

Perturbation Theory – Time-Independent

$$H = H_0 + H' \quad \begin{aligned} &\bullet H_0 \text{ solvable w eigen-* } \{E_n^{(0)}\}, \{ |n^{(0)}\rangle\} \\ &\bullet H' \ll H_0 \end{aligned}$$

Expansions for eigen-* of H : $E_n = E_n^{(0)} + E_n^{(1)} + \dots$ & $|n\rangle = |n^{(0)}\rangle + |n^{(1)}\rangle + \dots$

For a **non-degenerate** eigenvalue $E_n^{(0)}$ of H_0 : $|n^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{H'_{mn}}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} |m^{(0)}\rangle$ with $H'_{mn} \equiv \langle m^{(0)} | H' | n^{(0)} \rangle$

$$E_n^{(j)} = \langle n^{(0)} | H' | n^{(j-1)} \rangle \rightarrow E_n^{(1)} = H'_{nn}, \quad E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{|H'_{mn}|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}}$$

For a **degenerate** eigenvalue $E_D^{(0)}$ of H_0 :

- Let $\{ |\alpha_1^{(0)}\rangle, \dots, |\alpha_n^{(0)}\rangle \} = \underline{\text{degen. subspace } D}$ sharing e-value $E_D^{(0)}$
 - Find $\{ |\beta_1^{(0)}\rangle, \dots, |\beta_n^{(0)}\rangle \} = \underline{\text{e-vectors of } H' \text{ within subspace } D}$
= linear combinations of $|\alpha_i^{(0)}\rangle$ states that diagonalize \mathbf{H}'
- \Rightarrow 1st order energy correction is $E_{\beta i}^{(1)} = \langle \beta_i^{(0)} | H' | \beta_i^{(0)} \rangle$

Generators of Transformations

$$f(q + \Delta) = U(\Delta) f(q)$$

for $q = \text{position, angle, time}$:

$$U_{\hat{a}}(\Delta) = \exp\left(\Delta \hat{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{i\hbar} \hat{a} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{p}}\right)$$

$$U_{\hat{z}}(\Delta) = \exp\left(\Delta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{i\hbar} \hat{z} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{L}}\right)$$

$$U(\Delta) = \exp\left(\Delta \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{i\hbar} \cdot (-\mathbf{H})\right)$$

Variational Principle $E_{\text{gs}} \leq \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \quad \forall \psi$

Sudden / Adiabatic Approx ψ / n unchanged by ΔH

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- $H(t) = H^{(0)} + H'(t)$
- $\{ E_n^{(0)}, |n^{(0)}\rangle \}$ = the eigen-* of $H^{(0)}$
- $\omega_{fn} \equiv (E_f^{(0)} - E_n^{(0)}) / \hbar$
- $H'_{fn} \equiv \langle f^{(0)} | H' | n^{(0)} \rangle$

To 1st order in $H' \ll H^{(0)}$, with $|\psi(t_0)\rangle = |i^{(0)}\rangle$: $c_f(t) \approx \delta_{fi} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t H'_{fi}(t') e^{i\omega_{fi} t'} dt' \rightarrow P_{i \rightarrow f} = |c_f(t)|^2$

relevant math for analyzing time- & frequency-dependence: $\frac{\sin(x)}{x} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 1, \quad \frac{\sin^2(ax)}{ax^2} \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow \infty} \pi \delta(x)$

Fermi's Golden Rule: $W_{i \rightarrow f} \equiv \frac{P_{i \rightarrow f}}{t} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |V_{fi}|^2 n(E_f)$ at resonance

$$\begin{aligned} E_f &= E_i \pm \hbar\omega \text{ for } H' = V(r) (e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}) \\ E_f &= E_i \quad \text{for } H' = V(r) \Theta(t) \end{aligned}$$

E1 radiation: when $\lambda \gg r$ and F_B negligible, $H' = V(\vec{r}) \cos(\omega t)$ \rightarrow selection rules:

$$\text{spontaneous emission rate} = \text{Einstein's } A_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{\omega_{if}^3 q^2 |\vec{r}_{fi}|^2}{3\pi\varepsilon_0 \hbar c^3} \text{ with } \vec{r}_{fi} \equiv \langle f^{(0)} | \vec{r} | i^{(0)} \rangle$$

$$\text{lifetime } \tau_i = \frac{1}{\sum_f A_{i \rightarrow f}}$$

For the electron making the transition

- (a) $\Delta l = \pm 1$
(b) $\Delta m_l = 0, \pm 1$

For the atom as a whole

- (a) $\Delta S = 0$
(b) $\Delta L = 0, \pm 1$ ($L = 0 \leftrightarrow L' = 0$ forbidden)
(c) $\Delta M_L = 0, \pm 1$
(d) $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$ ($J = 0 \leftrightarrow J' = 0$ forbidden)
(e) $\Delta M_J = 0, \pm 1$