

## 4. Perturbation theory

Previously discussed various approaches to solving eigenvalue problems:

- Exact solution ( $\infty$ -dim:  
diff. eq's., operator methods)  
finite dim: explicit diagonaliz.
- Shooting method (1D)
- Variational method (need good trial wf's in large D)
- Finite difference methods (small D)
- WKB
- Q. Monte Carlo

If  $H$  close to  $H_0$  where answer known:  
use perturbation theory

Idea: write  $H = H_0 + \lambda V$

solve  $H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$  as power series in  $\lambda$ .

Method often gives good approx -

but must be careful, particularly when small pert  $\rightarrow$  qualitative change

$$\text{(e.g. } H_0 = \frac{P^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}x^2, V = -\lambda x^4\text{)}$$

~~stable~~ <sup>unstable</sup>)

This semester: time-independent pert. theory  
Next semester: time-dependent " "

## Nondegenerate time-independent pert. theory (Rayleigh-Schrödinger)

$$H = H_0 + \lambda V$$

	<u>unperturbed</u>	<u>exact</u>
$H_0  n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)}  n^{(0)}\rangle$	$H  n\rangle = E_n  n\rangle$	
$\langle n^{(0)}   M^{(0)} \rangle = \delta_{nm}$		choose $\langle n^{(0)}   n \rangle = 1$ (constant)

Assume  $E_n^{(0)}$  are nondegenerate ( $E_n^{(0)} \neq E_m^{(0)}, n \neq m$ )

Expand

$$|n\rangle = |n^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |n^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |n^{(2)}\rangle + \dots$$

$$E_n = E_n^{(0)} + \lambda E_n^{(1)} + \lambda^2 E_n^{(2)} + \dots$$

Normalization:  $\langle n^{(0)} | n \rangle = 1$  for all  $\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \langle n^{(0)} | n^{(k)} \rangle = 0 \quad \forall k \neq 0.$$

- all corrections orthogonal to  $|n^{(0)}\rangle$

Convenient, but  $\langle n | n \rangle \neq 1$

so must normalize again @ end.

Setup: expand  $H |n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle$ ,

collect terms @ each order in  $\lambda$

$$(H_0 + \lambda V) [ |n^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |n^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |n^{(2)}\rangle + \dots ]$$

$$= [E_n^{(0)} + \lambda E_n^{(1)} + \lambda^2 E_n^{(2)} + \dots] [ |n^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |n^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |n^{(2)}\rangle + \dots ]$$

$$\lambda^0: H_0 |n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |n^{(0)}\rangle \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lambda^1: H_0 |n^{(1)}\rangle + V |n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(1)} |n^{(0)}\rangle + E_n^{(0)} |n^{(1)}\rangle$$

$$\lambda^k: H_0 |n^{(k)}\rangle + V |n^{(k-1)}\rangle$$

$$= E_n^{(k)} |n^{(k)}\rangle + E_n^{(k-1)} |n^{(k-1)}\rangle + \dots + E_n^{(0)} |n^{(0)}\rangle$$

Take inner product with  $\langle n^{(0)} |$  at each order

$$\langle n^{(0)} | H_0 | n^{(k)} \rangle + \langle n^{(0)} | V | n^{(k-1)} \rangle = E_n^{(k)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n^{(k)} = \langle n^{(0)} | V | n^{(k-1)} \rangle$$

Take inner product with  $\langle m^{(0)} |$ ,  $m \neq n$  at each order

$$\langle m^{(0)} | E_n^{(0)} - H_0 | n^{(k)} \rangle = \langle m^{(0)} | \left[ (V - E_n^{(k-1)}) | n^{(k-1)} \rangle - E_n^{(k-1)} | n^{(k-2)} \rangle - \dots - E_n^{(0)} | n^{(0)} \rangle \right]$$

$$\text{Define } Q_n = 1 - | n^{(0)} \times n^{(0)} | = \sum_{m \neq n} | m^{(0)} \rangle \langle m^{(0)} |$$

