

1. The probability a particle is at a position x is given by:

$\Pr(x) = \langle x | \hat{\rho} | x \rangle$. To see if this changes in time:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x | \hat{\rho} | x \rangle = \langle x | \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} | x \rangle \quad (\text{since } \hat{x} \text{ is hermitian})$$

$$= i \langle x | \hat{x} \hat{p} \hat{x} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{x}^2 \hat{p} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{p} \hat{x}^2 | x \rangle$$

Since ~~\hat{x}~~ $\hat{x} | x \rangle = x | x \rangle$

$$= i \left(x^2 \langle x | \hat{p} | x \rangle - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \langle x | \hat{p} | x \rangle - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \langle x | \hat{p} | x \rangle \right)$$

$$= 0, \text{ as required.}$$

2. The coefficients of the density matrix are given by

$$C_{nm} = \langle n | \hat{\rho} | m \rangle$$

$$\frac{dC_{nm}}{dt} = i \langle n | \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} | m \rangle$$

$$= i \left(\langle n | n \hat{p}_m | m \rangle + -\frac{1}{2} \langle n | \hat{n}^2 \hat{p} | m \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle n | \hat{p} \hat{n}^2 | m \rangle \right)$$

$$= \frac{i}{2} (n-m)^2 \langle n | \hat{p} | m \rangle$$

$$= \frac{i}{2} (n-m)^2 C_{nm}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{nm} = e^{\frac{i}{2}(n-m)^2 t} C_{nm}(0)$$

initial state

3. The Heisenberg equation of motion gives us:

$$\text{it } \frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}) \rangle = \langle [\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}), \hat{H}] \rangle$$

From the mean field approximation, $\langle \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}) \rangle = \Psi_m(\vec{x})$
so we now need to find a \hat{H} which gives the equation.

The first term is kinetic energy:

$$\hat{H}_1 = \sum_{n=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \hat{\Psi}_n^+(\vec{x}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x})$$

$$[\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}), \hat{H}_1] = \sum_{n=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \left[\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_n^+(\vec{x}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x}) - \hat{\Psi}_n^+(\vec{x}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x}) \right]$$

since $[\hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x}), \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y})] = 0$, we can re-arrange this.

the derivative acts on x , not y , so they commute.

$$= \sum_{n=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \left[\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_n^+(\vec{x}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x}) - \hat{\Psi}_n^+(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x}) \right]$$

then

These terms are equal
~~because~~
 ~~$\hat{\Psi}_n^+(\vec{x})$~~ ~~$\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y})$~~ ~~commute~~

therefore

$$= \sum_{n=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} [\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}), \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x})] \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x})$$

$$= \sum_{n=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} S_{nm} \delta(x-y) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x})$$

$$= \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y})$$

From the mean field approximation

$$\langle [\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{x}), \hat{H}] \rangle = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}) \right) = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi_m(\vec{y})$$

The second, non-linear term:

$$\hat{H}_2 = \sum_{p,q=-2}^2 \int d^3x \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_q \hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{x})$$

$$[\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}), \hat{H}_2] = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{p,q=-2}^2 \int d^3x \left(\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q(\vec{x}) - \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}) \right)$$

Since $\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y})$ commutes with $\hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x})$

$$= \frac{U}{2} \sum_{p,q=-2}^2 \int d^3x \left([\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}), \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger(\vec{x})] \right) (\hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q(\vec{x}))$$

$$= \frac{U}{2} \sum_{p,q=-2}^2 \int d^3x \left(\hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{x}) \delta_{qm} \delta(\vec{y}-\vec{x}) + \delta_{pm} \delta(\vec{y}-\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger(\vec{x}) \right) (\hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q(\vec{x}))$$

$$= \frac{U}{2} \left(\sum_{p=-2}^2 \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger(\vec{y}) + \sum_{q=-2}^2 \hat{\Psi}_2^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_2(\vec{y}) \right)$$

$$= U \sum_{p=-2}^2 \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger(\vec{y})$$

since $\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y})$ commutes with $\hat{\Psi}_q(\vec{y})$

relabeling the summation.

