

23 - Time dependent perturbation theory, Born approximation.

(1) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H = H_0 + \mathcal{H}' \\ H_0 \text{ time independent} \\ \mathcal{H}' \text{ may be time dependent} \end{array} \right.$

Unperturbed Schr. eq.

(2) $i\hbar \dot{\psi}_0 = H_0 \psi_0$

has solution

(3) $\psi_0 = \sum a_m^{(0)} u_0^{(m)} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_0^{(m)} t}$

(4) constants. $H_0 u_0^{(m)} = E_0^{(m)} u_0^{(m)}$

Solve Schr eq

(5) $i\hbar \dot{\psi} = (H_0 + \mathcal{H}') \psi$

by $\psi = \sum a_n(t) u_0^{(n)} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_0^{(n)} t}$

then multiply by $\widetilde{u_0^{(s)}}$ to left + use orthonormality and (4).

(7) $\dot{a}_s = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_n a_n \langle s | \mathcal{H}' | n \rangle e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (E_0^{(s)} - E_0^{(n)}) t}$

(8) $\langle s | \mathcal{H}' | n \rangle = \widetilde{u_0^{(s)}} \mathcal{H}' u_0^{(n)} = \int u_0^{(s)*} \mathcal{H}' u_0^{(n)} dx = \mathcal{H}'_{sn}$

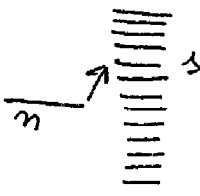
(7) is exact. Use it approximately by substituting in right hand side $a_n(0)$ for $a_n(t)$. Then

(9) $a_s(t) \approx a_s(0) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_n a_n(0) \int_0^t \mathcal{H}'_{sn}(t) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (E_0^{(s)} - E_0^{(n)}) t} dt$

Important special case, at $t=0$ system in state n . Then $a_n(0)=1$, all other a 's are zero.

$$(10) \quad a_s(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}_{sn}(t) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_0^{(s)} - E_0^{(n)})t} dt$$

Matrix element $\mathcal{H}_{sn}(t)$ causes transitions $n \rightarrow s$.
Transitions from n to a continuum of states

(11)  Assume \mathcal{H}_{sn} indep. of time, then

$$a_s(t) = -\mathcal{H}_{sn} \frac{e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_0^s - E_0^n)t} - 1}{E_0^s - E_0^n}$$

$$|a_s(t)|^2 = 4 |\mathcal{H}_{sn}|^2 \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\omega t}{2}}{(\omega)^2} \quad \left(\omega = \frac{E_0^s - E_0^n}{\hbar} \right)$$

Prob of transition to one state s

(12)
$$P(t) = \sum_s |a_s(t)|^2 = 4 |\mathcal{H}_{sn}|^2 \sum \frac{\sin^2 \frac{t}{2\hbar} (E^s - E^n)}{(E^s - E^n)^2} =$$

$$= 4 |\mathcal{H}_{sn}|^2 \rho(E_n) \int \frac{\sin^2 \frac{t}{2\hbar} (E^s - E^n) d(E^s - E^n)}{(E^s - E^n)^2}$$

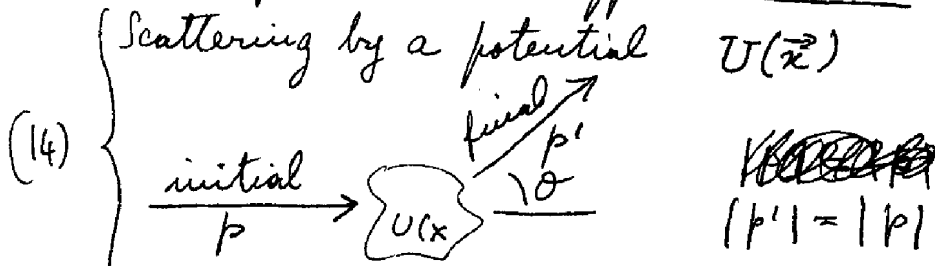
$$= t \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\mathcal{H}_{sn}|^2 \rho(E_n) \quad \underbrace{\frac{\pi t}{2\hbar}}_{\int \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx = \pi}$$

(13) $\rho(E_n) =$ no of states s , close to E_n per unit energy interval.

