

MAU34403: Quantum Mechanics I

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Problem 1.

(a)

Assume $\psi(x)$ takes the form

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} \psi_L(x) = A_L e^{i k_L x} + B_L e^{-i k_L x}, & x \leq -a \\ \psi_R(x) = A_R e^{i k_R x} + B_R e^{-i k_R x}, & x \geq a \end{cases},$$

$$\text{where } k_\alpha \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2m(E - V_\alpha)}}{\hbar}, \alpha = L, R.$$

$$V_L = V_R = 0 \implies k_L = k_R$$

$$\implies \psi(x) = \begin{cases} \psi_L(x) = A_L e^{i k x} + B_L e^{-i k x}, & x \leq -a \\ \psi_R(x) = A_R e^{i k x} + B_R e^{-i k x}, & x \geq a \end{cases}, \text{ where } k \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$\psi(x) \text{ is continuous at } a \implies \psi_L(a) = \psi_R(a)$$

$$\implies A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} = A_R e^{i k a} + B_R e^{-i k a} \quad (1)$$

$$V(x) \psi(x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi''(x) + E \psi(x)$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\varepsilon+a}^{\varepsilon+a} V(x) \psi(x) dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\varepsilon+a}^{\varepsilon+a} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi''(x) + E \psi(x) \right) dx$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\varepsilon+a}^{\varepsilon+a} \nu \delta(x) \psi(x) dx = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\varepsilon+a}^{\varepsilon+a} \psi''(x) dx + E \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\varepsilon+a}^{\varepsilon+a} \psi(x) dx$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \nu \psi(a) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \psi'(x) \Big|_{-\varepsilon+a}^{\varepsilon+a} + 0 \quad (\text{since } \psi(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = a)$$

$$\psi(a) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m\nu} (\psi'_R(a) - \psi'_L(a))$$

$$A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m\nu} (i k A_R e^{i k a} - i k B_R e^{-i k a} - i k A_L e^{i k a} + i k B_L e^{-i k a})$$

($\psi_L(a) = \psi_R(a) = \psi(a)$)

$$= \frac{i k \hbar^2}{2m\nu} (A_R e^{i k a} - B_R e^{-i k a} - A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a})$$

$$(1) \implies B_R e^{-i k a} = A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} - A_R e^{i k a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} &= \frac{i k \hbar^2}{2m\nu} (A_R e^{i k a} - A_L e^{i k a} - B_L e^{-i k a} + A_R e^{i k a} - A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a}) \\ &= \frac{i k \hbar^2}{m\nu} (A_R e^{i k a} - A_L e^{i k a}) \end{aligned}$$

