1. Gauge invariance and the Lorentz force

(a)

Schroedinger equation

$$\mathrm{i}\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\left(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\right)^2\psi + q\phi\psi$$

Complex conjugate

$$\begin{split} -\mathrm{i}\hbar\frac{\partial\psi^*}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\bigg(\nabla + \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)^2\psi^* + q\phi\psi^* \\ \mathrm{i}\hbar\psi^*\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} &= -\psi^*\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)^2\psi + q\phi\psi^*\psi \\ -\mathrm{i}\hbar\psi\frac{\partial\psi^*}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\psi\bigg(\nabla + \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)^2\psi^* + q\phi\psi^*\psi \\ \mathrm{i}\hbar\frac{\partial\psi^*\psi}{\partial t} &= -\psi^*\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)^2\psi + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\psi\bigg(\nabla + \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)^2\psi^* \\ &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\bigg(\nabla\bigg(\psi^*\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi\bigg) - \bigg|\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi\bigg|^2\bigg) \\ &+ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\bigg(\nabla\bigg(\psi\bigg(\nabla + \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi^*\bigg) - \bigg|\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi\bigg|^2\bigg) \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla\bigg(\psi\bigg(\nabla + \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi^* - \psi^*\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi\bigg) \\ &\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} &= \frac{\hbar}{2m\mathrm{i}}\nabla\bigg(\psi\bigg(\nabla + \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi^* - \psi^*\bigg(\nabla - \frac{\mathrm{i}q}{\hbar c}\vec{A}\bigg)\psi\bigg) \\ &= -\nabla\cdot\vec{j} \\ &= -\nabla\cdot\vec{j} \\ &0 = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot\vec{j} \end{split}$$

(b)

Under time reversal transformation

$$-i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\nabla - \frac{iq}{\hbar c} \vec{A} \right)^2 \psi^* - q\phi\psi^*$$
$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\left(\nabla - \frac{iq}{\hbar c} \vec{A} \right)^2 - \left(\nabla + \frac{iq}{\hbar c} \vec{A} \right)^2 \right) \psi^*$$
$$\neq 0$$

(c)

Derivatives,

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}_i} = & m \dot{r}_i + \frac{q}{c} A_i \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial r_i} = & -q \partial_i \phi + \frac{q}{c} \dot{r}_j \partial_i A_j \end{split}$$

Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\begin{split} 0 &= m\ddot{r}_i + \frac{q}{c}\frac{\mathrm{d}A_i}{\mathrm{d}t} + q\partial_i\phi - \frac{q}{c}\dot{r}_j\partial_iA_j \\ m\ddot{r}_i &= -\frac{q}{c}\frac{\mathrm{d}A_i}{\mathrm{d}t} - q\partial_i\phi + \frac{q}{c}\dot{r}_j\partial_iA_j \\ &= -q\partial_i\phi - \frac{q}{c}\partial_tA_i - \frac{q}{c}\dot{r}_j\partial_jA_i + \frac{q}{c}\dot{r}_j\partial_iA_j \\ &= qE_i + \frac{q}{c}(\delta_{ln}\delta_{im} - \delta_{lm}\delta_{in})\dot{r}_l\partial_mA_n \\ &= qE_i + \frac{q}{c}\varepsilon_{ilj}\dot{r}_l\varepsilon_{jmn}\partial_mA_n \\ &= qE_i + \frac{q}{c}\varepsilon_{ilj}\dot{r}_lB_j \\ &= qE_i + \frac{q}{c}\left(\vec{v}\times\vec{B}\right)_i \end{split}$$

2.

(a)

For each step

$$K(x_{j+1}, x_{j}; \varepsilon) = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi i\hbar\varepsilon}} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left(a_{1} \left(x_{j+1}^{2} + x_{j}^{2}\right) - 2b_{1}x_{j+1}x_{j}\right)\right)$$
where $a_{1} \equiv \frac{m}{2\varepsilon} \left(1 - 2\left(\frac{\omega\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{2}\right)$, $b_{1} \equiv \frac{m}{2\varepsilon}$. Assume,
$$\left(\frac{m}{2\pi \mathrm{i}\hbar\varepsilon}\right)^{n/2} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \int \mathrm{d}x_{j-1} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(a_{1} \left(x_{j-1}^{2} + x_{j}^{2}\right) - 2b_{1}x_{j-1}x_{j}\right)\right)$$

