

Using your own head, notes, book, [www.physics.csbsju.edu](http://www.physics.csbsju.edu), *Mathematica* and questions to Kirkman, complete 4 of the following problems, one of each type (WKB, RR, TIPT, dTIPT). Your exam must be turned in by Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 P.M. unless you have made prior (before 23-Nov-2015) arrangements.

1. (dTIPT) Consider a particle-in-a-2d-box with  $V(x, y) = 0$  for  $0 < x < L$  and  $0 < y < L$  and  $V(x, y) = \infty$  elsewhere. The eigenenergies depend on two whole-number quantum numbers:  $n_x$  and  $n_y$ :

$$E = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2)$$

with corresponding orthonormal eigenfunction:

$$\psi_{n_x n_y}(x, y) = \frac{2}{L} \sin(n_x \pi x / L) \sin(n_y \pi y / L)$$

A perturbing 2d delta function potential is placed at the location  $(x, y) = (L/4, 2L/3)$ :

$$V' = \lambda \delta(x - L/4) \delta(y - 2L/3)$$

Consider the first-order energy shift of the degenerate pair:  $\psi_{12}(x, y)$  &  $\psi_{21}(x, y)$ . Find the matrix representing  $V'$  in this degenerate sub-space. Find the matrix's eigenvalues and vectors. Report the "good" wavefunctions and the corresponding approximate eigenenergy (accurate to first-order) for those "good" wavefunctions. FYI:  $\sin(\pi/3) = \sin(2\pi/3) = -\sin(4\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2$ ,  $\sin(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$

2. (dTIPT) For homework you considered the Stark Effect for H, i.e., how the energy levels of the H-atom are affected by an electric field. We chose an electric field in the  $+z$  direction, which required a voltage:  $-zE$ . With a negative electron charge  $-e$ , the resulting perturbing potential energy was  $+eEz$ . For  $n = 3$  we needed the nine degenerate states:  $|300\rangle, |31-1\rangle, |310\rangle, |311\rangle, |32-2\rangle, |32-1\rangle, |320\rangle, |321\rangle, |322\rangle$  where we are using the notation  $|nlm\rangle$  and the  $9 \times 9$  matrix  $\langle 3\ell'm' | z | 3\ell m \rangle$ . The energy levels should not be any different if the electric field is in the  $+x$  direction. (Note: see `assignments.txt`: Class 29 (2013) or handout for further details/wavefunctions.)
  - (a) Find the  $9 \times 9$  matrix  $\langle 3\ell'm' | x | 3\ell m \rangle$ .
  - (b) Find its eigenvalues and eigenvectors. The eigenvalues should be exactly the same as for  $\langle 3\ell'm' | z | 3\ell m \rangle$ . Note, however, that in both cases the eigenvalues are not distinct (e.g., there are three 0 eigenvalues).
  - (c) What critical problem is not automatically solved if these eigenvalues are degenerate (i.e., not distinct)?
  - (d) For  $\langle 3\ell'm' | z | 3\ell m \rangle$ , because of the degeneracy, the critical problem was not automatically solved, nevertheless it was solved without any additional work because of a special factor. What was that factor? Why is that factor related to the taking the electric field in the  $z$  direction?
  - (e) Provide evidence that the critical problem is still present in the  $\langle 3\ell'm' | x | 3\ell m \rangle$  eigenvectors provided by *Mathematica*.

3. (TIPT) Consider a particle-in-a-box with  $V(x) = 0$  for  $0 < x < L$  and  $V(x) = \infty$  elsewhere with orthonormal energy eigenfunctions

$$E_n = \frac{(q\hbar)^2}{2m} \quad u_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(qx) \quad \text{where} \quad q = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

A perturbing potential is placed at the center of the box:

$$V'(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda & |x - L/2| < b < L/2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

(where  $\lambda$  is a constant), is applied. Write down an expression for the first-order energy shifts of an arbitrary state. Claim:  $\mathbb{E}_1$  (first-order correction for the energy) for the ground state much larger than  $\mathbb{E}_1$  for the first excited state. . . Why? Generally speaking which states will have large  $\mathbb{E}_1$  and which small  $\mathbb{E}_1$ ? What states *connect* to the ground state in the second-order energy shift calculation? The second-order energy shift involves an infinite sum. Calculate one (non-zero) term in the sum. (Show your steps or print out enough *Mathematica* code so I can determine exactly what you did.)

4. (TIPT) Consider a particle-in-a-2d-box with  $V(x, y) = 0$  for  $0 < x < L$  and  $0 < y < L$  and  $V(x, y) = \infty$  elsewhere. The eigenenergies depend on two whole-number quantum numbers:  $n_x$  and  $n_y$ :

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Consider the effect of a constant (uniform) perturbing potential:

$$V'(x, y) = \lambda$$

on an arbitrary eigen state of the unperturbed system:  $\psi_{n_x n_y}(x, y)$ . Exactly calculate the first-order, second-order, and third-order energy shifts. (The equation for third-order energy shift is a footnote on page 256.) This problem is not as hard as it sounds.

5. (RR) The file `morse.pdf` #1 & #2
6. (WKB) The file `morse.pdf` #5
7. (RR) The file `x4_rr+wkd.pdf` #1
8. (WKB) The file `x4_rr+wkd.pdf` #2