

Phys 661 HW 4 Solutions

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1. Spin $\frac{1}{2}$ means that those particles are fermions, so no 2 particles can coexist in the same state.

The eigenvalues (energy) and eigenstates of the Hamiltonian are:

$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega \quad |E_n\rangle = |n\rangle$$

The total state of each particle could be $|\psi_{n,s}\rangle = |n\rangle \otimes |s\rangle$

\Rightarrow there are at most 2 particles in each energy eigenstate.

For the ground state, we let the N identical particles to fill up the states with energy as low as possible.

$$E_g = \begin{cases} 2 \sum_{j=1}^{N/2} [(j-1) + \frac{1}{2}] \hbar\omega = 2\hbar\omega \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{N}{2} \left(\frac{N}{2} - 1 \right) + \frac{N}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{4} N^2 \hbar\omega & (\text{even } N) \\ 2 \sum_{j=1}^{(N+1)/2} [(j-1) + \frac{1}{2}] \hbar\omega - \left[\left(\frac{N+1}{2} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \hbar\omega = \frac{1}{4} (N^2 + 1) \hbar\omega & (\text{odd } N) \end{cases}$$

When N is large enough, we can just keep the N^2 term:

$$E_g \approx \frac{1}{4} N^2 \hbar\omega.$$

For 3-D isotropic harmonic oscillator

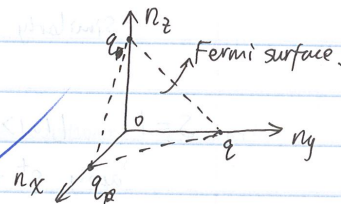
$$E_{(n_x, n_y, n_z)} = (n_x + n_y + n_z) \hbar\omega + \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega = \epsilon_{(n_x, n_y, n_z)} + \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega$$

$$|\psi_{(n_x, n_y, n_z)}\rangle = |n_x, n_y, n_z\rangle \otimes |s\rangle$$

In the following discussion, we just drop the

term $\frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega$, because its contribution to

the total energy E is easy to get: $\frac{3}{2} N \hbar\omega$.



All the states with ϵ_F energy less no more than $(\epsilon + \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega)$ are in the pyramid in the sketch. $q = \frac{\epsilon}{\hbar\omega}$. They are "integral points".

When N is very big, we can use the volume of this pyramid to approximate the number of states ($E < \epsilon + \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega$):

$$\frac{1}{2} N = \frac{1}{6} q^3 \quad \text{and on the Fermi surface} \quad q_F = \sqrt[3]{3N} \quad \epsilon_F = \hbar\omega \sqrt[3]{3N}$$

$$\therefore dN = q^2 dq = (\hbar\omega)^{-3} \epsilon^2 d\epsilon$$

Total energy:

$$E = \frac{3N\hbar\omega}{2} = \int_0^N \varepsilon dN' = \int_0^{q_F} \varepsilon(q) q^2 dq = \hbar\omega \int_0^{q_F} q^3 dq = \frac{1}{4} \hbar\omega q_F^4 = \frac{1}{4} \hbar\omega (3N)^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{1}{4} \hbar\omega (3N)^{\frac{4}{3}} + \frac{3}{2} N\hbar\omega = E_g$$

2. For 2 identical spin 1 particles, we now use $|s_{z1}, s_{z2}\rangle$ to express $|S, S_z\rangle$. To indicate the difference, we underline $|s, s_z\rangle$ to be $|\underline{s}, \underline{s}_z\rangle$

$$S=2: \quad |2, 2\rangle = |1, 1\rangle$$

$$S^- |2, 2\rangle = \sqrt{2 \times (2+1) - 2 \times (2-1)} |2, 1\rangle = 2 |2, 1\rangle$$

$$S^- |1, 1\rangle = (S_1^- + S_2^-) |1, 1\rangle = \sqrt{1 \times (1+1) - 1 \times (1-1)} (|0, 1\rangle + |1, 0\rangle) = \sqrt{2} (|0, 1\rangle + |1, 0\rangle)$$

$$\therefore |2, 1\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (|0, 1\rangle + |1, 0\rangle)$$

$$S^- |2, 1\rangle = \sqrt{2 \times (2+1) - 2 \times (2-1)} |2, 0\rangle = \sqrt{6} |2, 0\rangle$$

$$S^- \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} |0, 1\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} |1, 0\rangle \right) = (S_1^- + S_2^-) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (|0, 1\rangle + |1, 0\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sqrt{2} |-1, 1\rangle + \sqrt{2} |0, 0\rangle + \sqrt{2} |0, 0\rangle + \sqrt{2} |1, -1\rangle) = |-1, 1\rangle + 2|0, 0\rangle + |1, -1\rangle$$

