^2 + \frac{\hbar \omega \sqrt{2}^2}{2} \hat{x}^2$$

to get usual kinetic term we set  $\frac{\omega}{2 \sqrt{2}^2 \hbar} = \frac{1}{2m} \Rightarrow d = \sqrt{\frac{m \omega}{\hbar}}$  and we get usual h.o.

$$\text{hamiltonian } \hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \hat{x}^2 ; \text{ commutation}$$

relation for ladder operators is  $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$ , If we define ~~operator~~  $\hat{N} \equiv a^\dagger a$  as operator of "number" we get

$$[N, a^\dagger] = -n a^\dagger ; \quad [N, a] = n a ; \quad \text{and } H = \hbar \omega \left( \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Now if we define ground state  $|0\rangle$  as

$$a|0\rangle = 0 \quad (a \text{ annihilates } |0\rangle) \text{ then } N|0\rangle = 0 \quad H|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} |0\rangle$$

$\frac{\hbar \omega}{2}$  ground state energy.

Now we can define state  $(a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle$  and we get

$$H(a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle = \hbar \omega \left( \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} \right) (a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle = \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} (a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle + \hbar \omega (a^\dagger)^n \underbrace{\hat{N} |0\rangle}_0 + \hbar \omega [\hat{N}, (a^\dagger)^n] |0\rangle = \hbar \omega \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) (a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle .$$

So that, acting with  $a^\dagger$  we create excited states. Now we can normalise thisexcited states  $|n\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} (a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle$ ; and this states are in fact

$$\text{orthonormal } \langle m | n \rangle = \delta_{mn} ;$$

If we want to know smth. about time evolution we should do what we usually do, i.e. expand in the basis of hamiltonian eigenfunctions:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_n c_n e^{-iE_n t / \hbar} |n\rangle , \text{ where } c_n = \langle n | \Psi(x, t=0) \rangle \text{ and}$$

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) ;$$

one more important formula is

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}d} (a + a^\dagger) ; \quad \hat{p} = -\frac{i \sqrt{\hbar}}{\sqrt{2}} (a - a^\dagger) ; \quad d = \sqrt{\frac{m \omega}{\hbar}} ;$$

②

Problems

N1) compendium N9

Suppose for oscillator at time  $t=0$  the system is in state  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + a^\dagger |0\rangle)$

a) Find time dependent  $|\psi(t)\rangle$ ;

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle$$

$|\psi(t=0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ ; - the state at  $t=0$

then at time  $t$  we get:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{e^{-i\omega t/2}}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{-i\omega t} |1\rangle)$$

b) Find the expectation value for the energy of  $|\psi(t)\rangle$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi(t) | \hat{H} | \psi(t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle 0 | + e^{i\omega t} \langle 1 |) \hbar\omega (\hat{N} + \frac{1}{2}) (|0\rangle + e^{-i\omega t} |1\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (\langle 0 | \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} | 0 \rangle + e^{i\omega t} \langle 0 | \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} | 1 \rangle + e^{-i\omega t} \langle 1 | \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} | 0 \rangle + \langle 1 | \hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} | 1 \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}) = \hbar\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \hbar\omega$$

c) Find expectation value of  $x$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x(t) \rangle &= \langle \psi(t) | x | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle 0 | + e^{i\omega t} \langle 1 |) x (|0\rangle + e^{-i\omega t} |1\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle 0 | + e^{i\omega t} \langle 1 |) \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger) (|0\rangle + e^{-i\omega t} |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{terms } \langle 0 | (a + a^\dagger) | 0 \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle 1 | (a + a^\dagger) | 1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle 0 | a + a^\dagger | 1 \rangle = \langle 0 | a | 1 \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle 1 | a + a^\dagger | 0 \rangle = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x(t) \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \cos \omega t$$

d) Show that  $\langle x(t) \rangle$  is a solution to the classical equations of motion of the harmonic oscillator with potential  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$ ;

$$F = m \ddot{x} \quad - \text{2nd Newton law} \quad F = -\nabla V = -m\omega^2 x$$

$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$  we have  $\langle x(t) \rangle = C \cos \omega t$  which is, indeed solution of classical equation of motion.

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## (N2) Compendium N10

(a) Find the expectation values  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $\langle p \rangle$  for the ground state and the first excited state.

We know that

$$a|0\rangle = 0; \quad a|1\rangle = |0\rangle;$$

$$a^+|0\rangle = |1\rangle; \quad a^+|1\rangle = \sqrt{2}|2\rangle;$$

$$\langle 0|x|0\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \langle 0|a+a^+|0\rangle = 0$$

$\langle 0|p|0\rangle = -i\frac{d^2\hbar}{2} \langle 0|a-a^+|0\rangle = 0$ , the same is valid for all other excited states  $|n\rangle$  including  $|1\rangle$

(b) Same expectation values for  $\langle x^2 \rangle$ ;  $\langle p^2 \rangle$ ;

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{2d^2} (a+a^+)(a^++a^+) = \frac{1}{2d^2} (a^2+a'^2+a^+a+aa^+) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2d^2} (a^2+(a^+)^2+2a^+a+1)$$

$$p^2 = -\frac{d^2\hbar^2}{2} (a-a^+)(a-a^+) = -\frac{d^2\hbar^2}{2} (a^2+(a^+)^2-a^+a-aa^+) =$$

$$= -\frac{d^2\hbar^2}{2} (a^2+(a^+)^2-2a^+a-1)$$

$$\langle n|a^2|n\rangle = \langle n|(a^+)^2|n\rangle = 0 \quad \text{thus}$$

$\langle x^2 \rangle_n = \frac{1}{2d^2} \langle n|2\hat{N}+1|n\rangle = \frac{1}{2d^2} (2n+1)$  in particular for states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  we get

$$\langle 0|x^2|0\rangle = \frac{1}{2d^2}; \quad \langle 1|x^2|1\rangle = \frac{3}{2d^2}; \quad \langle n|x^2|n\rangle = \frac{1}{2d^2} (2n+1);$$

$$\langle n|p^2|n\rangle = \frac{d^2\hbar^2}{2} \langle n|2\hat{N}+1|n\rangle = d^2\hbar^2 (n+\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\langle 0|p^2|0\rangle = \frac{d^2\hbar^2}{2}; \quad \langle 1|p^2|1\rangle = \frac{3d^2\hbar^2}{2}; \quad \langle n|p^2|n\rangle = d^2\hbar^2 (n+\frac{1}{2});$$

(c) Show that results from (a) and (b) are consistent with Heisenberg uncertainty.

Let's find deviation:

$$(\Delta x)^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{2d^2} (2n+1); \quad (\Delta p)^2 = \langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2 = d^2\hbar^2 (n+\frac{1}{2});$$

$$(\Delta x)^2 \cdot (\Delta p)^2 = \hbar^2 (n+\frac{1}{2})^2 \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \quad \text{Note that uncertainty}$$



④ becomes equality for  $n=0$  (we say that it is saturated in this case, i.e. uncertainty is minimal)

### ③ Compendium 10B

$H = \hbar\omega (a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2})$  ;  $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$  ;  $a|0\rangle = 0$   
 "Coherent" state is defined by

$$|A\rangle \equiv C \cdot \exp(Aa^\dagger)|0\rangle;$$

Other useful commutator is  $[a, (a^\dagger)^n] = n(a^\dagger)^{n-1}$ ;

① Find  $|A\rangle$  in terms of the normalized energy eigenstates

$$\exp(Aa^\dagger) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n (a^\dagger)^n}{n!}, \text{ thus } |A\rangle = C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n (a^\dagger)^n}{n!} |0\rangle =$$

$$= C \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle, \text{ because } \frac{(a^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle \equiv |n\rangle;$$

$$|A\rangle = C \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle;$$

② Find normalisation factor  $C$

$$1 = \langle A|A\rangle = |C|^2 \sum_{n,m} \frac{A^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \frac{(A^\dagger)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} \langle m|n\rangle = |C|^2 \sum_{n,m} \frac{A^n A^{*m}}{\sqrt{m!n!}} \delta_{m,n} =$$

$$= |C|^2 \sum_n \frac{(A^* A)^n}{n!} = |C|^2 \cdot \exp(+|A|^2) \quad \text{as } C \text{ and } A \text{ are}$$

real we get  $C^2 \exp(A^2) = 1 \Rightarrow$   $C = e^{-A^2/2};$

③ Show that  $|A\rangle$  is an eigenstate of the annihilation operator  $a$  and find the eigenvalue.

$$a|A\rangle = a C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n (a^\dagger)^n}{n!} |0\rangle = C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!} a (a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle, \text{ now}$$

$$a (a^\dagger)^n |0\rangle = (a^\dagger)^n a |0\rangle + [a, (a^\dagger)^n] |0\rangle = n (a^\dagger)^{n-1} |0\rangle$$

$$a|A\rangle = C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n \cdot \frac{n (a^\dagger)^{n-1}}{n!} |0\rangle = CA \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n (a^\dagger)^n}{n!} |0\rangle =$$

$$= A \cdot |A\rangle$$

$$a|A\rangle = A|A\rangle$$

⑤ @ Find expectation value  $\langle A | H | A \rangle$ ;

$$\langle A | H | A \rangle = \langle A | \hbar\omega (a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}) | A \rangle = \hbar\omega \{ (\langle A | a^\dagger \rangle \langle a | A \rangle) + \frac{1}{2} \langle A | A \rangle \} = \hbar\omega (A \cdot A + \frac{1}{2}) \underbrace{\langle A | A \rangle}_1 = \hbar\omega (A^2 + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\langle A | H | A \rangle = \hbar\omega (A^2 + \frac{1}{2})$$

④ Consider "fermionic" oscillator

$$H = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (b^\dagger b - b b^\dagger) ; \{b, b^\dagger\} = b b^\dagger + b^\dagger b = 1$$

$$\{b, b\} = \{b^\dagger, b^\dagger\} = 0;$$

Find normalised states and energies for this system, assuming that there is ground state  $|0\rangle$  where  $b|0\rangle = 0$

From anticommutation relations it follows that

$$(b^\dagger)^2 = 0 \quad \text{thus let's denote } b^\dagger|0\rangle = |1\rangle, \text{ and we}$$

get  $b^\dagger|1\rangle = b^\dagger b^\dagger|0\rangle = 0$  this will be only 2 states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} b^\dagger|0\rangle &= |1\rangle ; b|0\rangle = 0 ; \\ b^\dagger|1\rangle &= 0 ; b|1\rangle = |0\rangle ; \end{aligned}$$

Now let's define energies of this states

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (b^\dagger b - b b^\dagger) = \hbar\omega (b^\dagger b - \frac{1}{2}), \text{ here } b^\dagger b = \hat{N} \text{ is "number" operator"}$$

$$\hat{H}|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (2b^\dagger b - 1)|0\rangle = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}|0\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}|1\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (2b^\dagger b b^\dagger - b^\dagger)|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (-2 \underbrace{(b^\dagger)^2}_0 b + 2b^\dagger - b^\dagger)|0\rangle =$$

$$= \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} b^\dagger|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}|1\rangle. \text{ Thus we have 2 states}$$

$$|0\rangle ; E_0 = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{2} ; b|0\rangle = 0 ; b^\dagger|0\rangle = |1\rangle ;$$

$$|1\rangle ; E_1 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} ; b^\dagger|1\rangle = 0 ; b|1\rangle = |0\rangle ;$$

This is simple enough example of finite (2-dim)

⑥ Hilbert space. We can use matrix representation in description of fermionic oscillator if we define  $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

then

$$b^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad H = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (2b^\dagger b - 1) =$$

$$= \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \left\{ 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$H = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

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Session 4Theory

In classical mechanics  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ . In q.m. we just put operators instead of usual functions into this

formula. (i.e.  $\hat{L} = -i\hbar \vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}$ )

$$\hat{L}_x = \hat{y}\hat{p}_z - \hat{z}\hat{p}_y; \quad \hat{L}_y = \hat{z}\hat{p}_x - \hat{x}\hat{p}_z; \quad \hat{L}_z = \hat{x}\hat{p}_y - \hat{y}\hat{p}_x;$$

And we will often use  $\hat{L}_{\pm} = \hat{L}_x \pm i\hat{L}_y$

We will sometimes use polar coordinates:

$$\begin{cases} x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ z = r \cos\theta \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}; \\ \tan\theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}; \\ \tan\phi = \frac{y}{x}; \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = \frac{x}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos^2\theta \cdot \frac{x}{z\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} +$$

$$+ \cos^2\phi \left(-\frac{x}{y}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos^2\theta \cos\phi \tan\theta \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} +$$

$$+ \frac{\sin\phi}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi};$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos^2\theta \frac{y}{z\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cos^2\phi \left(+\frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} =$$

$$= \sin\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos\phi}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \cos^2\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \cdot \left(-\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos^2\theta}\right) + \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$$

Now we can write down (omit calculations in class, just write down final result):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos^2\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin\phi}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi};$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \sin\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta \sin\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos\phi}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi};$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta};$$

$$\hat{L}_x = \hat{y}\hat{p}_z - \hat{z}\hat{p}_y = -i\hbar \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) = -i\hbar \left( -\sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \cot\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\hat{L}_y = -i\hbar \left( \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \cot\theta \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right); \quad \hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi};$$

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$$L_{\pm} = \hbar e^{\pm i\phi} \left( \pm \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right);$$

$$L^2 = -\hbar^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right);$$

commutation relations

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z; \quad [L_y, L_z] = i\hbar L_x; \quad [L_z, L_x] = i\hbar L_y;$$

$$[L^2, L_i] = 0; \quad [L_z, L_{\pm}] = \pm \hbar L_{\pm};$$

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Problems

(N1) Show that

$$[L_z; x] = i\hbar y \quad ; \quad [L_x; x] = [(\hat{y}\hat{p}_z - \hat{z}\hat{p}_y), \hat{x}] =$$

this before

$$[L_z; x] = [x p_y - y p_x; x] = [x p_y; x] - [y p_x; x] = x [p_y; x] + p_y [x; x] - y [p_x; x] - [y; x] p_x = i\hbar y \quad ; \quad [L_z; x] = i\hbar y$$

We have used here that

$$[AB, C] = ABC - CAB = A[B, C] + [A, C]B, \text{ and } [p_i; x_j] = -i\hbar \delta_{ij}$$

$$[L_z; y] = [x p_y - y p_x; y] = [x p_y; y] - [y p_x; y] = x [p_y; y] + p_y [x; y] - y [p_x; y] - p_x [y; y] = -i\hbar x \quad ; \quad [L_z; y] = -i\hbar x$$

$$[L_z; z] = [x p_y - y p_x; z] = 0$$

$$[L_z; p_x] = [x p_y; p_x] - [y p_x; p_x] = p_y [x; p_x] = i\hbar p_y \quad ; \quad [L_z; p_x] = i\hbar p_y$$

$$[L_z; p_y] = -p_x [y; p_y] = -i\hbar p_x \quad ; \quad [L_z; p_y] = -i\hbar p_x$$

$$[L_z; p_z] = [x p_y; p_z] - [y p_x; p_z] = 0 \quad ; \quad [L_z; p_z] = 0$$

(N2) Consider potential  $V(\vec{r})$

(a) If  $V(\vec{r})$  is spherically symmetric show that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle L \rangle = 0$

(i.e. angular momentum is conserved)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \vec{L} \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\vec{L}; H] \right\rangle, \text{ we take usual hamiltonian}$$

$H = \frac{p_r^2}{2m} + \frac{\vec{L}^2}{2mr^2} + V(r)$  ;  $[\vec{L}; \vec{L}^2] = 0$  (can check this is valid always) ;  $[\vec{L}; \frac{p_r^2}{2m} + V(r)] = 0$  because  $\vec{L}$  contains only angle derivatives and  $(\frac{p_r^2}{2m} + V(r))$  only radial coordinates and derivatives.