From the mean field approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle [\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}), \hat{H}_2] \rangle &= U \left\langle \sum_{p=-2}^2 \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger(\vec{y}) \right\rangle \\ &= U \sum_{p=-2}^2 \psi_p^*(\vec{y}) \psi_p(\vec{y}) \psi_m(\vec{y}) \\ &= U \psi_m(\vec{y}) \sum_{p=-2}^2 |\psi_p|^2 \\ &= U \rho(\vec{y}) \psi_m(\vec{y}) \end{aligned}$$

For the matrix:

$$\hat{H}_3 = \sum_{j,k=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \hat{\Psi}_j^\dagger(\vec{x}) \cancel{\hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{x})} V_{jk}(\vec{x})$$

$$[\hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger, \hat{H}_3] = \sum_{j,k=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \left(\hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_j^\dagger(\vec{x}) V_{jk}(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{x}) - \hat{\Psi}_j^\dagger(\vec{x}) V_{jk}(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger(\vec{y}) \right)$$

since $\hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{x})$ and $\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y})$ commute,
and since V_{jk} is a constant

$$= \sum_{j,k=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \left([\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}), \hat{\Psi}_j^\dagger(\vec{x})] \right) \left(V_{jk} \hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{x}) \right)$$

since $[\hat{\Psi}_m(\vec{y}), \hat{\Psi}_j^\dagger(\vec{x})] = \delta_{mj} \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$

$$2\hat{H}_3 = \sum_{k=-2}^2 V_{mk} \hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{y})$$

Using the mean field approximation:

$$\langle [\hat{\Psi}_m^\dagger, \hat{H}_3] \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{k=-2}^2 V_{mk}(\vec{y}) \hat{\Psi}_k(\vec{y}) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{k=-2}^2 V_{mk}(\vec{y}) \psi_k(\vec{y})$$

so if we take $V_{mk}(\vec{y})$ to be the element of the matrix in the m^{th} row and k^{th} column we get the final term.

If we take $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{H}_3$, by linearity we get the desired equations

Hence $\hat{H} = \sum_{n=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \hat{\Psi}_n^\dagger(\vec{x}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_n(\vec{x})$

$\hat{H} = \sum_{p,q=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \hat{\Psi}_p^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_p(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_q(\vec{x}) + \sum_{j,k=-2}^2 \int d\vec{x} \hat{\Psi}_j^\dagger(\vec{x}) \hat{\Psi}_k^\dagger(\vec{x}) V_{jk}(\vec{x})$

Q4. I will define:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{n++} = |e, n+1\rangle \langle e, n+1|$$

on resonance,

$$so \omega_i = \omega_a = \omega$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{n--} = |g, n\rangle \langle g, n|$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{n+-} = |e, n-1\rangle \langle g, n|$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{n-+} = |g, n\rangle \langle e, n-1|$$

The Hamiltonian is given by:

$$\hat{H}_n = \hbar \omega_n (\hat{\sigma}_{n++} + \hat{\sigma}_{n--}) + \hbar \Gamma_n (\hat{\sigma}_{n+-} + \hat{\sigma}_{n-+})$$

The time evolution operator is given by:

$$U_n(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{it}{\hbar} \hat{H}_n\right) \quad (\text{initially it is at } t_0=0)$$

From linearity, we can break this into 4 pieces.

