

Exercise 1. *Hydrogen Atom in an Electric field*

Consider a hydrogen atom in its ground state. A uniform electric field aligned along the positive z direction is turned on at $t = 0$.

Compute the probability to find the atom in each of the following states at $t = t_f > 0$.

- (a) $n = 1, l = 0$
- (b) $n = 2, l = 1, m_l = -1$
- (c) $n = 2, l = 1, m_l = 0$
- (d) $n = 2, l = 1, m_l = +1$.

You can use the following expressions for the wave functions Ψ_{nlm} :

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{100} &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{3/2} e^{-r/a} Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{3/2} e^{-r/a} \\ \Psi_{21-1} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) e^{-r/(2a)} Y_1^{-1}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) e^{-r/2a} \sin \theta e^{-i\phi} \\ \Psi_{210} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) e^{-r/(2a)} Y_1^0(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) e^{-r/2a} \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2. *The Driven Harmonic Oscillator*

At $t = 0$ a 1-dimensional harmonic oscillator with natural frequency ω is driven by the perturbation.

$$H_1(t) = -Fxe^{-i\Omega t} \tag{1}$$

The oscillator is initially in its ground state at $t = 0$.

- (a) Using the lowest order perturbation theory to get a nonzero result, find the probability that the oscillator will be in the 2nd excited state $n = 2$ at time $t > 0$. Assume $\omega \neq \Omega$.
- (b) Now begin again and do the simpler case, $\omega = \Omega$. Again, find the probability that the oscillator will be in the 2nd excited state $n = 2$ at time $t > 0$.
- (c) Expand the result of part (a) for small times t , compare with the results of part (b), and interpret what you find.
In discussing the results see if you detect any parallels with the driven classical oscillator.