

Problem 1

Problem Set 1

The Hamiltonian is: $H = \frac{1}{2m}(p_x^2 + p_z^2) + U_0 \theta(z)$ has $\dot{p}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0$

so that $p_x = mv_x$ is a constant of the motion, $v_x = V \sin \theta_i$.

For $z < 0$ $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, also a constant of the motion - then for $z > 0$,

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_z^2 + U_0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mV^2 \sin^2 \theta_i + \frac{1}{2}mv_z^2 + U_0$$

$$\rightarrow v_z = \left[V^2 \cos^2 \theta_i - \frac{2}{m}U_0 \right]^{1/2}$$

The final velocity vector is: $\vec{v}_f = v_f \sin \theta_f \hat{x} + v_f \cos \theta_f \hat{z}$
 $= V \sin \theta_i \hat{x} + \left[V^2 \cos^2 \theta_i - \frac{2}{m}U_0 \right]^{1/2} \hat{z}$

$$\text{giving } \tan \theta_f = \frac{\sin \theta_i}{\cos \theta_i \left[1 - \frac{2U_0}{mv^2 \cos^2 \theta_i} \right]^{1/2}} = \frac{\tan \theta_i}{\left[1 - \frac{2U_0}{mv^2 \cos^2 \theta_i} \right]^{1/2}} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta_f}{\sin \theta_i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{U_0}{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}}}$$

Problem 2

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m r^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}^2 - U$$

$$p_r = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} = m\dot{r} \Rightarrow \dot{r} = \frac{p_r}{m}, \quad p_\theta = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m r^2 \dot{\theta} \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{p_\theta}{m r^2}$$

$$p_\phi = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = m r^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi} \Rightarrow \dot{\phi} = \frac{p_\phi}{m r^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$H = \left(\dot{r} p_r + \dot{\theta} p_\theta + \dot{\phi} p_\phi - L \right) = \frac{p_r^2}{m} + \frac{p_\theta^2}{m r^2} + \frac{p_\phi^2}{m r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \left[\frac{p_r^2}{2m} + \frac{p_\theta^2}{2m r^2} + \frac{p_\phi^2}{2m r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - U \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left[p_r^2 + \frac{p_\theta^2}{r^2} + \frac{p_\phi^2}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right] + U(r, \theta, \phi)$$

If U is ϕ -indep. then $\dot{p}_\phi = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} = 0$ so $p_\phi = m r^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}$ is a constant of the motion.

This expression has units of angular momentum

Problem 3

$$\{x, p\} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow [x, p] = i\hbar, \text{ so } [x, p] = i\hbar \{x, p\}$$

Problem 4

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \ddot{x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right] \dot{x} = \left[\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right] \dot{x} = \left[\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right] \dot{x}$$

Problem 5

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (\vec{p} - q\vec{A}) \cdot (\vec{p} - q\vec{A}) = \frac{1}{2m} [p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2 - 2q(p_x A_x + p_y A_y + p_z A_z) + q^2(A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2)]$$

I'll work out the x eqns carefully, y + z are similar:

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x} = \frac{1}{m} [p_x - qA_x] \Rightarrow p_x = m\dot{x} + qA_x \quad \text{+ sim. } p_y = m\dot{y} + qA_y, p_z = m\dot{z} + qA_z.$$

we have $\vec{p} = m\vec{v} + q\vec{A}$.

$$\dot{p}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = - \left[-\frac{q}{m} \vec{p} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} + \frac{q^2}{m} \vec{A} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} \right] \quad (*)$$

+ $\vec{p} = m\vec{v} + q\vec{A}$

For \vec{A} a function of position, $\vec{A} = \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial z} \hat{z}$,

The LHS of (*) is:

$\dot{p}_x = m\ddot{x} + q\vec{v} \cdot (\nabla A_x)$, + the RHS is:

$$\frac{q}{m} \vec{p} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} - \frac{q^2}{m} \vec{A} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} = \frac{q}{m} [\vec{p} - q\vec{A}] \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} = q\vec{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x}$$

so we have:

$$m\ddot{x} + q\vec{v} \cdot (\nabla A_x) = q\vec{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} \Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = q\vec{v} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} - \nabla A_x \right]$$

$$\text{w/ } m\ddot{y} = q\vec{v} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial y} - \nabla A_y \right] \quad \text{+ } m\ddot{z} = q\vec{v} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial z} - \nabla A_z \right]$$

For the terms in brackets: $\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} - \nabla A_x = \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{y} + \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) \hat{z}$

$$= (\nabla \times \vec{A})_z \hat{y} - (\nabla \times \vec{A})_y \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} - \nabla A_x \right] = v_y \underbrace{(\nabla \times \vec{A})_z}_{= B_z} - v_z \underbrace{(\nabla \times \vec{A})_y}_{= B_y} = v_y B_z - v_z B_y = (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})_x$$

and $m\ddot{x} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})_x$ + sim. $\text{e. } y + z$, then

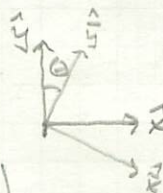
$$m\ddot{\vec{r}} = q\dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{B} \quad \text{w/ } \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

Problem 6

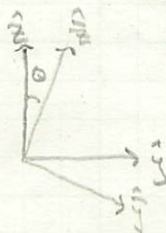
$$\begin{pmatrix} L_x \\ L_y \\ L_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{w/ } \cos\theta \approx 1, \sin\theta \approx \theta$$

$$\approx \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{= I} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\theta & 0 \\ \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{= \theta L_z} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so } L_z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

looking down the z-axis, we are rotating the axes clockwise by θ :



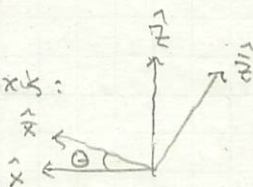
looking down the x-axis:



$$L_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } L_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

looking down the y-axis:



$$L_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } L_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The commutators (see attached) are $[L_x, L_y] = L_z$

$$[L_x, L_z] = -L_y$$

$$[L_y, L_z] = L_x$$

or $[L_i, L_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} L_k$ "just like" angular momentum operators (except for the factor of \hbar)

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In[1]= Lx = {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, -1}, {0, 1, 0}};  
Ly = {{0, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 0}, {-1, 0, 0}};  
Lz = {{0, -1, 0}, {1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}};
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In[4]= MatrixForm[Lx.Ly - Ly.Lx]
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Out[4]//MatrixForm=
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[5]= MatrixForm[Lx.Lz - Lz.Lx]
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[6]= MatrixForm[Ly.Lz - Lz.Ly]
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 7

We have to solve $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = E\psi$ w/ $\psi(-a/2) = 0 = \psi(a/2)$

$$\psi(x) = A \cos(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot x/2) + B \sin(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot x/2)$$

$$\psi(-a/2) = A \cos(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot a/2) - B \sin(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot a/2) = 0$$

$$\psi(a/2) = A \cos(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot a/2) + B \sin(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot a/2) = 0$$

If we add these eqn.s, we get $2A \cos(\sqrt{2mE} \cdot a/2) = 0$

so

$$\sqrt{2mE} \frac{a}{2} = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{for } n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$$

Subtracting gives $\sin(\sqrt{2mE} \frac{a}{2}) = 0$ w/ $\sqrt{2mE} \frac{a}{2} = n\pi \Rightarrow E = \frac{(2n)^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$

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integer

The cosine solution works for odd integers, the sine solution for even integers, so

$$\psi_j(x) \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \cos\left(\frac{j\pi x}{a}\right) & j \text{ odd} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{j\pi x}{a}\right) & j \text{ even} \end{cases}$$