Physics 622

Problem set 2 (due February 5)

Sakurai and Napolitano problems (each problem is 10 points):

5.1, 5.3, 5.11(a,b)

A1. Second order perturbation theory correction to the eigenstate: Derive the second order correction $|n^{(2)}\rangle$ to the eigenstate in non-degenerate perturbation theory. Then answer the question in SN 5.2.

A2. **Anharmonic oscillator**: The Hamiltonian of a slightly anharmonic oscillator is given by the following Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2} + \alpha x^3 + \beta x^4 \,.$$

Calculate the correction to the energy of nth state to the first non-vanishing orders in α and β . Determine the range of values of α and β , for which the perturbation approach is valid.

A3. **A bound particle in the electric field**. A particle with charge q and mass m is in ground energy state inside a one-dimensional infinite square well with width 2a, centered at x=0. Find the first- and second-order shifts of the ground level, if this particle is placed inside a uniform electric field E.