(projects onto space orthog. to  $| n^{(0)} \rangle$ )

$$\sum | m^{(0)} \rangle \cdot \text{above, define } \frac{Q_n}{E_n^{(0)} - H_0} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{| m^{(0)} \times m^{(0)} |}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}}$$

$$| n^{(k)} \rangle = - \frac{Q_n}{E_n^{(0)} - H_0} \left[ (V - E_n^{(0)}) | n^{(k-1)} \rangle - E_n^{(1)} | n^{(k-2)} \rangle - \dots - E_n^{(0)} | n^{(0)} \rangle \right]$$

Low-order calculations:

$$E') \quad E_n^{(1)} = \langle n^{(0)} | V | n^{(1)} \rangle$$

$$\text{so } E_n = E_n^{(0)} + \lambda \langle n^{(0)} | V | n^{(0)} \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

Note: consistent with Feynman-Hellman

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = \langle \psi | \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} | \psi \rangle.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Pi^{(1)}\rangle &= \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{|m^{(0)} \times m^{(0)}|}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} (V - E_n^{(1)}) |n^{(0)}\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{m \neq n} |m^{(0)}\rangle \frac{\langle m^{(0)} | V | n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} = \sum_{m \neq n} |m^{(0)}\rangle \frac{V_{nm}}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} \\
 &\quad (\text{writing } V_{nm} = \langle m^{(0)} | V | n^{(0)} \rangle).
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$|\Pi\rangle = |\Pi^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{m \neq n} |m^{(0)}\rangle \frac{V_{nm}}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} + O(\lambda^2)$$

$$E^2) \quad E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{V_{nm} V_{nm}}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} \quad \text{etc...}$$

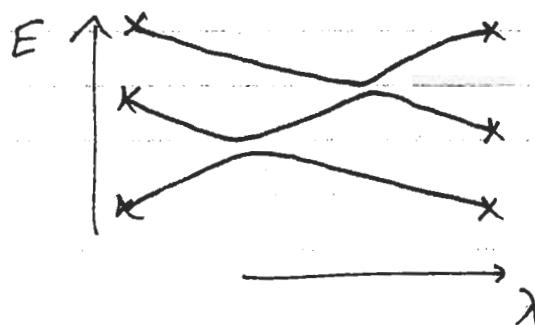
Notes: \* 2nd order correction to ground state energy  
 $E_0^{(2)}$  always negative (since  $E_0^{(0)} < E_m^{(0)}$ )

\* More generally - levels repel if coupled.

If  $E_n, E_m$  are close,  $E_n < E_m$   
 $(E_m - E_n \sim \epsilon)$

$$E_n^{(2)} = -\frac{|V_{nm}|^2}{\epsilon} \quad E_m^{(2)} = \frac{|V_{nm}|^2}{\epsilon}$$

General phenomenon: no level-crossing when states coupled



General structure of equations:

Abbreviate  $E^k = \langle 0 | V | k-1 \rangle$   
 $|k\rangle = \frac{Q}{\Delta} [(V - E') |k-1\rangle - E^2 |k-2\rangle - \dots - E^{k-1} |1\rangle]$

$$E' = \langle 0 | V | 0 \rangle = \langle V \rangle$$

$$|1\rangle = \frac{Q}{\Delta} V |0\rangle$$

$$E^2 = \langle 0 | V | 1 \rangle = \langle V \frac{Q}{\Delta} V \rangle$$

$$|2\rangle = \frac{Q}{\Delta} (V - E') |1\rangle = \frac{Q}{\Delta} (V - \langle V \rangle) \frac{Q}{\Delta} V |0\rangle$$

$$E^3 = \langle 0 | V | 2 \rangle = \langle V \frac{Q}{\Delta} (V - \langle V \rangle) \frac{Q}{\Delta} V |0\rangle$$

$$|3\rangle = \frac{Q}{\Delta} (V - E') |2\rangle - E^2 |1\rangle$$

$$= \frac{Q}{\Delta} \left[ (V - \langle V \rangle) \frac{Q}{\Delta} (V - \langle V \rangle) - \langle V \frac{Q}{\Delta} V \rangle \right] \frac{Q}{\Delta} V |0\rangle$$

$$E^4 = \langle V \frac{Q}{\Delta} \left[ (V - \langle V \rangle) \frac{Q}{\Delta} (V - \langle V \rangle) - \langle V \frac{Q}{\Delta} V \rangle \right] \frac{Q}{\Delta} V |0\rangle$$

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systematic expansion, but complicated structure.

