

$$\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle + \langle \psi_{0j} | H_0 | \psi_{1i} \rangle$$

$$= E_{1i} \langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle \left\{ \delta_{ij} \right.$$

$$+ E_{0i} \langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{1i} \rangle$$

Coefficients  
 $c_{1ij}$

Say  $Q$  is an observable  
(thus  $Q = Q^\dagger$ ).

$$Q | \psi \rangle = q | \psi \rangle$$

where  $q$  is an eigenvalue  
of  $Q$

Say  $|\alpha\rangle$  is general

$$\langle \alpha | Q | \psi \rangle = q \langle \alpha | \psi \rangle$$

by definition  
of Hermitian  
conjugate

$$\langle \psi | Q^\dagger | \alpha \rangle^* = q \langle \psi | \alpha \rangle^*$$

Take the complex conjugate

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of both sides

$$\langle q | Q^\dagger | \alpha \rangle = q^* \langle q | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\downarrow = Q \text{ since } Q \text{ is an observable} \quad \downarrow = q \text{ since eigenvalues are pure real.}$$

$$\langle q | Q | \alpha \rangle = q \langle q | \alpha \rangle$$

$\therefore$  since  $|\alpha\rangle$  is general

$$\langle q | Q = q \langle q | = \langle q | q$$

$$\text{So } \langle \chi_{0j} | H_0 = \langle \chi_{0j} | E_{0j}$$

$$\therefore \langle \chi_{0j} | H_1 | \chi_{0i} \rangle + E_{0j} \langle \chi_{0j} | \chi_{1i} \rangle$$

$$= E_{1i} \delta_{ij}$$

$$+ E_{0i} \langle \chi_{0j} | \chi_{1i} \rangle$$

$$\text{If } i=j, \text{ we get } E_{1i} = \langle \chi_{0i} | H_1 | \chi_{0i} \rangle$$

which is a pretty reasonable result.

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The 1<sup>st</sup> order correction to the energy is given by the diagonal matrix element of  $H_1$  with the unperturbed states.

You might even have guessed this.

if  $\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$   
and  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} \neq 0$   
then  $\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$   
of course.  
No trouble

If  $i \neq j$ ,  $\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle = (E_{0i} - E_{0j}) \langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle$

If LHS  $\neq 0$   
and  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} = 0$ ,  
then  $\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle$   
diverges and  
perturbation  
theory  
fails.



Especially if there are no other states to consider in perturbation. If there is an ~~split~~ as ~~in~~ a two-way house

$$\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle = \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$$

If  $\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$   
and  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} = 0$ ,  
then  $\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle$  (see p. 6-34b)  
"good" linear combinations  
(see 6v-258, 259).

But how do we find  $\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle$  in this case?  
For degenerate states, matrix  $H$  is already diagonal, and so  $|\psi_{0i}\rangle$  for degenerate states are the perturbed states.

already, so the  $\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$  works. It splits into significant components.

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But since  $\sum |\psi_i\rangle > \mathbb{Z}$  is  
a complete set, we can expand

$$|\psi_i\rangle = \sum_m c_{1im} |\psi_{0m}\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{1i} \rangle &= \sum_m c_{1im} \underbrace{\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0m} \rangle}_{\delta_{jm}} \\ &= c_{1ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$c_{1ij} = \langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{1i} \rangle = \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_i | \psi_{0i} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$$

but we have this catastrophe,

$$c_{1ii} = \text{undefined} = \frac{\langle \psi_{0i} | H_i | \psi_{0i} \rangle}{0}$$

but  $i \neq j$  by our assumption  
on p. 6-33

We assumed  
non-degeneracy  
and so  
 $E_{0i} \neq E_{0j}$   
for  
 $i \neq j$   
so  
no  
catastrophe

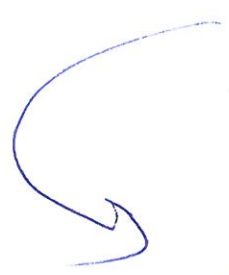
$$i \neq j \quad \langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle = (E_{0i} - E_{0j}) \langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle$$

If  $\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$  and  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} \neq 0$ ,  
 then  $\langle \psi_{0j} | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$   
 and no immediate problem.

$$\text{If } \langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle \neq 0$$

and  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} = 0$  degenerate

or  $|E_{0i} - E_{0j}|$  small near degenerate



non-degenerate perturbation theory fails  
 for resonance



as  $|E_{0i} - E_{0j}| \rightarrow 0$  at some point the perturbation will not converge and so failure or very slow convergence is must happen.

$$\text{If } \langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle = 0$$

and  $|E_{0i} - E_{0j}| = 0$

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or is very small.

Well if  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} = 0$

exactly

$\langle \chi_{0j} | \chi_{1i} \rangle$  is

in determinate.