(b) For general  $V(\vec{r})$ , show that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \vec{L} \rangle = \langle \vec{T} \rangle \quad \text{where } \vec{T} = \vec{r} \times (-\nabla V) \text{ is torque.}$$

Let's find commutator  $[H, \vec{L}] = [V(r); \vec{L}] = [V(\vec{r}); -i\hbar \vec{r} \times \nabla]$

Let's act on some w.f. with this commutator.

$$[V(\vec{r}); -i\hbar \vec{r} \times \nabla] \psi = (-i\hbar \vec{r} \times \nabla \psi) \cdot V(\vec{r}) + (i\hbar \vec{r} \times \nabla \psi) V(\vec{r}) + i\hbar \vec{r} \times \nabla V(\vec{r}) \psi =$$

(4)  $= -i\hbar \bar{T}$ , thus

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \bar{L} \rangle = \langle \bar{T} \rangle$$

(N3) - this problem is the same as one in problem set N5 and we will consider it later

(N4)

A particle of mass  $\mu$  is constrained to move on a 2<sup>d</sup> sphere of radius  $R$ , but is otherwise free to move on the sphere. Assuming that the lowest energy state is 0, find the energies degeneracies of all states.

As usually we have a Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2\mu} + \frac{L^2}{2\mu R^2} + V(r) \quad \text{in our case } V(r) = V_0 - \text{constant}$$

taken in such way that ground state will be  $E=0$  (as demanded by the formulation of problem). It's constant on the sphere and infinite everywhere else

$$V(r) = \begin{cases} V_0 & r \in [R-\Delta R; R+\Delta R] \text{ and we take limit } \Delta R \rightarrow 0 \\ \infty & \text{everywhere else} \end{cases}$$

then we can neglect  $P_r^2$  (there is no motion transverse to sphere) Thus we have Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\hat{L}^2}{2\mu R^2} \cdot R_e(r) Y_{lm}(\theta; \varphi) = (E - V_0) R_e(r) Y_{lm}(\theta; \varphi)$$

Thus radial part can be anything we want (actually we should take it being constant on sphere and everywhere else)

as for angular part of w.f. we get

$$\hat{L}^2 Y_{lm}(\theta; \varphi) = \hbar^2 l(l+1) Y_{lm} \quad \text{thus energy levels are}$$

$$E_l = \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2\mu R^2}$$

here we have substituted  $R$  instead of  $r$  because w.f. is "0" everywhere but on the

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sphere. As for degeneracies as usually we have  $m$  parameter (projection of angular momentum) which takes  $(2l+1)$  values when " $l$ " is fixed. As energy doesn't depend on " $m$ " we get  $2l+1$  degeneracy of levels.

(N5)

Let's consider system with the hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_r^2}{2\mu} + \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2\mu r^2} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

@ Separating the variables, find the allowed energy levels and degeneracies for this system.

First let's separate w.f. in the following way

$\Psi(x, y, z) = X(x) Y(y) Z(z)$  we get 3 equations instead of one

$$\left\{ \frac{\hat{p}_x^2 + \hat{p}_y^2 + \hat{p}_z^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \right\} X(x) Y(y) Z(z) = E X(x) Y(y) Z(z)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{\hat{p}_x^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 x^2 \right) X(x) = E_x X(x) \\ \left( \frac{\hat{p}_y^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 y^2 \right) Y(y) = E_y Y(y) \\ \left( \frac{\hat{p}_z^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 z^2 \right) Z(z) = E_z Z(z) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{and total energy then is} \\ \text{given by} \\ E = E_x + E_y + E_z \end{array}$$

to show this we can consider in more details

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \right\} XYZ = E XYZ$$

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} X'' + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 x^2 X \right) YZ + \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} Y'' + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 y^2 Y \right) XZ +$$

$$+ \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} Z'' + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 z^2 Z \right) XY = E XYZ \quad \text{and we see that}$$

we can reduce this equation to the system written above.



⑥ we know that all these equations are just equations for h.o. Their spectrum is known well enough

$$E_i = \hbar\omega(n_i + \frac{1}{2}) \quad ; \quad i = x, y, z$$

$$E = \hbar\omega(n_x + n_y + n_z + \frac{3}{2}) = \hbar\omega(n + \frac{3}{2}) \quad \text{but what}$$

is degeneracy  $N$  of this level? Let  $n_z$  be free parameter

$$N = \sum_{n_x=0}^n \sum_{n_y=0}^{n-n_x} 1 = \sum_{n_x=0}^n (n - n_x + 1) = \sum_{n_x=0}^n (n+1) - \sum_{n_x=0}^n n_x =$$

$$= (n+1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

We have summated over all possible  $n_x$  and  $n_y$  what fixes our  $n_z$

$$\boxed{N = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}} \quad \text{-degeneracy}$$

⑦ the same problem but separating system into radial coordinates.

$$H = \frac{p_r^2}{2\mu} + \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^2}{2} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} \quad \text{let's separate radial variables}$$

$$\Psi = R_{n_z}(r) \cdot Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{as usually } \nabla^2 Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = -l(l+1) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

and we get equation for radial part

$$\left[ \frac{p_r^2}{2\mu} + \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^2}{2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} \right] R_{n_z}(r) = E_{n_z} R_{n_z}(r)$$

In general this is difficult problem involving special functions and it's a bit boring but at the moment we are interested only in case  $l=0$

which makes our life much simpler. We get

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^2}{2} \right] R_{n_z}(r) = E_{n_z} R_{n_z}(r)$$

if we substitute  $u_\ell(r) = r \cdot R_\ell(r)$  (this is usual trick) we get:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{1}{r} u_\ell(r) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} u'_\ell(r) - \frac{1}{r^2} u''_\ell(r) = \frac{1}{r} u''_\ell(r)$$

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and thus

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 r^2 \right] u_0(r) = E_n u_0(r) \quad + \quad \text{condition } u_0(0) = 0$$

this is usual h.o. with energy

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left( \tilde{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \tilde{n} \text{ - odd because otherwise we get } u_0(0) = 0$$

as  $\tilde{n}$ -even w.f. of h.o. are symmetric.

if  $\tilde{n} = 1$   $E = \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega$  which correspond to  $n=0$  $\tilde{n} = 3$   $E = \frac{7}{2} \hbar \omega$  which correspond to  $n=2$ if  $n=1$  we get level  $E = \frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega$  which is

3-degenerate it is not contained in the spectrum of  $\tilde{n}$  because it should correspond to  $\tilde{n}=2$ , but  $\tilde{n}$  are all should be odd, thus we have  $l=1$  for first excited level (which agree with 3-degeneracy.)

① Seminar 5 (examples of scattering and bound states in different potentials)

Theoretical \* main object we deal with in quantum mechanics

reminder: is wave-function  $\Psi(x,t)$  which describes probability

density  $\rho(x,t) = |\Psi(x,t)|^2$

\* w.-f.  $\Psi(x,t)$  obeys Schr. eq.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \Psi \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(x) \quad \text{is}$$

Hamiltonian operator

If we split  $\Psi(x,t) = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \psi(x)$  we obtain stationary

Schr. eq.:  $\hat{H}\psi = E\psi \rightarrow$  thus  $\psi$  is eigenstate and  $E$  is eigenvalue of Hamiltonian

\* Due to linearity of Schr. eq. any time-dependent solution can be written in terms of eigenstates and eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}$ :

$$\Psi(x,t) = \sum_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_n(x) \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{H}\psi_n = E_n \psi_n;$$

\* Important condition, w.-f. should satisfy is continuity ( $\Psi(x,t)$  is single-valued) and continuity of derivative ( $\Psi'(x,t)$  is single-valued everywhere)

\* If  $V = V_0 = \text{const}$ , then Schr. eq. reads

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = (E - V_0) \psi \quad \text{and general solution takes}$$

$$\text{form} \quad \psi(x) = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}, \quad k = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E - V_0)}}{\hbar}$$

\*\* This general solution is valid even if  $E < V_0$ .

In this case we get two real exponents and choose solution that decays on  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ , in order for w.-f. to be normalizable.

\*\* This general solution is only plane wave normalizable for the case  $E > V_0$ ;

## ② Problem I (Scattering on the potential step)

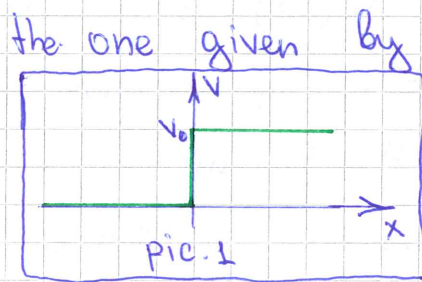
Suppose an electron hits a potential step with height  $V_0 = 5\text{eV}$ . Find the reflection and transmission coefficients,  $R$  and  $T$  when electron energy is:

- Ⓐ  $E = 2,5\text{eV}$ ; Ⓑ  $E = 7,5\text{eV}$ ; Ⓒ  $E = 5\text{eV}$ ;

Theory reminder: Before substituting particular numbers into expressions you know from lecture let's refresh solution in memory:

Step potential is

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ V_0, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



In such kind of

problems we consider separately several regions:

Ⓘ:  $x < 0$  and Ⓣ:  $x > 0$ ;

for  $V = \text{const}$  we know general solution of form

$$\psi = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}, \quad k = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E - V_0)}}{\hbar}$$

Let's consider 2 cases separately:

Ⓐ  $E > V_0$

in region Ⓘ general solution is

$$\psi_{\text{I}}(x) = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}, \text{ containing both } e^{ikx} \text{ (plane}$$

wave coming from  $-\infty$ ) and  $e^{-ikx}$  (plane wave reflected from step and coming back to  $-\infty$ ) and  $k$  is

$$\text{given by } \underline{k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}};$$

in region Ⓣ we write solution as:

$$\underline{\psi_{\text{II}}(x) = C e^{ik'x}}, \text{ where } \underline{k' = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E - V_0)}}{\hbar}} \text{ so we}$$

obtain only wave going away of the step towards infinity

③ Now applying continuity conditions we get at  $x=0$

$$\psi_I(0) = \psi_{II}(0) \Rightarrow A+B=C$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} \psi_I(x) \right|_{x=0} = \left. \frac{d}{dx} \psi_{II}(x) \right|_{x=0} \Rightarrow k(A-B) = k'C$$

Now we can express B and C coefficients through A:

$$k(A-B) = k'(A+B); \Rightarrow B = \frac{k-k'}{k+k'} A;$$

$$C = B+A = \frac{2k}{k+k'} A \Rightarrow C = \frac{2k}{k+k'} A;$$

Then reflection and transition coeff are given by

$$R = \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2} = \frac{(k-k')^2}{(k+k')^2}; \quad T = \frac{|C|^2}{|A|^2} = \frac{k'}{k} = \frac{4kk'}{(k+k')^2};$$

These expressions come from relations between currents. In particular

$$\psi = Ae^{ikx} \text{ brings current } J(x,t) = \frac{k\hbar}{m} |A|^2;$$

$$\psi = Be^{-ikx} \text{ —||— } J(x,t) = -\frac{k\hbar}{m} |B|^2;$$

② now if  $E < V_0$ :

in region ① everything stays the same

but in region ② we get:

$$\psi_{II} = Ce^{-\alpha x} + De^{\alpha x} \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}}{\hbar}. \text{ In order}$$

to make this w.f. normalizable we choose  $D=0$  and

get  $\psi_{II} = Ce^{-\alpha x}$ . Current corresponding to this solution is given by:

$$J(x,t) \equiv \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi^* \right) \psi - \psi^* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi \right) \right) = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} |C|^2 (-\alpha + \alpha) e^{-2\alpha x} = 0$$

So we see that there is no wave going through step

so that  $R=1, T=0;$

③ in case  $E = V_0$  w.f. in region ② is  $\psi_{II} = C = \text{const}$  and

thus  $J(x,t) = 0$  for  $x > 0$  and we get the same

result as in the case ②

④ Now we can put numerical values of  $E$  and  $V_0$  into this answers:

Ⓐ  $E = 2,5 \text{ eV} < V_0 \Rightarrow \underline{R=1, T=0}$ ;

Ⓑ  $E = 5 \text{ eV} = V_0 \Rightarrow \underline{R=1, T=0}$ ;

Ⓒ  $E = 7,5 \text{ eV}$ ,  $R = \frac{(k-k')^2}{(k+k')^2} = \frac{(\sqrt{E} - \sqrt{E-V_0})^2}{(\sqrt{E} + \sqrt{E-V_0})^2} = \frac{(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{3}})^2}{(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{3}})^2}$

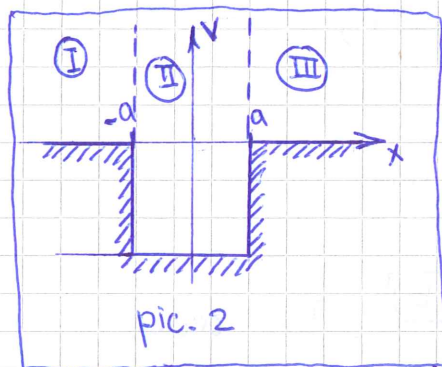
$R = 0,071$ ;  $T = 1 - R = 0,929 \text{ eV}$ ;

### Problem II (finite square well)

Consider the finite square well

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} -V_0 & ; |x| < a \\ 0 & ; |x| > a \end{cases}$$

Solve graphically for the odd parity bound state solutions. What condition must be satisfied for there to be at least one such state.