- recursion easy to implement, though.

Alternative approach: Brillouin - Wigner

→ simpler structure but nonlinear eqn for En.

### Wavefunction renormalization

define  $|n\rangle_n = Z_n^{1/2} |n\rangle$ ,  $Z_n = \langle n|n \rangle$

$$\text{so } \langle n|n \rangle_n = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_n^{-1} &= \langle n|n \rangle = 1 + \lambda^2 \langle n^{(0)} | n^{(0)} \rangle + \dots \\ &= 1 + \lambda^2 \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{V_{mn} V_{nm}}{(E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)})^2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $Z_n = |\langle n^{(0)} | n \rangle_n|^2$  is prob. of finding perturbed state in original eigenstate

$$Z_n \sim 1 - \lambda^2 \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{V_{mn} V_{nm}}{(E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)})^2} + \dots$$

↑  
prob. for "leakage" into other states,  
to order  $\Theta(\lambda^2)$ .

Example:

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \lambda x. \quad (m=\hbar=\omega=1)$$

Exact solution:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}P^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x+\lambda)^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}$$

so all energies shift by  $-\lambda^2/2$

## Perturbation calculation

$$E_n^{(1)} = \langle n^{(0)} | \times | n^{(0)} \rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\{ \langle n' | \times | n \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\delta_{n,n'+1} \sqrt{n} + \delta_{n+1,n'} \sqrt{n'} ] \}$$

$$E_n^{(2)} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle n^{(0)} | \times | m^{(0)} \rangle \times \langle m^{(0)} | \times | n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}}$$

since  $E_n^{(0)} = n + \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$E_n^{(2)} = -\frac{n+1}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

## Convergence of perturbation series:

In general, perturbation series do not converge for most useful problems — anharmonic oscillator, QED, etc..

BUT — for small pert. series usually converges near correct answer to some order, then diverges.

## Example: anharmonic oscillator.

Real example of QM in HW.

Here: consider pert. expansion of integral

$$Z(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4}x^4}$$

Can do perturbative expansion of  $Z(\lambda)$

$$Z(\lambda) = \sum_k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \left[ (-1)^k \frac{\lambda^k x^{4k}}{4^k k!} \right]$$

$$= \sum_k \lambda^k Z_k.$$

$$Z_k = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{(-1)^{(4k-1)!!}}{4^k k!} = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{(-1)^k (4k)!}{k! 16^k (2k)!}$$

$$Z(\lambda) = \sqrt{2\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{4}\lambda + \frac{105}{32}\lambda^2 - \frac{3465}{128}\lambda^3 + \frac{675675}{2048}\lambda^4 - \dots \right]$$

note: power series non-analytic @ 0, since problematic for  
 $\lambda < 0$

$$\text{Stirling: } n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+1/2} e^{-n}$$

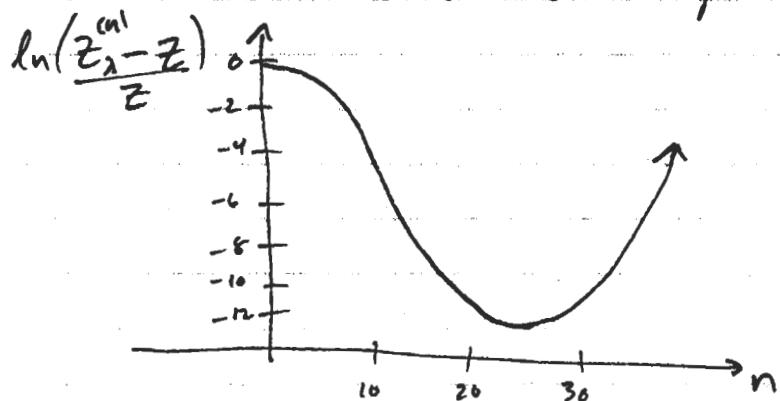
$$Z_k \sim \sqrt{2} \left( -\frac{4\lambda k}{e} \right)^k \text{ diverges badly.}$$

but convergent for small  $k \ll \frac{e}{4\lambda}$ .

For example, e.g.  $\lambda = 0.01$ ,

12 terms gives  $\sim 10^{-10}$  accuracy.