Any value satisfies the 1<sup>st</sup> order equation.

I think we are free to choose  
(as Milton Friedmann used to say)  
the ~~there~~ value.

$\langle \chi_{0j} | \chi_{1i} \rangle = 0$  is the good choice.

Since higher order perturbation ~~at~~ is affected by lower orders, this choice will affect higher order terms.

Can we arrange  $\langle \chi_{0j} | H_1 | \chi_{0i} \rangle = 0$

and should we in case of degeneracy, ~~and near-degeneracy~~.

Yes & Yes.

We can diagonalize (to anticipate)

the degenerate or ~~near degenerate~~ sub set  
to get new states

which are still eigenstates  
of  $H_0$  and still orthogonal,  
with  $\{ | \psi_i \rangle \}$  and as eigenstates  
of  $H_0$  are still degenerate,

but not degenerate as  
approximate eigenstates  $H$ .

Presumably the energies in  
the perturbation series give  
the right corrections. ~~to~~ Right  
I think.

Near-degeneracy?

Formally trickier I think.

Diagonalization gives new  
states that are mixtures relative  
to  $H_0$  and ~~NOT orthogonal~~  
to still orthogonal to all  
other  $\{ | \psi_i \rangle \}$  states

Not  
eigenstates  
of  $H_0$   
anymore.  
but closer  
to eigenstates  
of  $H_0$



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So  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{\text{non-subset}}$

and  $\{|\psi_i'\rangle\}_{\text{subset}}$  } mixtures of  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{\text{subset}}$

the diagonalized near degenerate states.

Do they constitute a complete set?

Yes. ~~But not~~

Orthogonal? Yes since all  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{\text{subset}}$  are orthogonal.

$\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{\text{subset}}$  Not eigenstates of  $H_0$ .

~~Can they be used for the perturbation expansion?~~

Can  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{\text{non}}$  and  $\{|\psi_i'\rangle\}_{\text{subset}}$  be used for the expansion series?  
Looks tricky. But maybe it could be done.



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the degenerate subset  $\sum |\psi_{0i}\rangle$   
 to get new states  
 that are still  
 eigenstates of  $H_0$  and still  
 orthonormal,

$\sum |\psi_{0i}\rangle$  are still degenerate  
 as ~~app~~ eigenstates of  $H_0$

One can proceed with ordinary  
 perturbation theory

and I'd guess that the  
 perturbation corrections

to energy would lead to

the same energies for the  
 $\sum |\psi_{0i}\rangle$  that the diagonalization  
 gives.

$\langle \psi_{0i} | H | \psi_{0j} \rangle$  for states from  
 the subset

$= \langle \psi_{0i} | (H_0 + \lambda H_1) | \psi_{0j} \rangle$

$= E_{0i} \delta_{ij} + \lambda E_{0i} \delta_{ij}$

They do.

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But what of the near degenerate case?

Here  $\sum |X_{oi}\rangle$   $\sum_{\text{subset}}$  after diagonalization are such that

$$\langle X_{oi} | H_1 | X_{oj} \rangle = E_{1i} \delta_{ij}$$

but  $\sum |X_{oi}\rangle$   $\sum_{\text{subset}}$  are NOT exact eigenstates of  $H_0$  since there are mixtures of non-degenerate states.

$\sum |X_{oi}\rangle$   $\sum_{\text{subset}}$  +  $\sum |X_{oi}\rangle$   $\sum_{\text{non-subset}}$  are still a complete orthonormal set.

From p. 6-31, one could still write

~~$$\langle X_{oi} | H_1 | X_{oj} \rangle + \langle X_{oj} | H_0 | X_{1i} \rangle = E_{1i} \langle X_{oj} | X_{oi} \rangle + E_{0i} \langle X_{oi} | X_{1i} \rangle$$~~

There must be a formally correct way to treat this case, but darned if I can see it. Maybe it's very finicky.

$$\text{So } c_{1ij} = \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$$

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is only for  $i \neq j$

But what is  $c_{1ii}$  then?

All the labor on p. 6-17-6-25

was to show that  
normalization of the  
first perturbed solution  
requires  $c_{1ii} = 0$ .

So Now we have the complete  
1st order perturbation  
correction and 1st  
order corrected  
quantities

In my view  
Gr-253  
wuffs  
this.  
He shows  
that you  
can choose

$c_{1ii} = 0$ ,

but

NOT

that

it

must be

to preserve  
normalization

— Not obviously  
anyway.

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$$E_{1i} = \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle$$

$$E_i^{1st} = E_0 + \lambda \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle$$

We note the closer in energy  $|\psi_{0j}\rangle$  to  $|\psi_{0i}\rangle$  the bigger the ~~the~~ mixing in general

Mixtures of unperturbed states.

$$|\psi_{1i}\rangle = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}} |\psi_{0j}\rangle$$

due to the denominator

$$|\psi_i^{1st}\rangle = |\psi_{0i}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}} |\psi_{0j}\rangle$$

Note  $|\psi_i^{1st}\rangle$  is NOT exactly normalized.

