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M.Sc. PHYSICS - III SEMESTER

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PH 9120 - QUANTUM MECHANICS-II

Time-2 1/2 hrs.

Max Marks-70

This question paper has 5 printed pages and 2 parts

Part A

Answer any 5 questions

(5x10=50)

1. In quantum mechanics, what are the various ways Degeneracies occur? Explain
2. In the classical limit, the de-Broglie wavelength is far less than the size of the system ($\lambda \ll x$). Further, in the classical limit, the total energy of the system is $E = \frac{p^2}{2m} - V(x)$. With the condition that $\frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda} \sim \frac{d\lambda}{dx}$ show that the validity of WKB approximation implies that $\delta \lambda \sim \left| \frac{m h^2}{p^4} \frac{dV}{dx} \right| \ll 1$.
3.
 - (a) Write down (you don't have to derive) the perturbation equations up to the second order for a non-degenerate system described by a Hamiltonian $H^{(0)}$ and perturbed by an energy function $W = \lambda \hat{W}$ where λ is the perturbative scale factor.
 - (b) Obtain the first order perturbation to the state function (use the wavefunction form, not the vectorial notation). [2+8]
4. For a two fold degenerate system described by a Hamiltonian $H^{(0)}$ and perturbed by an energy function $W = \lambda \hat{W}$ where λ is the perturbative scale factor, we know that the

equation for the first order perturbative change in energy gives us the following equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \langle \phi_n^{(0)1} | \hat{W} | \phi_n^{(0)1} \rangle - E_n^{(1)} & \langle \phi_n^{(0)1} | \hat{W} | \phi_n^{(0)2} \rangle \\ \langle \phi_n^{(0)2} | \hat{W} | \phi_n^{(0)1} \rangle & \langle \phi_n^{(0)2} | \hat{W} | \phi_n^{(0)2} \rangle - E_n^{(1)} \end{vmatrix} = 0 . \text{ What is the value of } E_n^{(1)} ?$$

5. Assuming that time dependent perturbation induces a transition to one of the stationary states of the unperturbed system: $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n c_n(t) |\phi_n\rangle$, and the system to be described by a Hamiltonian $H^{(0)}$ that is perturbed by an energy function $W(t) = \lambda \hat{W}(t)$ with λ being a scale factor for the perturbation, obtain an evolution equation for the coefficients *after factoring out the time evolution due to the time dependent Schrodinger equation*.
- 6.
- Derive the Hamiltonian of a system of two particles in a potential dependent only on the distance between them in the center of mass frame.
 - Express the Hamiltonian in reduced mass, and explain all terms. [6+4]
7. Describe scattering by a potential with a figure. Explain the various terms and obtain the asymptotic form for the scattered wave.

Part B

Answer any 4 questions

(4x5=20)

[Constants: $\hbar = 6.626070 \times 10^{-34}$ J s (**Planck's constant**), $1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ J (**electron volt to Joules**), $c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8$ m/s (**speed of light**), $1\text{\AA} = 1 \times 10^{-10}$ m (**Angstrom to meters**), $e = 1.602176 \times 10^{-19}$ C (**electronic charge**), $\epsilon_0 = 8.85418782 \times 10^{-12}$ m³kg⁻¹s⁴A² (**permittivity of free space**), $m_{\text{proton}} = 1.672621898 \times 10^{-27}$ kg (**mass of proton**), $m_{\text{electron}} = 9.10938356 \times 10^{-31}$ kg (**mass of electron**), $m_{\text{neutron}} = 1.674927471 \times 10^{-27}$ kg (**mass of neutron**), $a = 5.029 \times 10^{-10}$ m (**Bohr radius**), $\alpha = 1/137$ (**Fine Structure Constant**), $G = 6.674 \times 10^{-11}$ m³kg⁻¹s⁻² (**Gravitational constant**), $M_{\odot} = 1.9891 \times 10^{30}$ kg (**Solar mass**), $R_{\odot} = 6.9 \times 10^8$ m (**Sun's Radius**), $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8}$ W m⁻² K⁻⁴ (**Stefan-Boltzmann constant**), $M_{\text{Earth}} = 5.97 \times 10^{27}$ kg (**Mass of Earth**), $D_{\text{earth-sun}} = 1.49 \times 10^{11}$ m (**Earth-Sun distance**), 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 foot = 12 inches]

8. Two mutually non-interacting spin half particles (Fermions) are moving in an infinite (particle in a box) potential. The energy and wavefunction for individual particles in the infinite potential are given as: $E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}$ and $\psi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$ respectively. For the composite system, obtain the energy of the first excited state and write down the wavefunction (including the angular component – you can use the Table of Clebsch-Gordan coefficients available in the question paper).
9. The Hamiltonian of a two-level system described by the particle in a box potential of length

