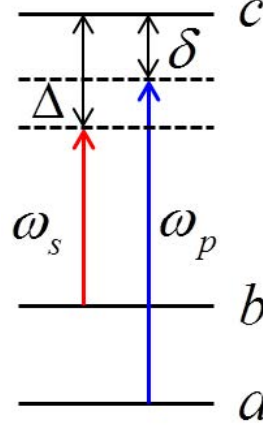


Problem 1 ((25 points) Electromagnetic induced transparency) Score: _____. Consider the three-level system represented by the energy diagram below. The excited state, b is much higher in energy relative to the ground state than the thermal energy ($\hbar\omega_{ba} \gg k_B T$) so that we can assume that at equilibrium $\hat{\rho}^{(0)} = |a\rangle\langle a|$. The system is characterized by homogeneous damping rates Γ_{ba} , Γ_{ca} , and Γ_{cb} . Suppose that we use a weak probe pulse at frequency $\omega_p = \omega_{ca} - \delta$ and a strong saturating pump pulse at frequency $\omega_s = \omega_{cb} - \Delta$. (In other words, the probe and pump beams are detuned from resonance by δ and Δ respectively.) Suppose, too, that the detunings are small compared to ω_{ba} : $\delta, \Delta \ll \omega_{ba}$.



- (a) Using the density-matrix formalism, find the susceptibility associated with the first order *in the probe response*. This requires that we consider the response to infinite order in the pump intensity!
Hint: although we are discussing the frequency domain and so cannot say that one field is present before another, we are interested in the maximally resonant response. If using a diagrammatic approach, think about what that must mean for the ordering of the actual interactions (not simply when the field are present but in what order they must interact). If using a non-diagrammatic approach, pay attention to which terms are fully resonant and which are not.
- (b) Assume that $\Gamma_{ba} = 0.01\Gamma_{ca} = 0.01\Gamma_{cb}$. Plot the linear absorption coefficient as a function of probe frequency, ω_s for $\Delta = 0$ in the cases
- $\Omega_s = 0$ (this is just the normal linear absorption coefficient)
 - $\Omega_s \equiv \left| \frac{\vec{\mu}_{cb} \cdot \vec{E}_s}{\hbar} \right| = 0.5\Gamma_{ca}$
 - $\Omega_s \equiv \left| \frac{\vec{\mu}_{cb} \cdot \vec{E}_s}{\hbar} \right| = 5\Gamma_{ca}$

Solution: (a) The first order probe response is given by

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}}(\omega_p) \rangle = \text{Tr} (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\rho}(\omega_p)). \quad (1)$$

In the dipole approximation, $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ has no diagonal elements, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\mathbf{p}}(\omega_p) \rangle &= \text{Tr} (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\rho}(\omega_p)) = \sum_{n=a,b,c} \langle n | \hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\rho}(\omega_p) | n \rangle = \sum_{n=a,b,c} \langle n | \hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{1} \hat{\rho}(\omega_p) | n \rangle = \sum_{n,m=a,b,c} \langle n | \hat{\mathbf{p}} | m \rangle \langle m | \hat{\rho}(\omega_p) | n \rangle \\ &= \underline{\mathbf{p}_{ab} \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p)} + \underline{\mathbf{p}_{ac} \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p)} + \underline{\mathbf{p}_{ba} \tilde{\rho}_{ab}(\omega_p)} + \underline{\mathbf{p}_{bc} \tilde{\rho}_{cb}(\omega_p)} + \underline{\mathbf{p}_{ca} \tilde{\rho}_{ac}(\omega_p)} + \underline{\mathbf{p}_{cb} \tilde{\rho}_{bc}(\omega_p)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The five underlined terms above are actually non-resonant. For example, ρ_{ba} should evolve like $\sim e^{-i(\omega_{ba} + i\Gamma_{ba})t}$, so its component at frequency ω_p , $\tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p)$ is non-resonant. Neglecting the non-resonant terms, we are left with only one term

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}}(\omega_p) \rangle = \mathbf{p}_{ac} \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p). \quad (3)$$

The Liouville equation for ρ_{ca} is

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{ca}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ca} - \Gamma_{ca} \rho_{ca}. \quad (4)$$

The density matrix $\hat{\rho}$ in the time-domain can be expressed as a sum of the Fourier components in the frequency-domain:

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = \sum_j \left[\hat{\rho}(\omega_j) e^{-i\omega_j t} + \text{c.c.} \right], \quad (5)$$

so

$$\rho_{ca}(t) = \sum_j \left[\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_j) e^{-i\omega_j t} + \text{c.c.} \right]. \quad (6)$$

Plugging equation (6) into equation (4) and extracting the terms involving ω_p , we get

$$-i\omega_p \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_0, \hat{\rho}]_{ca}(\omega_p) - \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ca}(\omega_p) - \Gamma_{ca} \rho_{ca}(\omega_p), \quad +2 \quad (7)$$

where (ω_p) means the component concerning frequency ω_p .

