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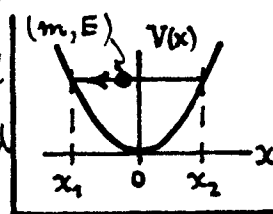
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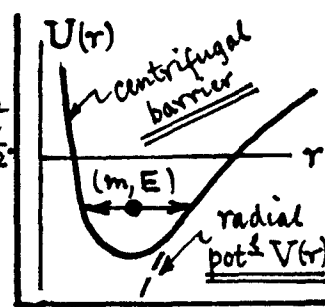
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- (25) In "Notes on the WKB Method", pp. 7-10, we solved the WKB problem  $\ddot{v} + \Omega^2 v = 0$  by transforming variables:  $t \rightarrow s = \int \Omega(t) dt$ ,  $v \rightarrow u = v\sqrt{\Omega}$ , so the diff. eq. is  $u'' + [1 + b(s)]u = 0$ , with  $b(s)$  defined in Eq. (20) of Notes. For  $b(s) = 0$ , we get the zeroth-order (WKB) solution:  $u(s) \approx u_0(s) = Ae^{+is} + Be^{-is}$ . We then iterated to get:  $u_1 \approx u_0 + \int_0^s u_0 K d\sigma$ , with  $K$  defined in Eq. (27). After  $n+1$  iterations:  $u_{n+1} = u_n + \int_0^s u_n K d\sigma$ . Write out  $u_{n+1}$  explicitly as a series of  $(n+2)$  terms, in successively higher "powers" of  $b(s)$ . Show that:  $u_{n+1}(s) = u_0(s) + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{k} \int_0^s d\sigma_1 \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma_2 \cdots \int_0^{\sigma_{k-1}} d\sigma_k u_0(\sigma_k) K_0(\sigma_k, \dots, \sigma_1, s)$ . Identify  $K_0$ .

- (26) A QM particle of mass  $m$  and energy  $E$  moves in a 1D SHO, <sup>W</sup>potential  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2$ , where  $\omega$  = SHO natural frequency. Use Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization [i.e.  $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} k(x) dx = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$ , <sup>W</sup> $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ] to find the eigenenergies  $E_n$  for this motion. How does your result compare with the known  $E_n$  (SHO)?



- (27) [30 pts]. For a QM particle (mass  $m$ , energy  $E$ ) moving in  $>1D$ , and in an attractive radial pot<sup>l</sup>  $V(r)$ , the effective potential  $U(r) = V(r) + \frac{\mu^2 \hbar^2}{2mr^2}$ . The term in  $\frac{1}{r^2}$  is the "centrifugal barrier", present because of  $m$ 's rotational K.E.  $\mu$  is a quantum # related to  $m$ 's  $\ell$  angular momentum [in 3D:  $\mu^2 = \ell(\ell+1)$ , <sup>W</sup> $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ; in 2D:  $\mu^2 = m^2 - \frac{1}{4}$ , <sup>W</sup> $m = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ]. Here, just take  $\mu^2 \gg 0$ .



- (A) Let length  $r_0$  be the "size" of  $U(r)$ , and define a dimensionless variable:  $x = r/r_0$ . Write  $V(r) = V_0 f(x)$ ,  $V_0 = \text{const}$  &  $f(x)$  arbitrary. Show the Bohr-Sommerfeld condition becomes:

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{E - [\sigma f(x) + \mu^2/x^2]} dx = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi \quad \int^{\text{W}} x_1 \& x_2 = \text{solutions to: } \sigma f(x) + \mu^2/x^2 = E.$$

Specify  $E$  &  $\sigma$  in terms of  $m, r_0, \hbar, E$  &  $V_0$ .

- (B) Specialize to  $f(x) = \ln x$  [log potentials are used to model quark confinement -- see Quigg & Rossner, Phys. Lett. 71B, 153 (1977)]. Sketch  $U(x)$  vs.  $x$ , and find the minimum,  $x_0$ . Expand  $U(x)$  about  $x_0$ , find the effective "spring constant" near  $x_0$ , and calculate the quantized energies  $E_{n\mu}$  of a quark trapped near  $x_0$ . You have a SHO here. Why?
- (C) For large vibrations:  $\sigma \gg \mu^2$ . Evaluate the above integral to find how  $E_{n\mu}$  varies <sup>W</sup> $n$ .
- (D) For large rotations:  $\mu^2 \gg \sigma$ . Find  $E_{n\mu}$  approximately, to see how it varies <sup>W</sup> $\mu$  &  $n$ .