$$A_R \frac{i k \hbar^2}{m\nu} e^{i k a} = A_L \left(1 + \frac{i k \hbar^2}{m\nu} \right) e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_R &= A_L \left(\frac{m\nu}{i k \hbar^2} + 1 \right) + B_L \frac{m\nu}{i k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} \\ &= A_L \left(1 - \frac{i m\nu}{k \hbar^2} \right) - B_L \frac{i m\nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(1) &\implies A_R e^{-i k a} = A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} - B_R e^{i k a} \\
\implies A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} &= \frac{i k \hbar^2}{2 m \nu} (A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a} - B_R e^{i k a} - B_R e^{-i k a} - A_L e^{i k a} + B_L e^{-i k a}) \\
&= \frac{i k \hbar^2}{m \nu} (B_L e^{-i k a} - B_R e^{-i k a}) \\
B_R \frac{i k \hbar^2}{m \nu} e^{-i k a} &= -A_L e^{i k a} + B_L \left(\frac{i k \hbar^2}{m \nu} - 1 \right) e^{-i k a} \\
B_R &= -A_L \frac{m \nu}{i k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} + B_L \left(1 - \frac{m \nu}{i k \hbar^2} \right) \\
&= A_L \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} + B_L \left(1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right) \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2), (3) &\implies \begin{pmatrix} A_R \\ B_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} & -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} \\ \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} & 1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_L \\ B_L \end{pmatrix} \\
&\implies M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} & -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} \\ \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} & 1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
M_1 &= M|_{a \rightarrow -a} & M_2 &= M|_{a \rightarrow a} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} & -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} \\ \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} & 1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \end{pmatrix} & & = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} & -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} \\ \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} & 1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M &= M_2 M_1 \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} & -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} \\ \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} & 1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} & -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} \\ \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} & 1 + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{AA} &= 1 - \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{-4i k a} \\
&= \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{-4i k a} - 1) - \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{AB} &= -\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} + \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{2i k a} - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} - \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{-2i k a} \\
&= \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{-2i k a} - e^{2i k a}) - \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} (e^{2i k a} + e^{-2i k a}) \\
&= -2i \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \sin(2k a) - \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \cos(2k a) \\
&= -\frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \sin(2k a) + \cos(2k a) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{BA} &= \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{2i k a} - \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{2i k a} + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} e^{-2i k a} + \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{-2i k a} \\
&= \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{2i k a} - e^{-2i k a}) + \frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} (e^{2i k a} + e^{-2i k a}) \\
&= 2i \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \sin(2k a) + \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \cos(2k a) \\
&= \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \sin(2k a) + \cos(2k a) \right) \\
\\
M_{BB} &= - \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{4i k a} + 1 + \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + \left(\frac{i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 e^{-4i k a} \\
&= \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{4i k a} - 1) + \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + 1 \\
\Rightarrow M &= \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{-4i k a} - 1) - \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + 1 & -\frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \sin(2k a) + \cos(2k a) \right) \\ \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \sin(2k a) + \cos(2k a) \right) & \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{4i k a} - 1) + \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + 1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_R &= M_{BA} A_L + M_{BB} B_L \\
\Rightarrow B_L &= -\frac{M_{BA}}{M_{BB}} A_L + \frac{1}{M_{BB}} B_R \\
&= S_{LL} A_L + S_{LR} B_R \\
\Rightarrow S_{LR} &= \frac{1}{M_{BB}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|M_{BB}|^2 &= \left| \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (e^{4i k a} - 1) + \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + 1 \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 (\cos(4k a) + i \sin(4k a)) - \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 + \frac{2i m \nu}{k \hbar^2} + 1 \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \cos(4k a) - \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 + 1 + i \left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \sin(4k a) + \frac{2m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right) \right|^2 \\
&= \left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \cos(4k a) - \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 + 1 \right)^2 + \left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \sin(4k a) + \frac{2m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \\
&= 2 \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^4 + 2 \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 + 1 + 2 \left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^4 \right) \cos(4a k) + 4 \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^3 \sin(4a k)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \cos[4 k a] - \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 + 1 \right)^2 + \left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 \sin[4 k a] + \frac{2 m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 // \text{Expand} // \text{FullSimplify}$$

$$\frac{2 m^4 \nu^4 + 2 k^2 m^2 \nu^2 \hbar^4 + k^4 \hbar^8 + 2 m^2 \nu^2 \left((-m^2 \nu^2 + k^2 \hbar^4) \cos[4 a k] + 2 k m \nu \hbar^2 \sin[4 a k] \right)}{k^4 \hbar^8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= |S_{LR}|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{|M_{BB}|^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2 \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^4 + 2 \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 + 1 + 2 \left(\left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^4 \right) \cos(4a k) + 4 \left(\frac{m \nu}{k \hbar^2} \right)^3 \sin(4a k)}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

(a)

Define centre of mass position $\bar{X}$ and momentum $\bar{P}$ and relative position X and momentum P as

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{X} &= \frac{m X_1 + m X_2}{m + m} & X &= X_1 - X_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (X_1 + X_2) & P &= \frac{m P_1 - m P_2}{m + m} \\ \bar{P} &= P_1 + P_2 & &= \frac{1}{2} (P_1 - P_2)\end{aligned}$$

