

6.728 Applied Quantum and Statistical Physics

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PROBLEM SET 7

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Problem 7.1

Do problem 17.2 of Chapter 17 of the 6.728 Class Notes.

Problem 7.2

Consider the construction of a two-level model for an asymmetric potential well

$$\psi(x, t) = c_0(t)\phi_0(x) + c_1(t)\phi_1(x)$$

In this case the expectation value of position for the different eigenfunctions will not be zero. You are given:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{00} &= \langle \phi_0 | x | \phi_0 \rangle \\ X_{01} &= \langle \phi_0 | x | \phi_1 \rangle = \langle \phi_1 | x | \phi_0 \rangle \\ X_{11} &= \langle \phi_1 | x | \phi_1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Define E_+ and E_- in terms of X_{00} , X_{01} , and X_{11}
- (b) Define c_0 and c_1 in terms of X_{00} , X_{01} , and X_{11}
- (c) Do the same for $\langle x \rangle$ and $\frac{d}{dt}\langle x \rangle$