25) Iterate the Neumann series for  $u_{n+1}(s)$  [from p. 10 of "Notes on WKB Method"].

1) Start from the  $m=1^{st}$  iteration [Eq. (27) of "Notes on the WKB Method"]:  $u_{n+1}(s) = u_n(s) + \int_0^s d\sigma_1 u_n(\sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s)$ , and insert:  $u_n(x) = u_{n-1}(x) + \int_0^x d\sigma_2 u_{n-1}(\sigma_2) K(\sigma_2, x)$ . So:

$$\rightarrow u_{n+1}(s) = u_{n-1}(s) + 2 \int_0^s d\sigma_1 u_{n-1}(\sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s) + \int_0^s d\sigma_1 \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma_2 u_{n-1}(\sigma_2) K(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s).$$

This is the  $m=2^{nd}$  iteration. Put  $u_{n-1}(x) = u_{n-2}(x) + \int_0^x d\sigma_3 u_{n-2}(\sigma_3) K(\sigma_3, x)$  (1) into Eq. (1) and again collect like terms to find for the  $m=3^{rd}$  iteration...

$$\rightarrow u_{n+1}(s) = u_{n-2}(s) + 3 \int_0^s d\sigma_1 u_{n-2}(\sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s) + 3 \int_0^s d\sigma_1 \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma_2 u_{n-2}(\sigma_2) K(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s) + \int_0^s d\sigma_1 \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma_2 \int_0^{\sigma_2} d\sigma_3 u_{n-2}(\sigma_3) K(\sigma_3, \sigma_2) K(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s). \quad (2)$$

etc.

2) In the  $m=1$  iteration above, there are 2 terms, with numerical coefficients [1, 1].

For  $m=2$  in Eq. (1), we got 3 terms, with coefficients [1, 2, 1], and for  $m=3$  in Eq.

(2), we got 4 terms, with coefficients [1, 3, 3, 1]. These sets are the binomial coefficients  $\binom{m}{k} = m! / k! (m-k)!$ , with  $m$  = iteration order #, and  $k=0, 1, \dots, m$ .

After the  $m^{th}$  such operation as in Eq. (2) above, we will have the series...

$$\left[ u_{n+1}(s) = u_{n+1-m}(s) + \sum_{k=1}^m \binom{m}{k} \int_0^s d\sigma_1 \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma_2 \dots \int_0^{\sigma_{k-1}} d\sigma_k u_{n+1-m}(\sigma_k) K^{(k)}(\sigma_k, \dots, \sigma_1, s), \right.$$

$\swarrow$   $k$  integrations       $\nwarrow$   $k$  factors of  $K$

$$\left[ \text{where: } K^{(k)}(\sigma_k, \dots, \sigma_1, s) = K(\sigma_k, \sigma_{k-1}) K(\sigma_{k-1}, \sigma_{k-2}) \dots K(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) K(\sigma_1, s). \quad (3) \right.$$

Since  $K(x, y) = b(x) \sin(x-y)$ , then  $K^{(k)}$  is of order  $(b)^k$  in the small factor  $b$ .

3) The iteration in Eq. (3) can be done a maximum of  $m = n+1$  times. Then...

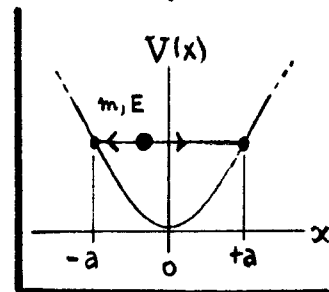
$$u_{n+1}(s) = u_0(s) + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{k} \int_0^s d\sigma_1 \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma_2 \dots \int_0^{\sigma_{k-1}} d\sigma_k u_0(s) K^{(k)}(\sigma_k, \dots, \sigma_1, s). \quad (4)$$

This allows expressing  $u_{n+1}(s)$  in terms of the WKB approximate for  $u_0(s)$ , with correction terms of order  $K, (K)^2, \dots, (K)^{n+1}$ . Note that in Eq. (4),  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ .

5) Quantization of the SHO via Bohr-Sommerfeld rule [by way of WKB approxn].