25 terms ..  $\sim 10^{-12}$  " (best approx)  
 then blows up.



$\sum \lambda^k z_k$  poorly behaved for large  $\lambda$ .

$$Z(1) \approx 1.93525$$

Successive approx's give

$$\sqrt{2\pi} (1) \approx 2.5$$

$$\sqrt{2\pi} (1/4) \approx 0.627$$

$$\sqrt{2\pi} (113/32) \approx 8.851$$

$$\sqrt{2\pi} (-313/64) \approx -59.004$$

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worse & worse.

Can we use  $Z_{[r/s]}$  to get an accurate estimate of  $Z(\lambda)$  for large  $\lambda$ ?

Yes: Padé approximants

$$P_n^n = \frac{a_0 + a_1 \lambda + \dots + a_n \lambda^n}{b_0 + b_1 \lambda + \dots + b_n \lambda^n}$$

defined or uniquely by cond =  $(z_0 + \lambda z_1 + \dots + \lambda^{2n} z_{2n})/O(\lambda^{2n+1})$

$$P_1(\lambda) = \frac{1 + \frac{29}{8} \lambda}{1 + \frac{35}{8} \lambda} = 1 - \frac{3}{4} \lambda + \frac{105}{302} \lambda^2 + \dots$$

$$P_1'(1) = 2.1569$$

$$P_2^2(\lambda) = \frac{1 + \frac{3939}{248} z + \frac{54525}{1984} z^2}{1 + \frac{4125}{248} z + \frac{72765}{1984} z^2} \Rightarrow P_2^2(1) = 2.04768$$

... gives systematic approx scheme for any  $\lambda$ .

Padé's may not always work, but often very effective.

Today:

Examples of nondegenerate & degenerate pert. theory:  
the hydrogen atom

Full treatment of fine structure etc. clearest from relativistic point of view (Dirac eqn) - next semester.

Today: heuristically motivate various corrections or perturbations on nonrelativistic Hamiltonian

Review of hydrogen atom:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{e^2}{r}$$

m really is reduced mass  
 $m = \frac{m_e m_p}{m_e + m_p}$ .

Use sep. of vars. (HW)

$$\Psi_{n,l,m}(r) = R_{n,l}(r) Y_m(\theta, \phi)$$

$\downarrow$

$$\frac{1}{r} U_{n,l}(r) \quad n = k+l$$

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2mr^2} - \frac{e^2}{r} \right] U_{n,l}(r) = E_{n,l} U_{n,l}(r)$$

Solutions: solve for large  $r$ ,  $e^{-r/na_0}$ ,  
get polynomial:  $e^{-r/na_0}$ , solve recursion relations.

$$R_{n,l}(r) \sim (\text{degree } n-1 \text{ poly in } r) \cdot e^{-r/na_0}$$

[rel. to assoc. Legendre poly]

$$E_n = -\frac{1}{2n^2} m c^2 \alpha^2 = -\frac{e^2}{na_0^2} \approx -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} \approx 0.52 \text{ \AA} \quad (\text{Bohr radius})$$

Degeneracy of  $E_n : n^2 \quad (l=0, 1, \dots, n-1)$   
 $(2n^2 \text{ if include } e^- \text{ spin})$

$$(1s) \quad R_{n=1, l=0} = 2(a_0)^{-3/2} e^{-r/a_0}$$

$$(2s) \quad R_{2,0} = 2(2a_0)^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a_0}\right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$(2p) \quad R_{2,1} = (2a_0)^{-3/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0}$$

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Examples of perturbation theory:

Nondegenerate theory:  $n=1$

1) Relativistic correction (fine structure)

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sqrt{mc^2 + p^2 c^2} \\ &= mc^2 + \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{(p^2)^2}{m^3 c^2} \end{aligned}$$

So consider

$$H_0 = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{e^2}{r}, \quad \Delta V = -\frac{1}{2mc^2} \left(\frac{p^2}{2m}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n=0}^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{2mc^2} \langle 1, 0, 0 | \left(\frac{p^2}{2m}\right) | 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2mc^2} \underbrace{\langle 1, 0, 0 | (H_0 + \frac{e^2}{r})^2 | 1, 0, 0 \rangle}_{E_1^2 + 2E_1 e^2 \langle \frac{1}{r} \rangle + e^4 \langle \frac{1}{r^2} \rangle} \\ &= -\frac{5}{4} mc^2 \alpha^4 \end{aligned}$$

[note: down by  $\alpha^2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  from  $E_1$ .]