The first term at the right side of equation (7) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_0, \hat{\rho}]_{ca}(\omega_p) &= (\hat{H}_0 \hat{\rho})_{ca}(\omega_p) - (\hat{\rho} \hat{H}_0)_{ca}(\omega_p) = (\hat{H}_0 \hat{1} \hat{\rho})_{ca}(\omega_p) - (\hat{\rho} \hat{1} \hat{H}_0)_{ca}(\omega_p) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_0 |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} \right)_{ca}(\omega_p) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{H}_0 \right)_{ca}(\omega_p) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} E_m |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} \right)_{ca}(\omega_p) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| E_m \right)_{ca}(\omega_p) \\ &= \left(\langle c| \sum_{m=a,b,c} E_m |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} |a\rangle \right) (\omega_p) - \left(\langle c| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| E_m |a\rangle \right) (\omega_p) \\ &= E_c \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p) - \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p) E_a = \hbar \omega_{ca} \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The second term at the right side of equation (7) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ca}(\omega_p) &= (\hat{H}_I \hat{\rho})_{ca}(\omega_p) - (\hat{\rho} \hat{H}_I)_{ca}(\omega_p) = (\hat{H}_I \hat{1} \hat{\rho})_{ca}(\omega_p) - (\hat{\rho} \hat{1} \hat{H}_I)_{ca}(\omega_p) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_I |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} \right)_{ca}(\omega_p) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{H}_I \right)_{ca}(\omega_p) \\ &= \left(\langle c| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_I |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} |a\rangle \right) (\omega_p) - \left(\langle c| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{H}_I |a\rangle \right) (\omega_p) \\ &= (H_{I_{ca}} \rho_{aa} + H_{I_{cb}} \rho_{ba})(\omega_p) - (\rho_{cb} H_{I_{ba}} + \rho_{cc} H_{I_{ca}})(\omega_p). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The input pulses are at frequencies ω_p and ω_s , and the complex conjugates are at frequencies $-\omega_p$ and $-\omega_s$, so the Fourier components of the interaction Hamiltonian can only be taken as $\hat{H}_I(\omega_p)$, $\hat{H}_I(\omega_s)$, $\hat{H}_I(-\omega_p)$ and $\hat{H}_I(-\omega_s)$. In this way, the equation above can be factored as

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ca}(\omega_p) &= (H_{I_{ca}} \rho_{aa} + H_{I_{cb}} \rho_{ba})(\omega_p) - (\rho_{cb} H_{I_{ba}} + \rho_{cc} H_{I_{ca}})(\omega_p) \\ &= \underline{H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0)} + \underline{H_{I_{cb}}(\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(0)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cb}(0) H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cc}(0) H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p)} \\ &\quad + \underline{H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(\omega_p - \omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{cb}}(\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cb}(\omega_p - \omega_s) H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cc}(\omega_p - \omega_s) H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_s)} \\ &\quad + \underline{H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(2\omega_p)} + \underline{H_{I_{cb}}(-\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(2\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cb}(2\omega_p) H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cc}(2\omega_p) H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_p)} \\ &\quad + \underline{H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(\omega_p + \omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{cb}}(-\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p + \omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cb}(\omega_p + \omega_s) H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{cc}(\omega_p + \omega_s) H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_s)}. \end{aligned} \quad +2 \quad (10)$$

The thirteen underlined terms above are non-resonant. For example, ρ_{ab} should evolve like $\sim e^{-i(\omega_{ab} + i\Gamma_{ba})t}$, so among the four terms involving $\tilde{\rho}_{ba}$, only the component at frequency $\omega_p - \omega_s$, $\tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s)$ is resonant.