$$\therefore |2, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|-1, 1\rangle + 2|0, 0\rangle + |1, -1\rangle)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } |2, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|-1, 0\rangle + |0, -1\rangle) \quad |2, -2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-1, -1\rangle$$

$$S=1: \quad |1, 1\rangle = \alpha |0, 1\rangle + \beta |1, 0\rangle$$

$$\text{apply } S^+ \text{ to both sides: } \sqrt{2} |1, 0\rangle = \alpha \sqrt{2} |1, 0\rangle + \beta \sqrt{2} |1, 1\rangle$$

$$0 = \alpha \sqrt{2} |1, 1\rangle + \beta \sqrt{2} |1, 1\rangle \quad \therefore \alpha + \beta = 0 \quad \text{let } \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \beta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore |1, 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0, 1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 0\rangle$$

apply S^- to both sides:

$$\sqrt{2} |1, 0\rangle = |-1, 1\rangle - |0, 0\rangle + |0, 0\rangle - |1, -1\rangle$$

$$\therefore |1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|-1, 1\rangle - |1, -1\rangle)$$

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Problem 2 – K Shiva Teja

2) Sol:) Spin 1 particles \Rightarrow bosons
 \Rightarrow Symmetric total wavefunctions.

If the Hamiltonian is independent of spin, the total wavefunction, \bar{S}^2 commutes trivially with H
 $\Rightarrow \bar{\Psi}(\bar{x}, s) = \phi(x) \chi(s)$, where $\chi(s)$ has a unique value of total spin.

$$\text{Spin} = 2 \quad |j m_j\rangle \longrightarrow |m_1 m_2\rangle$$

$$|2 2\rangle = |1 1\rangle$$

$$|2 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0 1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1 0\rangle$$

$$|2 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|1 -1\rangle + |-1, 1\rangle) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |0 0\rangle$$

$$|2 -1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0 -1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-1, 0\rangle$$

$$|2 -2\rangle = |-1 -1\rangle$$

We see that all the $\chi(s)$ are symmetric under the exchange of particles

$$\text{Spin} = 1 \quad \left. \begin{aligned} |1 1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0 1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1 0\rangle \\ |1 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1 -1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-1, 1\rangle \\ |1 -1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0 -1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-1, 0\rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \chi(s) \\ \text{Antisym-} \\ \text{etric} \end{array}$$

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Spin = 0

$$|0\ 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |1\ -1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |-1\ 1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |0\ 0\rangle$$

Obviously this state is also symmetric.

∴ If the spatial wavefunction is symmetric, ✓
we can only have total spin = 2 or 0.

If the spatial wavefunction is antisymmetric, ✓
we can only have total spin = 1.

Problem 3 – Michael Higgins

3. A one-dimensional harmonic oscillator in the ground state $|0\rangle$ @ $t=0$. An external potential $V(t) = V_0 x e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$ is then turned on:

- Use time-dependent perturbation theory to find the probability of the harmonic oscillator to be in any of its possible states at $t > 0$.
- Study behavior @ $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution: $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \lambda V(t)$, $\hat{H}_0 = \hbar\omega \left(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ where

- $\hat{H}_0 |n\rangle = \hbar\omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) |n\rangle$, $[a^\dagger, a] = -1$
- $a^\dagger |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle$, $x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger)$
- $a |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle$

- From 1st order perturbation theory: $c_n^{(1)}(t) = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_0^t e^{i\omega_n t'} V_{ni}(t') dt'$

where $\hbar\omega_n = E_n - E_i$, $V_{ni} = \langle E_n | V(t) | E_i \rangle$.

- At $t=0$, $|i\rangle = |0\rangle \therefore c_n(t) = \frac{-i}{\hbar} V_0 \langle n | x | 0 \rangle \int_0^t e^{i\omega_n t' - \frac{t'}{\tau}} dt'$

$$c_n^{(1)}(t) = \frac{-iV_0 \langle n | x | 0 \rangle}{\hbar} \left(\frac{1}{i\omega_n - \frac{1}{\tau}} \right) \left(e^{i\omega_n t - \frac{t}{\tau}} - 1 \right)$$

$\langle n | x | 0 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \langle n | a + a^\dagger | 0 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \langle n | 1 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \delta_{n1}$

$$\therefore c_n^{(1)}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{-iV_0}{2\hbar m\omega} \left(\frac{1}{i\omega_0 - \frac{1}{\tau}} \right) \left(e^{i\omega_0 t - \frac{t}{\tau}} - 1 \right), & n=1 \\ 0, & n \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