Generally:

$$E_{n=1, l=0, m=0}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} mc^2 \alpha^4 \left[ \frac{1}{n^3 (l+1/2)} - \frac{3}{4n^4} \right]$$

2) Quadratic Stark effect - external E field ( $n=1$ )

Imposing field  $\vec{E} = E\hat{z}$ ,

$$V = -eEz.$$

- actually, no bound states, but lifetime (from non-zero  $\Delta E$ ) long



- $V$  transforms under rotation as  $T_0^{(1)}$  component of vector operator

For  $n=1$ ,

$$E_{n=1}^{(1)} = -eE \langle 1,0,0 | z | 1,0,0 \rangle$$

$= 0$  by Wigner-Eckart selection rules.  
(& by parity symmetry)

$$E_{n=1}^{(2)} = e^2 E^2 \sum_{I \neq 1,0,0} \frac{\langle 1,0,0 | z | I \times I | 1,0,0 \rangle}{E_{n=1}^{(1)} - E_I^{(1)}}$$

Summation: simple upper bound

$$- \frac{1}{E_{n=1}^{(1)} - E_z^{(1)}} \leq \frac{4 \cdot 2a_0}{3 \cdot e^2}$$

$$\sum_{I \neq 1,0,0} \langle 1,0,0 | z | I \times I | 1,0,0 \rangle = \langle 1,0,0 | z^2 | 1,0,0 \rangle = a_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{n=1}^{(2)} > - \frac{8}{3} a_0^3 E^2 \quad (-2.6667)$$

Exact calculation of sum:  $E_{n=1}^{(2)} = - \frac{9}{4} a_0^3 E^2 \quad (-2.25)$

To go to  $n > 1$ , we need

### Degenerate perturbation theory

$$\text{Recall } |n\rangle = |n^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{m \neq n} |m^{(0)}\rangle \frac{\langle m^{(0)} | V | n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}}$$

Problem if  $V_{mn} \neq 0$ ,  $E_n^{(0)} = E_m^{(0)}$ !

Need to choose good basis for degenerate states  $|n^{(0)}\rangle$ .

Solution: diagonalize wrt  $V$ .

(only in degenerate subspace!)

Assume  $E_l^{(0)}$  is same for all  $l \in D$  ( $E_0^{(0)}$ )

Choose basis  $|l^{(0)}\rangle$  so that  $\langle l^{(0)} | V | k^{(0)} \rangle = 0$ ,  $k \neq l$ ,  $k, l \in D$ .

Note:  $\langle l^{(0)} | V | n^{(0)} \rangle$  can be nonzero for  $n \notin D$ .

Note: If  $H_0 = \text{const. } \mathbb{1}$ , just solving full eigenvalue problem!

Nondegenerate analysis goes through,

except, for  $|l\rangle$  replace  $Q_{lk} = \sum_{m \neq n} |m^{(0)}\rangle \langle m^{(0)}|$

$$Q_D = \sum_{m \in D} |m^{(0)}\rangle \langle m^{(0)}|$$

$\Rightarrow$  have  $\langle l^{(0)} | k \rangle = 0$ ,  $l \neq k$ ,  $l, k \in D$ .

Explicitly.

$$\lambda^2 : H_0 |l^{(0)}\rangle + V |l^{(0)}\rangle = E_l^{(0)} |l^{(0)}\rangle + E_D^{(0)} |l^{(0)}\rangle$$

i.p. with  $\langle l^{(0)} |$ :

$$E_l^{(1)} = \langle l^{(0)} | V | l^{(0)} \rangle$$

i.p. with  $\langle k^{(0)} |$ ,  $k \in D, k \neq l$

$$\langle k^{(0)} | V | l^{(0)} \rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

with  $\sum_{m \in D} |M^{(0)} \times m^{(0)}|$

$$\Rightarrow |l^{(1)}\rangle = \frac{Q_0}{E_D^{(0)} - H_0} V |l^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$\sum_{m \in D} \frac{|M^{(0)} \times m^{(0)}|}{E_D^{(0)} - E_m}$$

$$\lambda^2 : E_l^{(2)} = \sum_{m \in D} \frac{|V_{ml}|^2}{E_D^{(0)} - E_m}$$

etc.

