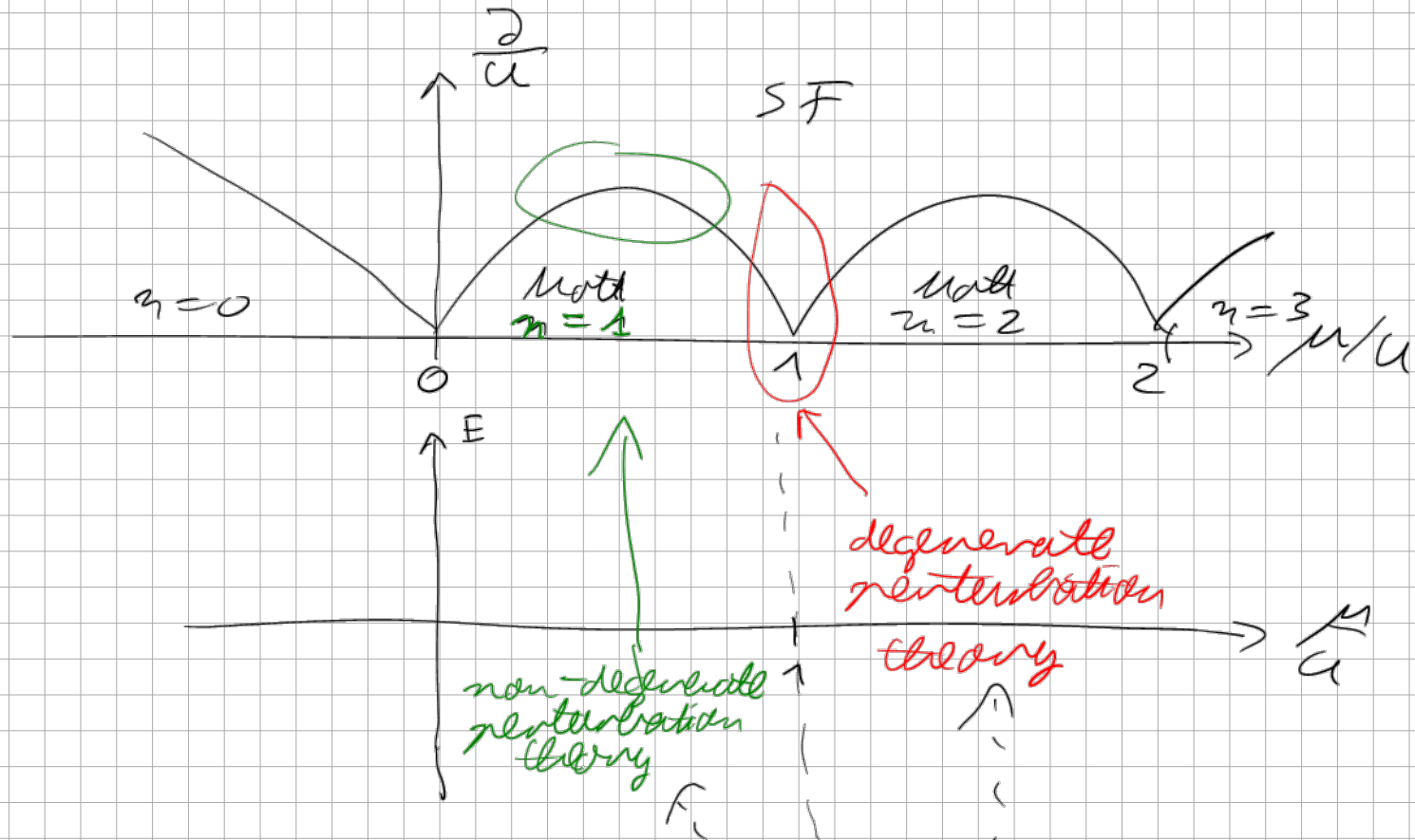


Chapter 4: Brillouin-Wigner Perturbation Theory

Motivation:

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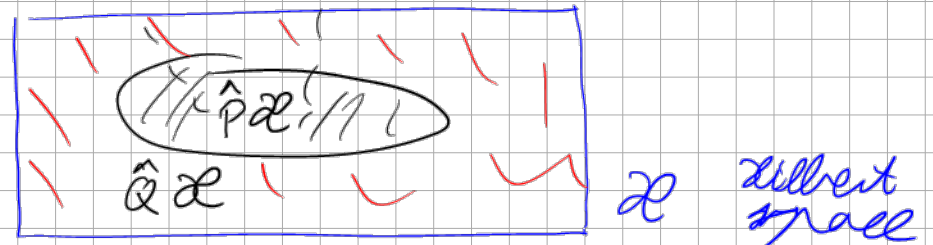


