

Finding time evolution operator for interaction picture Hamiltonian in resonant case

$$\hat{H}_{int} = \lambda \hbar (\hat{a} \hat{\sigma}_+ + \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{\sigma}_-)$$

Use basis $|e, n-1\rangle$ (excited atom, $n-1$ photons) and $|g, n\rangle$ (ground atom, n photons)

$$\hat{H}_{int}|e, n-1\rangle = \lambda \hbar \sqrt{n} |g, n\rangle$$

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$$\text{Time evolution operator: } \hat{U}(t) = e^{\frac{-i\hat{H}_{int}t}{\hbar}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{-i\hat{H}_{int}t}{\hbar} \right)^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U}(t)|e, n-1\rangle &= \sum_{k=0,2,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}}}{k!} (\lambda \sqrt{n} t)^k |e, n-1\rangle - i \sum_{k=1,3,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}}{k!} (\lambda \sqrt{n} t)^k |g, n\rangle \\ &= \cos(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |e, n-1\rangle - i \sin(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |g, n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U}(t)|g, n\rangle &= -i \sum_{k=1,3,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}}{k!} (\lambda \sqrt{n} t)^k |e, n-1\rangle + \sum_{k=0,2,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}}}{k!} (\lambda \sqrt{n} t)^k |g, n\rangle \\ &= -i \sin(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |e, n-1\rangle + \cos(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |g, n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{U}(t) = \cos(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |e, n-1\rangle \langle e, n-1| - i \sin(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |e, n-1\rangle \langle g, n| - \dots$$
$$\dots - i \sin(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |g, n\rangle \langle e, n-1| + \cos(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |g, n\rangle \langle g, n|$$

If the system starts in the state $|\Psi(0)\rangle = |g, n\rangle$

$$\text{Then } |\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{U}(t)|g, n\rangle = -i \sin(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |e, n-1\rangle + \cos(\lambda \sqrt{n} t) |g, n\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Probability of measuring atom in excited state: } P_e(t) = |\langle e, n-1 | \Psi(0) \rangle|^2 = \sin^2(\lambda \sqrt{n} t)$$

$$\text{Similar for ground state: } P_g(t) = \cos^2(\lambda \sqrt{n} t)$$