1) With  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$ , the QM version of the WKB interior phase integral is

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} k(x) dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[ \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \left( E - \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} dx = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi, \quad (1)$$



with  $n=0,1,2,\dots$ , and  $x_{1,2}$  "turning points"... i.e. points at which  $E = V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$ . Define these to be at  $x = \pm a$ ...

$$\rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 a^2 \leftrightarrow \text{turning points at } x_1 = (-)a, x_2 = +a. \quad (2)$$

2) Eq. (1), the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization, now amounts to...

$$\frac{m\omega}{\hbar} \int_{-a}^{+a} (a^2 - x^2)^{1/2} dx = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \text{but : } \int_{-a}^{+a} (a^2 - x^2)^{1/2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x(a^2 - x^2)^{1/2} + a^2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \right] \Big|_{x=-a}^{x=+a} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[ \sin^{-1}(+1) - \sin^{-1}(-1) \right] = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{m\omega}{\hbar} \cdot \frac{1}{2} a^2 \pi = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi, \quad \text{or } \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2} m \omega a^2 = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar}}. \quad (4)$$

3) By def<sup>n</sup> of  $a$ , in Eq. (2), we see that  $\frac{1}{2}m\omega a^2 = E$  in Eq. (4). So the quantized energies of the SHO, via Bohr-Sommerfeld (à la WKB) are...

$$\boxed{E_n = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots} \quad (5)$$

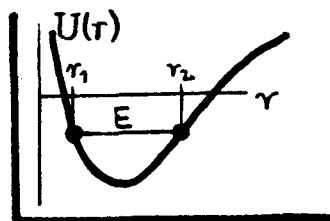
These are the exact energies of a QM SHO (consult any telephone book, or QM directory, etc.). WKB (Bohr-Sommerfeld) quantization is usually a  $\sim$  good approxn, but not always this good. This is the only instance -- that I know of -- where the WKB energies agree exactly with the QM result.

Φ507 Solutions

⑦ (30 pts). Quark confinement:  $m$  in  $V(r) = V_0 \ln(r/r_0)$ . Analyse via Bohr-Sommerfeld.

(A) 1) The Bohr-Sommerfeld phase integral, namely...

$$\rightarrow \int_{r_1}^{r_2} [(2m/\hbar^2) \{E - U(r)\}]^{1/2} dr, \quad U(r) = V(r) + \frac{\mu^2 \hbar^2}{2mr^2}, \quad (1)$$



(for the radial problem, effectively 1D) can be written in terms of new variables...

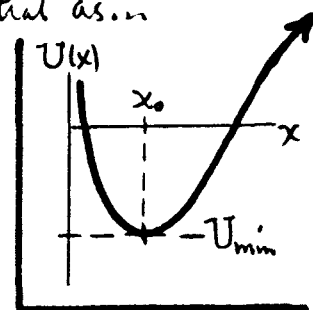
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{x} = r/r_0, \text{ dimensionless length} \quad \& \quad V(r) = V_0 f(x), \\ \underline{E} = (2mr_0^2/\hbar^2) E \leftarrow \text{dimless energy}, \quad \underline{\sigma} = (2mr_0^2/\hbar^2) V_0 \leftarrow \text{dimless pte strength} \end{array} \right\} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Bohr-Sommerfeld Condition} \left\{ \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\underline{E} - [\underline{\sigma} f(x) + (\mu^2/x^2)]} dx = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi \right\}, \quad (3)$$

Where:  $n=0,1,2,\dots$  and turning pts  $x_1, x_2$  are solutions to  $\underline{\sigma} f(x) + (\mu^2/x^2) = \underline{E}$ .

(B) 2) For a logarithmic potential:  $f(x) = \ln x$ , write the effective potential as...

$$\rightarrow U(x) = U_0 [\underline{\sigma} \ln x + (\mu^2/x^2)], \quad U_0 = \hbar^2/2mr_0^2. \quad (4)$$



For the rotational quantum #  $\mu \neq 0$ , find min in  $U(x)$  when...

$$\left[ U'(x) = U_0 \left[ \frac{\underline{\sigma}}{x} - \frac{2\mu^2}{x^3} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow x = \underline{x_0} = \sqrt{2\mu^2/\underline{\sigma}} \right], \quad (5)$$

$$\text{and} // \quad U_{\min} = U(x_0) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\sigma} U_0 [\ln(2\mu^2/\underline{\sigma}) + 1]. \quad (6)$$

For a particle near the bottom of the well (i.e.  $x \sim x_0$  &  $U \sim U_{\min}$ ), eff. pte is

$$\left[ U(x) = U(x_0) + \cancel{U'(x_0)}^{0, \text{ by defn}} (x-x_0) + \frac{1}{2} U''(x_0) (x-x_0)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\text{or} // \quad U(x) \simeq U_{\min} + \frac{1}{2} \kappa (x-x_0)^2, \quad \kappa = U''(x_0) = \text{dimless spring const} \quad (7)$$