Even parity bound states are found in lecture notes. Now we do the same procedure for states. In regions ① ② and ③ we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \psi_I = A e^{\alpha x}; & x < -a; & \text{where } \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}; \\ \psi_{II} = B \sin kx + C \cdot \cos kx; & -a < x < a; & k = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E+V_0)}}{\hbar}; \\ \psi_{III} = D e^{-\alpha x}; & x > a; \end{cases}$$

Note that  $\psi_I$  and  $\psi_{III}$  are chosen to be normalizable, i.e.  $\psi_I \rightarrow 0$ , when  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $\psi_{III} \rightarrow 0$ , when  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ;

\* First simplification comes from antisymmetry of w.f.:

$$\psi_I(x) = -\psi_{III}(-x) \Rightarrow A e^{\alpha x} = -D e^{\alpha x} \Rightarrow \underline{A = -D}$$

$$\psi_{II}(x) = -\psi_{II}(-x) \Rightarrow B \sin kx + C \cdot \cos kx = B \sin kx - C \cos kx \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow C = 0$ . Finally we obtain following w.f.:

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$$\Psi_I = -Ae^{\alpha x}; \quad \Psi_{II} = B \sin kx; \quad \Psi_{III} = Ae^{-\alpha x};$$

\* Now we can apply continuity conditions on the edges of square well:

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_{II}(a) = \Psi_{III}(a); \\ \frac{d}{dx} \Psi_{II}(a) = \frac{d}{dx} \Psi_{III}(a); \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B \sin ka = Ae^{-\alpha a} \\ k B \cos ka = -\alpha A e^{-\alpha a} \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} \text{conditions in } x=a \\ \text{are satisfied} \end{array}$$

then automatically due to antisymmetry of w.f.

Now dividing first equation with second one we

$$\text{get: } \frac{1}{k} \operatorname{tg} ka = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \operatorname{tg} ka = -\frac{k}{\alpha};$$

\* This equation is transcendental and we can't find solution analytically but we can do it graphically (at least understand what is going on qualitatively).

Let's write down level equations through  $ka = z$  variable.

$$\text{Then } \alpha a = \frac{\sqrt{2m a^2 (V_0 - V_0 + E)}}{\hbar} = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2} \quad \text{where } \gamma = \frac{\sqrt{2m V_0} a}{\hbar};$$

Thus equation finally looks like:

$$\operatorname{tg} z = -\frac{z}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}} \quad \text{— odd levels}$$

Equation for even levels was found on lecture

$$z \operatorname{tg} z = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2} \quad \text{— even levels}$$

To draw graphical solution we should draw

$\frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}}{z}$  and  $-\frac{z}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}}$  functions. But as we should do it only qualitatively it's enough to know their

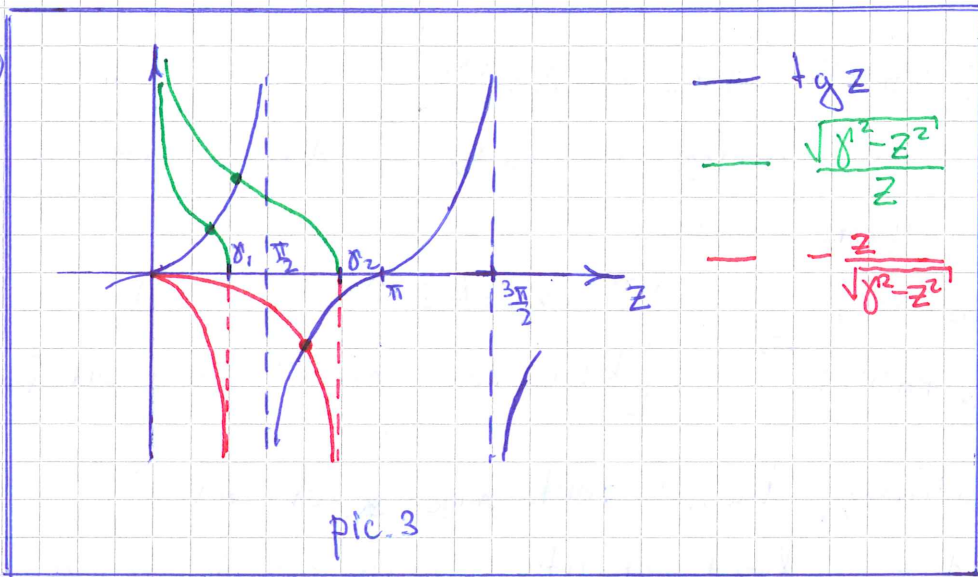
asymptotes:

$$** \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}}{z} \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } z \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}}{z} = 0 \text{ at } z = \gamma$$

$$** -\frac{z}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}} = 0 \text{ at } z = 0 \text{ and } -\frac{z}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}} \rightarrow -\infty \text{ at } z = \gamma$$

So solutions we get are the following: (see pic.3)

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Red lines on (pic. 3) shows  $-\frac{z}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - z^2}}$  function and intersection with  $\text{tg } z$  shows solution for odd-parity bound state. Note that

if  $0 < \gamma < \pi$  - there is 1 even solution

$\pi < \gamma < 2\pi$  - 2 even solutions

$$\pi(n-1) < \gamma < \pi n - n \text{ even solutions}$$

$0 < \gamma < \frac{\pi}{2}$  - no solutions (odd)

$\frac{\pi}{2} < \gamma < \frac{3\pi}{2}$  - 1 odd solution

$$\frac{\pi}{2}(2n+1) < \gamma < \frac{\pi}{2}(2n+3) - (n-1) \text{ odd solutions}$$

\* We now have seen that odd solutions exist only

if  $\gamma > \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow V_0 a^2 \geq \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{8m}$

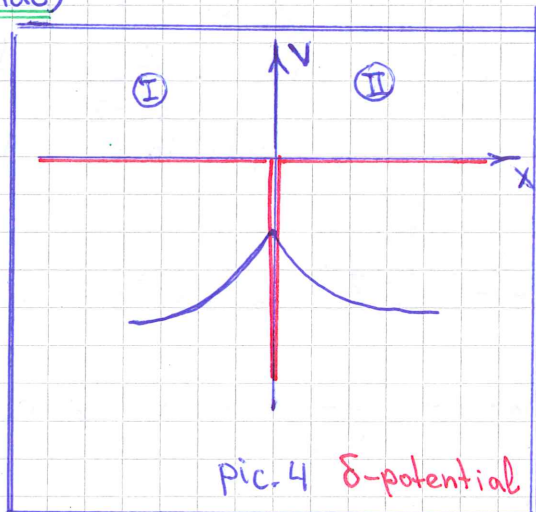
Problem III (Delta function potential)

Consider the  $\delta$ -function potential

$$V(x) = -\lambda \delta(x),$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ . Find normalized w.f and energies of bound states

Before solving this problem let's refresh our knowledge about  $\delta$ -functions and their role in quantum mechanics.





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$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \neq 0 \\ \infty, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-a}^a \delta(x) dx = 1 \quad \forall a$$

$$\int_{-a}^a \delta(x) f(x) dx = f(0) \quad \forall a$$

• assume we have potential proportional to  $\delta(x)$  in Sch. eq. Obviously as it's 0 everywhere except  $x=0$  it doesn't effect solutions at  $x \neq 0$ .

To understand what is going on at  $x=0$  let's integrate Sch. eq. near  $x=0$  (i.e.  $\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon}$  + limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right) \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} V(x)\psi(x) dx = E \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \psi(x) dx$$

- as function  $\psi$  is continuous we have:

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \psi(x) dx = 0$$

$$- \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} V(x)\psi(x) dx = -2 \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \delta(x)\psi(x) dx = -2\psi(0)$$

$$- \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right) \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left. \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right|_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\psi'(-\epsilon) - \psi'(+\epsilon))$$

So we eventually get out of Sch. eq. boundary condition for w.f. derivatives:

$$\boxed{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left. \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right|_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} = 2\psi(0)}$$

This is good thing to remember:

$\delta$ -function leave w.f. continuous but imply discontinuity in w.f. derivatives

Now we can consider problem in usual way:

\* we have regions ① ( $x < 0$ ) and ② ( $x > 0$ ) where solution for bound states ( $E < 0$ ) w.f. is given by

$$\psi_I = A e^{2\kappa x}$$

$$\psi_{II} = B e^{-2\kappa x}$$

- here we have omitted unnormalizable exponent already.

⑧ \* continuity of w.f. give:

$A=B$  as  $\psi_I(0) = \psi_{II}(0)$  so we obtain w.f. :  
 $\psi_I = Ae^{\alpha x}$ ,  $\psi_{II} = Ae^{-\alpha x}$  where  $\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}$

\* Now we can apply boundary condition for w.f. derivatives at  $x=0$ :

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{d\psi_{II}}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} - \frac{d\psi_I}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} \right) = 2\psi(0) = 2A$$

substituting  $\psi_I$  and  $\psi_{II}$  we obtain:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} A(-2\alpha) = 2A \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{md}{\hbar^2} \Rightarrow \frac{-2mE}{\hbar^2} = \frac{d^2 m^2}{\hbar^2} \text{ so}$$

we get bound energy state

$$E = -\frac{md^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

\* finally we should normalize w.f. Normalization condition as usually reads:

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi|^2 dx = |A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-2\alpha|x|} dx = 2|A|^2 \int_0^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x} = \frac{2|A|^2}{2\alpha} e^{-2\alpha x} \Big|_0^{\infty} =$$

$= \frac{|A|^2}{\alpha}$  so that we get  $A = \sqrt{\alpha}$  up to an unobservable phase. So normalized w.f. is given by

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\alpha} e^{-\alpha|x|}; \quad \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}; \quad E = -\frac{md^2}{2\hbar^2};$$

Note that there is only one bound state.

### Problem IV (Compendium N3) scattering on two Delta-functions

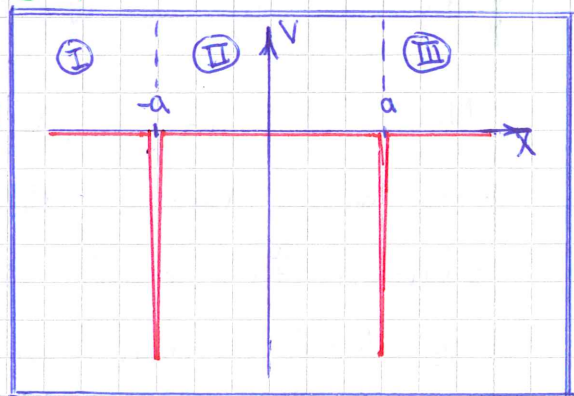
Suppose that particles with energy  $E > 0$  and mass  $m$  are coming in from the left where they pass over the 1D double  $\delta$ -function potential:

$$V(x) = -\frac{\hbar^2 b}{2m} (\delta(x+a) + \delta(x-a))$$

where  $b > 0$

① Find the wave number  $k$  in terms of  $E$ .

As  $\delta$ -functions don't reflect



⑤ solutions expect 2 points  $x = \pm a$ ; we can immediately write  $k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$  - the same relation as for free particles.

⑥ Find the reflection coefficient as a function of the wave number  $k, m, \hbar, b$  and  $a$ .

\* We, as usually, divide space into several regions:

①  $x < -a$ ; ②  $-a < x < a$ ; ③  $x > a$ ;

Solution in this regions look as usually:

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_I(x) = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}; & \text{In regions I and II we have} \\ \Psi_{II}(x) = C e^{ikx} + D e^{-ikx}; & \text{both incoming } (e^{ikx}) \text{ and reflected} \\ \Psi_{III}(x) = F e^{ikx}; & (e^{-ikx}) \text{ waves, while there can be} \end{cases}$$
 no incoming wave for  $x > a$  (region III)

\* Now we apply boundary conditions in  $x = \pm a$ ;

continuity condition gives:

$x = -a$ :  $A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika} = C e^{-ika} + D e^{ika}$ ;

$x = +a$ :  $C e^{ika} + D e^{-ika} = F e^{ika}$ ;

Derivatives of w.f. are not continuous. Boundary conditions are:

$x = -a$ :  $\Psi_I'(-a) - \Psi_{II}'(-a) = b \Psi(-a) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow ik(A e^{-ika} - B e^{ika}) - ik(C e^{-ika} - D e^{ika}) = b(A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika})$

$x = a$ :  $\Psi_{II}'(a) - \Psi_{III}'(a) = b \Psi(a) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow ik(C e^{ika} - D e^{-ika}) - ik F e^{ika} = b F e^{ika}$

So we get system of 4 equations:

(I)  $A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika} = C e^{-ika} + D e^{ika}$ ;

(II)  $C e^{ika} + D e^{-ika} = F e^{ika}$ ;

(III)  $A e^{-ika} - B e^{ika} - C e^{-ika} + D e^{ika} = \frac{b}{ik} (A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika})$ ;

(IV)  $C e^{ika} - D e^{-ika} = F \left(\frac{b}{ik} + 1\right) e^{ika}$ ;

Let's denote  $d = \frac{b}{ik}$

$$(10) \quad C e^{ika} - D e^{-ika} = (2+1) (C e^{ika} + D e^{-ika}) \quad \text{so}$$

$$C = -\left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-2ika} D; \quad \text{substituting this into eq. (I)}$$

we get:

$$A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika} = D e^{ika} \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}\right) \quad (\text{VI})$$

And substitution into eq. (III) gives:

$$A e^{-ika} (1-2) - B e^{ika} (1+2) + D e^{ika} \left(1 + \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}\right) = 0; \quad (\text{VII})$$

Now if we express D through A and B using eq. (VI):

$$D = \frac{(A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika}) e^{-ika}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}}; \quad \text{and substitute this into}$$

eq. (VII) we get:

$$A e^{-ika} (1-2) - B e^{ika} (1+2) + (A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika}) \frac{1 + \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}} = 0;$$

$$\text{Coefficient in front of } A e^{-ika}: \quad 1-2 + \frac{1 + \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}} =$$

$$= \frac{2-2 + (2+2) e^{-4ika}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}};$$

$$\text{Coefficient in front of } B e^{ika}: \quad -(1+2) + \frac{1 + \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}}$$

$$= \frac{+2 \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika} + 2 - (2+2) e^{-4ika}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) e^{-4ika}}$$

So we get:

$$A e^{-ika} \left(2-2 + (2+2) e^{-4ika}\right) = B e^{ika} \left(-\left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) 2 e^{-4ika} + 2 - (2+2) e^{-4ika}\right)$$

thus

$$\frac{B}{A} = e^{-2ika} \frac{e^{2ika} (4 \cos(2ka) - 2id \sin(2ka))}{e^{-4ika} \left(-\frac{4}{2} - 2 - 4 + 2 e^{4ika}\right)} \quad \text{thus}$$

$$\frac{B}{A} = \frac{4 \cos(2ka) - \frac{2b}{k} \sin(2ka)}{\frac{b}{ik} \left(\frac{4k^2}{b^2} - 1 + e^{4ika} - \frac{4ik}{b}\right)} \quad \text{and finally}$$

$$\frac{B}{A} = \frac{ib (4k \cos(2ka) - 2b \sin(2ka))}{k(k-ib) + b^2 (e^{4ika} - 1)}$$

Reflection coefficient is then given by:

(11)

$$R \equiv \left| \frac{B}{A} \right|^2 = \frac{\beta^2 (4k \cos(2ka) - 2\beta \sin(2ka))^2}{|k(k-i\beta) + \beta^2(e^{4ika} - 1)|^2}$$

Using:

$$k(k-i\beta) + \beta^2(e^{4ika} - 1) = k^2 - \beta^2(1 - \cos 4ka) - i(k\beta - \beta^2 \sin 4ka) = \\ = k^2 - 2\beta^2 \sin^2(2ka) - i\beta(k - \beta \sin 4ka) \quad \text{we get:}$$

$$R = \frac{\beta^2 (4k \cos(2ka) - 2\beta \sin(2ka))^2}{(k^2 - 2\beta^2 \sin^2(2ka))^2 + \beta^2 (k - \beta \sin 4ka)^2};$$

© Find a relation between  $k, \beta$ , and  $a$  that gives zero for the reflection coefficient.

