Lectures on Quantum Mechanics (3 companion books)

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List of typographical errors (updated February 2018)

Errata in Basic Matters

- 1. Page 4, Section 1.2, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line, read "with single photons" rather than "with simple photons".
- 2. Page 20, the 2nd line of (2.4.20), replace $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
- 3. Page 23, 2nd line of (2.5.1), replace $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.
- 4. Page 24, 2nd line, replace $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
- 5. Page 29, replace (2.5.36) by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \left[\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1^*, & b_1^* \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{projects on column}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_2^*, & b_2^* \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{projects on column}} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix},$$

- 6. Page 44, Exercise 2-16, the lower right matrix element should be $-\cos\vartheta$ rather than $\cos\vartheta$.
- 7. Page 48, last line of (2.11.16), the lower right matrix element should be $-\cos\vartheta$ rather than $\cos\vartheta$.
- 8. Page 93, 1st line of (3.6.4), replace $\langle \downarrow_z, 0 | \text{ by } | \downarrow_z, 0 \rangle$.
- 9. Page 113, 2nd line of (4.1.22), replace $\arctan \frac{x-x'}{\epsilon}$ by $\arctan \frac{x'-x}{\epsilon}$.
- 10. Page 130, 2nd line of (4.8.14), replace $e^{-(p\delta X/\hbar)}$ by $e^{-(p\delta X/\hbar)^2}$.
- 11. Page 133, 2nd line before (4.10.6), replace "variational" by "variational".
- 12. Page 135, the unnumbered equation following (4.10.16), replace $\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}}$ by $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}}$.
- 13. Page 143, left-hand side of (5.1.13), there should be a minus sign in front of the 1st term.
- 14. Page 146, right-hand side of (5.1.30), replace $-\frac{ab}{a+b}$ by $+\frac{ab}{a+b}$.
- 15. Page 146, 1st term on the left-hand side of (5.1.32), replace x by x'.
- 16. Page 146, 2nd line of (5.1.32), replace the minus sign by a plus sign.
- 17. Page 147, 1st line of (5.1.34), replace "= $4\delta X \delta P$ " by "= $4i\delta X \delta P$ ".
- 18. Page 147, right-hand sides of (5.1.36), replace $\frac{(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{4}}}{\delta X}$ by $\frac{(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{4}}}{\sqrt{\delta X}}$; 3 occurrences.

- 19. Page 153, replace $\frac{1}{2\pi}$ by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ in (5.1.75).
- 20. Page 164, 2nd and 3rd lines of (5.2.24), replace $e^{iW(\overline{p})}$ and $e^{-iW(\overline{p})}$ by $e^{iW(\overline{p})/\hbar}$ and $e^{-iW(\overline{p})/\hbar}$, respectively.
- 21. Page 164, last line of (5.2.25), replace $(2ME)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ by $(2ME)^{\frac{3}{2}}$.
- 22. Page 164, the line after (5.2.27), replace $\phi = \frac{1}{3MF}(2ME)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ by $\phi = \frac{1}{3MF\hbar}(2ME)^{\frac{3}{2}}$.
- 23. Page 165, 2nd line of (5.3.2), replace $-\frac{\partial}{\partial P}H$ by $\frac{\partial}{\partial P}H$.
- 24. Page 166, replace $\frac{\hbar^2}{2M\omega}$ by $\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}$ in (5.3.6).
- 25. Page 174, the last ket in (5.3.70), on the far right, should be $|0\rangle$ rather than $|n\rangle$.
- 26. Page 176, 1st line of (5.3.78), replace $\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}q}\right)^n$ by $\left(-\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}q}\right)^n$.
- 27. Page 178, replace $\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega}}$ by $\sqrt{\frac{\hbar M\omega}{2}}$ in (5.3.89).
- 28. Page 192, bottom line on the right-hand side of (5.5.10), replace $B\sin(x)$ by $B\sin(kx)$.
- 29. Page 192, 2nd equation of (5.5.11), bottom line on the right-hand side, replace $Bk\cos(x)$ by $Bk\cos(kx)$.
- 30. Page 193, replace (5.5.15) by

$$\left(\frac{\kappa a}{2}\right)^2 = -\frac{2ME}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \underbrace{\frac{2MV_0}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}_{\equiv \theta^2} - \underbrace{\frac{2M(E+V_0)}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}_{= (ka/2)^2 = \vartheta^2} = \theta^2 - \vartheta^2 \,.$$

- 31. Page 198, 1st line of (5.5.39), replace $\left(e^{-ika/2} + re^{ika/2}\right)$ by $\left(e^{-ika/2} re^{ika/2}\right)$.
- 32. Page 199, in (5.5.42) and (5.5.44) replace $\begin{pmatrix} e^{ika} \\ r \end{pmatrix}$ by $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-ika} \\ r \end{pmatrix}$.
- 33. Page 199, in (5.5.45), replace (1+r) by $(e^{-ika} + r)$ and (1-r) by $(e^{-ika} r)$.
- 34. Page 200, in (5.5.46) and (5.5.47), multiply the right-hand sides by e^{-ika} .
- 35. Page 200, replace $2E/V_0$ by $4E/V_0$ in (5.5.49).