Examples of degenerate perturbation theory:

3) Linear Stark effect ( $n=2$ )

$$\text{Again, } V = -eEz.$$

Consider effect on degenerate  $n=2$  states:

$$|n, l, m\rangle = \underbrace{|2, 1, 1\rangle, |2, 1, 0\rangle, |2, 1, -1\rangle}_{l=1}, \underbrace{|2, 0, 0\rangle}_{l=0}$$

By Wigner-Eckart,

$$\langle n, l, m | z | n, l', m' \rangle \neq 0$$

only when  $m = m'$

$$( \text{just } [J_z, z] = 0 )$$

Parity:  $z$  is odd, so diagonal terms vanish.

Matrix of  $V$ :

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 2s & 2p_{m=0} & 2p_{m=1} & 2p_{m=-1} \\ 0 & 3ea_0E & 0 & 0 \\ 3ea_0E & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:  $0^{(2)}$ ,  $\pm 3ea_0E$ .

Breaks 4-fold  $n=2$  degeneracy

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(12, 1, 0\rangle + 12, 0, 0\rangle)$$

$$2s, 2p \longrightarrow 12, 1, 1\rangle, 12, 1, -1\rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(12, 1, 0\rangle - 12, 0, 0\rangle)$$

Note: 2s, 2p levels not really degenerate (fine structure)

Is pert. theory still valid?

Yes: as long as <sup>perturbation</sup> effect is  $>$  effect removing degeneracy

(can think of doing pert theory in either order.)

#### 4) Spin-orbit splitting

- really 2 degenerate states for each electron.

Qualitatively:  $\vec{E} = \frac{e}{r^2} \vec{r}$

$$\vec{B}_{(\text{relativistic})} = -\frac{v}{c} \times \vec{E} \quad (\text{relativistic effect})$$

magnetic moment  $\mu = \frac{e}{mc} \vec{S}$

$\Rightarrow$  spin-orbit term

$$H_{LS} = -\mu \cdot \vec{B} = \mu \cdot \left( \frac{v}{c} \times \vec{E} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{e^2}{m^2 c^2 r^3} \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}$$

extra correction factor (Thomas precession)  
- clearest in relativistic treatment.

Apply pert. theory to  $n=2$  states.

$$\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{1}{2} [J^2 - L^2 - S^2], \quad J = \vec{L} + \vec{S}.$$

so use  $J^2, J_z$  basis.

Spectroscopic notation:  $|n \ l \ j \ m_l \ m_j\rangle$

6 states  $|n=2, l=1, m_l\rangle \Rightarrow |n=2, j=\frac{3}{2}, m\rangle, |n=2, j=\frac{1}{2}, m\rangle$   
 $(2^2 P_{3/2}) \qquad \qquad \qquad (2^2 P_{1/2})$

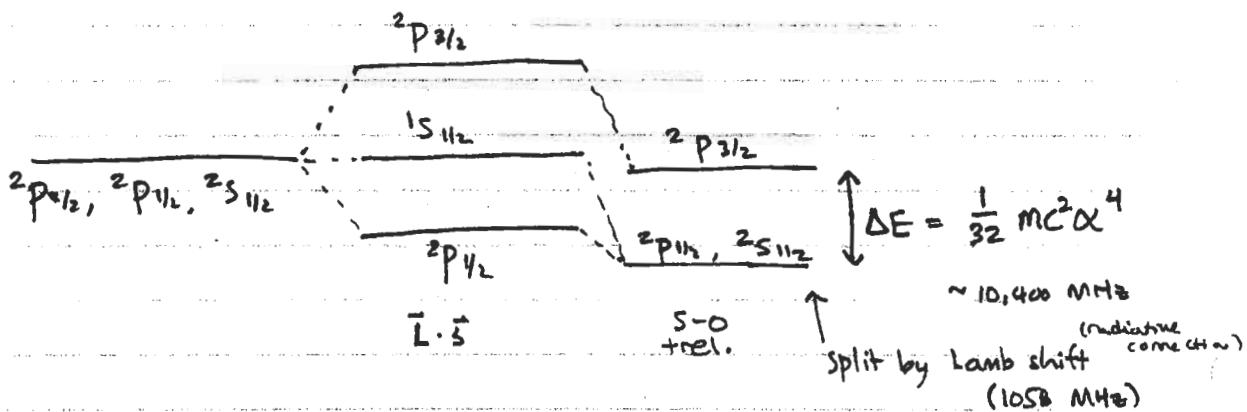
2 states  $|n=2, l=0, m, m_s\rangle \rightarrow |n=2, j=\frac{1}{2}, m\rangle \quad (2^2 S_{1/2})$

