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a) given:  $H_0 = \frac{P_x^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2} + \frac{P_y^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 y^2}{2} \equiv H_{0x} + H_{0y}$

we can analyze each dimension independently.

$$H_{0x} \Rightarrow E_{n_x} = (n_x + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega, \quad H_{0y} \Rightarrow E_{n_y} = (n_y + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega$$

and  $E_{n_x n_y} = E_{n_x} + E_{n_y} = (n_x + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega + (n_y + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega$

The energy eigenfunctions are  $|n_x n_y\rangle$ , and the 3 lowest-lying states are  $|00\rangle$ ,  $|01\rangle$ , and  $|10\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_{00}^{(0)} = \hbar\omega, \quad E_{10}^{(0)} = E_{01}^{(0)} = 2\hbar\omega}$  2-fold degeneracy in first excited state.

b) Add a perturbation:  $V = \delta m\omega^2 xy$

Find the zeroth-order energy eigenstates, as well as  $E_{00}^{(1)}$ ,  $E_{10}^{(1)}$ , and  $E_{01}^{(1)}$ , where

$$E_{n_x n_y}^{(1)} = E_{n_x n_y}^{(0)} + \Delta_{n_x n_y}^{(1)}$$

Ground State

$\rightarrow$  Zeroth-order Energy Eigenkets (unperturbed)

in general  $\psi(x,y) = f(x)g(y)$  because we have assumed a separable form.

$$\psi_0(x) = \langle x|0\rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_1(x) = \langle x|1\rangle = \left[\frac{4}{\pi}\left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}\right)^3\right]^{1/4} x e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar}$$

by 2.3.30-31.

$$\psi_0^{(0)}(x,y) = \langle x|0\rangle \langle y|0\rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/2\hbar}$$

$\rightarrow$  First-order energy shift:  $\Delta_0^{(1)} = \langle 00|\delta m\omega^2 xy|00\rangle^{(0)} = \delta m\omega^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} \left(e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/2\hbar}\right)^2 xy dx dy$

$\Rightarrow \Delta_0^{(1)} = 0$  b/c  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = 0$ , since  $x e^{-x^2}$  is odd.

First Excited State

$\rightarrow$  First-order energy shift:  $\Delta_1^{(1)} = \langle 1^{(0)}|V|1^{(0)}\rangle = \delta m\omega^2 \langle 1^{(0)}|xy|1^{(0)}\rangle$

This becomes a  $2 \times 2$  matrix b/c of the 2-fold degeneracy.

$$\Delta_1^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle 01|xy|01\rangle & \langle 01|xy|10\rangle \\ \langle 10|xy|01\rangle & \langle 10|xy|10\rangle \end{bmatrix} \delta m\omega^2$$

calculate the matrix elements:

$$\delta m\omega^2 \langle 01|xy|01\rangle = \delta m\omega^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_1^*(y) \psi_0^*(x) \cdot \psi_1(y) \psi_0(x) xy dx dy$$

$$= \delta m\omega^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}\right)^2 y^2 e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/\hbar} xy dx dy = 0 \quad \text{b/c the } x\text{-integral vanishes again.}$$

By symmetry,  $\langle 10|xy|10\rangle = \langle 01|xy|01\rangle = 0$ .

$$\delta m\omega^2 \langle 10|xy|01\rangle = \delta m\omega^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_1^*(x) \psi_0^*(y) \psi_1(y) \psi_0(x) xy dx dy$$

$$= \delta m\omega^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}\right)^2 xy e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/\hbar} xy dx dy = \delta m\omega^2 \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}\right)^2 \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}\right)^3 = \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}$$

Since these are real wavefunctions,  $\langle 10|xy|01\rangle = \langle 01|xy|10\rangle = \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_1^{(1)} = \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\downarrow$

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Now I diagonalize  $\Delta_1^{(1)} = \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $|\Delta_1^{(1)} - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2} \\ \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2} & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \left(\frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} = \pm \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}$$

Thus, the two energy shifts are  $\Delta_{1,\pm}^{(1)} = \pm \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}$ .

→ get the eigenkets.

$$\Delta_1^{(1)} - \lambda_+ I = \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \psi_{1,+}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |01\rangle)$$

$$\Delta_1^{(1)} - \lambda_- I = \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \psi_{1,-}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle - |01\rangle)$$

To sum it all up:

Zeroth order energy eigenstate

ground state:  $\psi_0^{(0)} = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/2\hbar}$

1st order energy

$$E_0^{(1)} = \hbar\omega$$

1st excited state:  $\begin{cases} \psi_{1,+}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/2\hbar} (x+y) \\ \psi_{1,-}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-m\omega(x^2+y^2)/2\hbar} (x-y) \end{cases}$

$$E_{1,+}^{(1)} = 2\hbar\omega + \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}$$

$$E_{1,-}^{(1)} = 2\hbar\omega - \frac{\delta\omega\hbar}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{c} H_0 + V = \frac{P_x^2}{2m} + \frac{P_y^2}{2m} + m\omega^2 \left( \delta xy + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) = \frac{P_x^2}{2m} + \frac{P_y^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2}{2} (2xy\delta + x^2 + y^2)$$

now note we can write:  $2xy\delta = \frac{1}{2} [(x+y)^2 - (x-y)^2]$

and  $x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{2} [(x+y)^2 + (x-y)^2]$

$$\Rightarrow H_0 + V = \frac{P_x^2}{2m} + \frac{P_y^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} [(x+y)^2 - (x-y)^2] \delta + \frac{1}{2} [(x+y)^2 + (x-y)^2] \right)$$

$$= \frac{P_x^2}{2m} + \frac{P_y^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \left[ (1+\delta)(x+y)^2 + (1-\delta)(x-y)^2 \right]$$

Let  $x' = x+y$ ,  $y' = x-y$

$$\Rightarrow H_0 + V = \frac{P_{x'}^2}{2m} + \frac{P_{y'}^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2(1+\delta)}{2} x'^2 + \frac{m\omega^2(1-\delta)}{2} y'^2$$

This is just the Hamiltonian of an anisotropic 2D harmonic oscillator.

for the  $x'$  direction,  $\omega \rightarrow \omega\sqrt{1+\delta}$

and for the  $y'$  direction,  $\omega \rightarrow \omega\sqrt{1-\delta}$

$$\Rightarrow E_{n_x'} = (n_x' + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar\omega\sqrt{1+\delta}, \quad E_{n_y'} = (n_y' + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar\omega\sqrt{1-\delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{n_x', n_y'} = (n_x' + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar\omega\sqrt{1+\delta} + (n_y' + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar\omega\sqrt{1-\delta}$$

Thus  $E_{00} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega(\sqrt{1+\delta} + \sqrt{1-\delta}) \stackrel{\text{Binomial Approx}}{\approx} \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega(1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta + 1 - \frac{1}{2}\delta) = \hbar\omega = E_0^{(1)}$  ✓

$E_{10} = \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega\sqrt{1+\delta} + \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega\sqrt{1-\delta} \approx \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega + \frac{3}{4} \hbar\omega\delta + \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega - \frac{1}{4} \hbar\omega\delta = 2\hbar\omega + \frac{\hbar\omega\delta}{2} = E_{1,+}^{(1)}$  ✓

$E_{01} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega\sqrt{1-\delta} + \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega\sqrt{1+\delta} \approx \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega - \frac{1}{4} \hbar\omega\delta + \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega + \frac{3}{4} \hbar\omega\delta = 2\hbar\omega - \frac{\hbar\omega\delta}{2} = E_{1,-}^{(1)}$  ✓

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