It's only normalized to 1<sup>st</sup> order.

The imposed normalization constraint in how  $|\psi_i\rangle$  normalized

The exact perturbed state!

Note i comes first in denominator and second in numerator.

There must be some profound reason why mixing of states decreases with <sup>increases in</sup> energy separation.

We should reflect on it.

We reflect, Maybe Two things at work

a) Recall  $\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 \Psi$  expressed by denominator & numerator

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V)}$$

$k = ik \text{ if } E < V$

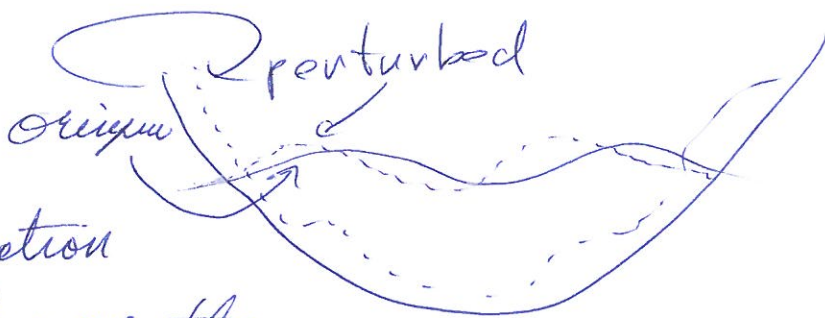
$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V)}$$

So  $E$  controls local curvature/oscillation.

$\Psi$  seems

clear that a small perturbation

can only change the shape of the wave function a little.



— So one only needs a bit more or less curvature everywhere and states local in energy space

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give that.

— remote states in energy  
give ~~too~~ <sup>lots of</sup> many wiggles (higher  $E$ )  
or ~~too~~ <sup>lots of</sup> much smoothing (lower  $E$ )

So ultimately it seems like the  
wave nature dictates the  
fall off of ~~the~~ mixing with  
increasing  $|\epsilon_{oi} - \epsilon_{oj}|$ .

But what of non-wave function perturbation?

Spin ~~perturba~~ state perturbation?

The same perturbation theory formalism  
applies.

Well energy still dictates state  
structure somehow

— more reflection needed.

b) But there is another point.

[6-36d]

I think  $\langle \psi_j | H | \psi_i \rangle$

for  $j \neq i$  which are the off-diagonal matrix elements or state couplings in the diagonalization approach

have a tendency to grow small as  $|\epsilon_{0i} - \epsilon_{0j}|$  increases

For all  $|\epsilon_{0i} - \epsilon_{0j}|$  ~~small or even zero~~

$|\psi_i\rangle$  and  $|\psi_j\rangle$

for are orthogonal.

But if  $|\epsilon_{0i} - \epsilon_{0j}|$  is small or even zero, that orthogonality is {fine-tuned, }  
{global}

But if  $|\epsilon_{0i} - \epsilon_{0j}|$  is large, then  $|\psi_i\rangle$  &  $|\psi_j\rangle$

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have a very different set of oscillatory wiggles and will tend to be incoherent,  $\rightarrow$  even locally

$$\text{So } H_1 | \chi_{0i} \rangle$$

distorts  $| \chi_{0i} \rangle$ , but tends in some <sup>often</sup> cases to leave as wiggly as before

$\therefore \langle \chi_{0j} | H_1 | \chi_{0i} \rangle$  will

tend to be ~~rather~~

toward zero as  $| E_{0i} - E_{0j} |$  grows.

It's just a tendency that can be overruled by the peculiarities of  $| \chi_{0i} \rangle$ ,  $| \chi_{0j} \rangle$ , and  $H_1$ .

- Experience though suggests it's a often/usually the case I think/guess.

~~so~~  
so even <sup>particular</sup> still tends to be incoherent and near zero. I think.



We assumed non-degeneracy, 6-37  
and so our corrections  
are NOT undefined.

But what if  $E_{0i}$  and  $E_{0j}$   
get very close?

Then the corrections get  
very big

and  
that hints ~~out~~ that ~~other~~ high  
orders are needed for  
accuracy

OR

the series may not converge  
(in which case perturbation  
theory is not adequate).

One could say that as

$E_{0j} \rightarrow E_{0i}$  mixing of  
the unperturbed states becomes

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strong and eventually  
too strong.

That's when the diagonalization  
approach is needed  
(see below)

## 6) 2nd Order Perturbation

— We only do the  
2nd order energy.