We can rearrange these expressions to find

$$\begin{aligned}X_1 &= \bar{X} + \frac{1}{2} X & X_2 &= \bar{X} - \frac{1}{2} X \\ P_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \bar{P} + P & P_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \bar{P} - P\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}H(\bar{X}, \bar{P}, X, P) &= H(X_1(\bar{X}, X), X_2(\bar{X}, X), P_1(\bar{P}, P), P_2(\bar{P}, P)) \\ &= \frac{(\frac{1}{2} \bar{P} + P)^2}{2m} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2} \bar{P} - P)^2}{2m} + \frac{k(\bar{X} + \frac{1}{2} X)^2}{2} + \frac{k(\bar{X} - \frac{1}{2} X)^2}{2} + V\left(\bar{X} + \frac{1}{2} X - \bar{X} + \frac{1}{2} X\right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{P}^2}{4m} + \frac{P^2}{m} + k\bar{X}^2 + \frac{kX^2}{4} + V(X) \\ &= \frac{\bar{P}^2}{2(2m)} + \frac{(2k)\bar{X}^2}{2} + \frac{P^2}{2(\frac{m}{2})} + \frac{(\frac{k}{2} + k_{12})X^2}{2} & (\text{when } X_1 > X_2) \\ &= H_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{X}, \bar{P}) + H_{\text{rel}}(X, P)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E \psi(\vec{x}) &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{x}) + V(\vec{x}, t) \\ E \psi(\bar{x}, x) &= \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2(2m)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{x}^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(2k)\bar{x}^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{k}{2} + k_{12})x^2}{2} \right) \psi(\bar{x}, x) \\ E \varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x}) \varphi_{\text{rel}}(x) &= \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2(2m)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{(2k)\bar{x}^2}{2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(\frac{k}{2} + k_{12})x^2}{2} \right) \varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x}) \varphi_{\text{rel}}(x) \\ & \quad (\text{assuming } \psi \text{ is separable})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \frac{1}{\varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x})} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2(2m)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{(2k)\bar{x}^2}{2} \right) \varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x}) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\varphi_{\text{rel}}(x)} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(\frac{k}{2} + k_{12})x^2}{2} \right) \varphi_{\text{rel}}(x)\end{aligned}$$

This can be separated into

$$\begin{aligned}E_{\text{CoM}} &= \frac{1}{\varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x})} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2(2m)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{(2k)\bar{x}^2}{2} \right) \varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x}) \\ E_{\text{rel}} &= \frac{1}{\varphi_{\text{rel}}(x)} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(\frac{k}{2} + k_{12})x^2}{2} \right) \varphi_{\text{rel}}(x) \\ E &= E_{\text{CoM}} + E_{\text{rel}}\end{aligned}$$

This are energy equations for harmonic oscillators, and so the respective energies can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{CoM}} &= \hbar \sqrt{\frac{2k}{2m}} \left(n_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) & E_{\text{rel}} &= \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\frac{k}{2} + k_{12}}{\frac{m}{2}}} \left(n_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \left(n_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) & &= \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k + 2k_{12}}{m}} \left(n_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since there is no restriction on E_{CoM} , there is no restriction on the typical values n_1 can take, i.e. $n_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Since $\varphi_{\text{rel}}(0) = 0$ and the only wavefunctions of the harmonic oscillator that vanish at $x = 0$ are odd, then $\varphi_{\text{rel}}(x)$ is odd, and so $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, \dots$. Thus the total energy is given by

$$E_{n_1, n_2} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{m}} \left(\sqrt{k} \left(n_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \sqrt{k + 2k_{12}} \left(n_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right), \quad n_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad n_2 = 1, 3, 5, \dots$$

The wavefunctions φ follow the standard solutions to the harmonic potential, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\text{CoM}}(\bar{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n_1} n_1!}} H_{n_1} \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2\pi}}} \exp \left(-\frac{\bar{x}^2}{4\eta_{\text{CoM}}^2} \right), \\ \text{where } \eta_{\text{CoM}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m_{\text{CoM}} \omega_{\text{CoM}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2(2m)}} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{2k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{4\sqrt{k}m}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\text{rel}}(\bar{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n_2} n_2!}} H_{n_2} \left(\frac{x}{\eta_{\text{rel}} \sqrt{2}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2\pi}}} \exp \left(-\frac{\bar{x}^2}{4\eta_{\text{rel}}^2} \right), \\ \text{where } \eta_{\text{rel}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m_{\text{rel}} \omega_{\text{rel}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)}} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{m}{2}}{\frac{k}{2} + k_{12}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{m}(k + 2k_{12})}} \end{aligned}$$