$$\exp(-it\omega_n \hat{\sigma}_{n++}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-it\omega_n)^k}{k!} (\hat{\sigma}_{n++})^k, \quad \text{note: } (\hat{\sigma}_{n++})^k = \hat{\sigma}_{n++}, k \geq 1$$

$$= \hat{I} + \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-it\omega_n)^k}{k!}$$

$$= \hat{I} + \hat{\sigma}_{n++} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n})$$

$$\exp(-it\omega_n \hat{\sigma}_{n--}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-it\omega_n)^k}{k!} (\hat{\sigma}_{n--})^k, \quad \text{note: } (\hat{\sigma}_{n--})^k = \hat{\sigma}_{n--}, k \geq 1$$

$$= \hat{I} + \hat{\sigma}_{n--} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(it\omega_n)^k}{k!}$$

$$= \hat{I} + \hat{\sigma}_{n--} (-1 + e^{it\omega_n})$$

$$\exp(-it\Gamma_n/\hbar \hat{\sigma}_{n+-}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-it\Gamma_n/\hbar)^k}{k!} (\hat{\sigma}_{n+-})^k, \quad \text{note: } (\hat{\sigma}_{n+-})^k = 0, k \geq 2$$

$$= \hat{I} - \frac{it\Gamma_n}{\hbar} \hat{\sigma}_{n+-}$$

$$\exp(-it\Gamma_n/\hbar \hat{\sigma}_{n-+}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-it\Gamma_n/\hbar)^k}{k!} (\hat{\sigma}_{n-+})^k, \quad \text{note: } (\hat{\sigma}_{n-+})^k = 0, k \geq 2$$

$$= \hat{I} - \frac{it\Gamma_n}{\hbar} \hat{\sigma}_{n-+}$$

The time evolution operator is the product of these 4 terms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_n(t) &= \left(\hat{1} + \hat{\sigma}_{n++} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) \right) \left(\hat{1} + \hat{\sigma}_{n--} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) \right) \left(\hat{1} - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} \hat{\sigma}_{n+-} \right) \times \\
 &\quad \left(\hat{1} - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} \hat{\sigma}_{n-+} \right) \\
 &= \left(\hat{1} + \hat{\sigma}_{n--} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) + \hat{\sigma}_{n++} (-1 + e^{it\omega_n}) \right) \left(\hat{1} - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} (\hat{\sigma}_{n+-} + \hat{\sigma}_{n-+}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2} \hat{\sigma}_{n++} + \hat{\sigma}_{n--} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) \hat{\sigma}_{n-+} + \hat{\sigma}_{n++} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} (-1 + e^{it\omega_n}) \hat{\sigma}_{n+-} - \frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2} (-1 + e^{-it\omega_n}) \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \right. \\
 &= \hat{1} - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} (\hat{\sigma}_{n+-} + \hat{\sigma}_{n-+}) + (e^{-it\omega_n} - 1) \hat{\sigma}_{n--} \cancel{+ \frac{(-it\omega_n)}{\hbar} \cancel{+ \frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2}}} \\
 &\quad + \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \left(-\frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2} + e^{-it\omega_n} - 1 + -\frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2} e^{-it\omega_n} \right) \\
 &= \hat{1} - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} (\hat{\sigma}_{n+-} + \hat{\sigma}_{n-+}) + (e^{-it\omega_n} - 1) \hat{\sigma}_{n--} - \left(1 + \frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2} e^{-it\omega_n} \right) \hat{\sigma}_{n++}
 \end{aligned}$$

a) excited state population = ~~$\langle \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \rangle$~~ for an optical field in a number state

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \rangle &= \langle g, n | \hat{U}_n^\dagger(t) \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \hat{U}_n(t) | g, n \rangle \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Einstein relation}}{=} \\
 &= \left(e^{it\omega_n} \langle g, n | + \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} \langle e, n-1 | \right) \left(-\frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} | e, n-1 \rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{t^2 \omega_n^2}{\hbar^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(t) |g, n\rangle &\stackrel{*}{=} \\
 &= |g, n\rangle - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} |e, n-1\rangle \\
 &\quad + (e^{-it\omega_n} - 1) |g, n\rangle \\
 &= e^{-it\omega_n} |g, n\rangle - \frac{it\omega_n}{\hbar} |e, n-1\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

~~excited state population $\propto |\langle \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \rangle|^2 = \frac{t^4 \omega_n^4}{\hbar^4}$~~

b) The total hamiltonian is $\hat{H} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{H}_n$, ~~\hat{H}_n~~

$$\text{Use } \Rightarrow \hat{U}(t) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{U}_n(t)$$

For no $n=0$ term, as you cannot excite an atom with no photons.

$$\Rightarrow \hat{U}(t)|\alpha\rangle = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} \hat{U}(t)|g,n\rangle$$

summation now goes from $n=1$.