— the 2nd order state correction  
is beyond us. (We could do it. Maybe a  
good problem.)

From p. 6-29 with  $n=2$

$$\sum_{k=1}^2 H_{2-k} |\psi_{ki}\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^2 E_{2-ki} |\psi_{ki}\rangle$$

$$H_1 |\psi_{1i}\rangle + H_0 |\psi_{2i}\rangle = E_{2i} |\psi_{0i}\rangle + E_{1i} |\psi_{1i}\rangle + E_{0i} |\psi_{2i}\rangle$$

We we don't know  $|\psi_{2i}\rangle$ ,

but we can eliminate it by inner product with  $|\psi_{0i}\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{1i} \rangle + E_{0i} \langle \psi_{0i} | \psi_{2i} \rangle \\ = E_{2i} + E_{1i} \langle \psi_{0i} | \psi_{1i} \rangle \\ + E_{0i} \langle \psi_{0i} | \psi_{2i} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

These two cancel

~~$E_{2i}$~~  and  $\langle \psi_{0i} | \psi_{1i} \rangle = 0$   
by p. 6-25

$$E_{2i} = \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{1i} \rangle$$

But we know this from p. 6-36

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So

$$E_{2i} = \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle + \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0j} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$$

Note  $\langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0j} \rangle = \langle \psi_{0j} | H_1^\dagger | \psi_{0i} \rangle^*$   
 $= \langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle^*$  since  $H_1 = H_1^\dagger$   
 defn. of Hermitian conjugate

$$E_{2i} = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \frac{|\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle|^2}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$$

$$E_i^{2nd} = E_{0i} + \lambda \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle + \lambda^2 \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle \langle \psi_{0i} | H_1 | \psi_{0j} \rangle}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$$

Note as  $E_{0j} \rightarrow E_{0i}$  we again have an explosion. This suggests that approaching degeneracy causes ~~averages~~ infinities in all order corrections

But I don't know if this is true or not

Note  $E_{2i} = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \frac{|\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0i} \rangle|^2}{E_{0i} - E_{0j}}$  6-91

The numerator is always positive.

∴ If  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} > 0$ ,

there is a positive contribution  
to  $E_{2i}$

If  $E_{0i} - E_{0j} < 0$ , there is  
a negative contribution.

So  ~~$E_i$~~   $E_i^{2nd}$  is pushed  
up by states with  $E_{0j} \ll E_{0i}$   
and down by states  ~~$E_{0j}$~~   
with  $E_{0j} > E_{0i}$

~~I think~~ Is this may be related  
phenomenon to the ~~aspect~~ of the "repulsion of  
the energy levels" that  
turns up with the diagonalization  
of the Hamiltonian ~~with~~ degenerate energy levels.  
Probably not — any perturbation would lead to split degeneracy.

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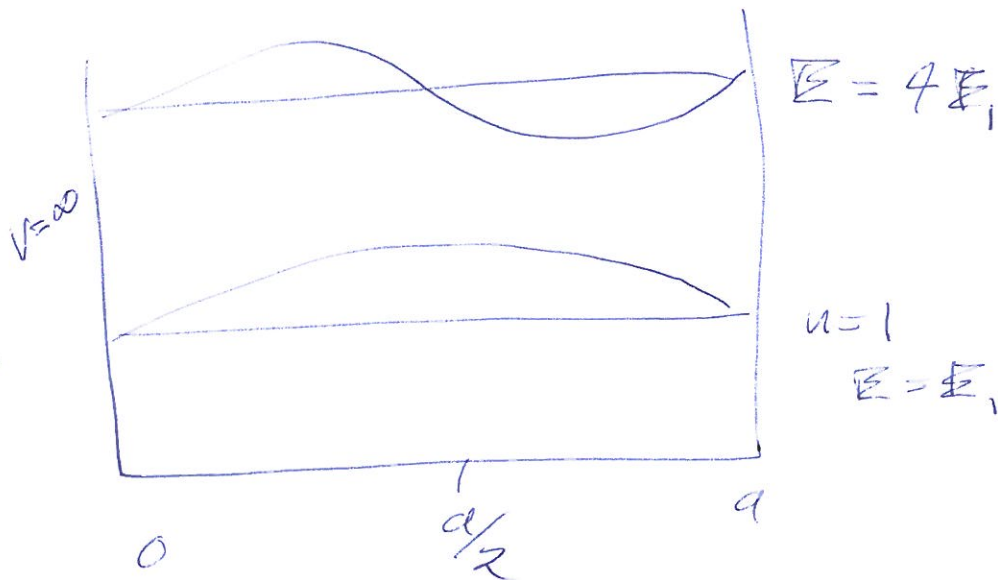
# 7) Infinite Square Well with a Perturbation (Gr - p. 254)

$$\psi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin kx$$

$$ka = n\pi$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

quantum numbers



$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 n^2 = E_1 n^2$$

The spatial states are non-degenerate, provided we don't add any internal degeneracy like spin

$$H_0 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V = 0, x \in [0, a] \\ V = \infty, \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

