

Phys 2566 Syllabus (Spring, 2016), Prof. Tao Han

Quantum Mechanics II

1 Theory of Angular Momentum (≈ 15 lectures)

- 1.1 Rotation of a physical system, generators and algebra
- 1.2 Rotation in quantum mechanics
- 1.3 Spin 1/2 systems
- 1.4 Rotational groups
- 1.5 Eigen-values and eigenstates of J
- 1.6 Orbital angular momentum and central force problems
- 1.7 Addition of angular momenta
- 1.8 Density operators, pure and mixed ensembles
- 1.9 Spin correlation and quantum entanglement
- 1.10 Tensor operators and the Wigner-Eckart theorem

2 Approximation Methods (≈ 13 lectures)

- 2.1 Time-independent perturbation theory: Non-degeneracy
- 2.2 Time-independent perturbation theory: Degeneracy
- 2.3 Variational methods
- 2.4 Interaction picture and time-dependent potential
- 2.5 Time-dependent perturbation theory
- 2.6 Application: Interaction with classical radiation field
- 2.7 Application: Energy shift and decay width

3 Scattering Theory (≈ 7 lectures)

3.1 Lippmann-Schwinger equation

3.2 The Born approximation

3.3 Optical theorem

3.4 Plan waves versus spherical waves

3.5 Methods of partial waves

3.6 Resonance scattering

3.7 Coulomb scattering

4 Quantum Theory of Radiation (≈ 3 lectures)

4.1 Classical radiation

4.2 Quantization of radiation field

4.3 Vacuum energy and the Casimir Effect

4.4 Interaction of the electro-magnetic field with matter

5 Relativistic Quantum Mechanics (≈ 4 lectures)

5.1 Relativistic transformation: Galilean and Einstein's

5.2 Klein-Gordon equation: Spin-0 Particles

5.3 The Dirac equation: Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ Particles

5.4 Simple solutions; non-relativistic approximation

5.5 Negative energy solution; hole theory and charge conjugation

5.6 The two-components system