Generally,

$$\langle n, j, m | \vec{L} \cdot \vec{s} | n, j, m \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (j(j+1) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4})$$

changes relativistic corrections to

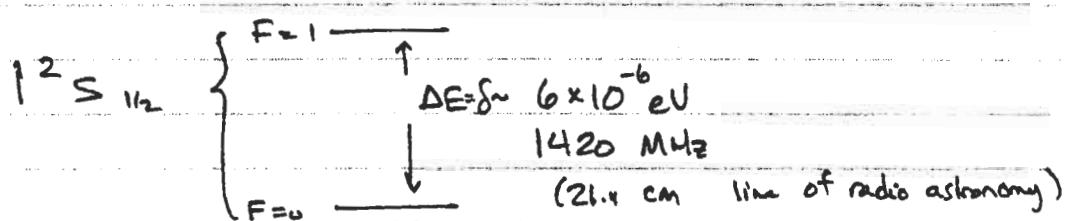
$$\Delta E_{\text{so+rel.}}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} mc^2 \alpha^4 \left[ \frac{1}{n^3(j+1/2)} - \frac{3}{4n^4} \right]$$



5) Hyperfine splitting : include nuclear spin  $I$

$$F = I + S$$

$$H_{HF} \approx S \cdot I \delta^3(r) \text{ for } s \text{ states}$$



$\delta$  very accurately measured experimentally  
better than 1 part in  $10^6$

6) Zeeman (external  $B$  field)

$\vec{B} = B \hat{z}$  couples to  $\vec{S}, \vec{L}$

$$\text{Cov } \mu_L = \frac{IA}{c} = \frac{\left(\frac{eV}{2\pi r}\right)(\pi r^2)}{c} = \frac{eL}{2mc}$$

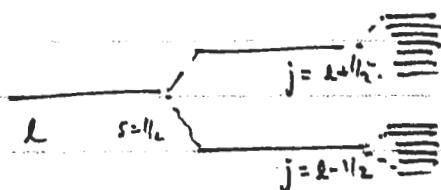
so take

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda V &= -\frac{e\vec{B}}{2mc} \cdot (\vec{L} + 2\vec{S}) \\ &= -\frac{eB}{2mc} (J_z + S_z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta E_B^{(1)} = -\frac{e\hbar B}{2mc} m \left[ 1 \pm \frac{1}{2l+1} \right] \quad (j=l \pm \frac{1}{2})$$

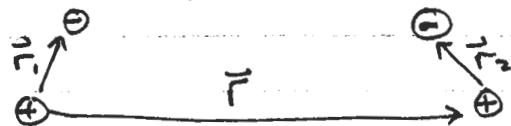
from  $\langle J_z \rangle = mh$   
 $\langle S_z \rangle = \pm \frac{mh}{2l+1}$  (from explicit rep. of  $j=l \pm \frac{1}{2}$  stat  
or proj. theorem)

splits  $j = l \pm \frac{1}{2}$  multiplets, & removes degeneracy.  
combine with fine structure



7) Van der Waals interactions

Consider 2 hydrogen atoms in ground states



$$H_0 = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} - \frac{e^2}{r_1} - \frac{e^2}{r_2}$$

$$V = \frac{e^2}{r} + \frac{e^2}{|F+r_2-r_1|} - \frac{e^2}{|F+r_1|} - \frac{e^2}{|F-r_1|} = \frac{e^2}{r^2} (x_1x_2 + 4y_1y_2 - 2z_1z_2) \quad (\text{dipole})$$

$\Delta E^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  force order  $1/r^6$  - Van der Waals potential.