

1. (12 points) Consider a particle of mass m in 1-D infinite potential well ($0 < x < a$) with a small perturbation, $H'(x) = V_0 x$,
 - (a) Plot the perturbed potential $V(x)$ if V_0 is a positive but small number. (2 points)
 - (b) Find the eigen-energy of the n -th stationary state using time-independent perturbation theory. (10 points)
2. (10 points) Consider the following 1-D potential,

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha x, & x > 0 \\ \infty, & x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \alpha \text{ is a positive constant.}$$
 - (a) Solve the n -th eigenenergies by using WKB approximation. (8 points)
 - (b) Discuss how your result depends on α and explain its physical reason. (2 points)
3. (8 points)
 - (c) Explain the triplet and singlet configurations for a two-electron system. (4 points)
 - (d) Explain the bonding and anti-bonding states for a hydrogen molecule are. (2 points)
 - (e) Explain why the eigenenergy of anti-bonding state is higher than that of bonding state in a hydrogen molecule. (2 points)
4. (15%) An electron of mass m is confined in a box with infinite potential well. The three box sides are of length $2L$, $2L$ and L .
 - (a) (3%) Write the appropriate time-independent Schrödinger equation.
 - (b) (5%) Find the lowest possible energy and write its normalized wavefunction.
 - (c) (4%) Give an expression for the number of state, N , have energy less than some given E . Assume $N \gg 1$.
 - (d) (3%) Calculate the longest wavelength of electromagnetic radiation absorbed strongly by the electron.
5. (18%) A spin-1/2 particle is expressed in the basis of eigenstates of S_z .
 - (a) (4%) Find the matrix representing S_z and S_x .
 - (b) (6%) If the particle is subject to the Hamiltonian $H = S_x + S_z$, calculate the energy levels of this system.
 - (c) (8%) From (b), if at time zero the spin is in an eigenstate of S with $S_z = +\hbar/2$, calculate the expectation value of the spin at time t .
6. (20%) For any state $|\psi\rangle$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | L_x | \psi \rangle = i\hbar \left(\sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cos \phi \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \langle \mathbf{r} | \psi \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | L_y | \psi \rangle = i\hbar \left(-\cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \sin \phi \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \langle \mathbf{r} | \psi \rangle$$

Using the above identities, calculate the spherical harmonics $Y_l^l(\theta, \phi)$ and $Y_l^{l-1}(\theta, \phi)$, but you don't need to carry out their normalization constants.
7. (17%) Explain the meaning of the phase shift for a particle scattered by a central potential. Then calculate the phase shift (for any l) of a hard sphere of radius r_0 , and further calculate the phase shift of the $l=0$ explicitly. (Hint: in a free space, the radial part of a simultaneous eigenfunction of energy and L^2 is a spherical Bessel function)