$R$  is "0" when numerator is zero, i.e.:

$$4k \cos(2ka) = 2\beta \sin(2ka) \Rightarrow \boxed{\tan(2ka) = \frac{2k}{\beta}};$$

### Problem II (S-matrix)

Suppose we have potential  $V(x)$  such that  $V(x) = 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$  but is otherwise arbitrary. A solution to Sch eq. is then

$$\psi(x) \approx A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}, \quad x \ll 0$$

$$\psi(x) \approx C e^{ikx} + D e^{-ikx}, \quad x \gg 0$$

Note that  $A$  and  $D$  components are incoming waves and the  $B$  and  $C$  are outgoing waves. The  $S$ -matrix is defined as

$$\begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that  $S$  is unitary ( $S^\dagger S = 1$ ), and  $S(-k) = S^\dagger(k)$

\* Let's consider currents for  $x \gg 0$  and  $x \ll 0$

For w.f.  $\psi(x) = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}$  current is given by

$$J(x,t) \equiv \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi - \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} ik \left( (-A^* e^{-ikx} + B^* e^{ikx})(A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}) \right. \\ \left. - (A^* e^{-ikx} + B^* e^{ikx})(A e^{ikx} - B e^{-ikx}) \right) = -\frac{\hbar k}{2m} \left( -|A|^2 + |B|^2 + \right. \\ \left. + B^* A e^{2ikx} - B A^* e^{-2ikx} - |A|^2 + |B|^2 + A^* B e^{-2ikx} - B^* A e^{2ikx} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$(12) \Rightarrow J(x,t) = \frac{\hbar k}{m} (|A|^2 - |B|^2), \text{ so that:}$$

$$\underline{x \gg 0}: J(x,t) = \frac{\hbar k}{m} (|C|^2 - |D|^2);$$

$$\underline{x \ll 0}: J(x,t) = \frac{\hbar k}{m} (|A|^2 - |B|^2);$$

and they should be equal (probability current conservation) so we get:

$$|A|^2 + |D|^2 = |C|^2 + |B|^2$$

Let's look on  $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \end{pmatrix}$  as on vectors. Then

$$|C|^2 + |B|^2 \equiv (C^* \ B^*) \begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \end{pmatrix} = (A^* \ D^*) S^\dagger S \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} = (A^* \ D^*) \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} = |A|^2 + |D|^2$$

$$\text{so that } (A^* \ D^*) (S^\dagger S - \mathbb{1}) \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} = 0 \text{ as } \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} \text{ is random}$$

we conclude that  $S^\dagger S = \mathbb{1}$ , q.e.d.

So unitary matrices are one preserving length of complex vector (i.e.  $|A|^2 + |D|^2$  is length of  $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix}$ )

\* Now we should show that  $S(-k) = S^\dagger(k)$

If we change  $k \rightarrow -k$  it is equivalent to the change of incoming and outgoing waves:  $\begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix}$

So our "new" S-matrix will be given by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} C' \\ B' \end{pmatrix} = S(-k) \begin{pmatrix} A' \\ D' \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} = S(-k) \begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \end{pmatrix} = S^{-1}(-k) \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

we conclude that  $S^{-1}(-k) = S(k) \Rightarrow S(-k) = S^\dagger(k)$  q.e.d.

①

Session 6 (hydrogen atom)Theory

We take usual Coulomb potential for description of motion of electrons ~~and~~ ~~and~~  $V(r) = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ , and we get

following equation  $\mu = \frac{mM_n}{m+M_n}$  - electron reduced mass

$$H = \frac{1}{2\mu} p^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}; \quad \psi(r, \theta, \varphi) = R_\ell(r) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

then as usually we get: Schrödinger equation

$$\left[ \frac{p^2}{2\mu} + \frac{\hbar^2 \ell(\ell+1)}{2\mu r^2} + V(r) \right] R_\ell(r) = E R_\ell(r); \quad R_\ell(r) = \frac{u_\ell(r)}{r} + u(0) = 0$$

We want to find negative energy solutions  $E < 0$  thus

$u(\infty) = 0$   $u(0) = 0$  we get equation.

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} u_\ell''(r) + V_{\text{eff}}(r) u_\ell(r) = E u_\ell(r), \quad \text{we introduce } \rho = \alpha r, \text{ where}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{-\frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2}}; \quad u_\ell(r) \approx A e^{-\rho} \text{ when } \rho \gg 1; \quad \lambda = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c}; \quad \lambda = Z\alpha \sqrt{-\frac{\mu c^2}{2E}};$$

~~Full ansatz~~ Full ansatz is then  $u_\ell(r) = \rho^{2\ell+1} e^{-\rho} g_\ell(\rho)$

$$\rho g_\ell''(\rho) + 2(\ell+1-\rho) g_\ell'(\rho) + 2(\lambda-\ell-1) g_\ell(\rho) = 0;$$

$g_\ell(\rho) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k \rho^k = C_0 + C_1 \rho + \dots + C_k \rho^k$ , substituting this back we

get following relation  $C_{k+1} = \frac{2(k+\ell+1-\lambda)}{(k+1)(k+2\ell+2)} C_k$ ;  $C_{k+1} = 0$  when  $\lambda = k+\ell+1$ ,  $\lambda$  is integer  $n$ ,  $n \geq \ell+1$ , if  $n=1$   $\ell=0$ ,

$n=2$ ,  $\ell=0,1$ ;  $n=3$ ,  $\ell=0,1,2$ , etc. Solutions are

$R_{n\ell}(r) = \rho^\ell e^{-\rho} g_{n\ell}(\rho)$  where  $g_{n\ell}(\rho)$  Laguerre polynomials.

degeneracy of atom " $n$ " level is  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} (2\ell+1) = \frac{1}{2} n \cdot (1+2n-1) = n^2$

(degeneracy of each  $\ell$  wavefunction is  $(2\ell+1)$  and we have

such levels going from  $\ell=0$  till  $n-1$ )

$$E_n = -\frac{Z^2}{2n^2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0}; \quad a_n = \frac{\hbar}{2\mu v}, \quad \text{One very use ful formula on}$$

this session is  $\int_0^\infty t^n e^{-t} dt = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} dt = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} \frac{1}{z} = (-1)^n n!$

②

ProblemsN1) compendium N14

$\Psi_{100}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_0}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_0}\right)$ ; - this is  $n=1$  level of hydrogen atom.

ⓐ Find expectation value for  $x^2$  for this state.

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int d^3x \ x^2 \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{a_0^3} \exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right) = \int d\cos\theta d\varphi dr \frac{r^2}{\pi a_0^3} r^2 \cos^2\varphi \sin^2\theta \times$$

$$\times \exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right) = \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi \cdot \left(\cos\theta - \frac{1}{3}\cos^3\theta\right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \cdot \int_0^\infty dr \ r^4 e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}} =$$

$$= \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3} a_0^2 \int_0^\infty dt \ t^4 e^{-t}; \text{ best way to evaluate}$$

this integral  $\int_0^\infty dt \ t^4 e^{-t} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \frac{d^4}{d\alpha^4} \int_0^\infty dt e^{-\alpha t} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \frac{d^4}{d\alpha^4} \frac{1}{\alpha} =$

$$= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \frac{4!}{\alpha^5} = 4! \text{ , then initial integral is}$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2^5}{2^5} \frac{3}{3} a_0^2 = a_0^2; \quad \boxed{\langle x^2 \rangle = a_0^2}$$

ⓑ Find expectation value for  $p_x^2$  for this state.

$$\langle p_x^2 \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{\pi a_0^3} \int d^3x \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_0}\right) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_0}\right)$$

let's now show that  $\langle x^2 \rangle = \langle y^2 \rangle = \langle z^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle p_x^2 \rangle = \langle p_y^2 \rangle = \langle p_z^2 \rangle$   
 First of all it is understandable because of spherical symmetry of problem - there is no special direction, and this is in fact enough for us (it may be shown explicitly but we won't do this here)

$$\text{thus } \langle x^2 \rangle = \langle y^2 \rangle = \langle z^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle; \quad \langle p_x^2 \rangle = \langle p_y^2 \rangle = \langle p_z^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle p^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle p_x^2 \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{\pi a_0^3} \int d^3x \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_0}\right) \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_0}\right) =$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2 \cdot 4}{a_0^3} \int r^2 dr \exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a_0^2} + \frac{2}{ra_0}\right) = -\frac{4\hbar^2}{a_0^3} \int dr \left(\frac{r}{a_0}\right)^2 + 2 \frac{r}{a_0} \exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right)$$



$$\textcircled{5} \quad = -\frac{4\hbar^2}{a_p^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} dt \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + t\right) e^{-t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a_p^2} \int_0^{\infty} dt (t^2 - 4t) e^{-t} =$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a_p^2} \left( + \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{d}{dt} \right) \int dt e^{-t} \Big|_{t \rightarrow 1} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a_p^2} (2 - 4) = \frac{\hbar^2}{a_p^2}$$

and thus as  $\langle p_x^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{a_p^2}$ ;  $\langle p_x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle p^2 \rangle$

$$\langle p_x^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{3a_p^2};$$

$\textcircled{c}$   $(\Delta x \Delta p_x)^2 = \langle p_x^2 \rangle \langle x^2 \rangle$  because  $\langle x \rangle = \langle p_x \rangle = 0$  because of the same rotational invariance and absent preferable direction. (but this of course can be obtained by direct calculation) thus

$$(\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p_x)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{3} \text{ which is larger than } \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \text{ thus}$$

Heisenberg uncertainty is ok.

## $\textcircled{N2}$ compendium N15

$V(r) = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ ; as usually we have hydrogen atom

$$R_{10}(r) = 2 \left(\frac{Z}{a_p}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{a_p}\right); \quad R_{21}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{Z}{2a_p}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{Zr}{a_p}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{2a_p}\right);$$

$\textcircled{a}$  compute the expectation value  $\langle 1s | r | 1s \rangle$

In principle we should calculate

$$\langle r \rangle_{1s} = \int d^3\vec{r} \, r \cdot R_{10}^2 |Y_{00}|^2 \quad \text{but as } r \text{ doesn't depend on}$$

angles we have  $\int d\Omega |Y_{00}|^2 = 1$  and thus we should calculate:

$$\langle r \rangle_{1s} = \int_0^{\infty} dr \, r^3 \cdot R_{10}^2 = \int_0^{\infty} dr \, r^3 \cdot \frac{4Z^3}{a_p^3} e^{-\frac{2Zr}{a_p}} = \frac{4Z^3}{a_p^3} \cdot \frac{a_p^4}{2^4 Z^4} \int_0^{\infty} dt \cdot t^3 e^{-t} =$$

$$= \frac{4a_p}{2^4 Z} \cdot 3! = \frac{3}{2} \frac{a_p}{Z}; \quad \langle r \rangle_{1s} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{a_p}{Z};$$

$\textcircled{b}$  compute the expectation value  $\langle 2p | r | 2p \rangle$

$$\langle r \rangle_{2p} = \int_0^{\infty} dr \, r^3 \cdot R_{21}^2 = \int_0^{\infty} dr \, r^3 \cdot r^2 \cdot \frac{Z^3}{3 \cdot 8 a_p^3} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{a_p}\right) =$$

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$$= \frac{a_0}{24Z^3} \int_0^{\infty} dt \cdot t^5 e^{-t} = \frac{a_0}{24 \cdot Z} \cdot 5! = 5 \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

$$\langle r \rangle_{2p} = 5 \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

⑤ assume that there is small perturbative correction to the Hamiltonian,  $H' = \lambda r$ . Compute the first order correction to the energies of the  $1s$  and  $2p$  states.

This is theme of next session but already here we can understand what is first order correction.

Assume that w.f. doesn't change thus energy corrections for levels can be estimated by just looking for the average of hamiltonian operator.

$$\langle H' \rangle_{1s} = \lambda \langle r \rangle_{1s} = \frac{3}{2} \lambda \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

$$\langle H' \rangle_{2p} = \lambda \langle r \rangle_{2p} = 5 \lambda \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

### N3) Compendium N16

Let's take w.f. from previous problem

$$R_{10}(r) = 2 \left( \frac{Z}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{a_0}\right); \quad R_{21}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{Z}{2a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{Zr}{a_0} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{2a_0}\right)$$

w.f. of ground state for tritium and helium

$$\psi_{100}^Z = R_{10}^Z(r) Y_{00}(\theta; \varphi)$$

for tritium we take  $Z=1$ ; for Helium  $Z=2$

Probability to go from  $1s$  state of  $H^+$  to

$1s$  state of Helium is given by following

inner product

$$P(1s \rightarrow 1s) = |\langle \psi_{100}^{Z=1} | \psi_{100}^{Z=2} \rangle|^2 = \left| \int dr \cdot r^2 \cdot 4 \frac{2^{3/2}}{a_0^3} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{3r}{a_0}\right) \right|^2$$

Let's calculate integral

⑤

$$\frac{1}{a_0^3} \int_0^{\infty} dr \cdot r^2 \exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right) = \frac{1}{27} \int_0^{\infty} dt \cdot t^2 e^{-t} = \frac{2}{27}$$

total probability is.

$$P = 4^2 \cdot 2^3 \cdot \frac{4}{(27)^2} = \frac{2^9}{3^6}$$

$$P = 2^3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 = \frac{512}{729}$$

⑥ Now let's calculate probability to go to 2p state of Helium<sup>3</sup>. it is given by following inner product

$$P(1s \rightarrow 2p) = |\langle R_{10} Y_{00} | R_{21} Y_{1m} \rangle|^2 \quad \text{but}$$

$\langle Y_{00} | Y_{1m} \rangle = 0$  thus probability goes to 0.

