

1. Consider a particle with spin quantum number  $s = 1$ . Ignore all spatial degrees of freedom and assume the particle is subjected to an external magnetic field

$$\vec{B} = B\hat{x}. \text{ The Hamiltonian operator of the system is } H = g\vec{B} \cdot \vec{S}.$$

- (a) Obtain explicitly the spin matrices in the basis of the  $\vec{S}^2, S_z$  eigenstates,  $|s, m_s\rangle$ . (8 pts)
  - (b) If the particle is initially (at  $t = 0$ ) in the state  $|1, 1\rangle$ , find the evolved state of the particle at times  $t > 0$ . (9 pts)
  - (c) What is the probability of finding the particle in the state  $|1, -1\rangle$ ? (8pts)
2. Please calculate the differential cross section  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  and total cross section  $\sigma$  for
    - (a) the Yukawa potential  $V(r) = g \exp(-\mu_0 r)/r$ . ( $g$  and  $\mu_0$  are constants) (10 pts)
    - (b) the Gaussian potential  $V(r) = V_0 \exp(-r^2/r_0^2)$ . (15 pts)
  3. Consider the hydrogen atom, and assume that the proton, instead of being a point-source of the Coulomb field, is a uniformly charged sphere of radius  $R \ll a_0$ .
    - (a) What is the resulting electrostatic potential  $V_R(r)$ ? (5 pts)

The difference  $\Delta V(r) = V_R(r) - (-\frac{e^2}{r})$  will be proportional to the assumed extension  $R$  of the radius.

- (b) Considering  $\Delta V(r)$  as a perturbation, calculate the energy shift  $\Delta E$  for  $n = 1, l = 0$  state to first order. (8 pts)
- (c) Do the same for 2s and 2p states. (12 pts)

$$\text{(Note: } \Psi_{100}(r) = (\pi a_0^3)^{-1/2} e^{-r/a_0}; \psi_{200}(r) = (32\pi a_0^3)^{-1/2} (2 - r/a_0) e^{-r/2a_0} \\ \psi_{210}(r) = (32\pi a_0^3)^{-1/2} (r/a_0) e^{-r/2a_0} \cos \theta$$

$$I_n(\lambda) = \int_0^\lambda dx x^n e^{-x} = n! (1 - e^{-\lambda} \sum_{v=0}^n \frac{\lambda^v}{v!})$$

4. A particle of mass  $m$  in a potential  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$ . If the relativistic expression of the kinetic energy is used, what is the shift in the ground state energy? (11 pts)

$$(a = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}}X + i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2m\hbar}}P \quad ; \quad a^+ = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}}X - i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2m\hbar}}P)$$

5. A particle of mass  $m$  is initially in the ground state ( $E_1$ ) of an infinite square well of width  $L$ . Starting at time  $t = 0$ , the system is subjected to the perturbation

$$H'(t) = V_0 x e^{-\alpha t^2}, \text{ where } V_0 \text{ and } \alpha \text{ are constants.}$$

- (a) Find the probability that the energy is measured to be  $E_2$  in the limit  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . (7 pts)
- (b) Find the probability that the energy is measured to be  $E_3$  in the limit  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . (7 pts)