

Solution To PHYS622 Homework Set 4

JJS 2.3,2.4,2.6,2.8,2.13,2.16

1 Solution1

(a).

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(0) &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta/2) \\ \sin(\beta/2) \end{pmatrix}, \psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta/2)e^{-i\omega t/2} \\ \sin(\beta/2)e^{i\omega t/2} \end{pmatrix} \\ \langle S_x; + | \psi(t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos(\beta/2)e^{-i\omega t/2} + \sin(\beta/2)e^{i\omega t/2}) \\ | \langle S_x; + | \psi(t) \rangle |^2 &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sin\beta \cos\omega t)\end{aligned}$$

(b).

$$\begin{aligned}\langle S_x \rangle &= \langle \psi(t) | S_x | \psi(t) \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta/2)e^{-i\omega t/2} & \sin(\beta/2)e^{i\omega t/2} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta/2)e^{-i\omega t/2} \\ \sin(\beta/2)e^{i\omega t/2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \sin\beta \cos\omega t\end{aligned}$$

(c).

$$\begin{aligned}\beta = 0, \psi(0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \langle S_x \rangle = 0 \\ \beta = \sigma/2, \psi(0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos\omega t\end{aligned}$$

2 Solution2

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(t) &= \hat{x}(0) + \frac{\hat{p}(0)}{m} t \\ [\hat{x}(t), \hat{x}(0)] &= [\frac{\hat{p}}{m} t, \hat{x}] = \frac{-i\hbar t}{m}\end{aligned}$$

3 Solution3

$$\begin{aligned}H &= \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + V(\vec{x}) \\ i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} \rangle &= [\vec{x} \cdot \vec{p}, H] = [\vec{x}, H] \cdot \vec{p} + \vec{x} \cdot [\vec{p}, H] = i\hbar \frac{\vec{p}}{m} \cdot \vec{p} + (-i\hbar) \vec{x} \cdot \nabla V(\vec{x}) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} \rangle &= \langle \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \rangle - \langle \vec{x} \cdot \nabla V \rangle\end{aligned}$$

For stationary states, i.e. eigenstates of H , $\frac{d}{dx} \langle \vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} \rangle = 0$, one gets
 $\langle T \rangle = \langle \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \vec{x} \cdot \nabla V \rangle$.

4 Solution4

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta \\ \delta & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \delta \sigma_x$$

(a).

$$\begin{aligned} |+\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|a'\rangle + |a''\rangle), E = \delta \\ |-\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|a'\rangle - |a''\rangle), E = -\delta \end{aligned}$$

(b).

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(0)\rangle &= |a'\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \\ |\psi(t)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-i\delta/\hbar}|+\rangle + e^{i\delta/\hbar}|-\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

(c).

$$|\langle a'|\psi(t)\rangle|^2 = \sin^2 \delta t / \hbar$$

(d). Spin $\frac{1}{2}$ system.

5 Solution5

(a).

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x} &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(a^+ + a), \hat{p} = i\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}}(a^+ - a). \\ \langle m|\hat{x}|n\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(\sqrt{n}\delta_{n,m-1} + \sqrt{n+1}\delta_{m,n+1}) \\ \langle m|\hat{p}|n\rangle &= i\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}}(-\sqrt{n}\delta_{n,m-1} + \sqrt{n+1}\delta_{m,n+1}) \\ \langle m|\hat{x}^2|n\rangle &= \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}(\sqrt{(n+)(n+2)}\delta_{m,n+2} + \sqrt{n(n-1)}\delta_{m,n-2} + (2n+1)\delta_{m,n}) \\ \langle m|\hat{p}^2|n\rangle &= -\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}(\sqrt{(n+)(n+2)}\delta_{m,n+2} + \sqrt{n(n-1)}\delta_{m,n-2} - (2n+1)\delta_{m,n}) \end{aligned}$$

(b).

$$\begin{aligned}\langle n|\hat{T}|n\rangle &= \langle n|\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m}|n\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{4}(2n+1) \\ \langle n|\hat{V}|n\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \langle \hat{x}^2\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{4}(2n+1) \\ \langle \hat{T}\rangle &= \langle \hat{V}\rangle\end{aligned}$$

6 Solution6

(a).

$$\begin{aligned}|\psi\rangle &= \cos\frac{\beta}{2}|0\rangle + \sin\frac{\beta}{2}e^{i\alpha}|1\rangle \\ \langle x\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}\sin\beta\cos\alpha \\ \alpha=0 \quad \beta &= \frac{\pi}{2}, \langle x\rangle \rightarrow \max. \\ |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle).\end{aligned}$$

(b).

$$\begin{aligned}|\psi(t)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-i\omega t/2}|0\rangle + e^{-i\omega 3t/2}|1\rangle) \\ (i). \langle x\rangle_s &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}\psi(t)|(a^+ + a)|\psi(t)\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}\cos\omega t. \\ (ii). \langle x\rangle_H &= \langle \hat{x}(0)\rangle \cos\omega t + \langle \frac{\hat{p}(0)}{m\omega}\rangle \sin\omega t = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}\cos\omega t.\end{aligned}$$

(c).

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x &= \sqrt{\langle \hat{x}^2\rangle - \langle x(t)\rangle^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega} - \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}\cos^2(\omega t)} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}\sqrt{1 + \sin^2\omega t} \\ \langle \hat{x}^2(t)\rangle &= \frac{\hbar}{m\omega}\end{aligned}$$