

1. A two-dimensional isotropic oscillator has the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2(1 + bxy)(x^2 + y^2) \quad (1)$$

The anharmonic term of strength b represents the deviation of the potential from harmonic form.

- If $b = 0$, determine the wavefunctions and energies of the three lowest energy states. [Hint: the wavefunctions separate in the form $\Psi(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$.]
- Now the anharmonic perturbation $b \ll 1$ is turned on. Determine the first order perturbation corrections to the energies of the three lowest states.
- Evaluate the energy corrections in units of $\hbar\omega$ when $b = 0.1 \left(\frac{\hbar}{m\omega} \right)$.

2. Consider a hydrogen atom where the potential is of the Yukawa form,

$$V(r) = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \quad (2)$$

where $\mu = m_\gamma c/\hbar$ is produced by a nonzero photon mass m_γ .

Use the Bohr 1s wavefunction as a trial variational wavefunction,

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\frac{Z^3}{\pi}} e^{-Zr} \quad (3)$$

where Z is the variational parameter, and determine

- Expression for $\langle T \rangle$
- Expression for $\langle V \rangle$
- Expression for $\langle H \rangle$, with approximation $\mu/Z \ll 1$, to order $(\mu/Z)^2$.
- Estimate the approximate value of Z that minimizes $\langle H \rangle$ [Hint: It is a *small* correction to the value Z would have when $\mu = 0$.]

3. Consider an ultrarelativistic degenerate gas of N electrons, such that the kinetic energy $\hbar^2 k^2/2m$ is replaced by $\hbar ck$. A k-space volume of π^3/V still has one orbital which can hold two electrons, where V is the system volume.

- Write a formula for the energy dE from the states within a k-space shell of thickness dk at radius k .
- By integrating over the shells in k-space, determine the total electronic energy for N electrons in a volume V .