

Recap interaction picture. $H = H_0 + H'$. Define time evolution operator with respect to H_0 as

$$\frac{\partial U_0(t, t_0)}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H_0(t) U_0(t, t_0)$$

Integrating both sides from t_0 to t with $U_0(t_0, t_0) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} U_0(t, t_0) &= 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t H_0(\tau) U_0(\tau, t_0) d\tau \\ &= 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t H_0(\tau) d\tau + \left(\frac{i}{\hbar}\right)^2 \int_{t_0}^t H_0(\tau) \int_{t_0}^{\tau} H_0(\tau') U_0(\tau', t_0) d\tau' d\tau \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}\right)^n \int_{t_0}^t d\tau_n \int_{t_0}^{\tau_n} d\tau_{n-1} \cdots \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 H_0(\tau_n) H_0(\tau_{n-1}) \cdots H_0(\tau_1) \\ &\equiv \exp_+ \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t d\tau H_0(\tau) \right] \end{aligned}$$

which is a positive time ordered exponential. In interaction picture,

$$|\psi_S(t)\rangle \equiv U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle$$

Plug back to TDSE,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle}{\partial t} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} H U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle \\ \left(\frac{\partial U_0(t, t_0)}{\partial t} \right) |\psi_I(t)\rangle + U_0(t, t_0) \frac{\partial |\psi_I(t)\rangle}{\partial t} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} H U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle \\ -\frac{i}{\hbar} H_0(t) U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle + U_0(t, t_0) \frac{\partial |\psi_I(t)\rangle}{\partial t} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} H U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle \\ U_0(t, t_0) \frac{\partial |\psi_I(t)\rangle}{\partial t} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} H'(t) U_0(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t)\rangle \\ \frac{\partial |\psi_I(t)\rangle}{\partial t} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} H'_I(t) |\psi_I(t)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where $H'_I(t) = U_0^\dagger(t, t_0) H'(t) U_0(t, t_0)$. We got a Schrödinger-like equation.

Define interaction time evolution operator, $|\psi_I(t)\rangle = U_I(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t_0)\rangle$. One

has,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\psi_S(t)\rangle &= U_0(t, t_0) U_I(t, t_0) |\psi_I(t_0)\rangle \\
&= U_0(t, t_0) U_I(t, t_0) |\psi_S(t_0)\rangle \\
&= U(t, t_0) |\psi_S(t_0)\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

where $|\psi_S(t_0)\rangle = U_0(t_0, t_0) |\psi_I(t_0)\rangle = |\psi_I(t_0)\rangle$ by definition. And $U(t, t_0)$ is the time evolution operator under Schrödinger picture, it evolves the system with total Hamiltonian. Plug this back to the equation above, one gets the infinite series expansion of $U_I(t, t_0)$

$$U_I(t, t_0) = \exp_+ \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t d\tau H'_I(\tau) \right]$$

With this, one can write $U(t, t_0)$ in another way,

$$\begin{aligned}
&U(t, t_0) \\
&= U_0(t, t_0) \exp_+ \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t d\tau H'_I(\tau) \right] \\
&= U_0(t, t_0) + U_0(t, t_0) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \right)^n \int_{t_0}^t d\tau_n \cdots \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 H'_I(\tau_n) \cdots H'_I(\tau_1) \\
&= U_0(t, t_0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \right)^n \int_{t_0}^t d\tau_n \cdots \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 U_0(t, t_0) U_0^\dagger(\tau_n, t_0) H'(\tau_n) U_0(\tau_n, t_0) \times \\
&\quad U_0^\dagger(\tau_{n-1}, t_0) H'(\tau_{n-1}) U_0(\tau_{n-1}, t_0) \cdots U_0^\dagger(\tau_1, t_0) H'(\tau_1) U_0(\tau_1, t_0) \\
&= U_0(t, t_0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \right)^n \int_{t_0}^t d\tau_n \cdots \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 U_0(t, \tau_n) H'(\tau_n) U_0(\tau_n, \tau_{n-1}) H'(\tau_{n-1}) \times \\
&\quad \cdots U_0(\tau_2, \tau_1) H'(\tau_1) U_0(\tau_1, t_0)
\end{aligned}$$