## PHYS2581 Foundations 2A: QM2.7 solution

(a) Over the range  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ ,  $\sin \theta$  is symmetric about  $\theta = \pi/2$  and  $\cos \theta$  is antisymmetric about  $\theta = \pi/2$ . Hence,

$$E_{1,0,0}^{1} = \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a^{3\pi}} e^{-2r/a} e E_{\text{ext}} r \cos \theta r^{2} \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{\pi a^{3}} \int_{0}^{\pi} \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta \int_{0}^{\infty} r^{3} e^{-2r/a} dr = 0.$$

(b) Diagonals:

$$W_{11} = \dots \int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta = 0$$

$$W_{22} = \dots \int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta = 0$$

$$W_{33} = \dots \int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta = 0$$

$$W_{44} = \dots \int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta = 0$$

Off-diagonals (smart way): Noting that the perturbation has no  $\phi$  dependence, only  $W_{13}$  will be non-zero as this is the only one where the m quantum number is the same (meaning the  $\phi$  dependence is the same, so that integrating over  $\phi$  doesn't automatically lead to 0). Essentially  $\psi_{nlm} = R_{nl}(r)\Theta_{lm}(\theta)\Phi_m(\phi)$ , and  $\int_0^{2\pi} \psi_{nlm}H'(r,\theta)\psi_{nl'm'}d\phi \propto \delta_{mm'}$ . Off diagonals (long way):

$$\begin{split} W_{12} &= \dots \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\phi} d\phi = 0 \\ W_{14} &= \dots \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\phi} d\phi = 0 \\ W_{23} &= \dots \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\phi} d\phi = 0 \\ W_{24} &= \dots \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-2i\phi} d\phi = 0 \\ W_{34} &= \dots \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-2i\phi} d\phi = 0 \\ W_{13} &= \frac{eE_{\text{ext}}}{16\pi a^4} \int \int \int \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a}\right) r^4 e^{-r/a} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= 2\pi \frac{eE_{\text{ext}}}{16\pi a^4} \int \int \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a}\right) r^4 e^{-r/a} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{eE_{\text{ext}}}{8a^4} \int \int \left(1 - \frac{r}{2a}\right) r^4 e^{-r/a} \, dr \\ &= \frac{eE_{\text{ext}}}{12a^4} \left(\int r^4 e^{-r/a} \, dr - \frac{1}{2a} \int r^5 e^{-r/a} \, dr\right) \\ &= \frac{eE_{\text{ext}}}{12a^4} \left[\frac{4!}{(1/a)^5} - \frac{1}{2a} \frac{5!}{(1/a)^6}\right] = \frac{eaE_{\text{ext}}}{12} (24 - 60) = -3eaE_{\text{ext}} \end{split}$$

and all  $W_{jk} = W_{kj}^*$ .

(c) We therefore have

$$-3aeE_{\text{ext}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} = E^{1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\lambda = -E^1/3aeE_{\rm ext}$ , and so we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Set the determinant = 0 and solve:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^4 - \lambda^2 = \lambda^2 (\lambda^2 - 1).$$

Hence we have values  $\lambda = 0, 0, 1, -1$  so it splits into 3 separate levels with energy shift  $E_2^1 = 0, -3aeE_{\text{ext}}, 3aeE_{\text{ext}}$ .

(d) Eigenvectors with  $E_2^1=0$  are  $|\varphi_2\rangle$  and  $|\varphi_4\rangle$ . The eigenvector with  $\lambda=1$  (hence  $E_2^1=-3aeE_{\rm ext}$ ) has

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $-\alpha + \gamma = 0$  or  $\alpha = \gamma$  and the normalised eigenvector  $\chi = (|\varphi_1\rangle + |\varphi_3\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ . For  $\lambda = -1$  (hence  $E_2^1 = 3aeE_{\rm ext}$ )

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and so  $\alpha + \gamma = 0$  or  $\gamma = -\alpha$  and the normalised eigenvector  $\chi = (|\varphi_1\rangle - |\varphi_3\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ .

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