Now we add perturbation

$$H_1 = \alpha \delta(x - a/2)$$

a Dirac delta function potential  
with  $\alpha$  as the potential strength

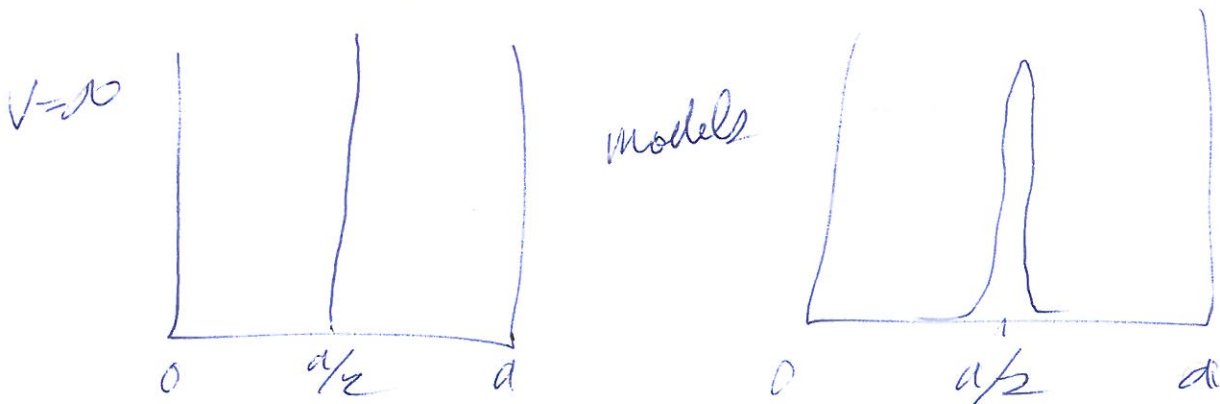
$$[\alpha] = \frac{E L}{L} \quad \left[ \delta\left(x - \frac{a}{2}\right) \right] = \frac{1}{L}$$

dimension

A Dirac Delta function

is the limiting form of a sharply peaked function.

One could also think of it as the ~~model~~ ideal model of a sharply peaked function.



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- a function that varies ~~so~~ rapidly over some distance interval ~~scale~~ <sup>over which</sup> ~~that~~ all other behaviors of the system are effectively constant, ~~over that interval.~~

$$\int_a^b f(x) \delta(x-x_0) dx = \begin{cases} f(x_0), & x_0 \in [a, b] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

~~Are there any real~~

$$\int_a^b \delta(x-x_0) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) \delta_m(x-x_0) dx$$

Mathematically a Dirac delta function is a

limiting process for an integral

a sharply peaked function that grows more sharply peaked as parameter  $m$  increases



with a sharply peaked

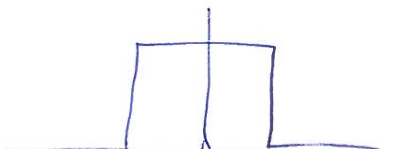
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function, A normalized function

There are several common sharply peaked functions that yield Dirac Delta functions as a limit

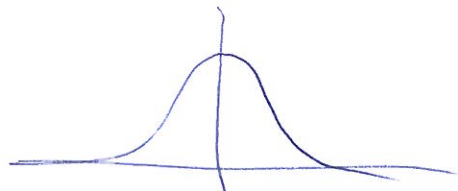
Examples (Art - 413-417)

a)  $S_m = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -\frac{1}{2m} \\ m & -\frac{1}{2m} < x < \frac{1}{2m} \\ 0 & x > \frac{1}{2m} \end{cases}$



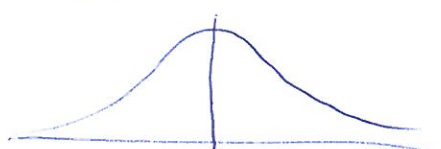
hat function

b)  $S_m = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-m^2 x^2}$



Gaussian

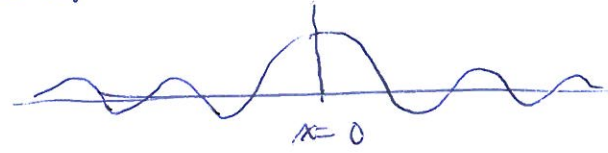
c)  $S_m = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+m^2 x^2}$  Lorentzian