- The probability is $|c_n^{(1)}(t)|^2$:

$$P_{0 \rightarrow n}(t) = \frac{V_0^2}{2\hbar^2 m^2 \omega^2} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} \right) \left| \left(e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos(\omega_0 t) - 1 \right) + i e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin(\omega_0 t) \right|^2$$

$$P_{0 \rightarrow n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{V_0^2}{2\hbar^2 m^2 \omega^2} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} \right) \left[1 + e^{-\frac{2t}{\tau}} - 2e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos(\omega_0 t) \right], & n=1, \omega_0 = \omega \\ 0, & n \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

b) $t \rightarrow \infty$ $P_{0 \rightarrow n}(t) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{V_0^2}{2\hbar^2 m^2 \omega^2} \left[\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} \right], & n=1, \omega_0 = \omega \\ 0, & n \neq 1 \end{cases}$

3. b) (cont.)

- The probability for transitioning from $n=0$ to $n=1$ increases with time to a constant probability of $P_{0 \rightarrow 1}(t \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{V_0^2}{2m\hbar\omega} \left(\frac{1}{\omega^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2} \right)$ in the first order

approximation. The probability of transitioning to a state $n \neq 1$ is zero in the first order limit. Once the potential is turned on, there will be a possibility of measuring the state to be in the $|1\rangle$ state for all $t > 0$.

Problem 4 – Q Mirza

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$$dV = -E dr = -E_0 e^{-r/\tau} dz \Rightarrow V = -E_0 z e^{-r/\tau}$$

$$U = qV = -eE_0 z e^{-r/\tau}$$

$$C_n' = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t dt' e^{-i\omega_{ni}t'} V_{ni}(t')$$

$$V_{ni} = -eE_0 e^{-r/\tau} \langle 210 | l_z^2 | 210 \rangle$$

$$\pi \quad \quad \quad + \quad \quad - \quad \quad + \quad \quad - \quad \quad 0$$

$$\langle 210 | l_z^2 | 210 \rangle$$

$$\pi : - \quad - \quad + \quad + \quad ?$$

$l_z^2 = \pm 1$ gives zero matrix element thus Pis $\Rightarrow 2pl_z = \pm 1 = 0$

$$C_{2pl_z=0}(t) = \frac{i}{\hbar} eE_0 \int_0^t dt' e^{-i\omega_{2pl_z=0}t'} e^{-t'/\tau} \langle 210 | z | 100 \rangle$$

$$C'(t) = \frac{i}{\hbar} eE_0 \int_0^t dt' e^{-(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t'} \langle 210 | r \cos\theta | 100 \rangle$$

$$C'(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} eE_0 \frac{(e^{-(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} - 1)}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} \langle 210 | r \cos\theta | 100 \rangle$$

$$\langle 210 | = Y_1^0 r_{21} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} a_0^{3/2} \frac{r}{a_0} \cos\theta e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 210 | r \cos \theta | 100 \rangle = \int \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} a_0^{3/2} \frac{r}{a_0} \cos \theta e^{-r/2a_0} (r \cos \theta) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0} r^2 dr \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$\text{let } u = \frac{2}{3} \frac{r}{a_0} \quad dr = \frac{3}{2} a_0 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} a_0^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{2}{3} u e^{-u} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 u^3 a_0^3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) a_0 du \int_1^1 du u^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \frac{a_0}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_0^\infty u^4 e^{-u} du =$$

$$= \frac{2^5}{3^5} \frac{a_0}{\sqrt{2}} 2^3 = \frac{2^{8-1/2}}{3^5} a_0 = \frac{2^{15/2}}{3^5} a_0$$

$$C_q(t) = -\frac{i}{k} eE_0 \frac{2^8 a_0}{3^5 \sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-(i\omega + 1/\tau)t} - 1}{i\omega + 1/\tau}$$

$$P_{1S} \Rightarrow \text{prob} = 0 = |C_q(t)|^2 = \frac{2^{15} e^2 E_0^2 a_0^2}{k^2 3^{10}} \frac{(e^{-(i\omega + 1/\tau)t} - 1)^2}{(i\omega + 1/\tau)^2}$$

Problem 5 – Sean Myers

$$H = \frac{4\Delta}{\hbar^2} \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

$$H = \frac{4\Delta}{\hbar^2} (S_{1x}S_{2x} + S_{1y}S_{2y} + S_{1z}S_{2z})$$

$$V_{ni} = \frac{4\Delta}{\hbar^2} \langle n | S_{1x}S_{2x} + S_{1y}S_{2y} + S_{1z}S_{2z} | \uparrow\downarrow \rangle$$