Unite non-degenerate and degenerate perturbation

4.1 General Formalism:

projection operator \hat{P}

idempotent property: $\hat{P}^2 = \hat{P}$



complementary projection operator: $\hat{Q} = 1 - \hat{P}$

$$\hat{Q}^2 = (1 - \hat{P})(1 - \hat{P}) = 1 - 2\hat{P} + \underbrace{\hat{P}^2}_{\hat{P}} = 1 - \hat{P} = \hat{Q} \quad \checkmark$$

\hat{P} and \hat{Q} project into disjoint subspaces $\hat{P}\mathcal{X}$ and $\hat{Q}\mathcal{X}$:

$$\hat{P}\hat{Q} = \hat{P}(1 - \hat{P}) = \hat{P} - \underbrace{\hat{P}^2}_{\hat{P}} = 0 = \hat{Q}\hat{P} \Rightarrow [\hat{P}, \hat{Q}]_- = 0$$

eigenvalue problem: $\hat{H}|\psi_n\rangle = E_n|\psi_n\rangle$

$$\hat{1} = \hat{P} + \hat{Q} \quad 1 = \hat{P} + \hat{Q}$$

$$\hat{H}\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle + \hat{H}\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle = E_n\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle + E_n\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle \quad \left| \hat{P} \cdot \right| \left| \hat{Q} \cdot \right.$$

$$\hat{P}\hat{H}\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle + \hat{P}\hat{H}\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle = E_n\underbrace{\hat{P}^2}_{\hat{P}}|\psi_n\rangle + E_n\underbrace{\hat{P}\hat{Q}}_{=0}|\psi_n\rangle$$

$$= E_n\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{Q}\hat{H}\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle + \hat{Q}\hat{H}\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle = E_n\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle \quad (2)$$

Two intertwined equations connecting $\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle$ and $\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle$

Aim: Find single equation for $\hat{P}|\psi_n\rangle$ by eliminating $\hat{Q}|\psi_n\rangle$

$$(2) : \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{P} |\psi_n\rangle = (E_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{Q}) \hat{Q} |\psi_n\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Q} |\psi_n\rangle = \hat{Q} (E_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{Q})^{-1} \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{P} |\psi_n\rangle \quad | \hat{Q} \cdot \quad (2')$$

$$(2') \text{ in (1): } \left\{ \hat{P} \hat{H} \hat{P} + \hat{P} \hat{H} \hat{Q} (E_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{Q})^{-1} \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{P} \right\} |\psi_n\rangle = E_n \hat{P} |\psi_n\rangle$$

One equation for $\hat{P} |\psi_n\rangle$.

Implement now perturbation theory: $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{V}$

4.2 Specialisation:

So far: \hat{P} was considered to be independent of \hat{H}_0

Now: $[\hat{P}, \hat{H}_0]_- = 0$; $\hat{H}_0 |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle$, $\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi_m^{(0)} \rangle = \delta_{nm}$

$$\hat{P} = \sum_{k \in N} |\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_k^{(0)}| \quad \text{dyadic product}$$

subset of quantum numbers n

$$\hat{P}_n = |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(0)}|, \quad \hat{P}_n^2 = \hat{P}_n, \quad \hat{P}_n \hat{P}_m = \delta_{nm} \hat{P}_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \hat{P}^2 = \hat{P}$$

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{k \in \bar{N}} |\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_k^{(0)}| \quad \text{complement of } N$$

$$\hat{\rho}(x) = \sum_n \rho_n(x) |n\rangle \langle n|$$

density operator

$$\hat{O} = \hat{1} \cdot \hat{O} \hat{1} = \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| \hat{O} \sum_{n'} |n'\rangle \langle n'| = \sum_n \sum_{n'} \underbrace{O_{nn'}}_{=\langle n|\hat{O}|n'\rangle} |n\rangle \langle n'|$$

$$\hat{Q} \hat{H}_0 \hat{P} = \sum_{n \in N} E_n^{(0)} \hat{Q} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(0)}| = 0$$

$$= \sum_{n \in N} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(0)}| = 1 - \hat{P}$$

$$\hat{P} \hat{H}_0 \hat{Q} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{P} \left\{ \hat{H} + \lambda^2 \hat{V} \hat{Q} \left(E_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{Q} \right)^{-1} \hat{Q} \hat{V} \right\} \hat{P} |\psi_n\rangle = E_n \hat{P} |\psi_n\rangle \Leftarrow$$