Besides, term $\tilde{\rho}_{cc} H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p)$ on wavy line is also negligible. Here is the reason: As mentioned in the problem, the energy needed to excite the system from the ground state a to the first excited state b is much higher than the thermal energy, so the initial density matrix of the system at equilibrium is $|a\rangle\langle a|$. To transfer from $|a\rangle\langle a|$, the

system has to go through (at least) these interaction processes (just imagining a Feynman diagram in our mind):
 (1) absorbing a photon at frequency ω_p from left and a photon at frequency $-\omega_p$ from right so that $|a\rangle\langle a| \rightarrow |c\rangle\langle c|$,
 (2) emitting a photon of frequency $-\omega_s$ from left and a photon at frequency ω_s from right so that $|c\rangle\langle c| \rightarrow |b\rangle\langle b|$.
 This whole process involving 2-order interaction with the probe pulse at frequency ω_p . However, the probe pulse is weak, so we can just omit the terms involving the interactions with the probe pulse at frequency ω_p higher than 1-order.

Neglecting these terms, we are left with only two terms

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ca}(\omega_p) &= H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0) - \tilde{\rho}_{cc}(0) \hat{H}_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p) + H_{I_{cb}}(\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= [-\mathbf{p}_{ca} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)] \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0) + [-\mathbf{p}_{cb} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_s)] \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Plugging equation (8) and equation (11) into equation (7), we get

$$\hbar(\omega_p - \omega_{ca} + i\Gamma_{ca}) \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p) = -\mathbf{p}_{ca} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0) - \mathbf{p}_{cb} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s). \quad (12)$$

The Liouville equation of ρ_{aa} is

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{aa}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_I, \rho]_{aa} - \Gamma_{aa} \rho_{aa}. \quad (13)$$

Similarly, plugging equation (5) into the above equation and extracting the terms involving frequency 0, we get

$$0 = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_0, \rho]_{aa}(0) - \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_I, \rho]_{aa}(0) - \Gamma_{aa}(\rho_{aa}(0) - 1). \quad (14)$$

(Note that the random decay term is $-\Gamma_{11}[\rho_{aa}(0) - \rho_{aa}^0]$ where $\rho_{aa}^0 = 1$ is the density matrix element at equilibrium.)
 The first term at the right side of equation (14) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_0, \rho]_{aa}(0) &= (\hat{H}_0 \rho)_{aa}(0) - (\rho \hat{H}_0)_{aa}(0) = (\hat{H}_0 \hat{1} \rho)_{aa}(0) - (\hat{1} \hat{H}_0)_{aa}(0) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_0 |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} \right)_{aa}(0) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{H}_0 \right)_{aa}(0) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} E_m |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} \right)_{aa}(0) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| E_m \right)_{aa}(0) \\ &= \left(\langle a| \sum_{m=a,b,c} E_m |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} |a\rangle \right) (0) - \left(\langle a| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| E_m |a\rangle \right) (0) \\ &= E_a \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0) - \tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0) E_a = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The second term at the right side of equation (14) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_I, \rho]_{aa}(0) &= (\hat{H}_I \rho)_{aa}(0) - (\rho \hat{H}_I)_{aa}(0) = (\hat{H}_I \hat{1} \rho)_{aa}(0) - (\hat{1} \hat{H}_I)_{aa}(0) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_I |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} \right)_{aa}(0) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{H}_I \right)_{aa}(0) \\ &= \left(\langle a| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_I |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{\rho} |a\rangle \right) (0) - \left(\langle a| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho} |m\rangle \langle m| \hat{H}_I |a\rangle \right) (0) \\ &= (H_{I_{ab}} \rho_{ba} + H_{I_{ac}} \rho_{ca})(0) - (\rho_{ab} H_{I_{ba}} + \rho_{ac} H_{I_{ca}})(0) \\ &= \underline{H_{I_{ab}}(\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(-\omega_p)} + \underline{H_{I_{ac}}(\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(-\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ab}(-\omega_p) H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ac}(-\omega_p) H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p)} \\ &+ \underline{H_{I_{ab}}(\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(-\omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{ac}}(\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(-\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ab}(-\omega_s) H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ac}(-\omega_s) H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_s)} \\ &+ \underline{H_{I_{ab}}(-\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p)} + \underline{H_{I_{ac}}(-\omega_p) \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ab}(\omega_p) H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ac}(\omega_p) H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_p)} \\ &+ \underline{H_{I_{ab}}(-\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{ac}}(-\omega_s) \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ab}(\omega_s) H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{ac}(\omega_s) H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_s)}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The fourteen underlined terms are non-resonant. The two terms on wavy lines involves the density matrix elements oscillating at $\pm\omega_p$ (so there must have already been an interaction with the probe pulse) and then interacting with the field at frequency $\mp\omega_p$ again. Since the probe pulse at frequency ω_p is weak, these 2-order interaction terms are negligible. Neglecting the non-resonant terms and the terms involving 2-order interactions with the probe pulse, we find that the above equation is equal to zero:

$$[\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{aa}(0) = 0. \quad (17)$$