(N4) Find the probability that an electron in the ground state is inside the proton in a hydrogen atom. Assume that the proton radius  $b \ll a_0$ . take  $b = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ ,  $a_0 = 0,5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ .

Probability will be given by

$$P = \int_0^b dr \cdot r^2 (R_{10}(r))^2 \quad \text{when } R_{10} \text{ is the same as in previous problem}$$

$$P = \int_0^b dr \cdot r^2 \cdot \frac{4}{a_0^3} \exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right) \quad \text{we can integrate by}$$

parts or use usual trick

$$\int_0^b dr \cdot r^2 e^{-\alpha r} = \frac{d^2}{d\alpha^2} \int_0^b dr e^{-\alpha r} = \frac{d}{d\alpha^2} (e^{-\alpha b} - 1) = \frac{1}{\alpha} =$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\alpha} \left( -b e^{-\alpha b} \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} (e^{-\alpha b} - 1) \right) = \text{[and so on]} \quad \text{actually}$$

answer will be big and ugly. We should use  $a \gg b$  and write down  $\exp\left(-\frac{2r}{a_0}\right) \approx 1$

$$P = \int_0^b dr \cdot r^2 \frac{4}{a_0^3} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \left(\frac{b}{a_0}\right)^3; \quad P = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2 \cdot 10^{-15}}{10^{-10}}\right)^3 = \frac{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 10^{-15}}{3} \approx 10^{-14}$$

⑥ Now we can find the same probability for  $\psi_{210}$  state, this time however

$$P = \int_0^b dr \cdot r^2 \cdot R_{21}^2(r) = \int_0^b dr \cdot r^4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{8a_0^3} \cdot \frac{1}{a_0} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{2a_0}\right), \text{ again}$$

we can neglect exponent and get

$$P = \frac{1}{24 \cdot 5} \cdot \left(\frac{b}{a_0}\right)^5 \quad \text{numerical value is } P = \frac{2^5}{2^3 \cdot 15} \cdot 10^{-25} = \frac{4}{15} 10^{-25}$$

(N5) Consider the hydrogen atom wave function

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_{211} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_{21-1} \quad \text{Find the expectation values } \langle x^2 \rangle, \langle y^2 \rangle$$

and  $\langle z^2 \rangle$  for this state.

$\psi$  wave function is given by:

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} R_{21}(r) (Y_{11} + Y_{1-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} R_{21}(r) \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta (-e^{+i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}) =$$

$$\psi = -i \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} R_{21}(r) \sin\theta \sin\phi; \quad R_{21} = \frac{1}{13} \left(\frac{z}{2a_0}\right)^{3/2} \frac{z}{a_0} e^{-z/2a_0}$$

remind you that in spherical coordinates

$$\begin{cases} x = r \sin\theta \cdot \cos\phi \\ y = r \sin\theta \cdot \sin\phi \\ z = r \cos\theta \end{cases}$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int dV |\psi|^2 r^2 \sin^2\theta \cos^2\phi = \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \sin^4\theta}_A \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^4 |R_{21}|^2}_B \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sin^2\phi \cos^2\phi \frac{3}{4\pi}}_C$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} A \cdot B \cdot C$$

$$\langle y^2 \rangle = \int dV |\psi|^2 r^2 \sin^2\theta \sin^2\phi = \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \sin^4\theta}_A \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^4 |R_{21}|^2}_B \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sin^4\phi \cdot \frac{3}{4\pi}}_D$$

$$\langle y^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} A \cdot B \cdot D$$

$$\langle z^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \cdot \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta}_E \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^4 |R_{21}|^2}_B \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sin^2\phi}_F$$

$$\langle z^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} E \cdot B \cdot F$$

Here we have denoted:

⑦

$$A = \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \cdot \sin^4\theta = \int_{-1}^1 dt (1-t^2)^2 = \left(t - \frac{2}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{5}t^5\right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{16}{15}; \quad A = \frac{16}{15}$$

$$B = \int_0^{\infty} dr \cdot r^4 |R_{21}|^2 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Z^3}{8a_0^3} \frac{Z^2}{a_0^2} \int_0^{\infty} dr r^6 e^{-\frac{2r}{a_0}} = \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 \int_0^{\infty} dt \cdot t^6 e^{-t} = \frac{1}{24} \cdot 6! \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = 30 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2; \quad B = 30 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2$$

$$C = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cdot \sin^2\varphi \cos^2\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{1}{8} (1 - \cos 4\varphi) = \frac{\pi}{4}; \quad C = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$D = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin^4\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{1}{4} (1 - \cos 2\varphi)^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\varphi + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4\varphi\right) = \frac{3}{8} 2\pi$$

$$D = \frac{3\pi}{4};$$

$$E = \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \cos^2\theta \cdot \sin^2\theta = \int_{-1}^1 dt (t^2 - t^4) = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{4}{15}; \quad E = \frac{4}{15}$$

$$F = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin^2\varphi = \pi; \quad F = \pi$$

Taking all obtained results together we get:

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{16}{15} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot 30 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = 6 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{5} \langle r^2 \rangle \quad \text{as } \langle r^2 \rangle = B = \int dr \cdot r^4 |R_{21}|^2$$

$$\langle y^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{16}{15} \cdot 30 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{3\pi}{4} = 18 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{5} \langle r^2 \rangle;$$

$$\langle z^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{4\pi} \cdot 30 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{4}{15} = 6 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{5} \langle r^2 \rangle;$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = 6 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{5} \langle r^2 \rangle;$$

$$\langle y^2 \rangle = 18 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{5} \langle r^2 \rangle;$$

$$\langle z^2 \rangle = 6 \left(\frac{a_0}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{5} \langle r^2 \rangle;$$

①

## Session 7 Perturbation theory

Assume we know eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian of some system  $H$ :  $H_0 \psi_n^{(0)} = E_n^{(0)} \psi_n^{(0)}$ ; Then we add some small term  $H'$  to this Hamiltonian and get  $H = H_0 + H'$  what are new eigenstates and eigenvalues.

$H |\psi_n\rangle = E_n |\psi_n\rangle$ . Let's first assume that spectrum is nondegenerate. i.e.  $E_n \neq E_m$  for  $n \neq m$ . Now we can introduce small parameter  $\epsilon$ :  $H' \rightarrow \epsilon H'$  and expand  $E_n$  and  $\psi_n$  in series of this parameter:  $|\psi_n\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^k |\psi_n^{(k)}\rangle$ ;  $E_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^k E_n^{(k)}$ ; Then we get in orders of  $\epsilon$ :

$\epsilon^0$ :  $H_0 |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$  - no surprise we get Schrödinger equation.

$\epsilon^1$ :  $H_0 |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle + H' |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle + E_n^{(1)} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$ ;

$\epsilon^2$ :  $H_0 |\psi_n^{(2)}\rangle + H' |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |\psi_n^{(2)}\rangle + E_n^{(1)} |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle + E_n^{(2)} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$ ; now if

we multiply with bra  $\langle \psi_n^{(0)} |$  from the right we get

$$\langle \psi_m^{(0)} | H_0 | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \psi_m^{(0)} | H' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle = E_n^{(0)} \langle \psi_m^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + E_n^{(1)} \underbrace{\langle \psi_m^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle}_{\delta_{mn}}$$

if  $m \neq n$ :  $\langle \psi_m^{(0)} | H' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle = E_n^{(1)}$

$$\text{thus } E_n^{(1)} = \langle \psi_n^{(0)} | H' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle$$

if  $m = n$  we get

$$\langle \psi_m^{(0)} | H' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle = (E_n^{(1)} - E_m^{(0)}) \langle \psi_m^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle$$
; now we can expand

$|\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle$  over complete basis of  $|\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle$ :  $|\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{k \neq n} C_{nk}^{(1)} |\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle$

$$C_{nk}^{(1)} = \frac{\langle \psi_k^{(0)} | H' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}} \text{ thus } |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{\langle \psi_k^{(0)} | H' | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}} |\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle$$

The case of degenerate spectrum is a little bit different. The leading order now is not 1 state anymore but linear combination of degenerate states  $|\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$ ; then we have  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_n b_{n'n} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \epsilon^k |\psi^{(k)}\rangle$  if we define  $|\chi_n^{(0)}\rangle = \sum_n b_{n'n} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$  substituting this into Schrödinger equation we get

$$\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | H' | \chi_n^{(0)} \rangle = E_n^{(1)} \langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \chi_n^{(0)} \rangle \Rightarrow \sum_{n''} H'_{n'n''} b_{n''n} = \Delta E_n b_{n'n}$$

So, we are just looking for solutions of eigenvalue equation with determines coefficients  $b_{n'n}$  and first order energy corrections

②

## Problems

### (N1) Compendium N17

Consider the four state system with states given by

$$|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad |2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad |3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad |4\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

and Hamiltonian  $H = H_0 + H_1$

$$H_0 = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad H_1 = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \lambda \gg \lambda$$

Ⓐ find eigenvalues and normalized eigenstates of  $H_0$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^3(\lambda-3) + (3-\lambda)\lambda^2 = (\lambda-3)\lambda(\lambda-2)(\lambda+2)$$

we have 4 roots for eigenvalues equation

$$\lambda = -2; \quad \lambda = 2; \quad \lambda = 0; \quad \lambda = 3\lambda$$

Now let's find normalised eigenstates.

①  $\lambda = -2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = -b \\ c = d = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \psi_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle - |2\rangle)$$

②  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = a = d = 0 \\ c = \text{any} \end{matrix} \quad \psi_0 = |3\rangle$$

③  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = b \\ c = d = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \psi_{+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle + |2\rangle)$$

④  $\lambda = 3\lambda$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 3a \\ c = 0 \\ d = \text{any} \end{matrix} \quad \psi_{+3} = |4\rangle$$

Ⓑ treating  $H_1$  as a perturbation of  $H_0$ , find the correction to the energy of the ground state up to second order in perturbation theory.

③

First one more theoretical tip.

In case of nondegenerate perturbation theory  
second order correction can be found from equation

$$H_0 |\Psi_n^{(2)}\rangle + H' |\Psi_n^{(1)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |\Psi_n^{(2)}\rangle + E_n^{(1)} |\Psi_n^{(1)}\rangle + E_n^{(2)} |\Psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$$

multiplying with  $\langle \Psi_n^{(0)} |$  from left we get

$$E_n^{(0)} \langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | \Psi_n^{(2)} \rangle + \langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | H' | \Psi_n^{(1)} \rangle = E_n^{(0)} \langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | \Psi_n^{(2)} \rangle + \underbrace{E_n^{(1)} \langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | \Psi_n^{(1)} \rangle}_0 + E_n^{(2)} \langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | \Psi_n^{(0)} \rangle$$

now if we use our previous results for lower order terms of perturbation series

we get

$$E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{|\langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | H' | \Psi_k^{(0)} \rangle|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}} \quad \text{- in 2<sup>nd</sup> order we can see repulsion of levels (consider cases when } E_n^{(0)} < E_k^{(0)} \text{ or vice versa)}$$

↓ this is second-order correction for energy levels.

now back to solving problem

to find corrections to ground state  $E = -2$ ;  $|\Psi_{-1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle - |2\rangle)$

We should find matrix elements

$\langle \Psi_{-1} | H_1 | \Psi_m \rangle$  where  $m = 0, 1, 3; -1$ .

$$\langle \Psi_{-1} | H_1 | \Psi_{-1} \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{2} (1 \ -2 \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\lambda}{2} (1 \ -1 \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 3\lambda$$

$E_{-1}^{(1)} = 3\lambda$ ; Now it will be useful to use  $H_1 |\Psi_{-1}\rangle =$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$\langle \Psi_0 | H_1 | \Psi_{-1} \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad \langle \Psi_2 | H_1 | \Psi_{-1} \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{2} [1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\langle \Psi_3 | H_1 | \Psi_{-1} \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}$$

then we get second order correction

$$E_{-1}^{(2)} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{2} \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4\lambda} \right\} = -\frac{5}{8} \frac{\lambda^2}{2};$$

$$E_{-1} = -2 + 3\lambda - \frac{5}{8} \frac{\lambda^2}{2};$$



④

(N/2) Compendium N 18Consider hamiltonian  $H = H_0 + H_1$ , where
$$H_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (a^\dagger a + a a^\dagger) ; H_1 = \lambda (a^\dagger + a)^4 ; [a, a^\dagger] = 1, a \text{ and } a^\dagger$$

are as usually creation and annihilation operators.

Find energy ground state to second order.

