

5.3 We have an infinite 2-D square well ( $V_0 = 0$  for  $0 \leq x, y \leq L$ ,  $\infty$  elsewhere). I know that we should all just "know" the energy eigenfunctions, but I'll rederive them here for practice.

Assume a separable form  $\Psi(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$

Schrödinger's Equation then gives us  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} \right) + V(x, y)\Psi = E\Psi$ .

The wavefunction vanishes outside the well, so from now on we'll only focus on  $0 \leq x, y \leq L$ . Inside the well,  $V(x, y) = 0$ .

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (gf'' + fg'') = Efg \Rightarrow -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}$$

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Since we have separated this, the two sides of the equation must always be true, and thus equal to the same constant. Call that constant  $-k_y^2$ .

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = -k_y^2 \Rightarrow g'' = gk_y^2$$

when  $k_y^2 < 0$ ,  $g(y) = C_1 \sinh(yk_y) + C_2 \cosh(yk_y)$

Applying Boundary conditions:  $g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$ , so  $g(y) = C_1 \sinh(yk_y)$ .

also  $g(L) = 0 \Rightarrow k_y = 0$ , or  $C_1 = 0$ . Thus  $k_y^2 < 0$  yields no solutions.

when  $k_y^2 > 0$ ,  $g(y) = C_1 \sin(yk_y) + C_2 \cos(yk_y)$

Applying Boundary Conditions:  $g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$ , so  $g(y) = C_1 \sin(yk_y)$ .

also  $g(L) = 0 \Rightarrow k_y = \frac{n_y \pi}{L}$

$$\Rightarrow g(y) = C_1 \sin(k_y y), \quad k_y = \frac{n_y \pi}{L}$$

①

$$\rightarrow \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = k_y^2, \text{ let } -k_x^2 \equiv \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} - k_y^2, \text{ then}$$

$$-\frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -k_x^2 \Rightarrow f'' = f k_x^2$$

Following the same logic as above,

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = D_1 \sin(k_x x), \quad k_x = \frac{n_x \pi}{L}$$

②

Combining ① and ②, and redefining  $A = C_1 D_1$ , we get

$$\Psi(x, y) = A \sin(k_y y) \sin(k_x x)$$

Normalize to get A.

$$1 = A^2 \int_0^L \int_0^L (\Psi(x, y))^2 dx dy = A^2 \int_0^L \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L}\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L}\right) dx dy = \frac{A^2 L^2}{4} \Rightarrow A = \frac{2}{L}$$

③

$$\Psi(x, y) = \frac{2}{L} \sin(k_y y) \sin(k_x x)$$

For kicks, we also get

$$k_x = \frac{n_x \pi}{L} = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} - k_y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{n_x^2 \pi^2}{L^2} + \frac{n_y^2 \pi^2}{L^2} = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \Rightarrow E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2)$$

5.3, cont.

Thus, from ③

Ground State ( $n=1$ ), $\psi_1(x,y) = \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right)$	↙ 2-fold degeneracy. (
First Excited State ( $n=2$ ), $\psi_{2a}(x,y) = \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right)$	
or $\psi_{2b}(x,y) = \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right)$	

Ground State ( $n=1$ )

→ Zeroth-order energy eigenfunction:  $\psi_1^{(0)}(x,y) = \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right)$

→ 1<sup>st</sup>-order energy shift

we have the perturbation  $V_1 = \lambda xy$

In general,  $\Delta_n^{(1)} = \langle n^{(0)} | V_1 | n^{(0)} \rangle$  where  $|n^{(0)}\rangle$  is the zeroth order energy eigenket of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  excited state.

Here we have  $\Delta_1^{(1)} = \langle 1^{(0)} | xy | 1^{(0)} \rangle \lambda = \lambda \int_0^L \int_0^L |\psi_1^{(0)}(x,y)|^2 xy dx dy$   
 $= \frac{4\lambda}{L^2} \int_0^L \int_0^L xy \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right) dx dy = \frac{1}{4} \lambda L^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta_1^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda L^2}{4}}$

1<sup>st</sup> Excited state ( $n=2$ )

→ 1<sup>st</sup>-order energy shift:  $\Delta_2^{(1)} = \langle 2^{(0)} | V_1 | 2^{(0)} \rangle = \lambda \langle 2^{(0)} | xy | 2^{(0)} \rangle$

This becomes a 2x2 matrix because of the 2-fold degeneracy

$$\Delta_2^{(1)} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \langle \psi_{2a} | xy | \psi_{2a} \rangle & \langle \psi_{2a} | xy | \psi_{2b} \rangle \\ \langle \psi_{2b} | xy | \psi_{2a} \rangle & \langle \psi_{2b} | xy | \psi_{2b} \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

calculate the matrix elements.

$$\langle \psi_{2a} | xy | \psi_{2a} \rangle = \frac{4}{L^2} \int_0^L \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right) xy dx dy = \frac{L^2}{4}$$

also  $\langle \psi_{2a} | xy | \psi_{2a} \rangle = \langle \psi_{2b} | xy | \psi_{2b} \rangle$  b/c symmetric in  $x$  vs.  $y$ .

$$\langle \psi_{2a} | xy | \psi_{2b} \rangle = \frac{4}{L^2} \int_0^L \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right) xy dx dy = \frac{256 L^2}{81\pi^4}$$

also  $\langle \psi_{2a} | xy | \psi_{2b} \rangle = \langle \psi_{2b} | xy | \psi_{2a} \rangle$  b/c the wavefunctions are real.

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_2^{(1)} = \lambda L^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{256}{81\pi^4} \\ \frac{256}{81\pi^4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now diagonalize this.  $|\Delta_2^{(1)} - \epsilon \mathbf{I}| = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda L^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1/4 - \epsilon & 256/81\pi^4 \\ 256/81\pi^4 & 1/4 - \epsilon \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{\pm} = \frac{81\pi^4 \pm 1024}{324\pi^4} \lambda L^2$$

Crunching the numbers, we get the energy shifts:  $\Delta_{2a}^{(1)} = 0.28 \lambda L^2$   
 $\Delta_{2b}^{(1)} = 0.22 \lambda L^2$

→ Zeroth-order energy eigenfunctions.

$$\Delta_2^{(1)} - \epsilon_a \mathbf{I} = \frac{256 L^2}{81\pi^4} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \psi_{2a}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{L} \left( \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right) \right)$$

$$\Delta_2^{(1)} - \epsilon_b \mathbf{I} = \frac{256 L^2}{81\pi^4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \psi_{2b}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{L} \left( \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right) \right)$$