The total wavefunction ψ is given by the product of the above wavefunctions φ . However, since $\varphi_{\text{rel}}(x)$ is normalised for $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ but only non-zero for $x \in [0, \infty)$, the normalised total wavefunction $\psi = \varphi_{\text{CoM}} \varphi_{\text{rel}}$ will require a factor of $\sqrt{2}$, and thus the normalised wavefunction for the entire system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\bar{x}, x) &= \sqrt{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n_1} n_1!}} H_{n_1} \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2\pi}}} \exp \left(-\frac{\bar{x}^2}{4\eta_{\text{CoM}}^2} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n_2} n_2!}} H_{n_2} \left(\frac{x}{\eta_{\text{rel}} \sqrt{2}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2\pi}}} \exp \left(-\frac{\bar{x}^2}{4\eta_{\text{rel}}^2} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi 2^{n_1+n_2} n_1! n_2! \eta_{\text{CoM}} \eta_{\text{rel}}}} H_{n_1} \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\eta_{\text{CoM}} \sqrt{2}} \right) H_{n_2} \left(\frac{x}{\eta_{\text{rel}} \sqrt{2}} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\bar{x}^2}{\eta_{\text{CoM}}^2} + \frac{x^2}{\eta_{\text{rel}}^2} \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the relevant quantities are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{2} (x_1 + x_2) & x &= x_1 - x_2 \\ n_1 &= 0, 1, 2, \dots & n_2 &= 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ \eta_{\text{CoM}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{4\sqrt{k}m}} & \eta_{\text{rel}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{m}(k + 2k_{12})}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

If the spectrum is degenerate then there must be some combination of n_1, n_2 that gives the same eigenvalue as n'_1, n'_2 , for either $n_1 \neq n'_1$ or $n_2 \neq n'_2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= E' \\
\frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{m}} \left(\sqrt{k} \left(n_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \sqrt{k+2k_{12}} \left(n_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) &= \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{m}} \left(\sqrt{k} \left(n'_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \sqrt{k+2k_{12}} \left(n'_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) \\
n_1 \sqrt{k} + n_2 \sqrt{k+2k_{12}} &= n'_1 \sqrt{k} + n'_2 \sqrt{k+2k_{12}} \\
\alpha \sqrt{k} + (2\beta+1) \sqrt{k+2k_{12}} &= \gamma \sqrt{k} + (2\delta+1) \sqrt{k+2k_{12}}, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\
\alpha \sqrt{k} + 2\beta \sqrt{k+2k_{12}} &= \gamma \sqrt{k} + 2\delta \sqrt{k+2k_{12}}
\end{aligned}$$

If we impose the condition $k+2k_{12} = ck$ for some $c = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and solve for c in terms of $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$, then we can find a degeneracy condition for this system.

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha \sqrt{k} + 2\beta \sqrt{ck} &= \gamma \sqrt{k} + 2\delta \sqrt{ck} \\
\alpha + 2\beta \sqrt{c} &= \gamma + 2\delta \sqrt{c} \\
(\alpha - \gamma)^2 &= 4c(\delta - \beta)^2 \\
c &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\alpha - \gamma}{\delta - \beta} \right)^2, \delta \neq \beta
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ can take on any non-negative integer value, the only condition on c is that it is the square of a rational number divided by 4. Thus the spectrum is degenerate if

$$k_{12} = \frac{k}{2} \left(\frac{a^2}{4b^2} - 1 \right), \text{ where } a = 0, 1, 2, \dots, b = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Problem 3

We can write $\mathcal{H}^1 \otimes \mathcal{H}^1 = \mathcal{H}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}^1 \oplus \mathcal{H}^2$, and thus only need to consider the basis vectors in each of $\mathcal{H}^0$, $\mathcal{H}^1$ and $\mathcal{H}^2$. For convenience, $|a\rangle|b\rangle \equiv |a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle$, and kets appearing on their own are basis vectors of $\mathcal{H}^1 \otimes \mathcal{H}^1 = \mathcal{H}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}^1 \oplus \mathcal{H}^2$, whereas those appearing as tensor products are individually basis vectors of $\mathcal{H}^1$, i.e. $|a\rangle = |a\rangle_{\mathcal{H}^1 \otimes \mathcal{H}^1} = |a\rangle_{\mathcal{H}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}^1 \oplus \mathcal{H}^2}$, and $|a\rangle|b\rangle = |a\rangle_{\mathcal{H}^1} \otimes |b\rangle_{\mathcal{H}^1}$.

