

Gurudas College

M. Sc.(Physics) 2nd Semester Internal Examination 2021

Paper(Subject): PHY 422 (Quantum Mechanics II)

Time: 1Hr

Full Marks:25

Answer any five questions from below.

1. (a) Starting from the Schroedinger's equation for a projectile particle of mass m and initial wave vector \vec{k} being scattered by a central potential $V(r)$, obtain the Lippmann-Schwinger equation.
(b) Starting from the Lippmann-Schwinger equation how is the Born series constructed?
c) State the optical theorem.
2+2+1

2. For a particle in a one dimensional potential $V(x)$ show that the solution of the Schrodinger equation in the WKB approximation is given as $\psi(x) = A \frac{1}{\sqrt{k(x)}} \exp(\pm \int^x k(x') dx')$ Where $k(x') = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E-V(x))}}{\hbar}$ is the local wave vector.
Sketch the potential $V(r) = V_0 \ln(\frac{r}{a})$ (V_0 and a are Constants) . Show the turning points in the graph. 4+0.5+0.5

3. Consider a one-dimensional simple harmonic oscillator with angular frequency ω . For $t < 0$, it was known to be in the ground state, and for $t \geq 0$ it is subjected to a time-dependent perturbation $\hat{H}'(t) = A \hat{x} e^{-t/\tau}$ where A, τ are constants in both space and time. Using time-dependent perturbation theory to first order, calculate the probability of finding the oscillator in its first excited state at $t > 0$. Justify your result in the limit $t \rightarrow \infty$.
4+1

4. (a) Suppose a spinless particle with angular momentum \vec{L} is bound to a fixed centre by a potential $V(\vec{r})$ so asymmetrical that no energy level is degenerate. Using time reversal invariance, prove $\langle \vec{L} \rangle = 0$ for any energy state.

- (b) Consider the 2×2 matrix defined by

$$U = \frac{a_0 + i\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{a}}{a_0 - i\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{a}}$$

where a_0 is a real number and \vec{a} with real components. Prove that U is unitary and unimodular.

(c) Consider the scalar product of two vector operators \vec{A} and \vec{B} . Verify that $\vec{A}\cdot\vec{B}$ is a scalar operator. (2+2+1)

5. (a) Consider a system with $j = 1$. Explicitly write

$$\langle j = 1, m' | \hat{J}_y | j = 1, m \rangle$$

in 3×3 matrix form.

(b) Show that for $j = 1$ only, it is legitimate to replace $e^{-i\frac{\hat{J}_y}{\hbar}\beta}$ by

$$I - i\left(\frac{\hat{J}_y}{\hbar}\right)\sin\beta - \left(\frac{\hat{J}_y}{\hbar}\right)^2(1 - \cos\beta)$$

(2+3)

6. a) Show that $\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi$ is a vector under Lorentz transformation and a pseudo/axial vector under parity transformation. Where ψ satisfies Dirac equation.

b) Show that $\text{Tr}(\gamma_\mu\gamma_\alpha\gamma_\sigma) = 0$. (1.5+1.5)+2

7. Show if γ_μ 's satisfy the anti-commutation relation $\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 2\eta_{\mu\nu}$, similarity transformed $\gamma'_\mu = S^{-1}\gamma_\mu S$ will also satisfy same anti-commutation relation.

b) Construct Dirac four current. Show that probability density: the 0-th component of Dirac four current is positive definite. 2+(2+1)

8. Helicity operator defined in 4×4 matrix space $h = \frac{\hbar\vec{\Sigma}\cdot\vec{p}}{2|\vec{p}|}$. Where

$$\vec{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

a) Show that h^2 has eigenvalue $\frac{3}{4}\hbar^2$.

b) Show that h commutes with free Dirac Hamiltonian. 2+3