We know that ground state is given by  $|0\rangle$  which can be annihilated by  $a$ :

$$a|0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{Excited states are given by } \frac{(a^\dagger)^n}{n!} |0\rangle = |n\rangle$$

In first order we need to find

$$E_0^{(1)} = \langle 0 | \lambda (a^\dagger + a)^4 | 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a^\dagger + a)^4 &= (a^\dagger)^4 + 4a^\dagger a + 6a a^\dagger + a^4 \\ &= (a^\dagger)^4 + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger a \\ &\quad + (a^\dagger)^3 a + (a^\dagger)^2 a a^\dagger + (a^\dagger)^2 a a^\dagger + a^\dagger a (a^\dagger)^2 + a (a^\dagger)^3 + a^2 (a^\dagger)^2 + \\ &\quad + a^\dagger a^2 a^\dagger + a^\dagger a^3 + a a^2 a^\dagger + a a^2 a^\dagger + a a^2 a^\dagger + a^3 a \end{aligned}$$

Now let's consider state  $H_1 |0\rangle$  all terms that contain  $a$  standing to the right of everything else go away

$$H_1 |0\rangle = (a^\dagger)^4 + (a^\dagger)^2 a a^\dagger + a (a^\dagger)^3 + a^2 (a^\dagger)^2 + a^\dagger a^2 a^\dagger + a^3 a^\dagger$$

now let's use commutation relations to bring  $a$  in all terms to the right:  $a a^\dagger a a^\dagger \Rightarrow a a^\dagger a a^\dagger + a a^\dagger \Rightarrow 1$

$$(a^\dagger)^2 a a^\dagger = (a^\dagger)^3 a + (a^\dagger)^2 \Rightarrow (a^\dagger)^2 ; a (a^\dagger)^3 = (a^\dagger)^3 a + 3(a^\dagger)^2 \Rightarrow 3(a^\dagger)^2 ;$$

$$a^2 (a^\dagger)^2 = a (a^\dagger)^2 a + 2a a^\dagger = a (a^\dagger)^2 a + 2a^\dagger a + 2 \Rightarrow 2 ; a^\dagger a (a^\dagger)^2 = 2(a^\dagger)^2 + (a^\dagger)^3 a$$

$$a^\dagger a^2 a^\dagger = a^\dagger a a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a \Rightarrow 0 ; a^3 a^\dagger = a^2 a^\dagger a + a^2 \Rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{thus we get } H_1 |0\rangle = \lambda ((a^\dagger)^4 + 3(a^\dagger)^2 + 3(a^\dagger)^2 + 3) |0\rangle =$$

$$= \lambda ((a^\dagger)^4 + 6(a^\dagger)^2 + 3) |0\rangle = \lambda (\sqrt{4!} |4\rangle + 6\sqrt{2!} |2\rangle + 3|0\rangle)$$

thus in first order of perturbation theory we get:

$$E_0^{(1)} = \langle 0 | \lambda (a^\dagger + a)^4 | 0 \rangle = \lambda \cdot 3.$$

Second order is given by matrix elements

$$\langle 2 | H_1 | 0 \rangle = \lambda 6\sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle 4 | H_1 | 0 \rangle = \lambda \sqrt{24}$$

$$E_0^{(2)} = \frac{|\langle 2 | H_1 | 0 \rangle|^2}{E_0^{(0)} - E_2^{(0)}} + \frac{|\langle 4 | H_1 | 0 \rangle|^2}{E_0^{(0)} - E_4^{(0)}} = \lambda^2 \left( \frac{(6\sqrt{2})^2}{-2} + \frac{(\sqrt{24})^2}{-4} \right) \frac{1}{\hbar\omega}$$

⑤  $E_0^{(2)} = \frac{\alpha^2}{\hbar\omega} \cdot 42$ ; full energy is

$$E_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} + 3\alpha - 42 \frac{\alpha^2}{\hbar\omega} + O(\alpha^3);$$

③ Compendium N19.

Particle of mass  $m$  in 1<sup>d</sup> potential  $V(x) = V_0(x) + V_1(x)$

$$V_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2;$$

$$V_1(x) = \alpha|x|;$$

① Assuming that  $V_1(x)$  is a small perturbation to  $V_0(x)$ , compute the first order correction to the energy of the ground state.

Wave function for harmonic oscillator is given by

$$\psi_n^{(0)}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{\pi^{1/4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} H_n(\alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}, \text{ where } \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} \text{ and}$$

$H_n(\alpha x)$  are Hermite polynomials. We need  $\psi_1(x)$  and  $\psi_0(x)$

$$\psi_0^{(0)}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{\pi^{1/4}} e^{-\alpha^2 x^2/2}; \quad \psi_1^{(0)}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{\pi^{1/4}} \sqrt{2} \alpha x e^{-\alpha^2 x^2/2};$$

$$E_0^{(1)} = \langle \psi_0^{(0)} | V_1(x) | \psi_0^{(0)} \rangle = \alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\alpha^2 x^2} |x| = 2 \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \alpha \int_0^{\infty} dx x e^{-\alpha^2 x^2} =$$

$$= 2 \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{2\alpha^2} \Gamma(1) \text{ here and in next calculation it will}$$

be useful to know  $\int_0^{\infty} dx x^{z-1} e^{-x} = \Gamma(z)$

$$E_0^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$$

② Now compute 1 order correction to the excited state.

$$E_1^{(1)} = \langle \psi_1^{(0)} | V_1(x) | \psi_1^{(0)} \rangle = \alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2\alpha^2 x^2 e^{-\alpha^2 x^2} |x| =$$

$$= \frac{2\alpha^3 \alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\infty} dx x^3 e^{-\alpha^2 x^2} = \frac{2\alpha^3 \alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} dt t e^{-t} \cdot \frac{1}{2\alpha} = \frac{2\alpha^3 \alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} \alpha^4} \Gamma(2)$$

$$E_1^{(1)} = \frac{2\alpha}{2\sqrt{\pi}};$$

⑥

## (N4) compendium N20

Let's consider hyperfine splitting of  $l=0$  energy levels of a hydrogen atom. Let  $\vec{I}$  be the spin of nucleus, and  $\vec{S}$  - spin of electron. We consider corrections to the ground state of atom, i.e.  $\psi_{100}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \left(\frac{Z}{a_0}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Zr}{a_0}\right)$ ;

Perturbative correction to the Hamiltonian is given by

$H' = \alpha \vec{S} \cdot \vec{I} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r})$ ; let's rewrite it in the following form:

$$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{I} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{J}^2 - \vec{S}^2 - \vec{I}^2) \quad ; \quad \vec{J} = \vec{S} + \vec{I} \quad ; \quad I - \frac{1}{2} < j < \frac{1}{2} + I$$

thus  $j = \begin{cases} I + \frac{1}{2} \\ I - \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$

$$H' \cdot |1s\rangle = \alpha \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{I} |1s\rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) (j(j+1) - s(s+1) - I(I+1)) |1s\rangle =$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \cdot \left( (I \pm \frac{1}{2})(I \pm \frac{1}{2} + 1) - \frac{3}{4} - I(I+1) \right) |1s\rangle =$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \begin{cases} I, & \text{if } j = I + \frac{1}{2} \\ -(I+1), & \text{if } j = I - \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Now we can find 1<sup>st</sup> order correction in both cases.

$$\Delta E_{\pm}^{(1)} = \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} I \\ -(I+1) \end{Bmatrix} \cdot \langle 1s | \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) | 1s \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} I \\ -(I+1) \end{Bmatrix} \int d^3\vec{r} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) |\psi_{100}(\vec{r})|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \cdot |\psi_{100}(0)|^2 \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} I \\ -(I+1) \end{Bmatrix} =$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{Z}{a_0}\right)^3 \begin{Bmatrix} I \\ -(I+1) \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{in fact we are asked to}$$

find difference between this two energies

$$\Delta E = \Delta E_+ - \Delta E_- = \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2\pi} \left(\frac{Z}{a_0}\right)^3 (2I+1);$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2\pi} \left(\frac{Z}{a_0}\right)^3 (2I+1);$$

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(1/5) compendium 20

Consider case of 2 "coupled" h.o.

$$H = H_0 + H'$$

$$H_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega_1}{2} (a a^\dagger + a^\dagger a) + \frac{\hbar\omega_2}{2} (b b^\dagger + b^\dagger b)$$

$$H' = \lambda ((a^\dagger)^2 b^2 + (b^\dagger)^2 a^2); \quad [a, a^\dagger] = 1; \quad [b, b^\dagger] = 1; \quad [a, b] = [a, b^\dagger] = 0$$

ground state  $a|0,0\rangle = b|0,0\rangle = 0$ , assume  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$  - i.e. there are no degeneracies.

Find energy of the normalised state  $|2,0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a^\dagger)^2 |0\rangle$ ;

Energy on non-perturbed system is given by

$$E = \frac{\hbar\omega_1}{2} (2n_1 + 1) + \frac{\hbar\omega_2}{2} (2n_2 + 1) \quad \text{in our case we have.}$$

$$n_1 = 2; n_2 = 0; \quad E_{2,0} = \frac{5\hbar\omega_1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_2;$$

Now let's find  $H'|2,0\rangle$  state

$$H'|2,0\rangle = \lambda ((a^\dagger)^2 b^2 + (b^\dagger)^2 a^2) |2,0\rangle = \lambda (b^\dagger)^2 a^2 |2,0\rangle = 2\lambda |0,2\rangle$$

only nonzero matrix element of perturbation is

$$\langle 0,2 | H' | 2,0 \rangle = 2\lambda, \quad \text{then we conclude}$$

1<sup>st</sup> order correction is

$$\Delta E_{2,0}^{(1)} = \langle 2,0 | H' | 2,0 \rangle = 0$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order correction is } \Delta E_{2,0}^{(2)} = \sum_{\substack{n \neq m \\ n \neq 2 \\ m \neq 0}} \frac{|\langle n,m | H' | 2,0 \rangle|^2}{E_{2,0} - E_{n,m}}$$

'only contribution comes from

$$n=0, m=2 \quad E_{0,2} = \frac{5\hbar\omega_2}{2} + \frac{\hbar\omega_1}{2}; \quad E_{2,0} - E_{0,2} = 2\hbar(\omega_1 - \omega_2)$$

$$\Delta E_{2,0}^{(2)} = \frac{|\langle 0,2 | H' | 2,0 \rangle|^2}{2\hbar(\omega_1 - \omega_2)} = \frac{2\lambda^2}{\hbar(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}$$

$$E_{2,0} = \frac{\hbar}{2} (5\omega_1 + \omega_2) + \frac{2\lambda^2}{\hbar(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}$$

④

## Session 8 (real hydrogen atom)

Hydrogen-like atom levels are highly degenerate. On this session we will consider corrections to these energy levels and use degenerate perturbation theory.

Note exclude deg. perturbation theory from previous session and include it here.

In difference with non degenerate perturbation theory here zero order w.f. is not 1 state anymore but rather linear combination of wave functions.  $|\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$ , thus we have

$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{n'} b_{n'n} |\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \epsilon^k |\psi^{(k)}\rangle$ . First question coming is how should we determine  $b_{n'n}$  coefficients? Let's

introduce  $|\chi_n^{(0)}\rangle = \sum_{n'} b_{n'n} |\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle$  substituting into Schrodinger equation we get  $\langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)} | H' | \chi_n^{(0)} \rangle = E_n^{(1)} \langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)} | \chi_n^{(0)} \rangle$ ;  $\Rightarrow$

$\sum_{n''} H'_{n'n''} b_{n''n} = \Delta E_n b_{n'n}$  and thus we are just solving

eigenvalues and eigenfunctions equation.

### Problem N1

Consider a spin-orbit type coupling applied to the harmonic oscillator

$H_{so} = \frac{1}{2m^2c^2} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV(r)}{dr}$ ; where  $V(r) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \omega^2 r^2$ . Compute the

changes to the energies of the harmonic oscillator states from  $H_{so}$ .

First remind that energy spectrum of 3 dimensional h.o. is given by  $E_n^{(0)} = \hbar\omega(n + \frac{3}{2})$  with degeneracy  $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$

Let's rewrite hamiltonian in the following form:

$\frac{1}{r} \frac{dV(r)}{dr} = \frac{1}{r} m^2 \omega^2 r = m^2 \omega^2$ ;  $\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{J}^2 - \vec{L}^2 - \vec{S}^2)$ ; thus

$H_{so} = \frac{\omega^2}{2c^2} \frac{1}{2} (\vec{J}^2 - \vec{L}^2 - \vec{S}^2) \Rightarrow H_{so} = \frac{\omega^2}{4c^2} (\vec{J}^2 - \vec{L}^2 - \vec{S}^2)$ ;

Now we should calculate matrix elements of  $H_{so}$  in

② some basis. The question is how should we choose this basis? The best way is to choose it in such way that  $H_{so}$  would be diagonal. already this is in our case  $|j, m; l, s\rangle$  in this case we get

$$\bar{S} \cdot \bar{L} |j, m; l, s\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)) \hbar^2 |j, m; l, s\rangle$$

there are 2 cases possible  $j = l \pm \frac{1}{2}$ ; thus

$$\bar{S} \cdot \bar{L} |j, m; l, s\rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (l + \frac{1}{2})(l + \frac{3}{2}) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4} |j, m; l, s\rangle \\ \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (l - \frac{1}{2})(l + \frac{1}{2}) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4} |j, m; l, s\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\hbar^2}{2} l |j, m; l, s\rangle ; j = l + \frac{1}{2} ; \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} (l+1) |j, m; l, s\rangle ; j = l - \frac{1}{2} ; \end{cases} \quad \text{thus energy corrections}$$

are given by

$$E_{j=l+\frac{1}{2}}^{(1)} = \langle l + \frac{1}{2}, l | H_{so} | l + \frac{1}{2}, l \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2 l}{4m c^2}$$

$$E_{j=l-\frac{1}{2}}^{(1)} = \langle l - \frac{1}{2}, l | H_{so} | l - \frac{1}{2}, l \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2 (l+1)}{4m c^2}$$

Now for 3d h.o. we know that  $l = n - 2k_r$   $k_r \in \mathbb{N}$

thus for  $n^{\text{th}}$  level of spherical h.o. we get

$$E^{(0)} = \hbar \omega (n + \frac{3}{2}) \quad \text{and set of corrections for each}$$

value of  $l$  which is ranged as

$$l = n, n-2, \dots, 2, 0 \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even}$$

$$l = n, n-1, n-3, \dots, 1 \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd}$$

### ③ Problem 2 (Stark effect)

$H_s = e\vec{r} \cdot \vec{E} = eEr \cos\theta$  - this is our correction hamiltonian of hydrogen atom in external electric field.

① Using  $H_s$  as a perturbation, show that there is no correction to the ground-state energy to first order in perturbation theory.

Ground state w.f. for hydrogen atom is given by:

$\psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a_B}\right)^{3/2} e^{-r/a_B}$ ; Correction for energy is given by:

$$E_{100}^{(1)} = \langle \psi_{100} | H_s | \psi_{100} \rangle = \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \psi_{100}^*(r, \theta, \phi) H_s \psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi) =$$

$$= \frac{eE}{\pi(a_B)^3} \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi r \cos\theta e^{-2r/a_B} =$$

if we consider integral over  $\theta$  angle we get  $\int_0^\pi d\theta \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \Big|_0^\pi = 0$   
 thus  $E_{100}^{(1)} = 0$ ; Note that this is nondegenerate perturbation theory because our states are non-degenerate, but if we proceed further to the higher levels we get degenerate perturbation theory.

② First excited state is four-fold degenerate with states  $|2, 0, 0\rangle$ ;  $|2, 1, 1\rangle$ ;  $|2, 1, 0\rangle$  and  $|2, 1, -1\rangle$ . Find the lowest order corrections to the energies using degenerate perturbation theory.