$|2, 2\rangle = |1, 1\rangle|1, 1\rangle$ (highest wave vector, and thus only one possible way to write in $\mathcal{H}^1 \otimes \mathcal{H}^1$)

$$\begin{aligned}
J_-|2, 2\rangle &= \hbar \sqrt{(2+2)(2-2+1)}|2, 1\rangle \\
\Rightarrow |2, 1\rangle &= \frac{1}{2\hbar} J_- (|1, 1\rangle|1, 1\rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\hbar} \left(\hbar \sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}|1, 0\rangle|1, 1\rangle + \hbar \sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}|1, 1\rangle|1, 0\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 0\rangle|1, 1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 1\rangle|1, 0\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_-|2, 1\rangle &= \hbar \sqrt{(2+1)(2-1+1)}|2, 0\rangle \\
\Rightarrow |2, 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\hbar \sqrt{6}} J_- \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 0\rangle|1, 1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 1\rangle|1, 0\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\hbar \sqrt{12}} (J_- (|1, 0\rangle|1, 1\rangle) + J_- (|1, 1\rangle|1, 0\rangle)) \\
&= \frac{1}{\hbar \sqrt{12}} \left(\hbar \sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)}|1, -1\rangle|1, 1\rangle + \hbar \sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}|1, 0\rangle|1, 0\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \hbar \sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}|1, 0\rangle|1, 0\rangle + \hbar \sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)}|1, 1\rangle|1, -1\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|1, -1\rangle|1, 1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|1, 0\rangle|1, 0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|1, 1\rangle|1, -1\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_-|2,0\rangle &= \hbar\sqrt{(2+0)(2-0+1)}|2,-1\rangle \\
\Rightarrow |2,-1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\hbar\sqrt{6}} J_- \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} |1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1,0\rangle |1,0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} |1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{1}{6} J_- (|1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{18}} J_- (|1,0\rangle |1,0\rangle) + \frac{1}{6} J_- (|1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{1}{6} (0 + \hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}) |1,-1\rangle |1,0\rangle \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3} (\hbar\sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)}) |1,-1\rangle |1,0\rangle + \hbar\sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)} |1,0\rangle |1,-1\rangle \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{6} (\hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}) |1,0\rangle |1,-1\rangle + 0 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,-1\rangle |1,0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,0\rangle |1,-1\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$|2,-2\rangle = |1,-1\rangle |1,-1\rangle \quad (\text{lowest wave vector, and thus only one possible way to write in } \mathcal{H}^1 \otimes \mathcal{H}^1)$$

$$|1,1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,0\rangle |1,1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,1\rangle |1,0\rangle \quad (\text{since } |1,1\rangle \perp |2,1\rangle \text{ and } ||1,1\rangle| = 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_-|1,1\rangle &= \hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)}|1,0\rangle \\
\Rightarrow |1,0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\hbar\sqrt{2}} J_- \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,0\rangle |1,1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,1\rangle |1,0\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\hbar} (J_- (|1,0\rangle |1,1\rangle) - J_- (|1,1\rangle |1,0\rangle)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\hbar} (\hbar\sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)} |1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle + \hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)} |1,0\rangle |1,0\rangle \\
&\quad - \hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)} |1,0\rangle |1,0\rangle - \hbar\sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)} |1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_-|1,0\rangle &= \hbar\sqrt{(1+0)(1-0+1)}|1,-1\rangle \\
\Rightarrow |1,-1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\hbar\sqrt{2}} J_- \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\hbar} (J_- (|1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle) - J_- (|1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\hbar} (0 + \hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)} |1,-1\rangle |1,0\rangle - \hbar\sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)} |1,0\rangle |1,-1\rangle - 0) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,-1\rangle |1,0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,0\rangle |1,-1\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|0,0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |1,-1\rangle |1,1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |1,0\rangle |1,0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |1,1\rangle |1,-1\rangle \\
&\quad (\text{since } |0,0\rangle \perp |1,0\rangle, |0,0\rangle \perp |2,0\rangle \text{ and } ||0,0\rangle| = 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$C_{1,1;1,1}^{2,2} = 1$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{2,2} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{2,2} = 0$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{2,2} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{2,2} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{2,2} = 0$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{2,2} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{2,2} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{2,2} = 0$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{2,1} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{2,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{2,1} = 0$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{2,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{2,1} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{2,1} = 0$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{2,1} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{2,1} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{2,1} = 0$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{2,0} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{2,0} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{2,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{2,0} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{2,0} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{2,0} = 0$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{2,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{2,0} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{2,0} = 0$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{2,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{2,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{2,-1} = 0$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{2,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{2,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{2,-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{2,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{2,-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{2,-1} = 0$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{2,-2} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{2,-2} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{2,-2} = 0$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{2,-2} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{2,-2} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{2,-2} = 0$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{2,-2} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{2,-2} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{2,-2} = 1$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{1,1} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{1,1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{1,1} = 0$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{1,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{1,1} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{1,1} = 0$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{1,1} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{1,1} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{1,1} = 0$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{1,0} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{1,0} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{1,0} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{1,0} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{1,0} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{1,0} = 0$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{1,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{1,0} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{1,0} = 0$
$C_{1,1;1,1}^{1,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,0}^{1,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,1;1,-1}^{1,-1} = 0$
$C_{1,0;1,1}^{1,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,0}^{1,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,0;1,-1}^{1,-1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$C_{1,-1;1,1}^{1,-1} = 0$	$C_{1,-1;1,0}^{1,-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{1,-1} = 0$

