

Adiabatic trap lowering

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Try to compute the lowering trajectory that has the minimum probability of changing the motional state of the atom in the trap.

Let the time varying trapping frequency be ω_t . The wave function is $|\psi_t\rangle$. The time dependent Hamiltonian

$$H_t = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega_t^2 x^2}{2}$$

which have (time dependent) eigen vectors and eigen values

$$\begin{aligned} H_t|\phi_{nt}\rangle &= E_{nt}|\phi_{nt}\rangle \\ &= \hbar\omega_t\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)|\phi_{nt}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

We can expand the wavefunction in this basis

$$|\psi_t\rangle = \sum_n c_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} |\phi_{nt}\rangle$$

where the phase

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{nt} &= \int_0^t \frac{E_{nt'} dt'}{\hbar} \\ &= \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \int_0^t \omega_{t'} dt' \\ &= \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \theta_t \end{aligned}$$

Substitute these into the Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi_t\rangle = H_t |\psi_t\rangle$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi_t\rangle - H_t |\psi_t\rangle \\ &= i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \sum_n c_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} |\phi_{nt}\rangle - H_t \sum_n c_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} |\phi_{nt}\rangle \\ &= i\hbar \sum_n \frac{dc_{nt}}{dt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} |\phi_{nt}\rangle + i\hbar \sum_n c_{nt} \frac{d e^{-i\varphi_{nt}}}{dt} |\phi_{nt}\rangle + i\hbar \sum_n c_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} \frac{d|\phi_{nt}\rangle}{dt} - \sum_n c_{nt} E_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} |\phi_{nt}\rangle \\ &= i\hbar \sum_n \frac{dc_{nt}}{dt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} |\phi_{nt}\rangle + i\hbar \sum_n c_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} \frac{d|\phi_{nt}\rangle}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

Left multiply by $\frac{\langle \phi_{lt} |}{i\hbar}$

$$0 = \langle \phi_{lt} | \sum_n \frac{dc_{nt}}{dt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} | \phi_{nt} \rangle + \langle \phi_{lt} | \sum_n c_{nt} e^{-i\varphi_{nt}} \frac{d| \phi_{nt} \rangle}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dc_{lt}}{dt} = - \langle \phi_{lt} | \sum_n c_{nt} e^{i(l-n)\theta_t} \frac{d| \phi_{nt} \rangle}{dt}$$

The wavefunction of a harmonic oscillator

$$\phi_n(\omega, x) = \sqrt[4]{\omega} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x)$$

where f_n is independent of ω . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\omega} \phi_n(\omega, x) &= \frac{d}{d\omega} \sqrt[4]{\omega} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) \\ &= \frac{d\sqrt[4]{\omega}}{d\omega} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) + \sqrt[4]{\omega} \frac{d}{d\omega} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) \\ &= \frac{\omega^{-3/4}}{4} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) + \sqrt[4]{\omega} \frac{d\sqrt{\omega}}{d\omega} \frac{d}{d\sqrt{\omega}} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) \\ &= \frac{\omega^{-3/4}}{4} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) + \frac{\omega^{-1/4}}{2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{\omega}} \frac{d}{dx} f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) \\ &= \frac{\omega^{-3/4}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{2ixp}{\hbar} \right) f_n(\sqrt{\omega} x) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\omega} \left(1 + \frac{2ixp}{\hbar} \right) \phi_n(\omega, x) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\omega} | \phi_{nt} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4\omega} \left(1 + \frac{2ixp}{\hbar} \right) | \phi_{nt} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4\omega} \left(1 + \frac{2i}{\hbar} \frac{\hbar}{2} (a^\dagger + a)(a^\dagger - a) \right) | \phi_{nt} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4\omega} (1 - (a^\dagger + a)(a^\dagger - a)) | \phi_{nt} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4\omega} (a^2 + a^\dagger a - a a^\dagger + 1 - a^{\dagger 2}) | \phi_{nt} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4\omega} (a^2 - a^{\dagger 2}) | \phi_{nt} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4\omega} \left(\sqrt{n(n-1)} | \phi_{(n-2)t} \rangle - \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)} | \phi_{(n+2)t} \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into the equation for c_{lt}

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dc_{lt}}{dt} &= - \langle \phi_{lt} | \sum_n c_{nt} e^{i(l-n)\theta_t} \frac{d\ln \omega_t}{dt} \frac{1}{4} \left(\sqrt{n(n-1)} | \phi_{(n-2)t} \rangle - \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)} | \phi_{(n+2)t} \rangle \right) \\ &= - c_{(l+2)t} e^{-2i\theta_t} \frac{d\ln \omega_t}{dt} \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{(l+2)(l+1)} + c_{(l-2)t} e^{2i\theta_t} \frac{d\ln \omega_t}{dt} \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{(l-1)l} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{d\ln \omega_t}{dt} \left(\sqrt{(l-1)l} e^{2i\theta_t} c_{(l-2)t} - \sqrt{(l+2)(l+1)} e^{-2i\theta_t} c_{(l+2)t} \right) \end{aligned}$$