In general for hydrogen atom we have  $\psi_{n\ell m} = R_{n\ell}(r) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$

thus in our case

$$|2, 0, 0\rangle = R_{20} Y_{00} = R_{20} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}};$$

$$|2, 1, \pm 1\rangle = R_{21} Y_{1\pm 1} = R_{21}(r) \cdot \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{\pm i\phi} \sin\theta \right\};$$

$$|2, 1, 0\rangle = R_{21} Y_{10} = R_{21}(r) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta;$$

$$R_{20} = \frac{2}{a_B^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_B}\right); \quad R_{21} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a_B^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r}{a_B}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r}{2a_B}\right);$$

④  $R_{21} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} a_B^{-3/2} \frac{r}{a_B} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{2a_B}\right)$ ; (table 4.7 in Griffiths)

now we should calculate all matrix elements of form  $\langle 2l'm' | H_s | 2lm \rangle = \int d^3\vec{r} \cdot \psi_{2l'm'}^* \psi_{2lm} eE \cdot r \cos\theta$

First let's consider integration over azimuthal angle  $\phi$

We know that  $\psi_{nlm} \sim e^{im\phi}$  thus

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{i(m-m')\phi} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m' \neq m; \\ 2\pi & \text{if } m' = m; \end{cases}$$

thus we are interested only in  $m'=m$  case

Now if we consider integral over  $\theta$  angle. we can show directly that all elements  $\langle l'm' | z | lm \rangle = 0$  if  $l' \neq l$ .

$$\langle 200 | H_s | 200 \rangle \sim \int_0^\pi d\theta \cos\theta \sin\theta = 0$$

$$\langle 21\pm 1 | H_s | 21\pm 1 \rangle \sim \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin^3\theta \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\langle 210 | H_s | 210 \rangle \sim \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \cos^3\theta = 0$$

the only nonzero element is thus given by

$$\langle 200 | H_s | 210 \rangle \quad \text{let's evaluate it:}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 dr d\cos\theta r^2 \cdot R_{20}(r) \cdot R_{21}(r) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} \cos\theta \cdot eE r \cos\theta =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}eE}{2} \left( \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \cos^2\theta \right) \left( \int_0^\infty dr r^3 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} a_B^{-3/2} \cdot \frac{r}{a_B} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{2a_B}\right) \cdot \right.$$

$$\left. \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a_B^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r}{a_B}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r}{2a_B}\right) \right); \quad \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \cos^2\theta = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int dr r^3 \cdot a_B^{-3} \frac{r}{a_B} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r}{a_B}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r}{a_B}\right) = a_B \int_0^\infty dt t^4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} t\right) \exp(-t);$$

Now we use our formula  $\int_0^\infty dt t^n e^{-t} = n!$  which gives us

$$a_B \cdot (4! - \frac{1}{2} 5!) = a_B (24 - 60) = -36a_B; \quad \text{taking all}$$

terms together we get

$$\langle 200 | H_s | 210 \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}eE}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \cdot (-36a_B) = -3eEa_B$$



⑤ thus matrix of perturbative part of Hamiltonian is given by.

$$\langle 2\ell' m' | H_s | 2\ell m \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -3eEa_B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3eEa_B & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now to find first order corrections for energy we should calculate eigenvalues of this matrix:

$$\lambda^4 - (3ea_B E)^2 \lambda^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = \pm 3eEa_B;$$

thus  $(E_2^{(1)} = 0; E_2^{(1)} = \pm 3eEa_B)$   $\Rightarrow$  after turning electric field on on 4-fold degenerate level splits into 3 levels.

(c) Find the basis where the first-order matrix elements for the first excited states are diagonalized.

here we should just find eigenvectors of perturbation matrix corresponding to it's eigenvalues.

①  $E_2^{(1)} = -3eEa_B$  we get matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a=c \\ b=d=0 \end{matrix} \quad \underline{|\psi_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_{200}\rangle + |\psi_{210}\rangle)}$$

②  $E_2^{(1)} = 3eEa_B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a=-c \\ b=d=0 \end{matrix} \quad |\psi_{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_{200}\rangle - |\psi_{210}\rangle)$$

③  $E_2^{(1)} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a=c=0 \\ |\psi_0\rangle \text{ is any normalised linear combination of } |\psi_{211}\rangle \text{ and } |\psi_{21-1}\rangle \end{matrix}$$

(d) In this diagonal basis, compute the expectation value for the electric dipole moment  $\vec{p} = -e\vec{r}$  for this states. Show that this and your results in (b) are consistent with an electric dipole in the presence of a constant

⑥ electric field.

We should calculate here elements

$\langle \psi_{\pm} | \vec{r} | \psi_{\pm} \rangle$ , note that both  $|\psi_{+}\rangle$  and  $|\psi_{-}\rangle$

contain only states with  $m=0$ . Let's consider elements

$$\langle 2l'0 | x | 2l0 \rangle = \langle 2l'0 | r \cos\phi \sin\theta | 2l0 \rangle \sim \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \cos\phi = 0$$

$$\langle 2l'0 | y | 2l0 \rangle = \langle 2l'0 | r \sin\phi \sin\theta | 2l0 \rangle \sim \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sin\phi = 0$$

thus only nonzero elements are given by  $z$ :

$$\langle 2l'0 | z | 2l0 \rangle = \langle 2l'0 | \vec{p} | 2l0 \rangle = \left[ 0 \ 0 \ \langle 2l'0 | H_z | 2l0 \rangle \left(-\frac{1}{E}\right) \right]^T$$

Now we know that

$$H_z |\psi_{\pm}\rangle = \pm 3eEa_B |\psi_{\pm}\rangle \text{ and thus } \langle \psi_{\pm} | H_z | \psi_{\pm} \rangle =$$

$$= \pm 3eEa_B \text{ and finally if we consider states}$$

with  $l=0, m=0$ , and  $l=\pm 1, m=\pm 1$  we get

$$\langle 200 | x | 200 \rangle \text{ (and } \langle 200 | y | 200 \rangle) \sim \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \cos\phi \text{ (or } \sin\phi) = 0$$

$$\langle 21\pm 1 | x | 21\pm 1 \rangle \sim \int d\phi \cos\phi = 0 \quad \langle 21\pm 1 | x | 21\mp 1 \rangle \sim \int d\phi \cos\phi \cdot e^{-2i\phi} = 0$$

$$\langle 21\pm 1 | y | 21\pm 1 \rangle \sim \int d\phi \sin\phi = 0 \quad \langle 21\pm 1 | y | 21\mp 1 \rangle \sim \int d\phi \sin\phi \cdot e^{2i\phi} = 0$$

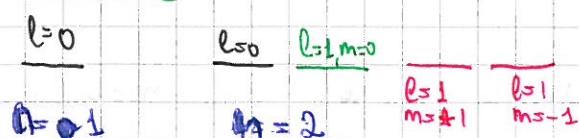
and we left again with  $z$ -component which is

proportional to  $H_z$ , while we know that

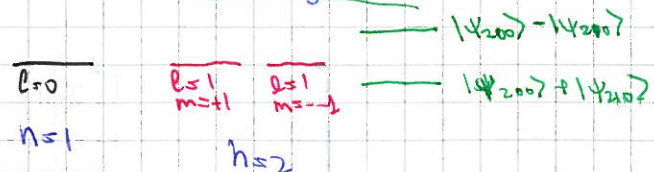
$$\hat{H}_z |\psi_{21\pm 1}\rangle = 0$$

Thus, let's conclude this problem.

before field



after turning field on



When we turn field on state  $|100\rangle$  doesn't change but

second 4-degenerate level splits into 3 levels: levels with  $|21\pm 1\rangle$  stay

at the same energy (this level is double degenerate) and states

$|\psi_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|210\rangle \pm |210\rangle)$  correspond to dipole moment  $\langle \vec{p} \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 3e\hbar a_B \end{bmatrix}$  and

energy shift  $\Delta E = -\vec{E} \langle \vec{p} \rangle$  which coincides with our intuition.

①

Session 9

Now we move to the systems of several particles.

We assume that total wave function is given by

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = \psi_{k_1}(\vec{r}_1) \psi_{k_2}(\vec{r}_2) \dots \psi_{k_N}(\vec{r}_N);$$

Now we can introduce operator  $P_{ij}$  that interchange 2 particles  $i$  and  $j$ . If particles are really identical probability distribution shouldn't change thus, for example

$$P_{12} \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = \psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = e^{i\alpha} \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N) \Rightarrow$$

wave function can change only overall phase, ~~if~~ if we change position of particles twice we obtain same position

again, thus  $P_{12}^2 = 1$ ;

there are 2 kind of particles in nature

**Bosons** are **symmetric** under interchange of particles

**Fermions** are **antisymmetric**. As the simplest example we will

further consider just 2 particles:

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_1(\vec{r}_1) \psi_2(\vec{r}_2) \pm \psi_2(\vec{r}_1) \psi_1(\vec{r}_2)), \text{ here}$$

upper sign correspond to bosons and the lower one - to fermions. ~~From~~ From here we can easily see that two fermions

can't be placed at the same point - this is **Pauli exclusion**

**principle**. (to see this put  $\vec{r}_1 = \vec{r}_2$ ). But if we introduce spin

we can put 2 particles in 1 point. For example let's

consider 2 fermions with spins  $\frac{1}{2}$ . We should overall w. function

that is product of space wave function and spin part:

$$\psi_{S=0}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{(\psi_1(\vec{r}_1) \psi_2(\vec{r}_2) + \psi_2(\vec{r}_1) \psi_1(\vec{r}_2))}_{\text{Symm.}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)}_{\text{antisymmetric.}}$$

$$\psi_{S=1}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{(\psi_1(\vec{r}_1) \psi_2(\vec{r}_2) - \psi_1(\vec{r}_2) \psi_2(\vec{r}_1))}_{\text{antisymmetric.}} \begin{cases} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \\ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{cases} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{antisymmetric.}}$$

②

### (N1) Compendium 24

$N$  noninteracting spinless particles with mass  $m$  in the two dimensional potential  $V(x,y)$ , where:

$$V(x,y) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (x^2 + y^2);$$

For the following you may use known results for a single particle in this potential.

(a) Assuming that the particles are unidentical, find the ground state energy.

If particles are unidentical they can be placed in the same  $p$  level

Energy of 2d oscillator is given by

$$E = \hbar \omega (n_x + \frac{1}{2} + n_y + \frac{1}{2}) = \hbar \omega (n_x + n_y + 1)$$

Degeneracy of each level is given by

$$\sum_{n_x=0}^n 1 = n+1$$

because given  $n_x$  fixes  $n_y$  at the same time.

thus on each  $n^{\text{th}}$  level we can place  $n+1$  fermions (we don't take spin into account yet) and any number of bosons thus  $\forall$  all unidentical particles and all identical bosons will be placed on the lowest level with energy

$E = \hbar \omega$ ; thus for unidentical particles or identical

bosons we get energy being equal.  $E = N \hbar \omega$

For fermions everything is a little bit more complicated.

We should find maximal occupation number:

$$N = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} n = \frac{n_{\max}(n_{\max}+1)}{2} \approx \frac{n_{\max}^2}{2} \quad (\text{assuming } N \gg 1) \quad \underline{n_{\max} = \sqrt{2N}}$$

Now total energy will be given by:

$$E = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} n \cdot \hbar \omega (n+1) \approx \int_0^{n_{\max}} \hbar \omega (x^2 + x) dx \approx \frac{1}{3} \hbar \omega n_{\max}^3 = \frac{1}{3} \hbar \omega (2N)^{3/2};$$

$$E = \frac{1}{3} \hbar \omega (2N)^{3/2};$$

③

(N2) compendium 25

Consider 3 identical particles with mass  $m$  and spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  in 3-dimensional potential  $V(r) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2$ ;

Ⓐ Assuming that the particles are fermions, find the ground state energy.

For this problem it will be useful to remind some facts about 3-dimensional oscillator

Energy of  $n^{\text{th}}$  level of 3d h.o. is given by

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left( n + \frac{3}{2} \right); \text{ degeneracy is } N = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

If we assume how that we have 3 fermions

We assume they have spin  $s = \frac{1}{2}$  thus 2 fermions

can be placed on the lowest level  $n=0$  and 1 will

be placed on the level  $n=1$  and we get: Thus lowest

energy is given by:

$$E_0 = 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega + \frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega = \frac{11}{2} \hbar \omega; \quad \underline{E_0 = \frac{11}{2} \hbar \omega}$$

Ⓑ What is degeneracy of the lowest energy level?

two fermions are placed on the level  $n=0$  and there is

no degeneracy, but third one is on level  $n=1$  which is

triple degenerate. The overall degeneracy is the same.

$$\boxed{N=3 \text{ degenerate}}$$

Ⓒ What is orbital momentum of the state.

We should remind here the result of problem 5 from set 4

where we have found that lowest state have  $l=0$  and

1<sup>st</sup> excited state -  $l=1$  thus  $l=1$  Two fermions on level

$n=0$  should be in singlet state  $s=0$ , thus overall spin is

$s = \frac{1}{2}$  and momentum take values  $j = l \pm \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$ ;

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} l=1 \\ j = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \end{matrix}}$$

(4)

(N3)

2s and 2p states of hydrogen atom are degenerate but 2s is filled before 2p. Consider lithium which has  $Z=3$  and 2 electrons in the 1s shell. Inner electrons screen nucleus, so the last electron sees  $Z=1$ ;

(a) Find expectation value  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  for the 2s and 2p states, assuming  $Z=1$ ;

$r^2$  doesn't depend on angles so that we integrate only over radial coordinates while looking for average, and we are interested only in  $R_{nl}(r)$  functions. From table 4.7. in Griffiths we find:

$$R_{20}(r) = 2 \left( \frac{Z}{2a_B} \right)^{3/2} \left( 1 - \frac{Zr}{2a_B} \right) e^{-\frac{Zr}{2a_B}}$$

$$R_{21}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{Z}{2a_B} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{Zr}{a_B} \right) e^{-\frac{Zr}{2a_B}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r^2 \rangle_{2s} &= \int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^2 R_{20}^*(r) r^2 R_{20}(r) = \int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^4 4 \frac{Z^3}{8a_B^3} \left( 1 - \frac{Zr}{2a_B} \right)^2 e^{-\frac{Zr}{a_B}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_B^2}{Z^2} \int_0^\infty dt \cdot t^4 \left( 1 - \frac{t}{2} \right)^2 e^{-t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_B^2}{Z^2} \int_0^\infty dt \left( t^4 - t^5 + \frac{1}{4} t^6 \right) e^{-t} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_B^2}{Z^2} (4! - 5! + \frac{1}{4} 6!) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_B^2}{Z^2} (24 - 120 + 180) = 42 \left( \frac{a_B}{Z} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r^2 \rangle_{2p} &= \int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^4 (R_{21}(r))^2 = \int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^4 \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{Z}{2a_B} \right)^3 \frac{Z^2 r^2}{a_B^2} e^{-\frac{Zr}{a_B}} \\ &= \int_0^\infty dt \cdot t^6 e^{-t} \cdot \frac{1}{3 \cdot 8} \left( \frac{a_B}{Z} \right)^2 = \frac{6!}{24} \left( \frac{a_B}{Z} \right)^2 = 30 \left( \frac{a_B}{Z} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \langle r^2 \rangle_{2s} &= 42 \left( \frac{a_B}{Z} \right)^2; \\ \langle r^2 \rangle_{2p} &= 30 \left( \frac{a_B}{Z} \right)^2; \end{aligned}}$$

(b) Find the probability that the 2s and 2p states are inside the rms radius for a 1s state with  $Z=3$

Argue why your result means that the 2s state in lithium has less energy than the 2p state.

