

Final exam (tentti): 5 problems, 4 hours

Regarding all problems:

Remember the *collection of formulae* in the end of the problem sheet.

1. (a) The asymptotic ($r \rightarrow \infty$) solution of the integral equation for potential scattering is known to be

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}(\mathbf{r}) = \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_i}(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{e^{\pm ikr}}{r} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' e^{\mp i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{r}'} U(\mathbf{r}') \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}(\mathbf{r}'),$$

where $U(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} V(\mathbf{r})$, $\mathbf{k}_i = k\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$, $\mathbf{k}_f = k\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{r}}$, $k^2 = 2\mu E/\hbar^2$, and $\Phi_{\mathbf{k}_i}(\mathbf{r}) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}}$. Identify the scattering amplitude $f_k(\theta, \varphi)$ in the above expression and explain in one sentence why we should choose the upper signs in the exponents. Then derive the Born approximation for the scattering amplitude $f_B(\theta, \phi)$.

- (b) Using the result which you obtained above, compute the scattering amplitude $f_B(\theta, \phi)$ and the differential cross-section $d\sigma/d\Omega$ in the Born approximation for a radially symmetric delta-function potential

$$V(r) = \alpha \delta(r - a),$$

where a and α are constants. Note that this delta-function above applies only to the radial distance r but not to the angles θ, φ . Express your final results in terms of the dimensionless constant $\beta \equiv \frac{2\mu\alpha a}{\hbar^2}$, and show the energy and scattering angle dependencies of your result explicitly.

- (c) Sketch the behaviour of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ as a function of the scattering angle in the case $ka = 2\pi$, as well as in the high-energy and low-energy limits.

2. A spinless hydrogen atom, which is in the 2p state $|n=2, l=1, m=0\rangle$, is put into a time-dependent perturbing potential

$$\hat{V}_S(t) = C \frac{\hat{z}^2}{t^2 + \tau^2},$$

where C and $\tau > 0$ are constants and \hat{z} is the z -coordinate operator.

Using the Gaunt's formula and the attached table of Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, calculate the probability of transition from the state $|2\ 1\ 0\rangle$ to the highest- l $n=4$ state $|4\ l\ 0\rangle$ which is allowed according to the lowest-order time-dependent perturbation theory during an infinitely long period of time (set $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ and $t \rightarrow \infty$).

3. (a) Using the Wigner-Eckart theorem, show that for a vector operator $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$, we have

$$\langle \xi jm | \hat{\mathbf{V}} | \xi jm' \rangle = \frac{\langle \xi jm | \hat{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}} | \xi jm \rangle}{\hbar^2 j(j+1)} \langle \xi jm | \hat{\mathbf{J}} | \xi jm' \rangle$$

- (b) Apply the above result in the following nonrelativistic nuclear shell-model problem, where the system(=nucleus) consists of protons and neutrons (i.e. spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles) and their mutual interactions. For those nuclei whose number of protons+neutrons is odd, the orbital angular momentum \mathbf{L} and spin angular momentum \mathbf{S} can be assumed to be those of the last (highest-energy), odd, proton or neutron. Then $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ and thus $j = l \pm \frac{1}{2}$, and the quantum numbers in ξ above include l and $s = \frac{1}{2}$. The magnetic moment operator $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$ of the nucleus is defined as

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}} = \gamma_L \hat{\mathbf{L}}/\hbar + \gamma_S \hat{\mathbf{S}}/\hbar,$$

where γ_L and γ_S are constants. The magnetic moment μ of the nucleus is defined as the largest possible absolute value (norm) of the vector $\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \equiv \langle \xi jm | \hat{\mathbf{M}} | \xi jm \rangle$. Show that for $l = j - \frac{1}{2}$ the magnetic moment μ becomes

$$\mu = (j - \frac{1}{2})\gamma_L + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_S.$$

4. Let's consider the Fock space formulation of the angular momentum operator in a system of identical fermions.

(a) Angular momentum is an additive quantity, so that the generic form of the Fock space 1-particle operator (see the collection of formulae) holds. Using this, show (in sufficient detail) that the total angular momentum operator can be written as

$$\hat{\vec{J}} = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_j \sum_{m,m'} a_{\alpha jm'}^\dagger a_{\alpha jm} \langle \alpha jm' | \hat{\vec{j}} | \alpha jm \rangle,$$

where $\hat{\vec{j}} = (\hat{j}_x, \hat{j}_y, \hat{j}_z)$ is the angular momentum operator for a 1-particle state, and α stands for all remaining quantum numbers needed to specify the basis.