$$\begin{array}{lll}
C_{1,1;1,1}^{0,0} = 0 & C_{1,1;1,0}^{0,0} = 0 & C_{1,1;1,-1}^{0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\
C_{1,0;1,1}^{0,0} = 0 & C_{1,0;1,0}^{0,0} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & C_{1,0;1,-1}^{0,0} = 0 \\
C_{1,-1;1,1}^{0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & C_{1,-1;1,0}^{0,0} = 0 & C_{1,-1;1,-1}^{0,0} = 0
\end{array}$$

Problem 4

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= J \sum_{\alpha} (S_1^{\alpha} S_2^{\alpha} + S_2^{\alpha} S_3^{\alpha} + S_3^{\alpha} S_1^{\alpha}) + \hbar B \sum_{i=1}^3 S_i^z \\
&= J \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} (S_1^{\alpha} S_2^{\alpha} + S_2^{\alpha} S_3^{\alpha} + S_3^{\alpha} S_1^{\alpha} + S_2^{\alpha} S_1^{\alpha} + S_3^{\alpha} S_2^{\alpha} + S_1^{\alpha} S_3^{\alpha} \\
&\quad + S_1^{\alpha} S_1^{\alpha} + S_2^{\alpha} S_2^{\alpha} + S_3^{\alpha} S_3^{\alpha} - S_1^{\alpha} S_1^{\alpha} - S_2^{\alpha} S_2^{\alpha} - S_3^{\alpha} S_3^{\alpha}) + \hbar B \mathbb{S}^z \\
&\quad \text{(since } S_i^{\alpha} S_j^{\alpha} = S_j^{\alpha} S_i^{\alpha}, \text{ and adding and subtracting } \sum_{i=1}^3 S_i^{\alpha} S_i^{\alpha}) \\
&= \frac{J}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha} (S_i^{\alpha} S_i^{\alpha}) - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha} S_i^{\alpha} S_i^{\alpha} + \hbar B \mathbb{S}^z \\
&= \frac{J}{2} \hat{C} - \frac{9J\hbar^2}{8} I_8 + \hbar B \mathbb{S}^z \quad \text{(since } S_i^{\alpha} S_i^{\alpha} = (S^{\alpha})_i^2 \text{ and } (S^{\alpha})^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar\sigma^{\alpha}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} I_2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{C} |j, m\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \mathbb{S}^{\alpha} \mathbb{S}^{\alpha} |j, m\rangle = \hbar^2 j(j+1) |j, m\rangle \quad I_8 |j, m\rangle = |j, m\rangle \quad \mathbb{S}^z |j, m\rangle = \hbar m |j, m\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \lambda_{j,m} &= \frac{J}{2} \hbar^2 j(j+1) - \frac{9J\hbar^2}{8} + \hbar B \hbar m \\
&= \hbar^2 \left(J \left(\frac{j(j+1)}{2} - \frac{9}{8} \right) + B m \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes (\mathcal{H}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}^1) \\
&= \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes \mathcal{H}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes \mathcal{H}^1 \\
&= \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus \mathcal{H}^{\frac{3}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow j = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, m = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & j = \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, & j = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

Thus the spectrum is given by

$$\left\{ \hbar^2 \left(J \left(\frac{j(j+1)}{2} - \frac{9}{8} \right) + B m \right) \right\} \text{ for } j = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, m = \begin{cases} \pm \frac{1}{2}, & j = \frac{1}{2} \\ \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, & j = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases},$$

or more explicitly,

$$\left\{ \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (-3J - 2B), \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (-3J + 2B), \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (3J - 2B), \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (3J + 2B), \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (3J - 6B), \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (3J + 6B) \right\}.$$