

#5 Goldstein 12-6

(a) Show $H = \frac{1}{2m}(p^2 + m^2 \omega^2 q^2) - \frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2}$

for a relativistic 1-D Harmonic Oscillator.

$$E^2 = (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2 \Rightarrow E = \sqrt{(pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2} = mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{pc}{mc^2}\right)^2}$$

Expand using Binomial theorem:

$$E = mc^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{pc}{mc^2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{pc}{mc^2}\right)^4 + \dots \right)$$

$$E = mc^2 + \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Truncate.}$$

$$T = E_{\text{rel}} - mc^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2}$$

$$U = \frac{m\omega^2 q^2}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Harmonic Oscillator Potential}$$

$$H = T + U = \frac{1}{2m}(p^2 + m^2 \omega^2 q^2) - \frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Take $H_0 = \frac{1}{2m}(p^2 + m^2 \omega^2 q^2)$, and $\Delta H_1 = -\frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2}$

we already know the solution to H_0 . It's Soluble,

By 10.97: $p = \sqrt{\frac{mJ\omega}{\pi}} \cos(2\pi w)$ using action angle variables (J, w) .

Then $\Delta H_1 = -\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{mJ\omega}{\pi}\right)^2 \cos^4(2\pi w) \frac{1}{m^3 c^2} = -\frac{J^2 \omega^2 \cos^4(2\pi w)}{8 \pi^3 m c^2}$

We use $\nu_1 = \frac{\partial \Delta H_1}{\partial J} = \frac{-\sqrt{J} \omega^2}{8 \pi m c^2} \int \cos^4(2\pi w) dw$
 $\int \cos^4(2\pi w) dw \xrightarrow{2(\text{from derivative})} \int \cos^2(2\pi w) dw \xrightarrow{3/8}$

$$\nu_1 = \frac{-3J\omega^2}{64\pi m c^2} \quad \text{Now note } J = \frac{2\pi E}{\omega}, \text{ so } \nu_1 = \frac{-3E\omega}{32m c^2}$$

Since $\nu_0 = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$,

$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_0} = \frac{-3E\pi}{16m c^2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{-3}{8} \frac{E}{m c^2}$$

Appendix: Solve the Simple harmonic Oscillator Problem in Action-Angle variables. (important for #4 & #5)

① $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 q^2}{2} = E$

Solve for $p(q, \text{constants})$.

② $p^2 + m^2\omega^2 q^2 = 2mE \Rightarrow p = \sqrt{2mE - m^2\omega^2 q^2}$

③ $J = \oint P dq = \oint \sqrt{2mE - m^2\omega^2 q^2} dq$

That's a difficult integral, so let's use the substitution $q = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}} \sin\theta$ ④

The integrand becomes: $\sqrt{2mE - 2Em\sin^2\theta} = \sqrt{2mE} \sqrt{1 - \sin^2\theta} = \sqrt{2mE} \cos\theta$

dq becomes: $\frac{dq}{d\theta} = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}} \cos\theta \Rightarrow dq = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}} \cos\theta d\theta$

⑤ $J = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2mE} \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}} \cos^2\theta d\theta = \frac{2E}{\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2\theta d\theta = \frac{2E\pi}{\omega}$

⑥ $\Rightarrow E = \frac{J\omega}{2\pi}$

Thus:

⑦ $q = \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\pi m}} \sin\theta$ and plugging ④ into ②, $P = \sqrt{2mE} \cos\theta \Rightarrow P = \sqrt{\frac{mJ\omega}{\pi}} \cos\theta$

Now we know $w = \nu t + \beta$, and the usual solution to the oscillator problem is $q = \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\pi m}} \sin(\omega t + \beta)$, $P = \sqrt{\frac{mJ\omega}{\pi}} \cos(\omega t + \beta)$

Thus $\theta = \omega t + \beta$, and since $\omega t + \beta = 2\pi \nu t + \beta$

Define $\beta \equiv \frac{\beta}{2\pi}$, then $\theta = \omega t + \beta = 2\pi(\nu t + \beta) = 2\pi w$

So

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\pi m}} \sin(2\pi w)$$

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{mJ\omega}{\pi}} \cos(2\pi w)$$