⑤ The radius of 1s orbital is  $\frac{a_B}{\sqrt{Z}} = \frac{a_B}{\sqrt{3}} = r_{1s}$

Thus the probability of 2s and 2p states are inside rms radius of 1s state which  $Z=3$  is given by

$$P_{2s} = \int_0^{r_{1s}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{Z^3}{8a_B^3} \left(1 - \frac{Zr}{2a_B}\right)^2 e^{-\frac{Zr}{a_B}} r^2 dr = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} dt t^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}t\right)^2 e^{-t}$$

$$\int_0^x dt (t^2 - t^3 + \frac{1}{4}t^4) e^{-t} = \left(-t^2 + t^3 - \frac{1}{4}t^4 - 2t + 3t^2 - t^3 - 2 + 6t - 3t^2 + 6 - 6t + 6\right) e^{-t} \Big|_0^x =$$

$$= 2 - \left(\frac{1}{4}x^4 + x^2 + 2x + 2\right) e^{-x}$$

$$P_{2s} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 2 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{3} + 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} + 2\right) \frac{1}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \right\} = 0,013 ; \text{ probability is}$$

1,3%

$$P_{2p} = \int_0^{r_{1s}} dr \frac{r^2}{3} \cdot \frac{Z^3}{8a_B^3} \frac{Z^2 r^2}{a_B^2} e^{-\frac{Zr}{a_B}} = \frac{1}{24} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} dt t^4 e^{-t} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} (t^4 + 4t^3 + 12t^2 + 24t + 24) e^{-t} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \approx 5,3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ probability is}$$

0,03% thus 2 orders smaller than probability for 2s state

Note here that  $\langle r^2 \rangle_{2s} > \langle r^2 \rangle_{2p}$  nevertheless

Thus 2s can be effected by bare nucleus with higher probability and thus it has smaller energy.

⑥

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Consider two electrons in a p-orbital.

(a) ignoring spins, write down all 9 states, using a basis where they are either symmetric or antisymmetric.

Both electrons are on p-orbital thus we have  $l_{1,2} = 1$ ,  $m_{1,2} = \pm 1, 0$ ;

as usually we start with the highest weight state  $|2, 2\rangle = |1, 1\rangle$  (here on l.h.s we write  $|j, m\rangle$  state and on r.h.s.  $|m_1, m_2\rangle$  state) Acting as usually with lowering operator we get

$$|2, 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |01\rangle) ;$$

$$|1, 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle - |01\rangle) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{comes} \\ \text{from} \\ \text{orthogonality} \\ \text{condition} \end{array}$$

$$|2, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|1-1\rangle + |-1 1\rangle + 2|00\rangle) ;$$

$$|2, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0-1\rangle + |-1 0\rangle) ; \quad |1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1-1\rangle - |-1 1\rangle)$$

$$|2, -2\rangle = |-1 -1\rangle ;$$

$$|1, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0-1\rangle - |-1 0\rangle)$$

and finally  $|00\rangle$  state can be found from orthogonality conditions

$$|00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|1-1\rangle + |-1 1\rangle - 2|00\rangle)$$

note that states with  $l=2$  and  $l=0$  are even under interchange of particles, while  $l=1$  states are odd.

ⓑ we have done all construction explicitly but just to check that  $|1, 1\rangle$  is really the state that corresponds to  $l=1$  we should act with  $L_+$  generator:

$$L_+ |1, 1\rangle = (L_{1+} + L_{2+}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle - |01\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|11\rangle - |11\rangle) = 0$$

thus here  $m=1 = m_1 + m_2$  and  $j=m$  (we have shown just



Ⓕ now that this is highest weight state)

Ⓒ This can be done using Slater determinant.

$$|AS\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{vmatrix} |1\rangle_1 & |0\rangle_1 & |-1\rangle_1 \\ |1\rangle_2 & |0\rangle_2 & |-1\rangle_2 \\ |1\rangle_3 & |0\rangle_3 & |-1\rangle_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|10-1\rangle + |0-11\rangle +$$

$$+ |-110\rangle - |-101\rangle - |0-1-0\rangle - |1-10\rangle);$$

this corresponds to the projection  $m=0$ , let's

act with  $L_+$  operator we get.

$$L_+ |AS\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|11-1\rangle + |100\rangle + |1-11\rangle + |001\rangle + |-111\rangle +$$
$$+ |010\rangle - |-111\rangle - |001\rangle - |11-1\rangle - |010\rangle - |100\rangle - |1-11\rangle) = 0$$

as  $L_+ |AS\rangle = 0$  we get  $L = m = 0$ ;

another way to find  $L$  value is to find out how does

$L^2$  acting on  $|AS\rangle$  state. Here we should use.

$$L^2 = L_1^2 + L_2^2 + 2\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{L}_2 = L_1^2 + L_2^2 + 2L_{1z}L_{2z} + L_{1+}L_{2-} + L_{2+}L_{1-};$$

↓ the same but for 3 particles. But this is too long and boring. Described way of derivation is much more convenient.

④

Session 10

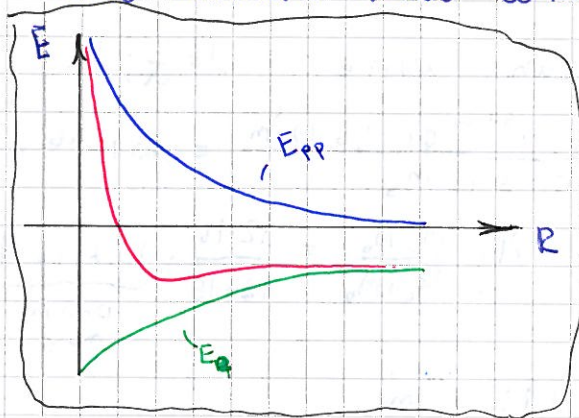
Some small amount of theory

Assume we have system consisting of 2 nucleus and electron. Assume electron is in atomic ground state

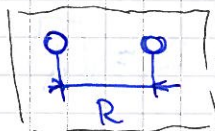
$$E_H = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu a_0^2}; \text{ if } R \gg a_0; \text{ now if we take } R=0$$

this is just like single nucleus with charge  $+2e$  and electron energy is lowered to  $4E_H$ ;  $E_{pp}(R) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$  is energy of nucleus interaction, and overall energy get

some minimum value where overall force goes to 0



So in equilibrium position nucleus are separated by some distance  $R$  which give us the minimum of overall energy



Now we assume that there are some vibrations about this equilibrium position. to find it we expand

$$V(R) = V(R_0) + \frac{1}{2}(R-R_0)^2 \left. \frac{d^2V}{dR^2} \right|_{R=R_0} + O((R-R_0)^3); \text{ the full hamiltonian}$$

is then given by:

$$H_{diatom} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2MR^2} + V(R) \text{ or}$$

$$H_{diatom} = H_{vib} + H_{rot} + V(R_0); H_{vib} \approx -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{1}{2}k(R-R_0)^2;$$

$$H_{rot} = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2MR^2}; \text{ for vibrational part we know that}$$

$E_{vib} = \hbar\omega (n + \frac{1}{2})$ ; where  $\omega = \frac{k}{M}$ . Now the question comes what is  $k$ ?  $V(R_0) \sim E_H, R_0 \sim a_0, k \sim \frac{|E_H|}{a_0^2}$

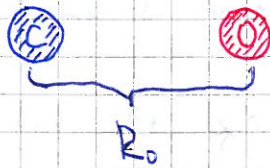
Frequencies are given by  $\hbar\omega_{vib} = \hbar\omega (n + \frac{1}{2}) \Big|_{n=0}^{n=1} = \hbar\omega$

$$\hbar\omega_{rot} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2MR^2} l(l+1) \Big|_{l=0}^{l=1} = \frac{\hbar^2}{MR_0^2}$$

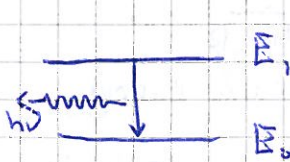
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Problem 1

Carbon monoxide (CO) has an absorption line at 2,60mm in transition from the molecular  $l=1$  to the  $l=0$  state. Find moment of inertia and mean separation.



$E_{rot} = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2MR_0^2}$  rotational frequencies are given by energy difference between levels



$h\nu = E_{rot}^{l=1} - E_{rot}^{l=0} = \frac{\hbar^2}{MR_0^2}$

if we consider molecule as rod with two

balls on the ends we can write  $\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$ ;  $h = 2\pi\hbar$

$I = MR_0^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{h\nu} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi c} = \frac{1,054 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \cdot 2,6 \cdot 10^3 \text{ m}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 1,45 \cdot 10^{-46} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$

now we can estimate  $R_0$ .  $M = \frac{M_c \cdot M_o}{M_c + M_o} = \frac{12 \cdot 16}{12 + 16} \cdot \underbrace{1,67 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}_{\text{proton mass}}$

$M = 1,14 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ kg}; R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{I}{M}} = 1,13 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Problem 2

Hydrogen fluoride (HF) has it's lowest rotational frequency mode at 651,1 GHz and a vibrational mode at 12400 GHz. Find mean separation between the two nuclei and the spring constant k.

Lowest vibrational mode is given by

$h\nu_{rot} = \frac{\hbar^2}{MR_0^2} = \frac{\hbar^2}{I}$   $M = \frac{M_H \cdot M_F}{M_H + M_F} = \frac{14}{20} \cdot 1,66 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1,16 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

$\nu_{vib} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ ;  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}}$ ; thus we get

$R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{M h \nu}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi M \nu}} = \left[ \frac{1,05 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{2,314 \cdot 1,6 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \cdot 651,1 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right] = 1,27 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

$k = 4\pi^2 \nu_{vib}^2 \cdot M = 1,6 \cdot 10^{-27} \cdot (1,24 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1})^2 \cdot 4 \cdot 10 \approx 9,65 \cdot \text{N/m}$

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Problem 3

Suppose that the electron in the  $H_2^+$  molecule were replaced by a muon, which has the same charge as electron but weights 207 times more than electron. Estimate the nuclear separation and binding energy of the molecule.

We know (see long derivation in hand out) that nucleus separation is given by  $E_{\text{bind}} \sim E_H$ ,  $R \sim a_\mu$ , here  $a_\mu$  is Bohr radius and coefficients are complicated but we are not interested in this coefficients right now. ( $E_H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a_0^2}$ ;  $a_\mu = \frac{\hbar^2 4\pi\epsilon_0}{e^2 \mu}$ )

$$\frac{E_{\text{bind}}^{(\mu)}}{E_{\text{bind}}^{(e)}} = \frac{E_H^{(\mu)}}{E_H^{(e)}} = \frac{m_e a_0^2}{2m_\mu a_\mu^2} = \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} = 207$$

$$E_{\text{bind}}^{(\mu)} = 207 E_H = 207(-2.82\text{eV}) = -580\text{eV};$$

↓  
taken from  
lecture

$$\frac{R_H^{(\mu)}}{R_{H_2^+}} = \frac{a_\mu}{a_0} = \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} = \frac{1}{207}; \quad R_H^{(\mu)} = \frac{R_{H_2^+}}{207}; \quad R_H^{(\mu)} = \frac{1.06\text{\AA}}{207} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}\text{\AA};$$

Problem 4

The rotational part of the diatomic Hamiltonian is usually treated at fixed  $R_0$ . Assuming the rotational energies ~~are~~ are much smaller than the vibrational modes as a function of  $l$  by assuming the rotational part of the Hamiltonian is  $H_{\text{rot}} = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2MR^2}$ . In other words, don't treat  $R$  as a constant. You should be able to express your answer in terms of  $\nu_{\text{vib}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{rot}}$ , where  $\nu_{\text{rot}}$  is the frequency coming from the  $l=1$  to  $l=0$  transition.

Let's take rotational hamiltonian in the following form

$$H_{\text{rot}} = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2M(R^2 + R_0)^2} \approx \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2M} \left\{ \frac{1}{R_0^2} - \frac{2}{R_0^3}(R-R_0) + \frac{3}{2!} \frac{6}{R_0^4}(R-R_0)^2 + \dots \right\}$$

④ Substituting this back to hamiltonian we get

$$H_{\text{diatom}} = \frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2M} \left( \frac{1}{R_0^2} - \frac{2}{R_0^3} (R-R_0) + \frac{3}{R_0^4} (R-R_0)^2 + \dots \right) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{1}{2} k (R-R_0)^2 + V(R_0)$$

$$H_{\text{diatom}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left( k + \frac{3\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2MR_0^4} \right)}_{k'} (R-R_0)^2 + \frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2MR_0^2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{R_0} (R-R_0) \right) + V(R_0)$$

$$\hbar \nu'_{\text{vib}} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k'}{M}} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{k + \frac{3\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2MR_0^4}}$$

Now we use  $4\pi^2 \nu_{\text{vib}}^2 = \frac{k}{M} \Rightarrow k = 4\pi^2 \nu_{\text{vib}}^2 M$

$$\hbar \nu_{\text{rot}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{MR_0^2} \quad R_0^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi M \nu_{\text{rot}}} \quad \text{thus we get:}$$

$$\hbar \nu'_{\text{vib}} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{4\pi^2 \nu_{\text{vib}}^2 M + \frac{3\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{4\pi^2 M^2 \nu_{\text{rot}}^2}{\hbar^2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \nu'_{\text{vib}} = 2\pi \nu_{\text{vib}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{2} \ell(\ell+1) \cdot \frac{\nu_{\text{rot}}^2}{\nu_{\text{vib}}^2}} \quad \text{as } \nu_{\text{rot}} \ll \nu_{\text{vib}} \text{ we get:}$$

$$\nu'_{\text{vib}} = \nu_{\text{vib}} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4} \ell(\ell+1) \frac{\nu_{\text{rot}}^2}{\nu_{\text{vib}}^2} \right)$$