\hat{P} subspace

$= \hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$

$\hat{Q} \hat{H}$ subspace

4.3 Resolvent:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{V} + \lambda^2 \hat{V} \hat{Q} \hat{R}(E_n) \hat{Q} \hat{V}$$

$$(\hat{A} \hat{B})^{-1} = \hat{B}^{-1} \hat{A}^{-1}$$

$$\hat{R}(E_n) = [E_n - \hat{Q}(\hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{V}) \hat{Q}]^{-1}$$

Idea: Taylor expansion in λ where λ appears explicitly

$$\hat{R}(E_n) = (E_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H}_0 \hat{Q})^{-1} \left\{ 1 - \lambda \hat{Q} \hat{V} \hat{Q} (E_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H}_0 \hat{Q})^{-1} \right\}^{-1}$$

$$\text{geometric series} = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left[\lambda \hat{Q} \hat{V} \hat{Q} \underbrace{(\hat{E}_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H}_0 \hat{Q})^{-1}}_{= \hat{R}^{(0)}(E_n)} \right]^s$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{V} + \lambda^2 \hat{V} \hat{Q} \hat{R}^{(0)}(E_n) \hat{Q} \hat{V} + \lambda^3 \hat{V} \hat{Q} \hat{R}^{(0)}(E_n) \hat{Q} \hat{V} \hat{Q} \hat{R}^{(0)}(E_n) \hat{Q} \hat{V} + \lambda^4 \dots$$

$$\langle \psi_e^{(0)} | \hat{R}^{(0)}(E_n) | \psi_e^{(0)} \rangle = \frac{1}{E_n - E_e^{(0)}} \quad n \in N, e \in \bar{N}$$

$$(\hat{E}_n - \hat{Q} \hat{H}_0 \hat{Q})^{-1} = \hat{E}_n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{E}_n} \hat{Q} \hat{H}_0 \hat{Q} + \dots \right)$$

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geometric series

$$\hat{Q} | \psi_e^{(0)} \rangle = \sum_{e' \in \bar{N}} \frac{1}{E_n - E_{e'}^{(0)}} | \psi_{e'}^{(0)} \rangle \langle \psi_{e'}^{(0)} | \psi_e^{(0)} \rangle = | \psi_e^{(0)} \rangle$$

= $\delta_{ee'}$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{V} + \lambda^2 \sum_{e \in \bar{N}} \frac{\hat{V} | \psi_e^{(0)} \rangle \langle \psi_e^{(0)} | \hat{V}}{E_n - E_e^{(0)}} + \lambda^3 \sum_{e, e' \in \bar{N}} \frac{\hat{V} | \psi_e^{(0)} \rangle \langle \psi_e^{(0)} | \hat{V} | \psi_{e'}^{(0)} \rangle \langle \psi_{e'}^{(0)} | \hat{V}}{(E_n - E_e^{(0)}) (E_n - E_{e'}^{(0)})} + \dots$$

$$\hat{P} \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} \hat{P} = E_m \hat{P} |\psi_m\rangle$$

$$(|\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle)$$

$$\sum_{n \in N} \sum_{n' \in N} |\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)}| \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} |\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)}| \psi_m\rangle = E_m \sum_{n' \in N} |\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)}| \psi_m\rangle$$

$$\sum_{n' \in N} \left(\langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)}| \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} |\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle - E_m \delta_{n'n'} \right) \langle \psi_{n'}^{(0)}| \psi_m\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{nontrivial solution} \quad \det \left(\langle \psi_n^{(0)}| \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} |\psi_{n'}^{(0)}\rangle - E_m \delta_{nn'} \right) = 0$$

\Rightarrow equation for E_m

4.4 Specific Cases:

$$\hat{P} = \hat{P}_m = |\psi_m^{(0)}\rangle \langle \psi_m^{(0)}|$$

4.4.1 One-state approach:

$$\Rightarrow E_m = \langle \psi_m^{(0)}| \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} |\psi_m^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$E_m = E_m^{(0)} + \lambda V_{mm} + \lambda^2 \sum_{l \neq m} \frac{V_{ml} V_{lm}}{E_m - E_l^{(0)}} + \dots$$

$$+ \lambda^3 \sum_{l, l' \neq m} \frac{V_{ml} V_{ll'} V_{l'm}}{(E_m - E_l^{(0)})(E_m - E_{l'}^{(0)})} + \dots$$