(b) Let's then consider the following 2-particle state in the Fock space:

$$|F^{(2)}\rangle = C \sum_{m_1, m_2} \langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 JM \rangle a_{\alpha_2 j_2 m_2}^\dagger a_{\alpha_1 j_1 m_1}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

where $\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 JM \rangle$ is a Clebsch-Gordan coefficient and C is a normalization constant. Show with an explicit calculation that $|F^{(2)}\rangle$ is an eigenstate of \hat{J}_z with an eigenvalue $\hbar M$. Let's assume here for simplicity that $j_1 \neq j_2$.

5. Starting from the Lorentz-covariant form of the Dirac equation (DE) for a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particle in classical electromagnetic field,

$$[\gamma^\mu (i\hbar\partial_\mu - qA_\mu(x)) - mc] \Psi(x) = 0,$$

show that for the stationary case with time-independent weak electromagnetic field the nonrelativistic (NR) limit of this equation is the Pauli equation,

$$\left[\frac{1}{2m} (\hat{\mathbf{p}} - q\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \mathbf{1}_2 - \frac{q\hbar}{2m} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) + q\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{1}_2 \right] \psi_{NR}(\mathbf{x}) = E_{NR} \psi_{NR}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Hints: First bring the DE into the form $i\hbar\partial_0\Psi = \dots$, then use the ansatz

$$\Psi(x) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} Et} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u(\mathbf{x}) \\ \psi_l(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

and the Dirac-Pauli representation. Recall also that $A^\mu = (\frac{c}{\hbar}, \mathbf{A})$ and $\hat{\mathbf{p}} = -i\hbar\nabla$.

Collection of formulae:

Spherical coordinates and spherical harmonics:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{r} &= (r \sin \theta \cos \varphi, r \sin \theta \sin \varphi, r \cos \theta) & \nabla^2 &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r}) - \frac{1}{\hbar^2 r^2} \hat{L}^2 \\
\int d^3r &= \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \int_{4\pi} d\Omega = \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi = \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \\
\hat{L}^2 Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) &= \hbar^2 l(l+1) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) & \hat{L}_z Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) &= \hbar m Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \\
\hat{L}^2 &= -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right] & \int d\Omega Y_{l'm'}^*(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) &= \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} \\
Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) &= (-1)^{\frac{m+|m|}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(l-|m|)!}{(l+|m|)!}} P_l^{|m|}(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi} & Y_{l,-m}(\theta, \varphi) &= (-1)^m Y_{l,m}^*(\theta, \varphi) \\
P_l^k(z) &= (1-z^2)^{k/2} \frac{d^k}{dz^k} P_l(z) & P_l(z) &= \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dz^l} (z^2 - 1)^l \\
Y_{00}(\theta, \varphi) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} & Y_{10}(\theta, \varphi) &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta & Y_{1\pm 1}(\theta, \varphi) &= \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\varphi} \\
Y_{20}(\theta, \varphi) &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) & Y_{2\pm 1}(\theta, \varphi) &= \mp \sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{\pm i\varphi} & Y_{2\pm 2}(\theta, \varphi) &= \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\varphi}
\end{aligned}$$

Stationary Schrödinger equation, the radial part:

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 R(r)}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR(r)}{dr} + \left[(kr)^2 - l(l+1) - r^2 \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(r) \right] R(r) = 0, \quad k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