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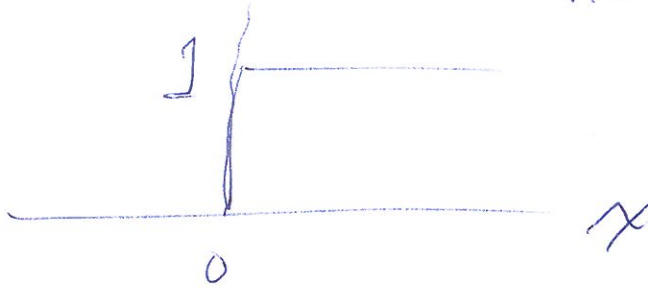
$$d) S_m = \frac{\sin mx}{\pi x} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-m}^m e^{ixt} dt$$

Integral of Dirac Delta function



$$\int_{-\infty}^x \delta(x') dx' = H(x)$$

Heaviside step function



$$\int_{-\infty}^x f(x) H(x) dx = \int_0^x f(x) dx$$

Derivative of Dirac delta function

$$\int_a^b f(x) \frac{d\delta(x)}{dx} dx$$

$$= \underbrace{f(x) \delta(x)} \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} \delta(x) dx$$

= 0 as long

as  $b \neq 0, a \neq 0$  which are ~~not~~ undefined cases in general.

$$= \begin{cases} -\frac{df}{dx}(0) & \text{zero in interval } [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{out of interval} \end{cases}$$

This can be generalized

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to

$$\int_a^b f(x) \frac{d^n \delta(x)}{dx^n} dx$$
$$= (-1)^n \int_a^b \frac{d^n f}{dx^n} \delta(x) dx$$
$$= \begin{cases} (-1)^n \frac{d^n f}{dx^n} (0) & \text{if zero in interval } [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{zero out of interval } [a, b] \end{cases}$$

Dirac Delta function  
of a function

$$\int_a^b f(x) \delta(g(x)) dx$$

Let  $y = g(x)$

$$dy = g'(x) dx$$

$$\int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{\delta(y) dy}{g'(g^{-1}(y))}$$

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$$= \begin{cases} \frac{f(g^{-1}(0))}{g'(g^{-1}(0))} & \text{if } 0 \in [g(a), g(b)] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $g(x) = ax + b$  (a common case)

the  $\int_a^b f(x) g(ax+b) dx$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{f(-b/a)}{(-b/a)} & \text{if } 0 \in [a+b, ad+b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$y = ax + b$   
 $x = \frac{y-b}{a}$

Real Dirac Delta functions  
in Nature in some sense?

I don't know.

For many fast varying functions

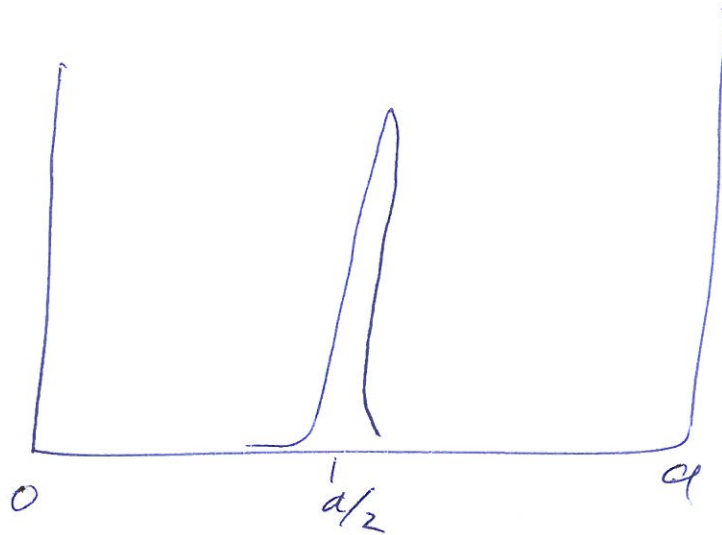
relative to context, 16-49

a Dirac Delta function is  
a good model.

But a real one?  
What would it mean?

For the infinite square well,

the  
Dirac  
Delta  
function  
can  
be



thought of  
as a model for a sharply  
peaked function.