Plugging equation (15) and equation (17) to equation (14), we get

$$\tilde{\rho}_{aa}(0) = 1. \quad (18)$$

The Liouville equation of ρ_{ba} is

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{ba}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ba} - \Gamma_{ba}\rho_{ba}. \quad (19)$$

Plugging equation (5) into the above equation and extracting the terms involving frequency $\omega_p - \omega_s$, we get

$$-i(\omega_p - \omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H}_0, \hat{\rho}]_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \frac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \Gamma_{ba}\rho_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s). \quad (20)$$

The first term at the right side of equation (20) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_0, \hat{\rho}]_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) &= (\hat{H}_0\hat{\rho})_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - (\hat{\rho}\hat{H}_0)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) = (\hat{H}_0\hat{1}\hat{\rho})_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - (\hat{\rho}\hat{1}\hat{H}_0)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_0|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{\rho} \right)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho}|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{H}_0 \right)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} E_m|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{\rho} \right)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho}|m\rangle\langle m|E_m \right)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= \left(\langle b| \sum_{m=a,b,c} E_m|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{\rho}|a \rangle \right)(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \left(\langle b| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho}|m\rangle\langle m|E_m|a \rangle \right)(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= E_b\tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s)E_a = \hbar\omega_{ba}\tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

The second term at the right side of equation (20) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) &= (\hat{H}_I\hat{\rho})_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - (\hat{\rho}\hat{H}_I)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) = (\hat{H}_I\hat{1}\hat{\rho})_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - (\hat{\rho}\hat{1}\hat{H}_I)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_I|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{\rho} \right)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \left(\sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho}|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{H}_I \right)_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= \left(\langle b| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{H}_I|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{\rho}|a \rangle \right)(\omega_p - \omega_s) - \left(\langle b| \sum_{m=a,b,c} \hat{\rho}|m\rangle\langle m|\hat{H}_I|a \rangle \right)(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= (H_{I_{ba}}\tilde{\rho}_{aa} + H_{I_{bc}}\tilde{\rho}_{ca})(\omega_p - \omega_s) - (\tilde{\rho}_{bb}H_{I_{ba}} + \tilde{\rho}_{bc}H_{I_{ca}})(\omega_p - \omega_s) \\ &= \underline{H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_p)\tilde{\rho}_{aa}(-\omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{bc}}(\omega_p)\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(-\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bb}(-\omega_s)H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bc}(-\omega_s)H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_p)} \\ &+ \underline{H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{aa}(\omega_p - 2\omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{bc}}(\omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p - 2\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bb}(\omega_p - 2\omega_s)H_{I_{ba}}(\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bc}(\omega_p - 2\omega_s)H_{I_{ca}}(\omega_s)} \\ &+ \underline{H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_p)\tilde{\rho}_{aa}(2\omega_p - \omega_s)} + \underline{H_{I_{bc}}(-\omega_p)\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(2\omega_p - \omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bb}(2\omega_p - \omega_s)H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bc}(2\omega_p - \omega_s)H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_p)} \\ &+ \underline{H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{aa}(\omega_p)} + \underline{H_{I_{bc}}(-\omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bb}(\omega_p)H_{I_{ba}}(-\omega_s)} - \underline{\tilde{\rho}_{bc}(\omega_s)H_{I_{ca}}(-\omega_s)}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

The fourteen underlined terms are non-resonant and the one term on wavy line involves 2-order interaction with the probe pulse. Neglecting these terms, we are left with only two term

$$[\hat{H}_I, \hat{\rho}]_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) = H_{I_{bc}}(-\omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p)$$

$$=[-\mathbf{p}_{bc} \cdot \mathbf{E}(-\omega_s)]\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p). \quad (23)$$

Plugging equation (21) and (23) into equation (20), we get

$$\boxed{\hbar(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba} + i\Gamma_{ba})\tilde{\rho}_{ba}(\omega_p - \omega_s) = -\mathbf{p}_{bc} \cdot \mathbf{E}^*(\omega_s)\tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p).} \quad (24)$$