Physical spring const is:  $k = \kappa/r_0^2$  (since  $x = r/r_0$ ). Calculating this, we find

$$\kappa = U''(x_0) = U_0 \underline{\sigma}^2/\mu^2, \quad \text{so} // \quad \underline{k} = U_0 \underline{\sigma}^2/\mu^2 r_0^2 \leftarrow \text{eff. spring const near } x_0. \quad (8)$$

In this approxn, the mass  $m$  moves in a SHO pte [Eq.(7)] near the bottom of the well.

By the Taylor expansion in Eq.(7), all wells are SHO ptes close enough to their mins.



27) (cont'd). With  $\lambda \neq 0$ , the integral in Eq. (14) is difficult -- e.g. not tabulated. We will approximate the integral, assuming  $\mu^2 \gg \sigma$  for large rotations. First write (14) as...

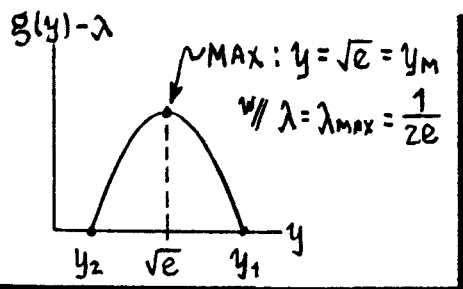
$$\rightarrow \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y} [g(y) - \lambda]^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (\lambda/\lambda_0)^{1/2} \int_{-1}^{+1} g(y) = \ln y / y^2, \quad (15)$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda_0} = \mu / (2n+1)\sqrt{\pi}.$$

We want to solve this eqn for  $\lambda = \lambda(E)$ . Quantization results from  $E = E(\lambda, f_{\text{turn}})$ .

Note that  $\lambda_0$  is the  $\lambda$ -value when  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  [from Eq. (13):  $a\sqrt{\sigma} \rightarrow (2n+1)\sqrt{\pi}$ , for  $\sigma \gg \mu^2 \rightarrow 0$ ].

So  $\lambda = \mu / a\sqrt{\sigma} \rightarrow \mu / (2n+1)\sqrt{\pi} = \lambda_0$ , when  $\mu \ll n$ . Anyway, we need the turning



points  $y_{1,2}$  in Eq. (15), i.e. solns to:  $g(y) - \lambda = 0$ . We graph  $[g(y) - \lambda]$  vs.  $y$  at left, and note that since  $g(y)$  is MAX at  $y_m = \sqrt{e}$ , with  $g(y_m) = 1/2e$ , then -- if the system energies are real --  $\lambda = (\mu^2/\sigma) e^{-2\epsilon/\sigma}$  must be

bounded:  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_{\text{max}} = 1/2e$ . Then:  $\infty \gg \epsilon \gg \frac{\sigma}{2} [\ln(2\mu^2/\sigma) + 1]$ , for energies.

Next, when  $\mu^2/\sigma \gg 1$  (for large rotations), so that  $\lambda \sim \lambda_{\text{max}}$ , the turning pts  $y_{1,2}$  both approach the midpt  $y = y_m = \sqrt{e}$ . Then we expand  $g(y)$  about  $y = y_m$ , as...

$$g(y) = g(y_m) + g'(y_m)(y - y_m) + \frac{1}{2} g''(y_m)(y - y_m)^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{so } g(y) - \lambda \approx (\lambda_m - \lambda) - \frac{1}{2} g''(y_m)(y - y_m)^2, \quad \begin{matrix} \text{near } y = y_m = \sqrt{e}, \\ \text{for } \lambda_m = g(y_m) = 1/2e. \end{matrix} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{and } g(y) - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \text{turning points @ } \underline{y_{1,2} \approx y_m \pm e\sqrt{\lambda_m - \lambda}}. \quad (17)$$

Put these approxns (for  $[g(y) - \lambda]$ ,  $y_{1,2}$ ) into Eq. (15), and change variables to  $x = \frac{1}{e}(y - y_m)$ . Then, for  $\mu^2 \gg \sigma$ , Bohr-Sommerfeld condition is

$$\rightarrow \int_{-q}^{+q} [\sqrt{q^2 - x^2} / (p+x)] dx \approx \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (\lambda/\lambda_0)^{1/2}, \quad \begin{matrix} q = \sqrt{\lambda_m - \lambda}, p = 1/\sqrt{e}, \\ \text{and: } \lambda_m = 1/2e. \end{matrix} \quad (18)$$