, experiences a perturbation $W = 10^{-3} E_1^{(0)} \frac{x}{L}$ where $E_1^{(0)}$ is the first unperturbed eigenstate for a particle in a box. Obtain the first order change in the energies of the two levels. The energies and state functions for the unperturbed particle in a box are given as:

$$E_n^{(0)} = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2 \pi^2}{2m L^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_n^{(0)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n \pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{respectively.}$$

10. What is probability of transition from the ground state $n=1$ to the first excited state $n=2$ for a perturbation of $W = 10^{-3} E_1^{(0)} \sin \omega t$ to a system described by the particle in a box potential?

11. Use the variational method to find the optimal values for b and the corresponding approximate ground state and ground state energy for a simple harmonic oscillator

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \quad \text{where} \quad m \quad \text{is the mass of the particle and} \quad \omega \quad \text{the frequency of the}$$

oscillator. Use the trial wavefunction: $\psi_{\text{trial}}(x) = \frac{A}{x^2 + b}$. The average kinetic energy for

the system works out to be: $\langle T \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{4 b m}$. You may need to use some of the standard integrals given later in the question paper.

12.

(a) Show that the ground state for a system is always a lower bound to the expectation value of energy for a system.

(b) What are the conditions on the wavefunction of the system for this to happen? [4+1]

13. Using the Born approximation for scattering amplitude: $f_k^{(B)}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{-u}{2\pi \hbar^2} \int V(\vec{r}) d^3 r$

compute the scattering amplitude and differential scattering cross section of scattering by a

$$\text{soft-sphere potential: } V(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} V_0 & \text{if } r \leq a \\ 0 & \text{if } r > a \end{cases} .$$

Table of (some) Integrals

Gamma Function:
$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$
$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$
$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) = \frac{(2n)!}{4^n n!} \sqrt{\pi}$

$$(a) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{1}{2b}$$

$$(b) \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{1}{4b^2}$$

$$(c) \int_0^{\infty} t^2 e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{1}{4b^3}$$

$$(d) \int_0^{\infty} t^3 e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{3}{8b^4}$$

$$(e) \int_0^{\infty} t^4 e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{3}{4b^5}$$

$$(f) \int_0^{\infty} t^5 e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{15}{8b^6}$$

$$(g) \int_0^{\infty} t^6 e^{-2bt} dt = \frac{45}{8b^7}$$

$$(h) \int \frac{1}{t^2 + b^2} dt = \frac{1}{b} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right)$$

$$(i) \int \frac{1}{(t^2 + b^2)^2} dt = \frac{1}{2b^3} \left(\frac{bt}{(b^2 + t^2)} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(j) \int_0^{\infty} t^4 e^{-\alpha^2 t^2} dt = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{8\alpha^5}$$

$$(k) \int \frac{1}{(t^2 + b^2)^4} dt = \frac{1}{16b^7} \left(\frac{15t^5 b + 40b^3 t^3 + 33b^5 t}{(3t^6 + 9bt^4 + 9b^3 t^2 + b^5)} + 5 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(l) \int \frac{t^2}{(t^2 + b^2)^2} dt = \left(-\frac{t}{(2b^2 + 2t^2)} + \frac{1}{2b} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(m) \int \frac{1}{(t^2 + b^2)^3} dt = \frac{3}{8b^5} \left(\frac{5/3 b^3 t + bt^3}{(b^2 + t^2)^2} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(n) \int \frac{t^2}{(t^2 + b^2)^4} dt = \frac{1}{16b^5} \left(\frac{bt^5 + 8/3 b^3 t^3 - b^5 t}{(b^2 + t^2)^3} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(o) \int \frac{t^4}{(t^2 + b^2)^4} dt = \frac{1}{16b^3} \left(\frac{bt^5 + 8/3 b^3 t^3 - b^5 t}{(b^2 + t^2)^3} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(p) \int \frac{t^6}{(t^2 + b^2)^4} dt = \frac{1}{16b} \left(\frac{11bt^5 + 40/3 b^3 t^3 - 5b^5 t}{(b^2 + t^2)^3} + 5 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$(q) \int \sqrt{a/x-1} dx = x\sqrt{a/x-1} + a \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{a/x-1})$$

$$(r) \int \sqrt{1-ax} dx = -\frac{2(1-ax)^{3/2}}{3a}$$

$$(s) \int \sqrt{1-ax^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{1-ax^2} + \frac{\sin^{-1} \sqrt{ax}}{2\sqrt{a}}$$

$$(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t^2 + i\omega t} dt = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4\alpha}}$$

$$(u) \int_0^{\infty} t^n e^{-st} dt = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad (\text{Laplace Transform})$$

34. CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS, SPHERICAL HARMONICS, AND d FUNCTIONS

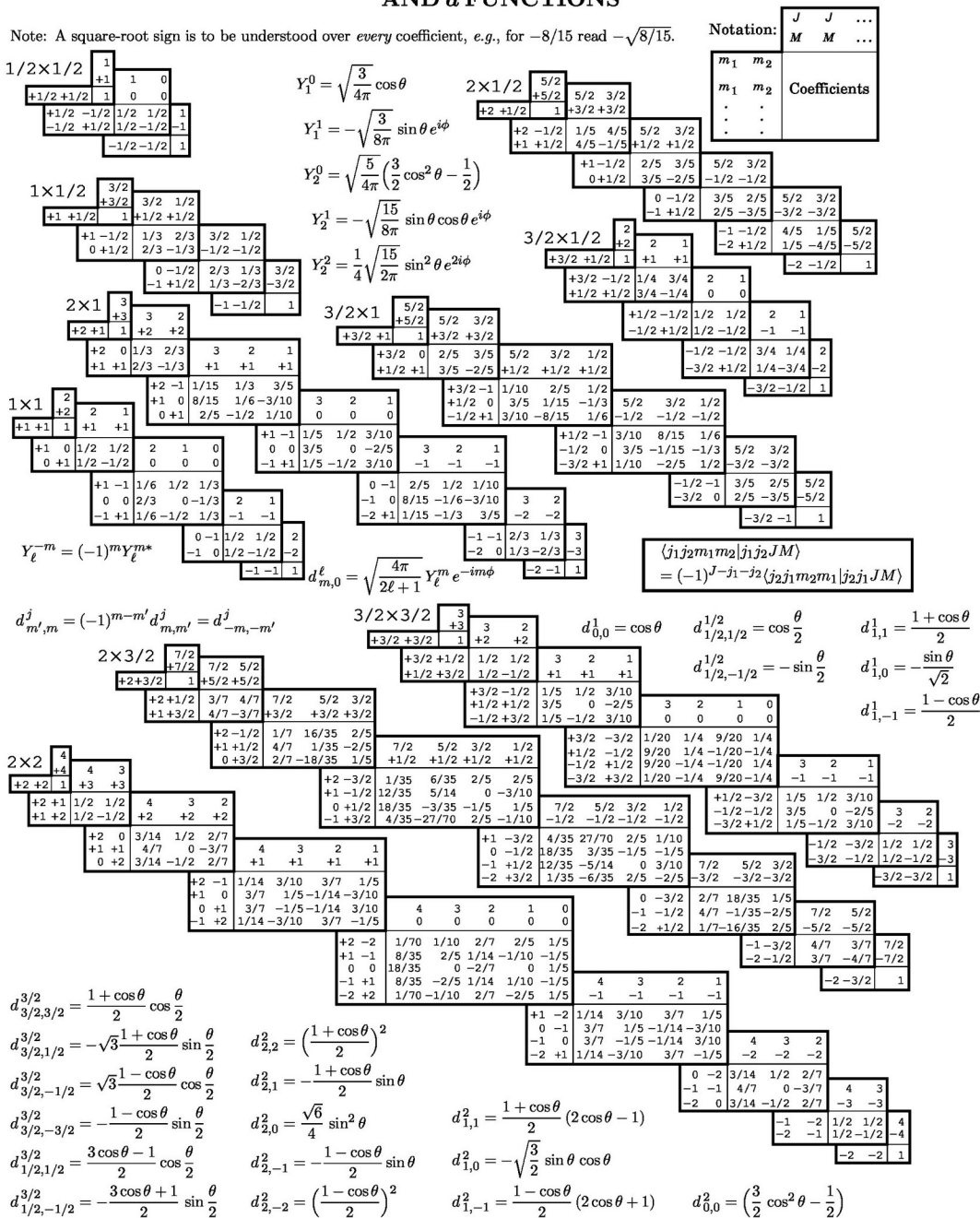


Figure 34.1: The sign convention is that of Wigner (*Group Theory*, Academic Press, New York, 1959), also used by Condon and Shortley (*The Theory of Atomic Spectra*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1953), Rose (*Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum*, Wiley, New York, 1957), and Cohen (*Tables of the Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients*, North American Rockwell Science Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1974). The coefficients here have been calculated using computer programs written independently by Cohen and at LBNL.