Spherical Bessel & Neumann functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
r^2 \frac{d^2 R(r)}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR(r)}{dr} + [(kr)^2 - l(l+1)] R(r) &= 0 \rightarrow \quad R(r) = A j_l(kr) + B n_l(kr) \\
j_l(x) &= 2^l x^l \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s (s+l)!}{s!(2s+2l+1)!} x^{2s} & n_l(x) &= \frac{(-1)^{l+1}}{2^l x^{l+1}} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s (s-l)!}{s!(2s-2l)!} x^{2s} \\
j_0(x) &= \frac{\sin x}{x} & j_1(x) &= \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x} & n_0(x) &= -\frac{\cos x}{x} & n_1(x) &= -\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}
\end{aligned}$$

Transition probability, lowest order, $i \neq f$:

$$P_{fi}(t, t_0) \equiv |\langle \phi_f | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 \approx \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left| \int_{t_0}^t dt_1 \langle \phi_f | \hat{V}_S(t_1) | \phi_i \rangle e^{i(E_f - E_i)t_1/\hbar} \right|^2$$

Power series, Taylor expansions:

$$\begin{aligned}
e^x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} & \cos x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} & \sin x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\
\sqrt{1+x} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots & \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

For integrations:

$$\int_0^\infty dx x^n e^{-ax} = \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}}, \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx e^{-ax^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$$

$$\text{Res}f(z)|_{z=z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{d}{dz}\right)^{n-1} [(z-z_0)^n f(z)] \quad \oint_C dz f(z) = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Res}f(z)|_{z=z_j}$$

Hydrogen-like atom wave-functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{x}) &= R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \quad \kappa = \frac{Z}{na} \quad a = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{\mu e^2} \\ R_{nl}(r) &= \sqrt{(2\kappa)^3 \frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n(n+l)!}} (2\kappa r)^l e^{-\kappa r} L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2\kappa r) \quad L_p^q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^p (-1)^k \frac{(p+q)!x^k}{(p-k)!(q+k)!k!} \\ R_{10} &= 2 \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} e^{-Zr/a} \quad R_{20} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{Zr}{2a}\right) e^{-Zr/2a} \quad R_{21} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{5/2} r e^{-Zr/2a} \\ R_{30} &= \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{2Zr}{3a} + \frac{2}{27} \left(\frac{Zr}{3a}\right)^2\right) e^{-Zr/3a} \quad R_{31} = \frac{8}{27\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{5/2} r \left(1 - \frac{Zr}{6a}\right) e^{-Zr/3a} \\ R_{32} &= \frac{4}{81\sqrt{30}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{7/2} r^2 e^{-Zr/3a} \quad R_{40} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{3Zr}{4a} + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{Zr}{a}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{192} \left(\frac{Zr}{a}\right)^3\right) e^{-Zr/4a} \\ R_{41} &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{16\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{5/2} r \left(1 - \frac{Zr}{4a} + \frac{1}{80} \left(\frac{Zr}{a}\right)^2\right) e^{-Zr/4a} \\ R_{42} &= \frac{1}{64\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{7/2} r^2 \left(1 - \frac{Zr}{12a}\right) e^{-Zr/4a} \quad R_{43} = \frac{1}{768\sqrt{35}} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{9/2} r^3 e^{-Zr/4a} \end{aligned}$$

Spherical spinors:

$$(\mathcal{Y}_{ljm}(\Omega))_{ms} = \langle \Omega, m_s | l, s = \frac{1}{2}, j, m \rangle_c \quad \int d\Omega \mathcal{Y}_{ljm}(\Omega)^\dagger \mathcal{Y}_{l'j'm'}(\Omega) = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{jj'} \delta_{mm'}$$

Trigonometric functions:

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x, \quad \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 \quad \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\text{Euler: } e^{i\alpha} = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha \quad \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\alpha} + e^{-i\alpha}) \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\alpha} - e^{-i\alpha})$$

