

5.7 In gaussian units, the potential of a constant E-field in the z-direction is  $\frac{q}{z} = \Phi$ .  
 Thus, since  $q=e$ , and  $|\vec{E}| = E = \frac{q}{z^2}$ ,  $\Phi = zE$   
 $U = q \cdot \Phi$ , so  $U = -zeE$

Therefore, our perturbation is  $V = -zeE$ .

In general, we can write our perturbed state as

$$|n\rangle = |n^{(0)}\rangle + \sum_{k \neq n} |k^{(0)}\rangle \frac{\langle k^{(0)} | V | n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

Neglecting our terms second order and higher, and using  $n=0$  (the ground state):

$$|0\rangle = |0^{(0)}\rangle + \sum_{k \neq 0} |k^{(0)}\rangle \frac{\langle k^{(0)} | V | 0^{(0)} \rangle}{E_0^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}}$$

Assume this is a hydrogen atom, so the states are characterized by  $|nlm\rangle$ .  
 Applying for my bad notation,  $|0\rangle = |n=1, l=0, m=0\rangle$  is the ground state.

$$|0\rangle = |100\rangle + \sum_{nlm \neq 100} |nlm\rangle \frac{\langle nlm | z | 100 \rangle}{E_{100} - E_{nlm}} (-eE)$$

Now, since  $U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$ , and  $\vec{p} = \vec{z}e$ ,  $\vec{E} = E\hat{z} \Rightarrow U = \langle 0 | z e | 0 \rangle E$ .

so  $p = \langle 0 | z e | 0 \rangle$

Let's evaluate this expectation value.

$$\langle 0 | z e | 0 \rangle = \left[ \langle 100 | + \sum_{nlm} \langle nlm | \frac{\langle 100 | z | nlm \rangle}{E_{100} - E_{nlm}} (-eE) \right] e z \left[ |100\rangle + \sum_{nlm} |nlm\rangle \right]$$

$$\cdot (-eE) \frac{\langle nlm | z | 100 \rangle}{E_{100} - E_{nlm}}$$

Neglect 2<sup>nd</sup>-order terms, and note  $\langle 100 | z | 100 \rangle = 0$   
 b/c  $l' \neq l+1$ .

$$p = \langle 0 | z e | 0 \rangle = -2e^2 E \sum_{nlm} \frac{|\langle 100 | z | nlm \rangle|^2}{E_{100} - E_{nlm}} = E \alpha \text{ by 5.1.68.}$$

Now the energy shift computed to second order is given in the problem:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha E^2 = E^2 e^2 \sum_{nlm} \frac{|\langle 100 | z | nlm \rangle|^2}{E_{100} - E_{nlm}} = pE, \text{ where once again } p = E\alpha$$