$$= A_{n} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left(a_{n} \left(x_{n}^{2} + x_{0}^{2}\right) - 2b_{n}x_{n}x_{0}\right)\right)$$
and $a_{n}^{2} - b_{n}^{2} = a_{1}^{2} - b_{1}^{2}$

$$A_{n+1} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left(a_{n+1} \left(x_{0}^{2} + x_{n+1}^{2}\right) - 2b_{n+1}x_{0}x_{n+1}\right)\right)$$

$$= A_{n} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi \mathrm{i}\hbar\varepsilon}\right)^{1/2} \int \mathrm{d}x_{n} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left(a_{1} \left(x_{n+1}^{2} + x_{n}^{2}\right) - 2b_{1}x_{n+1}x_{n} + a_{n}\left(x_{n}^{2} + x_{0}^{2}\right) - 2b_{n}x_{n}x_{0}\right)\right)$$

$$= A_{n} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi \mathrm{i}\hbar\varepsilon}\right)^{1/2} \int \mathrm{d}x_{n} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left((a_{1} + a_{n})x_{n}^{2} - 2(b_{1}x_{n+1} + b_{n}x_{0})x_{n} + a_{1}x_{n+1}^{2} + a_{n}x_{0}^{2}\right)\right)$$

$$= A_{n} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi \mathrm{i}\hbar\varepsilon}\right)^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{i}\pi\hbar}{a_{1} + a_{n}}} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left(-\frac{(b_{1}x_{n+1} + b_{n}x_{0})^{2}}{a_{1} + a_{n}} + a_{1}x_{n+1}^{2} + a_{n}x_{0}^{2}\right)\right)$$

$$= A_{n} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi \mathrm{i}\hbar\varepsilon}\right)^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{i}\pi\hbar}{a_{1} + a_{n}}} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\hbar} \left(a_{1} - \frac{b_{1}^{2}}{a_{1} + a_{n}}\right)\left(x_{n+1}^{2} + x_{0}^{2}\right) - 2\frac{b_{1}b_{n}}{a_{1} + a_{n}}x_{n+1}x_{0}\right)\right)$$

So
$$a_{n+1}=a_1-\frac{b_1^2}{a_1+a_n}, b_{n+1}=\frac{b_1b_n}{a_1+a_n}$$
, which also satisfy $a_{n+1}^2-b_{n+1}^2=a_1^2-b_1^2$. Let $\frac{\omega\varepsilon}{2}=\sin\frac{\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}{2}$
$$a_1=b_1\cos\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon$$

$$a_n=\sqrt{b_n^2-b_1^2\sin^2\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{1}{b_{n+1}}=\frac{\cos\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon+\sqrt{\frac{b_n^2}{b_1^2}-\sin^2\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}}{b_n}$$

$$\frac{1}{b_n}=\frac{\sin n\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}{b_1\sin\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}$$

$$a_n=\frac{m\sin\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}{2\varepsilon}\frac{\cos n\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}{\sin n\tilde{\omega}\varepsilon}$$

In the small ε limit and when n = N

$$\frac{1}{b} = \frac{2\sin\omega t}{m\omega}$$

$$a = \frac{m\omega}{2\sin\omega t}\cos\omega t$$

Therefore the full propagator takes the form

$$A \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}m\omega}{2\hbar\sin\omega t} \left(\cos\omega t \left(x^2 + x'^2\right) - 2xx'\right)\right)$$

(b)

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i\hbar \sin \omega t}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} (2i\sin \omega t)^{-1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} (e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t})^{-1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} e^{-i\omega t/2} (1 - e^{-2i\omega t})^{-1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} e^{-i\omega t/2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{-2i\omega t}$$

where a_n is the expansion coefficient of $(1-x)^{1/2}$. The states in between are missing due to the zero in the wavefunction.

(c)

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i\hbar \sin \omega t}} \exp \left(\frac{\mathrm{i}m\omega x^2}{\hbar \sin \omega t} (\cos \omega t - 1)\right)$$

Trace

$$\int K dx = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i\hbar \sin \omega t}} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}m\omega x^2}{\hbar \sin \omega t} (\cos \omega t - 1)\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i\hbar \sin \omega t}} \frac{\mathrm{i}\pi\hbar \sin \omega t}{m\omega (\cos \omega t - 1)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\cos \omega t - 1)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\sin (\omega t/2)}$$

$$= \left(e^{\mathrm{i}\omega t/2} - e^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t/2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= e^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t/2} \left(1 - e^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\mathrm{i}\omega t \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$$

3.