Errata in Simple Systems

- 1. Page 40, 2nd line after (1.8.17), replace "(1.8.2.)." by "(1.8.3), or of the two sides in (1.8.4)."
- 2. Page 40, Exercise 1-22, 1st displayed equation, replace $e^{i(xP+pX)/\hbar}$ by $e^{-i(xP+pX)/\hbar}$
- 3. Page 54, 2nd line of (3.1.6), replace x by x' in the last factor.

- 4. Page 56, 2nd line of (3.1.19), replace x by x' in the last factor.
- 5. Page 84, right-hand side of (3.4.73), replace $\left(\frac{x}{l} + \sqrt{2}a\right)$ by $\left(-\frac{x}{l} + \sqrt{2}a\right)$.
- 6. Page 92, Exercise 3-28, replace $\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}p=\hbar\,\mathrm{d}s\,s\,\mathrm{d}\phi$ by $\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}p=2\hbar\,\mathrm{d}s\,s\,\mathrm{d}\phi$.
- 7. Page 102, replace the second equation in (3.5.24) by $-\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial X_2} G = P_1$.
- 8. Page 123, Exercise 4-12, 1st displayed equation, replace $\frac{1}{(\sin \theta)^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$ by $\frac{1}{(\sin \theta)^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$.
- 9. Page 162, last term in (6.5.19), replace $\langle m^{(0)} | H_1 | m^{(0)} \rangle$ by $\langle m^{(0)} | H_1 | n^{(0)} \rangle$.
- 10. Page 162, 6th line before (6.5.20), delete "of the" at the end of the line.
- 11. Page 179, 2nd line of (6.8.37), read $p(x) = \sqrt{2M(E V(x))}$ rather than $p(x) = \sqrt{2ME(E V(x))}$.
- 12. Page 180, replace $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}x^2}$ by $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}r^2}$ in (6.8.41).

Errata in Perturbed Evolution

- 1. Page 4, 2nd line of (1.1.18), replace (a_j) by $|a_j\rangle$.
- 2. Page 42, last line of Exercise 1-23, replace "is a real parameter" by "is a positive real parameter".
- 3. Page 44, 1st line of (1.4.50), read $e^{-iH(t_2)T/\hbar}$ rather than $e^{-iH(t_2)T}$.
- 4. Page 54, 1st line of (2.4.8), replace $e^{i\omega t}$ by $e^{-i\omega t}$.
- 5. Page 57, 1st line of (2.4.22), read $\delta(E_n E')$ rather than $\delta(E_n E_m)$.
- 6. Page 67, 2nd line of (2.5.55), replace $\frac{f(\omega')}{i(\omega'-\omega)}$ by $\frac{f(\omega')}{\omega'-\omega}$.
- 7. Page 88, in the figure read "out of the" rather than "out off the".
- 8. Pages 89 and 90, in (3.1.17), (3.1.19), (3.1.20) as well as Exercise 3-1 replace $\vec{j}(r,t)$ by $\vec{j}(\vec{r},t)$; 4 occurrences.
- 9. Page 94, right-hand side of (3.2.16), replace $\frac{2M}{\hbar}$ by $\frac{2M}{\hbar^2}$.
- 10. Page 105, 2nd line of (3.4.19), replace $d\kappa \kappa^2$ by $d\kappa$.
- 11. Page 114, 4th line before (3.4.57), replace $f(\vec{k}', \vec{k})$ by $f(\vec{k}, \vec{k})$.
- 12. Page 116, right-hand side of (3.4.69), replace $f(\vec{k}', \vec{k})$ by $f(\vec{k}, \vec{k})$.
- 13. Page 121, the line between (3.5.15) and (3.5.16), replace $u_l(r) = r\psi_l(r)$ by $u_l(r) = r\psi_l(kr)$.
- 14. Page 132, left-hand side in the 1st line of (4.1.15), replace $|l, m\rangle$ by $|j, m\rangle$.
- 15. Page 134, 1st line of Exercise 4-3, read $J(J+\hbar)$ rather than J(J+1).
- 16. Page 136, 5th line before (4.2.11), replace $|jm\rangle$ by $|j,m\rangle$.
- 17. Page 149, right-hand side of (5.2.4), replace $g\mu_{\rm B}\vec{S}\cdot\vec{B}$ by $g\mu_{\rm B}\vec{S}\cdot\vec{B}/\hbar$.

- 18. Page 149, the last term in (5.2.8) should be $\left(\vec{B}\times\vec{R}\right)^2$ rather than $\left(\vec{B}\times\vec{R}\right)$.
- 19. Page 150, the 2nd line of text before (5.2.10), read "from" rather than "form".
- 20. Page 151, left-hand side of (5.2.14), replace (m_1, m_s) by (m_l, m_s) .
- 21. Page 156, the 2nd line of (6.1.7), replace $\frac{1}{4M}\vec{P}_{\rm CM}$ by $\frac{1}{4M}\vec{P}_{\rm CM}^2$.
- 22. Page 176, right-hand side of (6.5.3), the 1st-column 2nd-row entry should be $\psi_2(\vec{r}_1, s_1)$, rather than $\psi_1(\vec{r}_1, s_1)$.

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