Angular momentum:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{J}}^2 |j, m\rangle &= \hbar^2 j(j+1) |j, m\rangle, \quad \hat{J}_z |j, m\rangle = \hbar m |j, m\rangle \\ \hat{J}_\pm &= \hat{J}_x \pm i \hat{J}_y, \quad \hat{J}_\pm |j, m\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{(j \mp m)(j \pm m+1)} |j, m \pm 1\rangle \\ [\hat{J}_i, \hat{J}_j] &= i\hbar \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{J}_k, \quad [\hat{\mathbf{J}}^2, \hat{J}_i] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Pauli spin matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ [\sigma_i, \sigma_j] &= 2i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k \quad \{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} = 2\delta_{ij}\mathbf{1}_2 \quad (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{b}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\mathbf{1}_2 + i(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

Gaunt's formula:

$$\int d\Omega Y_{lm}^*(\Omega)Y_{l_1m_1}(\Omega)Y_{l_2m_2}(\Omega) = \sqrt{\frac{(2l_1+1)(2l_2+1)}{4\pi(2l+1)}} {}_u\langle l_1l_2m_1m_2|l_1l_2lm\rangle_c {}_u\langle l_1l_200|l_1l_2l0\rangle_c$$

Wignert-Eckart theorem:

$$\langle \xi' j' m' | \hat{T}_q^{(k)} | \xi j m \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2j'+1}} {}_u\langle jkmq | jkj'm' \rangle_c \langle \xi' j' | | T^{(k)} | | \xi j \rangle$$

where

$$\langle \xi' j' | | T^{(k)} | | \xi j \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2j'+1}} \sum_{m_1, m_2, q'} \langle \xi' j' m_1 | \hat{T}_{q'}^{(k)} | \xi j m_2 \rangle \langle jkm_2 q' | jkj'm_1 \rangle$$

$SU(2)$ tensor operator:

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{T}_q^{(k)}] = q\hat{T}_q^{(k)} \quad [\hat{J}_\pm, \hat{T}_q^{(k)}] = \sqrt{k(k+1) - q(q \pm 1)} \hat{T}_{q\pm 1}^{(k)},$$

where q refers to the spherical components, which for a vector operator are

$$\hat{V}_{+1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{V}_x + i\hat{V}_y), \quad \hat{V}_0 = \hat{V}_z \quad \hat{V}_{-1} = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{V}_x - i\hat{V}_y)$$

Spherical unit vectors:

$$\hat{e}_{\pm 1} = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{e}_x \pm i\hat{e}_y), \quad \hat{e}_0 = \hat{e}_z$$

Scalar products in spherical basis: $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = -A_{+1}B_{-1} - A_{-1}B_{+1} + A_0B_0$

Fermionic operators in the Fock space:

$$\begin{aligned} a_\nu |n_1 n_2 \dots 1_\nu \dots\rangle &= (-1)^{\sum_{\mu=1}^{\nu-1} n_\mu} |n_1 n_2 \dots 0_\nu \dots\rangle \\ a_\nu^\dagger |n_1 n_2 \dots 0_\nu \dots\rangle &= (-1)^{\sum_{\mu=1}^{\nu-1} n_\mu} |n_1 n_2 \dots 1_\nu \dots\rangle \\ \{a_\mu, a_\nu\} &= 0 \quad \{a_\mu^\dagger, a_\nu\} = \delta_{\mu\nu} \quad n_\mu = a_\mu^\dagger a_\mu \end{aligned}$$

Fock space operators:

$$\hat{F} = \sum_{\mu, \nu} \langle \mu | \hat{f} | \nu \rangle a_\mu^\dagger a_\nu \quad \hat{F} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu, \mu', \nu, \nu'} \langle \mu \mu' | \hat{g} | \nu \nu' \rangle a_\mu^\dagger a_{\mu'}^\dagger a_{\nu'} a_\nu$$

Relativistic theory:

metric tensor $g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) = g^{\mu\nu}$

scalar products $a \cdot b = a_\mu b^\mu$

4-vectors: $x^\mu = (ct, \mathbf{x})$, $p^\mu = (E/c, \mathbf{p})$, $A^\mu = (\varphi/c, \mathbf{A})$

derivatives: $\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = (\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \nabla)$, and $\partial^\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu}$

Dirac gamma-matrices: $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}\mathbf{1}_4$

Dirac-Pauli representation:

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