$|n\rangle$ can be $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

$$\text{each } S_{1i}S_{2i} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \sigma_{1i}\sigma_{2i}$$

so I will factor out the $\frac{\hbar^2}{4}$

$$V_{ni} = \Delta \langle n | \underbrace{\sigma_{1x}\sigma_{2x} + \sigma_{1y}\sigma_{2y} + \sigma_{1z}\sigma_{2z}}_{(|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle)}$$

$$V_{ni} = \Delta \langle n | (2|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle)$$

the state with non zero probability $|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$
or $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

$$V_{\downarrow\uparrow, i} = 2\Delta$$

$$V_{\uparrow\downarrow, i} = -\Delta$$

$$c_n^{(1)}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t e^{i\omega t'} V_{ni}(t') dt' = -\frac{i}{\hbar} V_{ni} t$$

$$\left| c_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{(1)}(t) \right|^2 = \frac{4\Delta^2}{\hbar^2} t^2 \quad \left| c_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{(1)}(t) \right|^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{\hbar^2} t^2$$

required to match
initial conditions and
 $|c_{\uparrow\downarrow}|^2 + |c_{\downarrow\uparrow}|^2 = 1$

$$(b) \quad H = \frac{4\Delta}{\hbar^2} \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

as
rewrite

$$H = \frac{4\Delta}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{S^2 - S_1^2 - S_2^2}{2} \right) \quad \text{note that } [\vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2] = 0$$

$$\text{where } \vec{S} = \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2$$

eigenstates of H are $|sm_s\rangle$ where

$$S: \text{ is total spin and } m_s = m_{1s} + m_{2s}$$

writing the states in terms of the eigenstates

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |1+1\rangle$$

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |00\rangle)$$

$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle - |00\rangle)$$

$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = |1-1\rangle$$

starts in state $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{t=0}$

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{t=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |00\rangle)$$

by time evolution

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_t = e^{-i\frac{\hat{H}t}{\hbar}} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{t=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e^{-i\frac{\hat{H}t}{\hbar}} |10\rangle + e^{-i\frac{\hat{H}t}{\hbar}} |00\rangle \right)$$

$$\text{For } \hat{H} |10\rangle = \frac{2\Delta}{\hbar^2} (S^2 - S_1^2 - S_2^2) |10\rangle$$

$$= \frac{2\Delta}{\hbar^2} \left(\hbar^2 2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \hbar^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \hbar^2 \right) |10\rangle$$

$$= \frac{2\Delta}{\hbar^2} \left(2 - \frac{6}{4} \right) |10\rangle = \Delta |10\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}|00\rangle = \frac{2\Delta}{\hbar^2} \left(0 - \hbar^2 \frac{3}{4} - \hbar^2 \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$= -3\Delta$$

$-\frac{6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$

$$\therefore |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e^{-\frac{i\Delta t}{\hbar}} |10\rangle + e^{+\frac{i3\Delta t}{\hbar}} |00\rangle \right)$$

note that since $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$ and $|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$ contain no combinations of $|00\rangle$ or $|10\rangle$ the probability to transition to either one is zero.

Probability to remain in the same state $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

to make life easier 'I' will multiply

$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_t$ by a phase factor $e^{-\frac{i\Delta t}{\hbar}}$

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e^{-\frac{2i\Delta t}{\hbar}} |10\rangle + e^{+\frac{i2\Delta t}{\hbar}} |00\rangle \right)$$

$$|\langle\uparrow\downarrow|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_t|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{2}{2} e^{-2i\Delta t/\hbar} + e^{i2\Delta t/\hbar} \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left| 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right) \right|^2 = \boxed{\cos^2\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right)}$$

Note @ $t=0$

$$P_{\text{prob}}|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = 1 \checkmark$$

Probability to transition to $|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$

$$|\langle\downarrow\uparrow|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_t|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left| e^{-i2\Delta t/\hbar} - e^{+i2\Delta t/\hbar} \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left| -2i \sin\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right) \right|^2$$

$$\text{Prob}_{|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle}(t) = \sin^2\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right)$$

Looking $\text{Prob}_{|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle}(t)$ and $\text{Prob}_{|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle}(t)$ in the limit $t \ll \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta}$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right) \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{4\Delta^2}{\hbar^2}t^2\right)$$

$$\cos^2\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right) \simeq 1 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{\hbar^2}t^2 + O(t^4)$$

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right) \simeq \left(\frac{2\Delta t}{\hbar}\right)^2 \simeq \frac{4\Delta^2}{\hbar^2}t^2$$

$$\text{Prob}_{|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle}(t) \simeq \frac{4\Delta^2}{\hbar^2}t^2 \quad \text{In agreement}$$

$$\text{Prob}_{|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle}(t) \simeq 1 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{\hbar^2}t^2$$

for small

$$t \ll \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta}$$