(a)

Function to minimize

$$E = \int d^3 r \varphi^* H \varphi - \varepsilon \left(\int d^3 r \varphi^* \varphi - 1 \right)$$

$$= \int d^3 r (\alpha \psi_A + \beta \psi_B) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{r_{1A}} - \frac{e^2}{r_{1B}} + \frac{e^2}{R} \right) (\alpha \psi_A + \beta \psi_B)$$

$$- \varepsilon \left(\int d^3 r (\alpha \psi_A + \beta \psi_B)^2 - 1 \right)$$

Expanding derivative around the center of the wavefunctions

$$E = \alpha \int d^{3}r (\alpha \psi_{A} + \beta \psi_{B}) \left(E_{1s} - \frac{e^{2}}{r_{1B}} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} \right) \psi_{A}$$

$$+ \beta \int d^{3}r (\alpha \psi_{A} + \beta \psi_{B}) \left(E_{1s} - \frac{e^{2}}{r_{1A}} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} \right) \psi_{B}$$

$$- \varepsilon \left(\int d^{3}r (\alpha \psi_{A} + \beta \psi_{B})^{2} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \alpha^{2} \left(E_{1s} - e^{2} \int d^{3}r \frac{\psi_{A}^{2}}{r_{1B}} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} \right) + \alpha \beta \left(E_{1s}S + \frac{e^{2}S}{R} - e^{2} \int d^{3}r \frac{\psi_{A}\psi_{B}}{r_{1B}} \right)$$

$$+ \beta^{2} \left(E_{1s} - e^{2} \int d^{3}r \frac{\psi_{B}^{2}}{r_{1A}} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} \right) + \alpha \beta \left(E_{1s}S + \frac{e^{2}S}{R} - e^{2} \int d^{3}r \frac{\psi_{A}\psi_{B}}{r_{1A}} \right)$$

$$- \varepsilon (\alpha^{2} + 2\alpha\beta S + \beta^{2} - 1)$$

Let
$$U_1 \equiv \int d^3r \frac{\psi_A^2}{r_{1B}} = \int d^3r \frac{\psi_B^2}{r_{1A}}$$
, $U_2 \equiv \int d^3r \frac{\psi_A\psi_B}{r_{1A}} = \int d^3r \frac{\psi_A\psi_B}{r_{1B}}$

$$E = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \left(E_{1s} - e^2U_1 + \frac{e^2}{R} - \varepsilon \right) + 2\alpha\beta \left(E_{1s}S + \frac{e^2S}{R} - e^2U_2 - \varepsilon S \right) - \varepsilon$$

$$= -(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \left(e^2U_1 + \zeta \right) - 2\alpha\beta \left(e^2U_2 + \zeta S \right) - \varepsilon$$

To minimize E

$$0 = \alpha^{2} + 2\alpha\beta S + \beta^{2} - 1$$

$$0 = \alpha(e^{2}U_{1} + \zeta) + \beta(e^{2}U_{2} + \zeta S)$$

$$0 = \beta(e^{2}U_{1} + \zeta) + \alpha(e^{2}U_{2} + \zeta S)$$

Therefore,

$$V_{AA} = V_{BB} = e^2 U_1$$
$$V_{AB} = V_{BA} = e^2 U_2$$

(b)

From normalization,

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+S)}}$$

Energy

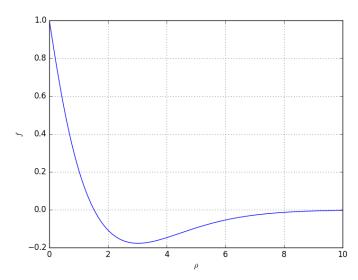
$$\varepsilon = 2\alpha^{2} \left(E_{1s} - e^{2}U_{1} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} \right) + 2\alpha^{2} \left(E_{1s}S + \frac{e^{2}S}{R} - e^{2}U_{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+S} \left(\left(E_{1s} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} \right) (1+S) - e^{2}U_{1} - e^{2}U_{2} \right)$$

$$= E_{1s} + \frac{e^{2}}{R} - \frac{e^{2}}{1+(1+\rho+\rho^{2}/3)e^{-\rho}} \left(\frac{1}{R} \left(1 - (1+\rho)e^{-2\rho} \right) + \frac{1}{a_{0}} (1+\rho)e^{-\rho} \right)$$

$$f = \frac{1-2\rho^{2}/3 + (1+\rho)e^{-\rho}}{1+(1+\rho+\rho^{2}/3)e^{-\rho}} e^{-\rho}$$

(c)



The potential is minimized when $\rho = 3$

4.

