

3-3 Transition Probability

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We evaluate the transition probability
from m-state (2p) to k-state (1s)
in hydrogen atom.

$$a_k(t) = a_k(0) - i \sum_n \int_0^t H'_{kn}(t') e^{i\omega_{kn}t'} a_n(t') dt'$$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_{kn} \equiv E_k - E_n \\ H'_{kn} \equiv \langle u_k | H_z | u_n \rangle \end{cases}$$

• Initial state : At $t=0$, the state is found at m-state (2p)

$$\therefore \underline{a_k(0) = \delta_{km}}$$

• Final state : At $t \rightarrow \infty$, the state is found at k-state (1s)

$$\therefore a_k^{(1)}(t) = -i \int_0^t H'_{km}(t') e^{i\omega_{km} t'} dt'$$

- The transition probability W

$$W = \frac{1}{T} \sum_n |a_n^{(1)}(t)|^2$$

- $H'_z = -\frac{e}{m_e} A \cdot \hat{p}$, $\omega_p \equiv |\mathbf{p}|$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \langle u_n | H'_z | u_m \rangle &\equiv H'_{km} \\ &= -\frac{e}{m_e} \langle u_n | \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{e} | u_m \rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V\omega_p}} e^{-i\omega_p t} \\ &\equiv V_{km} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V\omega_p}} e^{-i\omega_p t} \end{aligned}$$

(Here, $V_{km} \equiv -\frac{e}{m_e} \langle u_n | \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{e} | u_m \rangle$)

- Further, we find

$$\sum_n = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p$$

$$(\mathbf{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{n})$$

Thus, W becomes

$$W = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p \left| \int_0^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V\omega_p}} V_{km} e^{i(\omega_{km} - \omega_p)t'} dt' \right|^2$$

($T \rightarrow \infty$)

First, we evaluate the integral $| \quad |^2$

$$I \equiv \left| \int_0^T e^{i(\omega_{km} - \omega_p)t'} dt' \right|^2$$
$$= 2\pi \int_0^T e^{i(\omega_{km} - \omega_p)t'} \delta(\omega_{km} - \omega_p) dt'$$

$$\boxed{I = 2\pi T \delta(\omega_{km} - \omega_p)}$$

$$\therefore W = \frac{1}{T} \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} 2\pi T \cdot \frac{1}{2V} \int d^3p \frac{1}{\omega_p} |V_{km}|^2 \delta(\omega_{km} - \omega_p)$$

$$\begin{cases} d^3p = 4\pi p^2 dp \\ \rho(p) \equiv \frac{p}{4\pi^2} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{W = 2\pi |V_{km}|^2 \rho(p)} \quad (\text{Energy dimension})$$

$$\underline{V_{km} = -\frac{e}{m_e} \langle u_k | \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{E} | u_m \rangle}$$