Rate of transition = $\frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\mathcal{H}_{sn}|^2 \rho(E_n)$

Discuss: distribution of final states as function of t & relation with uncertainty principle

Example: Born approximation.



$U(x) = \%$ treated as perturbation

(15) initial state $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}$ ($\Omega = \text{vol. of box}$)

final state $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{p}' \cdot \vec{x}}$

$$\langle p' | \% | p \rangle = \frac{1}{\Omega} \int U(x) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (\vec{p} - \vec{p}') \cdot \vec{x}} d^3x$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Omega} U_{p-p'} \quad \text{Fourier transform of } U$$

(16) No of final states in solid angle $d\omega$ per unit energy interval

$$P_{d\omega} = \frac{\Omega d\omega}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{p^2 dp}{v dp} = \frac{\Omega p^2}{8\pi^3 \hbar^3 v} d\omega$$

$v = \text{velocity}$ $v dp = dE$ (correct also relativistically)

Rate of transitions into $d\omega$

$$d\omega \frac{v}{\Omega} \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \frac{1}{\Omega} U_{p-p'} \right|^2 \frac{\Omega p^2}{8\pi^3 \hbar^3 v} d\omega$$


(17)
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 \hbar^4} \frac{p^2}{v^2} |U_{p-p'}|^2$$

(18) For ~~non~~ non relativistic mechanics $m = \frac{p}{v}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{m^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar^4} |U_{p-p'}|^2$$

Limits of validity (discuss)

(19) $\frac{1}{\hbar} L (\sqrt{p^2 + 2mU} - p) \ll 1$ $\langle L \rangle$



Scattering by Coulomb center

(20)
$$U_{p-p'} = \int \frac{e^{i(\vec{p}-\vec{p}') \cdot \vec{x}}}{r} d^3x = \frac{4\pi Z e^2}{\hbar^2 |\vec{p}-\vec{p}'|^2}$$

$U = \frac{Z Z e^2}{r}$

$\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int e^{i\alpha x} dx = \delta(\alpha)$

(21)
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{Z^2 Z^2 (m e^2)^2}{4 p^2} \frac{1}{\sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$
(Identical to classical Rutherford formula)

Suggested discussion topics.

Scattering by potential well - Nuclear forces

Limit of long wave length - isotropic scattering

" " short " " - forward "

Role of the mass (neutrinos)

Exponential decay of original state in case (11)

24- Emission and absorption of radiation.

(1) $\mathcal{H}_0 = e B z \cos \omega t$

B = amplitude,

at $t=0$ atom in state n . From (23-(10))

(2) $a_m(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} e B z_{mn} \int_0^t \cos \omega t e^{i \omega_{mn} t} dt$

$\omega_{mn} = \frac{E^{(m)} - E^{(n)}}{\hbar} > 0$

$\cos \omega t = \frac{e^{i \omega t} + e^{-i \omega t}}{2}$

$\frac{m}{\hbar \omega_{mn}}$
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 this term only important when

$\rightarrow \omega \approx \omega_{mn}$ then
 $a_m(t) \approx -\frac{i e B}{2 \hbar} z_{mn} \int_0^t e^{i(\omega_{mn} - \omega)t} dt =$
 $= +\frac{e B}{2 \hbar} z_{mn} \frac{e^{-i(\omega - \omega_{mn})t} - 1}{\omega - \omega_{mn}}$

(3) $|a_m(t)|^2 = \frac{e^2 B^2}{\hbar^2} |z_{mn}|^2 \frac{\sin^2 \frac{t}{2} (\omega - \omega_{mn})}{(\omega - \omega_{mn})^2}$
 Light intensity = $\frac{c B^2}{8 \pi}$

Comments on resonance

Absorption from continuum overlapping ω_{mn}

(4) $\frac{c B^2}{8 \pi} = \frac{dI}{d\omega} d\omega$ Substitute in (3), then $\int d\omega$
 use $\int \frac{\sin^2 \alpha x}{x^2} dx = \pi \alpha$

$|a_m|^2 = t \times \frac{4 \pi^2 e^2}{c \hbar^2} |z_{mn}|^2 \frac{dI}{d\omega}$

$\omega = \text{ang. frequency}$
not solid angle!