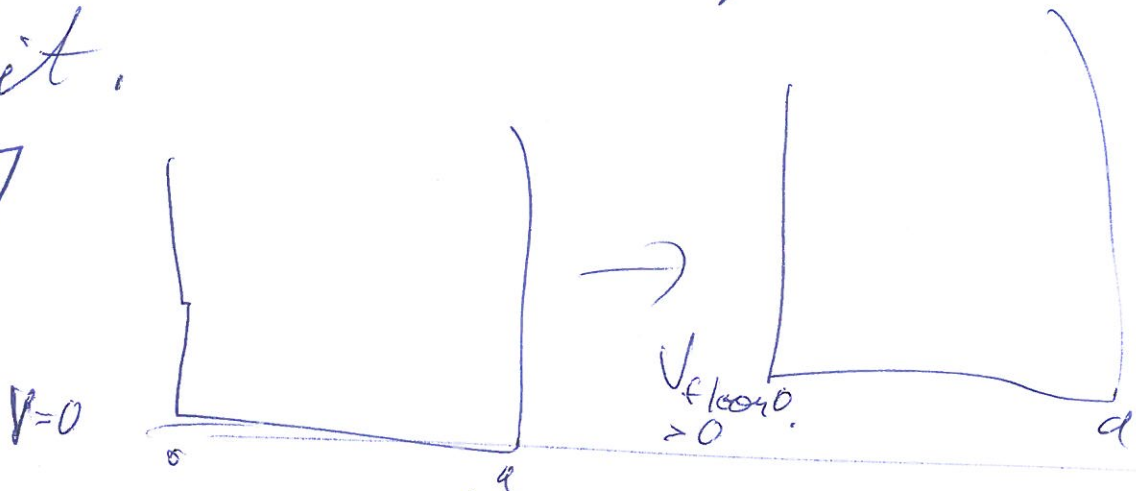
Can we guess what such  
~~peaks~~

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perturbation ~~would do~~ to the solutions?

Well raise the energies a bit.

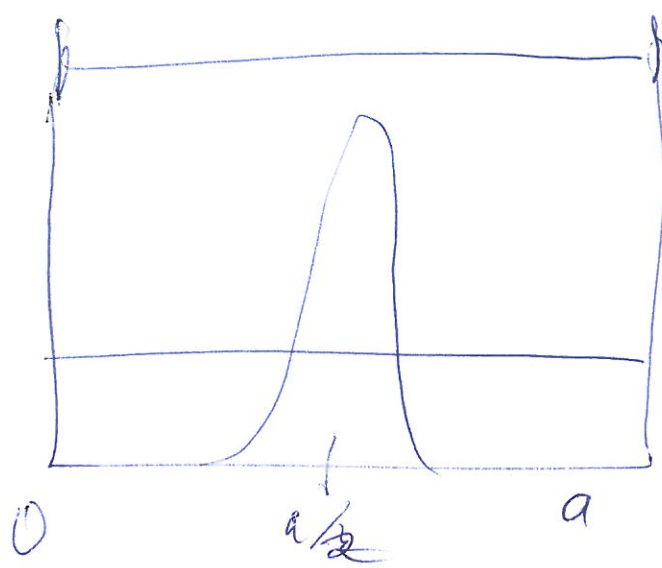
if  $\alpha > 0$



If one raised floor potential of the infinite square well, energy would rise all energies would rise.

So raising a bit of the floor should raise energies one might guess.

What of the stationary ~~and~~ states?



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assuming  
 $x > 0$

Recall  $\left( \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V \right) \psi = E \psi$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V - E) \psi$$

$$= k^2 \psi$$

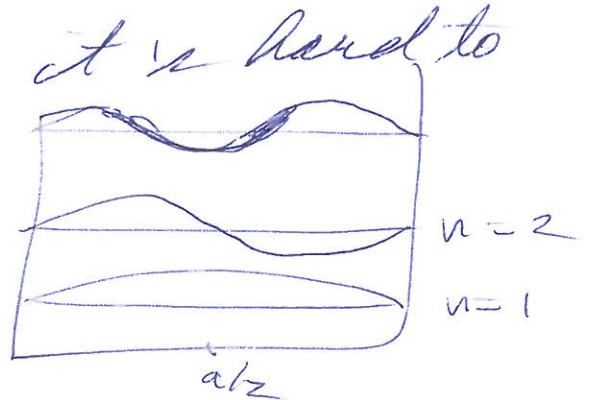
$$k = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V - E)} & \text{exponential like if } V > E \\ i \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V)} & \text{oscillatory if } V < E \\ 0 & \text{if } E = V \end{cases}$$

Well going across the center  $x = a/2$  will be less oscillatory.

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This should be true in the limit  
of the Dirac Delta function.

But more than that, it is hard to  
say.



1st Order

$$E_{1n} = \langle \psi_{0n} | H_1 | \psi_{0n} \rangle$$

$$= \int_0^a \left(\frac{2}{a}\right) \alpha \sin^2 kx \delta(x - a/2) dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{a}\right) \alpha \sin^2(ka/2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{a}\right) \alpha \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \quad \text{(see p. 6-42)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{a}\right) \alpha \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}\right) \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Note  $\psi_{0n} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin k_n x$

has a node at  $x = a/2$  for all cases on  $n$  even and an antinode for  $n$  odd, so No 1st order correction to energy



$$|\psi_{1n}\rangle = \sum_{j \neq n} \frac{\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0n} \rangle}{E_{0n} - E_{0j}} |\psi_{0j}\rangle$$

(see p. 6-76)

$$= \left(\frac{2}{a}\right) \frac{\kappa}{E_{01}} \sum_{j \neq n} \frac{\int_0^a \sin k_j x \sin k_n x dx}{n^2 - j^2}$$

Zeroth order  
perturbation  
ground  
state.