Since $\hat{\sigma}_{n\pm\pm}|g,j\rangle = 0$ for $n \neq j$:

$$= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} \hat{U}_n(t)|g,n\rangle$$

For the same reason, if we act $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{n++}$ on the above we get:

$$= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \hat{U}_n(t)|g,n\rangle$$

And from orthogonality we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \right\rangle &= \left\langle g, \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \langle g, n | \hat{U}_n^+(t) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^* \alpha^n}{(n!)^2} \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \hat{U}_n(t) | g, n \rangle \right\rangle e^{-|\alpha|^2} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^* \alpha^n}{(n!)^2} \langle g, n | \hat{U}_n^+(t) \hat{\sigma}_{n++} \hat{U}_n(t) | g, n \rangle e^{-|\alpha|^2} \\ \text{Using a)} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \frac{t^2 |C|^2 n}{\hbar^2} e^{-|\alpha|^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{t^2 |C|^2}{\hbar^2} \alpha e^{-|\alpha|^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ &= \frac{t^2 |C|^2}{\hbar^2} \alpha e^{-|\alpha|^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{t^2 |C|^2}{\hbar^2} \alpha e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{t^2 |C|^2}{\hbar^2} \alpha e^{\alpha - |\alpha|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Using Mathematica:
(see attached)

$$= \frac{t^2 |C|^2 \alpha |\alpha|}{\hbar^2} I_1(2|\alpha|) e^{-|\alpha|^2}$$

Modified Bessel function
of the first kind

Q4.

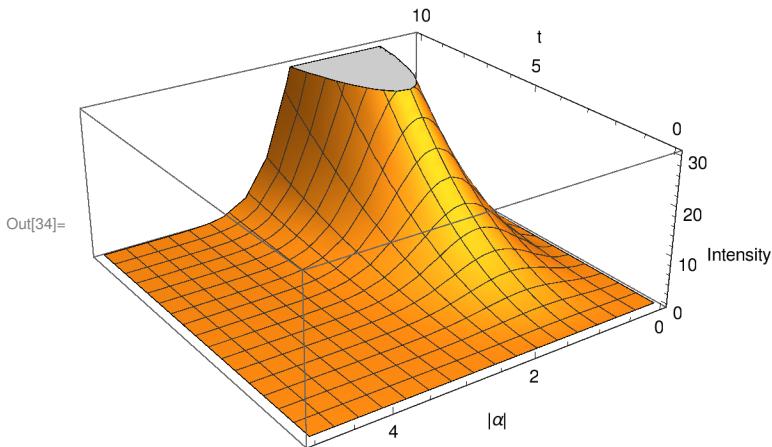
Solving the summation ($a=|\alpha|$):

$$\text{In}[1]= \text{Sum}\left[\frac{a^{2n}}{(n!)^2} n, \{n, 1, \infty\}\right]$$

$$\text{Out}[1]= a \text{BesselI}[1, 2a]$$

c) Taking $\frac{|G|^2}{h^2} = 1$

$$\text{In}[34]= \text{Plot3D}[t^2 a \text{BesselI}[1, 2a] \text{Exp}[-a^2], \{t, 0, 10\}, \{a, 0, 5\}, \text{AxesLabel} \rightarrow \{"t", "|\alpha|", "Intensity"\}]$$



For $|\alpha| > 4$ or $|\alpha| < 0.01$ we have the number of particles in the excited state to negligably small. Additionally, if you increase $|\alpha|$, we get the intensity approaching zero. Hence Rabi oscillations will be too small to see,