Plugging equation (18) and equation(24) into equation (12) (these are the three boxed Liouville equation), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p) &= \frac{-\mathbf{p}_{ca} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)}{\hbar(\omega_p - \omega_{ca} + i\Gamma_{ca}) - \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{cb} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_s)|^2}{\hbar(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba} + i\Gamma_{ba})}} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{p}_{ca} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)}{\hbar} \frac{1}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba} - i\Gamma_{ba}) \frac{\Omega_s^2}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2} - (\omega_p - \omega_{ca} + i\Gamma_{ca})}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where $\Omega_s \equiv \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{cb} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_s)|}{\hbar}$.

The first order probe response is

$$\langle \hat{\rho}(\omega_p) \rangle = \mathbf{p}_{ac} \tilde{\rho}_{ca}(\omega_p) = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{ac} [\mathbf{p}_{ca} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)]}{\hbar} \frac{1}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba} - i\Gamma_{ba}) \frac{\Omega_s^2}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2} - (\omega_p - \omega_{ca} + i\Gamma_{ca})}. \quad (26)$$

The susceptibility associated with it is

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^{(1)}(\omega_p) &= \frac{N \langle \hat{\rho}(\omega_p) \rangle}{\varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)} = \frac{N |\mathbf{p}_{ca}|^2}{\varepsilon_0 \hbar} \frac{1}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba} - i\Gamma_{ba}) \frac{\Omega_s^2}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2} - (\omega_p - \omega_{ca} + i\Gamma_{ca})} \\ &= \frac{N |\mathbf{p}_{ca}|^2}{\varepsilon_0 \hbar} [(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \times \\ &\quad \frac{\{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})\Omega_s^2 - (\omega_p - \omega_{ca})[(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2]\} + i \{ \Gamma_{ba}\Omega_s^2 + \Gamma_{ca}[(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}}{\{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})\Omega_s^2 - (\omega_p - \omega_{ca})[(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2]\}^2 + \{ \Gamma_{ba}\Omega_s^2 + \Gamma_{ca}[(\omega_p - \omega_s - \omega_{ba})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where N the number density of the atoms.

(b) When $\Delta = 0$, the susceptibility is

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^{(1)}(\omega_p) &= \frac{N |\mathbf{p}_{ca}|^2}{\varepsilon_0 \hbar} [(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \times \frac{(\omega_p - \omega_{ca}) \{ \Omega_s^2 - [(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \} + i \{ \Gamma_{ba}\Omega_s^2 + \Gamma_{ca}[(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}}{(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 \{ \Omega_s^2 - [(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}^2 + \{ \Gamma_{ba}\Omega_s^2 + \Gamma_{ca}[(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The linear absorption coefficient is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\omega_p) &= 2 \frac{\omega_p}{c} \text{Im} \sqrt{1 + \chi^{(1)}(\omega_p)} \approx \frac{\omega_p}{c} \text{Im} \chi^{(1)}(\omega_p) \\ &= \frac{N |\mathbf{p}_{ca}|^2 \omega_p}{\varepsilon_0 \hbar c} [(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \times \frac{\{ \Gamma_{ba}\Omega_s^2 + \Gamma_{ca}[(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}}{(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 \{ \Omega_s^2 - [(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}^2 + \{ \Gamma_{ba}\Omega_s^2 + \Gamma_{ca}[(\omega_p - \omega_{ca})^2 + \Gamma_{ba}^2] \}^2} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

We set $\Gamma_{ca} = 1.0$, $\omega_{ca} = 10.0$.

- If $\Omega_s = 0$, the linear absorption coefficient as a function of the probe pulse ω_p is shown in figure 1(a).
- If $\Omega_s = 0.5\Gamma_{ca}$, the linear absorption coefficient as a function of the probe pulse ω_p is shown in figure 1(b).
- If $\Omega_s = 5\Gamma_{ca}$, the linear absorption coefficient as a function of the probe pulse ω_p is shown in figure 1(c).