(a)

Eigenvalue equation

$$(\varepsilon - \lambda)^2 = t^2$$
$$\varepsilon - \lambda = \pm t$$
$$\lambda = \varepsilon \pm t$$

Eigenvectors $r_1|R\rangle + r_2|R'\rangle$

$$0 = (\varepsilon - \lambda)r_1 - tr_2$$
$$r_2 = \mp r_1$$

Normalized eigenvectors

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|R\rangle \mp |R'\rangle)$$

(b)

$$\begin{split} |\Phi_H\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}(|R_1\rangle + |R_1'\rangle)(|R_2\rangle + |R_2'\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(|RR\rangle + |RR'\rangle + |R'R\rangle + |R'R'\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\Phi_0\rangle + \frac{1}{2}(|\Phi_1\rangle + |\Phi_2\rangle) \\ E_H &= 2(\varepsilon - t) + U \end{split}$$

Matrix elements

$$\begin{split} h_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \langle \Phi_0 | h_1 | \Phi_0 \rangle & \langle \Phi_0 | h_1 | \Phi_1 \rangle & \langle \Phi_0 | h_1 | \Phi_2 \rangle \\ \langle \Phi_1 | h_1 | \Phi_0 \rangle & \langle \Phi_1 | h_1 | \Phi_1 \rangle & \langle \Phi_1 | h_1 | \Phi_2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (\langle R | h_1 | R \rangle + \langle R' | h_1 | R' \rangle) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle R' | h_1 | R \rangle & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle R | h_1 | R' \rangle \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle R | h_1 | R' \rangle & \langle R | h_1 | R \rangle & 0 \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle R' | h_1 | R \rangle & 0 & \langle R' | h_1 | R' \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} & \varepsilon & 0 \\ \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

Similarly

$$h_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} & \varepsilon & 0 \\ \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & U & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & U \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 2\varepsilon & \sqrt{2}t & \sqrt{2}t \\ \sqrt{2}t & 2\varepsilon + U & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}t & 0 & 2\varepsilon + U \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{2}$$

(c)

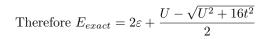
$$0 = (2\varepsilon - \lambda)(2\varepsilon + U - \lambda)^{2} - 4t^{2}(2\varepsilon + U - \lambda)$$

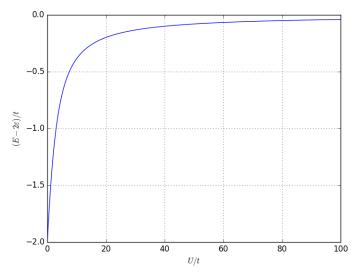
$$\lambda_{1} = 2\varepsilon + U$$

$$0 = (2\varepsilon - \lambda)(2\varepsilon + U - \lambda) - 4t^{2}$$

$$0 = (2\varepsilon - \lambda)^{2} + U(2\varepsilon - \lambda) - 4t^{2}$$

$$\lambda_{2,3} = 2\varepsilon + \frac{U \pm \sqrt{U^{2} + 16t^{2}}}{2}$$





For small u this fallback to the non-interacting case, for large U, this fallback to separate atom case.

(d)

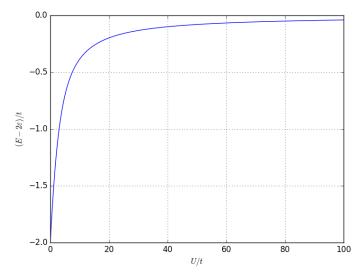
The eigenstate corresponds to λ_1 is $|\Phi_1\rangle - |\Phi_2\rangle$ so other eigenstates has to take the form $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\Phi_0\rangle + \frac{f(u)}{2}(|\Phi_1\rangle + |\Phi_2\rangle)$ in order to be orthogonal to it. Substitute to H

$$0 = \sqrt{2}t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{U + \sqrt{U^2 + 16t^2}}{2} \frac{f}{2}$$

$$f = -\frac{4t}{U + \sqrt{U^2 + 16t^2}}$$

$$= \frac{u - \sqrt{u^2 + 16}}{4}$$

The probability of finding two electron on the same proton is $\frac{f^2}{1+f^2}$



For small u this fallback to the non-interacting case, for large U, the atom will stay on different protons due to repulsion.