(5) Rate of absorption = $\frac{4 \pi^2 e^2}{c \hbar^2} |z_{mn}|^2 \frac{dI}{d\omega}$

For isotropic radiation of volume energy density $u(\omega) d\omega$

(6) Rate of absorption = $\frac{4 \pi^2 e^2}{3 \hbar^2} |\vec{z}_{mn}|^2 u(\omega_{mn})$

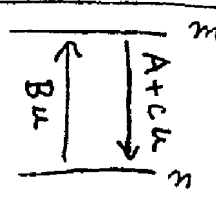
factor 1/3 from averaging over directions of polarization

Relationship between emission & absorption could be derived from quantum electrodynamics - However simpler to use Einstein's A & B method

Rate of $n \rightarrow m$ $B u(\omega) N(n) =$

From (6)

(7) $B = \frac{4\pi^2 e^2}{3\hbar^2} |\vec{x}_{mn}|^2$



This B is a coefficient. Has nothing to do with B of page 1

Rate of $m \rightarrow n$ $[A + C u(\omega)] N(m)$

This is number of atoms in state n or m

For thermal equilibrium

(8) $\frac{N(m)}{N(n)} = e^{-\frac{E(m) - E(n)}{kT}} = e^{-\frac{\hbar \omega_{mn}}{kT}}$ Boltzmann distribution

At equilibrium: Rate $n \rightarrow m$ = Rate $m \rightarrow n$

(9) $\frac{A}{B u(\omega)} + \frac{C}{B} = \frac{N_n}{N_m} = e^{\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}}$

Planck's law

(10) $u = \frac{\hbar \omega^3 / \pi^2 c^3}{e^{\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} - 1}$

$\frac{\pi^2 c^3}{\hbar \omega^3} \frac{B A}{B} (e^{\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} - 1) + \frac{C}{B} = e^{\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}}$

Must hold at all T's Therefore:

$\frac{\pi^2 c^3}{\hbar \omega^3} \frac{B A}{B} = 1$ $\frac{C}{B} = 1$

Einstein's relations

(11) $A = \frac{\hbar \omega^3}{\pi^2 c^3} B$; $C = B$ then from (7)

(12) $\frac{1}{\tau} = A = \frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 \omega^3}{\hbar c^3} |\vec{x}_{mn}|^2$ for spontaneous transitions

(12) generalized to many particles by change

$$(13) \quad e \vec{x} \rightarrow \sum e_i \vec{x}_i \quad (\text{sum to all particles})$$

$$(14) \quad \frac{1}{r} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\omega^3}{\hbar c^3} \left| \sum e_i \langle m | \vec{x}_i | n \rangle \right|^2$$

Intensity of radiation proportional to square of matrix element of coordinates (for one electron) or of electric moment (13) for several charged particles.

Discuss - Limitations to validity of (12)

dimensions of atom $\ll \lambda$ of radiation
 Quadrupole radiation

Case of central forces - Selection rules (Subsect 7)