\*  $|\psi_{0j}\rangle$

$$\sin k_j a/2 \sin k_n a/2$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{j\pi}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= (-1)^{\frac{j-1}{2}} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^j}{2}\right) (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}\right)$$

$$l = \frac{j-1}{2}$$

$$= (-1)^{\frac{n+j-1}{2}} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^j}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore j = 2l + 1$  and as  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 $j$  goes thru all odd numbers

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while  $l$  alternates  
between even and odd.

$$|x_{\Phi n}\rangle = \left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{E_{0n}}\right) \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq n}} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n+j-1}{2}} (1 - (-1)^n) (1 - (-1)^j)}{n^2 - j^2} |x_{0j}\rangle$$

The series is infinite.

Does it converge?

Well in the ~~large~~

large  $j$  limit  $j \gg n$

we have

~~$$\sum_{l=L}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - (2l+1)^2}$$~~

$$\sum_{j \gg n} |c_j| \leq \sum_{l=L}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n^2 - (2l+1)^2} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{l=L}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2l+1)^2 - n^2}$$

where  
 $L \gg 2n+1$

The integral test for convergence should work.

(Art-242)

$$\int_{2L+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2x+1)^2 - n^2} dx$$

let  $y = 2x + 1$   
 $dy = 2 dx$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{2L+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^2 - n^2} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} \ln \left( \frac{y - n}{y + n} \right) \Bigg|_{2L+1}^{\infty}$$

(Hudson-5)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{2L+1+n}{2L+1-n} \right)$$

The integral does converge,  
and so the series converges  
(and absolutely converges)

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But the convergence is not real fast it seems.

Example case  $n=1$

So we'll see ~~see~~ how the ~~ground state~~ ground state is perturbed

1st order correction

$$\psi_1 = \left( \frac{2\alpha}{a} \right) \frac{1}{E_{01}} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{1+j}{2}} (1 - (-1)^j)}{1 - j^2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin k_j x \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{2\alpha}{a} \right) \frac{1}{E_{01}} \left[ \frac{(-1)}{1-9} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin k_3 x \right.$$

$$- \frac{1}{1-25} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin k_5 x$$

$$+ \frac{(-1)}{1-49} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin k_7 x$$

$$- \dots \left. \right]$$

GV solution is  
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agrees.

The 1<sup>st</sup> order state  
is

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$$|\psi_1^{1st}\rangle = |\psi_{01}\rangle + \lambda |\psi_{11}\rangle$$

recall.

2<sup>nd</sup> Order — just the energy

$$E_{2n} = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq n}} \frac{|\langle \psi_{0j} | H_1 | \psi_{0n} \rangle|^2}{E_{0n} - E_{0j}} \quad \text{(see p. 6-40)}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{2\alpha}{a}\right)^2}{E_{01}} \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq n}} \frac{\left(\frac{1-(-1)^n}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1-(-1)^j}{2}\right)^2}{n^2 - j^2}$$

Now  $\left(\frac{1-(-1)^n}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1-2(-1)^n+1}{4}$   
 which we should have intuited.  
 $= \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2}$

$$E_{2n} = \frac{\left(\frac{2\alpha}{a}\right)^2}{E_{01}} \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq n}} \frac{\left(\frac{1-(-1)^n}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1-(-1)^j}{2}\right)}{n^2 - j^2}$$

(Converge just as the 1<sup>st</sup> order state does. See p. 6-59.)

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So we had to work reasonably hard even in the simple case of an infinite square well with a central Dirac Delta function potential perturbation.

But it should be ~~known~~ no surprise that QM is tricky.

## 8) Diagonalization

or Diagonalizing the matrix

or Diagonalizing the Hamiltonian

→ synonyms for solving the Sch. eq. by the matrix method.

— perhaps diagonalization 6-59  
is not a good name,  
but that's what it is called.

[ People say let's diagonalize  
the Hamiltonian  
not (it seems) ~~let's~~  
solve the Sch. eqn. in ~~the~~  
it's matrix form ]

It is actually an exact  
method for finite Hilbert  
space of  $N$  dimensions.

→ One solves an  $N \times N$   
matrix.

For infinite dimensions,  
diagonalization can only  
be approximate — but

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there is no in principle  
limit on how accurate  
you can make it.

You truncate  $\infty \times \infty$   
to  $N \times N$

and if that is not accurate  
enough increase  $N$  until  
you reach the accuracy  
you want.

Of course, there are practical  
limitations, e.g., finite computing  
time, machine accuracy.

Special cases of diagonalization  
are called degenerate  
or nearly degenerate perturbation  
theory.