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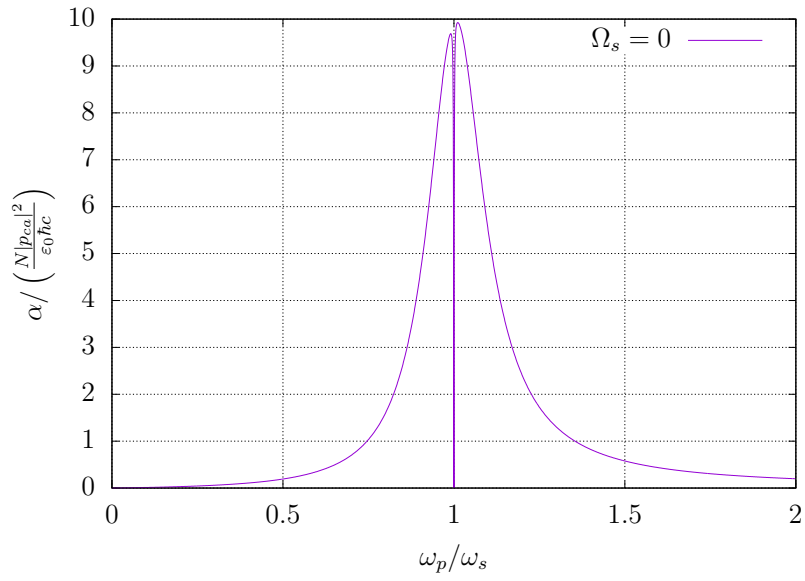
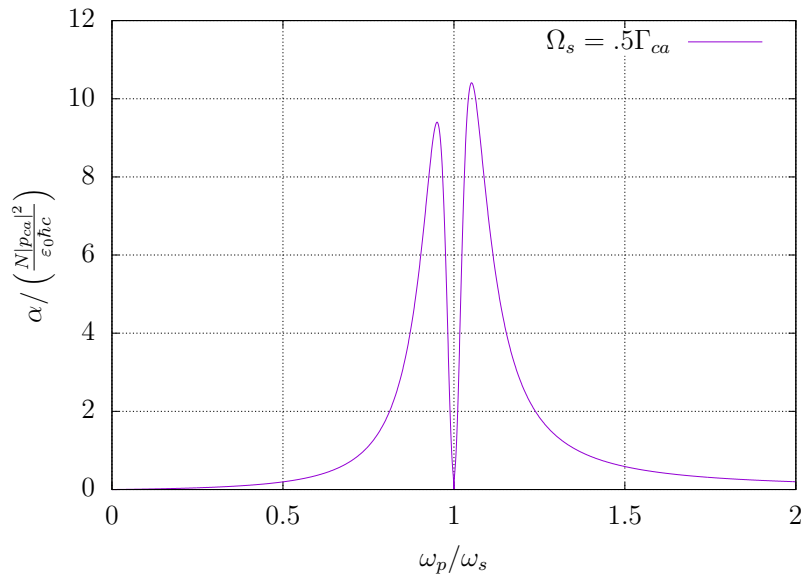
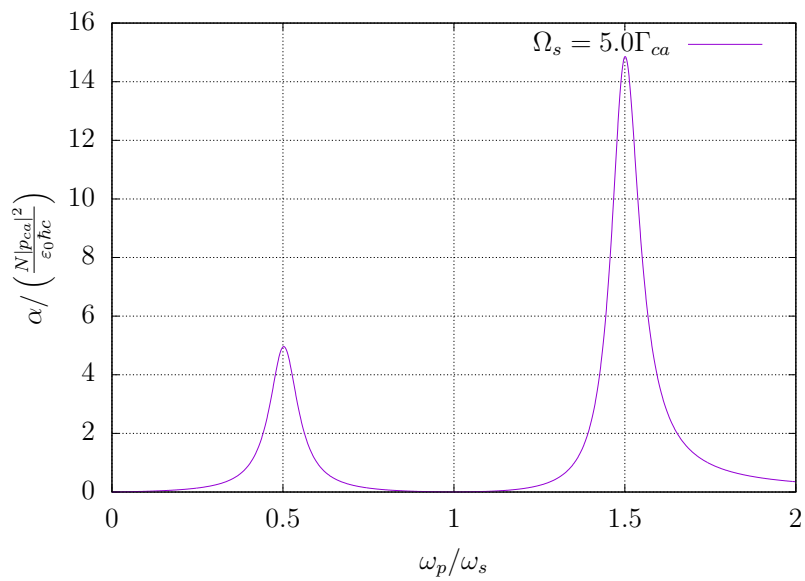
(a) $\Omega_s = 0$.(b) $\Omega_s = 0.5\Gamma_{ca}$.(c) $\Omega_s = 5\Gamma_{ca}$.

Figure 1: The absorption coefficient.