Spherical harmonics identities

$$\sqrt{\frac{8\pi}{3}} Y_{11} Y_{\ell, m-1} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell+m)(\ell+1+m)}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell+3)}} Y_{\ell+1, m} - \sqrt{\frac{(\ell-m)(\ell+1-m)}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell-1)}} Y_{\ell-1, m}$$

$$(15) \quad \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} Y_{10} Y_{\ell, m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell+1)^2 - m^2}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell+3)}} Y_{\ell+1, m} + \sqrt{\frac{\ell^2 - m^2}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell-1)}} Y_{\ell-1, m}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{8\pi}{3}} Y_{1,-1} Y_{\ell, m+1} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell-m)(\ell+1+m)}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell+3)}} Y_{\ell+1, m} - \sqrt{\frac{(\ell+m)(\ell+1+m)}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell-1)}} Y_{\ell-1, m}$$

$$(16) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\frac{8\pi}{3}} Y_{11} = -\sin\vartheta e^{i\varphi} \\ \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} Y_{10} = \cos\vartheta \\ \sqrt{\frac{8\pi}{3}} Y_{1,-1} = \sin\vartheta e^{-i\varphi} \end{array} \right.$$

Follows: The matrix elements of the coordinates vanish unless

$$(17) \quad \ell' = \ell \pm 1 \quad \text{and} \quad m' = \begin{array}{l} m \pm 1 \\ \text{or } m \end{array}$$

Selection rules

Matrix elements

$$(18) \begin{cases} \langle n', l+1, m+1 | x+iy | n, l, m \rangle = -\gamma \sqrt{\frac{(l+m^2)(l+1+m)}{(2l+1)(2l+3)}} \\ \langle n', l+1, m+1 | x-iy | n, l, m \rangle = 0 \\ \langle n', l+1, m | z | n, l, m \rangle = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{(l+1)^2 - m^2}{(2l+1)(2l+3)}} \\ \langle n', l+1, m-1 | x+iy | n, l, m \rangle = 0 \\ \langle n', l+1, m-1 | x-iy | n, l, m \rangle = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{(l+1-m)(l+2-m)}{(2l+1)(2l+3)}} \end{cases}$$

$$(19) \quad \gamma = \int_0^{\infty} R_{nl}(r) R_{n', l+1}(r) r^3 dr$$

Derive

$$(20) \begin{cases} |\langle n', l+1, m+1 | \vec{x} | n, l, m \rangle|^2 + |\langle n', l+1, m | \vec{x} | n, l, m \rangle|^2 \\ + |\langle n', l+1, m-1 | \vec{x} | n, l, m \rangle|^2 = \frac{l+1}{2l+1} \gamma^2 \quad (\text{indep. of } m) \end{cases}$$

$$(21) \begin{cases} \text{Therefore: rate of transition} \\ (n, l, m) \rightarrow (n', l+1, \text{any } m') \\ = \frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 \omega^3}{\hbar c^3} \frac{l+1}{2l+1} \gamma^2 \end{cases} \quad \text{Comments on independence of } m$$

Similarly

$$(22) \begin{cases} \text{Rate}(n, l, m \rightarrow n', l-1, \text{any } m) = \\ = \frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 \omega^3}{\hbar c^3} \frac{l}{2l-1} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} R_{nl}(r) R_{n', l-1}(r) r^3 dr \right\}^2 \end{cases}$$

Example - Life time of $2p$ state of hydrogen

$$R_{1s}(r) = \frac{2}{a^{3/2}} e^{-r/a}; \quad R_{2p}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}a^3} \frac{r}{a} e^{-r/2a}$$

$$Y = \int R_{1s} R_{2p} r^3 dr = \frac{192\sqrt{2}}{243} a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rate}(2p \rightarrow 1s) &= \frac{294912}{177147} \frac{e^2 \omega^3 a^2}{hc^3} & \omega &= \frac{3}{4} \frac{me^4}{2\hbar^3} \\ &= \frac{1152}{6561} \left(\frac{e^2}{hc} \right)^3 \left(\frac{me^4}{2\hbar^3} \right) & a &= \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} \\ &= 1.41 \times 10^9 \text{ sec}^{-1} & \frac{e^2}{hc} &= \frac{1}{137} = \frac{R_{yd}}{\hbar} = 2.067 \times 10^{16} \text{ sec}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Topics for discussion

Permitted & forbidden lines

Metastable states

Generalization of selection rules

Irradiation by a linear oscillator

Sum rule & effective number of electrons

Polarization of emitted light