

Course Code: HW #

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Question Title (i.e., “Griffiths XX.XX”)

This is a very simple layout that I used through the end of my Undergraduate studies. No real flairs and no reliance on importing a specific sty file. I would usually put relevant information from the question in this ‘quote’ block.

- a) *This is a enumeration using lowercase letters.*

Question Title

This is an excerpt taken from one of my Intro to Quantum Mechanics courses (Introduction to Quantum Mechanics by David J. Griffiths question 11.13 - *I do not remember if this was correct*). The purpose of this is to show how to format math in a quick and straightforward way; not so much to a new readers but within your own workflow.

A lot of the analysis for this one mirrors what we have already done in the first question. From that conversation we can copy that $\langle 100|z|210\rangle = \frac{2^8 a}{3^5 \sqrt{2}}$. We also noticed that the equations were even in x and y for all of them except $|21 \pm 1\rangle$. This is the only matrix element that we still need to calculate.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle 100|x|21 \pm 1\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a^3}} \frac{\mp 1}{\sqrt{64\pi a^3}} e^{-r/a} \frac{r}{a} e^{-r/2a} \sin(\theta) e^{\pm i\phi} x \, dV \\ &= \frac{\mp 1}{8\pi a^4} \left[4! \left(\frac{2a}{3} \right)^5 \right] \frac{4\pi}{3} = \mp \frac{2^7}{3^5} a, \\ \langle 100|y|21 \pm 1\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a^3}} \frac{\mp 1}{\sqrt{64\pi a^3}} e^{-r/a} \frac{r}{a} e^{-r/2a} \sin(\theta) e^{\pm i\phi} y \, dV \\ &= \frac{\mp 1}{8\pi a^4} \left[4! \left(\frac{2a}{3} \right)^5 \right] \frac{4\pi}{3} (\pm i) = -i \frac{2^7}{3^5} a.\end{aligned}$$

Putting these all together give that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle 100|\mathbf{r}|200\rangle &= 0, & \langle 100|\mathbf{r}|210\rangle &= \frac{2^8 a}{3^5 \sqrt{2}} \hat{z} & \langle 100|\mathbf{r}|21 \pm 1\rangle &= \frac{2^7}{3^5} a (\mp \hat{x} - i \hat{y}), \\ \langle 100|\mathbf{r}|200\rangle \rightarrow |\mathcal{P}|^2 &= 0 & \langle 100|\mathbf{r}|210\rangle \rightarrow |\mathcal{P}|^2 &= (qa)^2 \frac{2^{15}}{3^{10}} & \langle 100|\mathbf{r}|200\rangle \rightarrow |\mathcal{P}|^2 &= (qa)^2 \frac{2^{15}}{3^{10}}.\end{aligned}$$

We are given that $A = \frac{\omega^3 |\mathcal{P}|^2}{3\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c^3}$, and $\omega = \frac{E_2 - E_1}{\hbar} = -\frac{3}{4\hbar} E_1$. So, for all the states where $\mathcal{P} \neq 0$:

$$A = -\frac{3^3}{2^6} \frac{E_1^3}{\hbar^3} \frac{(ea)^2 2^{15}}{3^{10}} \frac{1}{3\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c^3} \rightarrow 6.27 \times 10^8 \text{s}^{-1},$$

$$\boxed{\tau = \frac{1}{A} \approx 1.60 \times 10^{-9} \text{s}}. \quad \checkmark$$

Obviously, the $|200\rangle$ state never has the opportunity to transition, so the lifetime is $\tau \rightarrow \infty$.