The integral in Eq. (18) is tedious, but doable -- see G&R, p. 89 # (2.282). Result is

$$\rightarrow \pi p + (q^2 - p^2)\pi / \sqrt{\lambda_m + \lambda} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (\lambda/\lambda_0)^{1/2}. \quad (19)$$

Standard accounting procedures allow rewriting this equation as

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{2\lambda_M} - \sqrt{\lambda_M + \lambda} \approx \rho \sqrt{\lambda}, \quad \text{w/ } \underline{\rho} = 1/2\sqrt{\pi\lambda_0} = \frac{1}{\mu} (n + \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{ratio of vibrational to rotational Q\#}. \quad (20)$$

The ratio  $\rho$  here is "small", since we doing the case  $\mu(\text{rot}^2) \gg n(\text{vib}^2)$ . The solution to Eq. (20) to 1st order in  $\rho$ , and 1st order in  $\lambda = (\mu^2/\sigma) e^{-2\epsilon/\sigma}$  is...

$$\rightarrow \lambda \approx \lambda_M (1 - 4\rho/\sqrt{2}), \quad \lambda_M = 1/2e \quad \& \quad \rho \text{ in Eq. (20)}. \quad (21)$$

Since  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon)$ , this gives the system energies:  $\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{2} \ln(\mu^2/\sigma\lambda)$ , or...

$$\rightarrow \epsilon \approx \frac{\sigma}{2} \left\{ \left[ \ln(2\mu^2/\sigma) + 1 \right] - \ln\left(1 - \frac{4\rho}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \right\} \quad \text{put in } \epsilon \& \sigma \text{ of Eq. (2); expand} \\ \text{2nd } \ln \sim (-) 4\rho/\sqrt{2} \dots$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{E_{n\mu} \approx \frac{V_0}{2} \left[ \ln(2\mu^2/\sigma) + 1 \right] + E_{n\mu}(\text{SHO})} \quad \text{for } \mu^2 \gg \sigma \quad (\mu(\text{rot}^2) \gg n(\text{vib}^2)) \\ \text{and } E_{n\mu}(\text{SHO}) = \sqrt{2} (n + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{V_0}{\mu}. \quad (22)$$

These are the required system energies for large rotations. Again, the main term  $\propto$  logarithmically with the quantum #, as it did in Eq. (13). Notice that now the SHO energies  $E_{n\mu}(\text{SHO})$  of Eq. (10) appear as a perturbation on the larger rotational energies. In either case ( $n \rightarrow \text{large}$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow \text{large}$ ), all states  $E_{n\mu}$  are bound.

NOT ASSIGNED, but out of curiosity, how does the BS rule work for hydrogen? Set up problem as follows... choose length unit  $r_0 = \hbar^2/Zme^2 = a_0$  [Bohr radius]. Then system energy is:  $\underline{E} = (\hbar^2/2mr_0^2) \epsilon = \left[ \frac{1}{2} (Z\alpha)^2 mc^2 \right] \underline{E}$ ,  $\alpha = e^2/\hbar c \sim \frac{1}{137}$  {fine struct., const.}, and Coulomb potential:  $V(r) = -Ze^2/r = V_0 f(x)$ , w/  $\underline{V_0} = (Z\alpha)^2 mc^2$  &  $f(x) = -1/x$ , for  $x = r/r_0$ . The const  $\sigma = (2mr_0^2/\hbar^2) V_0 = 2$ ,  $\mu^2 = l(l+1)$ , and Eq. (3) reads...

$$\rightarrow \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\epsilon + (2/x) - (\mu^2/x^2)} dx = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, \quad x_{1,2} \text{ solns to } \epsilon + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{\mu^2}{x^2} = 0 \quad \text{U(x) | x_1 x_2 x} \\ y = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y^2} \sqrt{\epsilon + 2y - \mu^2 y^2} = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, \quad \text{w/ } y_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\mu^2} [1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \mu^2 \epsilon}].$$

$y_2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  bound-state energies are (-)ve:  $\epsilon = (-)\omega_n$ . The BS integral is then...

$$\rightarrow \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y^2} \sqrt{-\omega_n + 2y - \mu^2 y^2} = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, \quad \text{w/ } y_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\mu^2} [1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \omega_n \mu^2}]. \quad \text{The integral is tabulated.}$$