

# 5.73

## Quiz 17 **ANSWERS**

1.

$$\Psi_{v_1 v_2}^{(0)} = \phi_{v_1}(x_1) \phi_{v_2}(x_2)$$

$$E_{v_1 v_2}^{(0)} = \hbar [\omega_1(v_1 + 1/2) + \omega_2(v_2 + 1/2)]$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{(1)} = k_{122} x_1 x_2^2$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{n_1 k_1 n_2 k_2}^{(1)} = k_{122} \langle n_1 | x_1 | k_1 \rangle \langle n_2 | x_2^2 | k_2 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \left( \frac{m_1 \omega_1}{2\hbar} \right)^{1/2} (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_1^\dagger)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \left( \frac{m_2 \omega_2}{2\hbar} \right)^{1/2} (\mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2^\dagger)$$

- A. Matrix elements of  $\mathbf{H}^{(1)}$  have four indices,  $n_i$  and  $k_i$  specify the final and initial state quantum numbers for oscillator #1,  $n_i$  and  $k_i$  the final and initial state quantum numbers for oscillator #2. What are the selection rules for nonzero matrix elements of  $\mathbf{H}^{(1)}$ ?

$$n_i - k_i = \boxed{\pm 1}$$

$$n_i - k_i = \boxed{0, \pm 2}$$

- B. What are the zero-order energy differences that correspond to each of the nonzero matrix elements of  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 k_1 n_2 k_2}^{(1)}$ ?

$$E_{n_1 n_2}^{(0)} - E_{k_1 k_2}^{(0)} = \hbar \left[ \omega_1 \left( \boxed{n_1 - k_1} \right) + \omega_2 \left( \boxed{n_2 - k_2} \right) \right]$$

C. Evaluate at least two of the six nonzero values of the off-diagonal elements of  $\mathbf{H}^{(1)}$ .

(i) e.g.  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 + 1 n_2 n_2 + 2} = \gamma \left[ (n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 2)(n_2 + 1) \right]^{1/2}$

(ii)  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 + 1 n_2 n_2} = \gamma \left[ (n_1 + 1)^{1/2} (2n_2 + 1) \right]$

DO THIS ONE!

(iii)  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 + 1 n_2 n_2 - 2} = \gamma \left[ (n_1 + 1)(n_2)(n_2 - 1) \right]^{1/2}$

(iv)  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 - 1 n_2 n_2 + 2} = \gamma \left[ n_1 (n_2 + 2)(n_2 + 1) \right]^{1/2}$

(v)  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 - 1 n_2 n_2} = \gamma \left[ n_1^{1/2} (2n_2 + 1) \right]$

(vi)  $\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 - 1 n_2 n_2 - 2} = \gamma \left[ n_1 n_2 (n_2 - 1) \right]^{1/2}$

where  $\gamma \equiv \left( \frac{m_1 \omega_1}{2\hbar} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m_2 \omega_2}{2\hbar} \right)^1$ .

D. The term  $\frac{|\mathbf{H}_{n_1 n_1 + 1 n_2 n_2 - 2}^{(1)}|^2}{E_{n_1 n_2}^{(0)} - E_{n_1 + 1 n_2 - 2}^{(0)}}$

appears in the second-order perturbation summation for  $E_{n_1 n_2}^{(2)}$ .

Evaluate this term (based on your answers to parts B and C(iii)).

$$\frac{\gamma^2 (n_1 + 1)(n_2)(n_2 - 1)}{\hbar(2\omega_2 - \omega_1)}$$

E. What happens to the term in part D if  $\omega_1 = 2\omega_2$ ?

Blows up!

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