

(a) From equations (11.14) and (11.15)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{c}_a &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} (c_a H'_{aa} + c_b H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t}) \\ \dot{c}_b &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} (c_b H'_{bb} + c_a H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t})\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Zeroth order:

$$c_a(t) = 1, \quad c_b(t) = 0$$

First order:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{c}_a^{(1)} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} [c_a H'_{aa} + c_b H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t}]_{c_a=1, c_b=0} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{aa} \\ \dot{c}_b^{(1)} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} [c_b H'_{bb} + c_a H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t}]_{c_a=1, c_b=0} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t}\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}c_a^{(1)} &= 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{aa}(t') dt' \\ c_b^{(1)} &= 0 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{ba}(t') e^{i\omega_0 t'} dt'\end{aligned}$$

Hence to first order (discard  $|H'_{aa}|^2$  and  $|H'_{ba}|^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}|c_a^{(1)}|^2 &= 1 + \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{aa}(t') dt' \right] \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{aa}(t') dt' \right]^* = 1 \\ |c_b^{(1)}|^2 &= \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{ba}(t') e^{i\omega_0 t'} dt' \right] \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{ba}(t') e^{i\omega_0 t'} dt' \right]^* = 0\end{aligned}$$

(b) Let

$$A = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{aa}(t') dt', \quad B = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H'_{bb}(t') dt'$$

so that

$$d_a = e^A c_a, \quad d_b = e^B c_b\tag{2}$$

For time derivatives we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{d}_a &= \frac{de^A}{dt} c_a + e^A \dot{c}_a = \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{aa} e^A c_a + e^A \dot{c}_a \\ \dot{d}_b &= \frac{de^B}{dt} c_b + e^B \dot{c}_b = \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{bb} e^B c_b + e^B \dot{c}_b\end{aligned}$$

By equation (1) substitute for  $\dot{c}_a$  and  $\dot{c}_b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{d}_a &= \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{aa} e^A c_a - \frac{i}{\hbar} e^A (c_a H'_{aa} + c_b H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t}) \\ \dot{d}_b &= \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{bb} e^B c_b - \frac{i}{\hbar} e^B (c_b H'_{bb} + c_a H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t})\end{aligned}$$

Expand right-hand sides.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{d}_a &= \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{aa} e^A c_a - \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{aa} e^A c_a - \frac{i}{\hbar} e^A c_b H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \\ \dot{d}_b &= \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{bb} e^B c_b - \frac{i}{\hbar} H'_{bb} e^B c_b - \frac{i}{\hbar} e^B c_a H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t}\end{aligned}$$

Cancel terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{d}_a &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^A c_b H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \\ \dot{d}_b &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^B c_a H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t}\end{aligned}$$

By equation (2) we have for  $c_a$  and  $c_b$

$$c_a = e^{-A} d_a, \quad c_b = e^{-B} d_b$$

Hence by substitution for  $c_a$  and  $c_b$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{d}_a &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^A e^{-B} H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t} d_b \\ \dot{d}_b &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^B e^{-A} H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t} d_a\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$e^{i\phi} = e^A e^{-B} = e^{A-B} = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t [H'_{aa}(t') - H'_{bb}(t')] dt'\right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{d}_a &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^{i\phi} H'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t} d_b \\ \dot{d}_b &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} e^{-i\phi} H'_{ba} e^{i\omega_0 t} d_a\end{aligned}$$