

Busch formula (exercise)

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Two trapped

→ two noninteracting particles of equal mass $m_1 = m_2 = m$ inside the Harmonic oscillator (HO) trap

$$H_0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2m} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\mathbf{r}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\mathbf{r}_2^2$$

with oscillator frequency ω

→ introducing **RELATIVE** and **CM** coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{R}_{CM} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2) \\ \mathbf{p} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) & \mathbf{P}_{CM} &= \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 \end{aligned}$$

we can separate H_0 into the **RELATIVE** and the **CM** part

$$H_0 = \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2\mathbf{r}^2 \right] + \left[\frac{\mathbf{P}_{CM}^2}{2M_{CM}} + \frac{1}{2}M_{CM}\omega^2\mathbf{R}_{CM}^2 \right]$$

where $M_{CM} = 2m$ (total mass) and $\mu = m/2$ (reduced mass)

Two trapped particles

Lets consider relative motion of two trapped particles.

$$E\Psi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r^2 + \frac{\mathbf{L}^2}{2\mu r^2} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 r^2 \right] \Psi(r, \theta, \varphi)$$

→ Separating the wave function $\Psi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{u_l(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$ (radial and angular part) and taking into account $\mathbf{L}^2 Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = l(l+1)\hbar^2 Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

yields **RADIAL EQUATION**

$$\frac{d^2}{dr^2} u_l(r) = -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \left[E - \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 r^2 \right] u_l(r)$$

→ from now on I will assume $\hbar = c = 1$

Two trapped particles

For simplicity we introduce **dimensionless variable** $x = \frac{r}{b_{\text{HO}}}$, $b_{\text{HO}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\omega}}$

b_{HO} ... is quite often called Harmonic oscillator trap length

$$-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}u_l(x) + \frac{l(l+1)}{x^2}u_l(x) + x^2u_l(x) = \eta u_l(x), \quad \eta = \frac{2E}{\omega}$$

→ for this specific case the solution can be obtained in a form

$$u_l(x) = e^{-x^2/2} \left[c_1 x^{l+1} M\left(\frac{2l+3-\eta}{4}, l+\frac{3}{2}; x^2\right) + c_2 x^{-l} M\left(\frac{-2l+1-\eta}{4}, -l+\frac{1}{2}; x^2\right) \right]$$

where $M(\alpha, \beta; z)$ is the confluent hypergeometric function

Two trapped particles

$$u_l(x) = e^{-x^2/2} \left[c_1 x^{l+1} M \left(\frac{2l+3-\eta}{4}, l + \frac{3}{2}; x^2 \right) + c_2 x^{-l} M \left(\frac{-2l+1-\eta}{4}, -l + \frac{1}{2}; x^2 \right) \right]$$

Lets study $x \rightarrow \infty$

→ in this asymptotic region $M(\alpha, \gamma, z \rightarrow \infty) \sim \frac{\Gamma(\gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} z^{\alpha-\gamma} e^z$

$$u_l(x \rightarrow \infty) = c_1 \left\{ \frac{\Gamma[3/2 + l]}{\Gamma[(2l+3-\eta)/4]} + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \frac{\Gamma[1/2 - l]}{\Gamma[(-2l+1-\eta)/4]} \right\} x^{(1-\eta)/2} e^{-x^2/2}$$

→ for HO trap there are only bound states, as a result $u_l(x)$ has to disappear as $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{c_2}{c_1} = - \frac{\Gamma[3/2 + l]}{\Gamma[(2l+3-\eta)/4]} \frac{\Gamma[(-2l+1-\eta)/4]}{\Gamma[1/2 - l]}$$

Two trapped particles

→ expression for c_2/c_1 can be further simplified

$$\Gamma[1/2 - l] = \frac{(-1)^l 2^l}{(2l - 1)!!} \sqrt{\pi} \qquad \Gamma[3/2 + l] = \frac{(1 + 2l)!!}{2^{l+1}} \sqrt{\pi}$$

Semi-final result :

$$u_l(x) = c_1 x^{l+1}$$

$$\left[M\left(\frac{2l + 3 - \eta}{4}, l + \frac{3}{2}; x^2\right) + \frac{c_2}{c_1} x^{-2l-1} M\left(\frac{-2l + 1 - \eta}{4}, -l + \frac{1}{2}; x^2\right) \right] e^{-x^2/2}$$

$$\frac{c_2}{c_1} = -(-1)^l 2^{-2l} (l + 1/2) [(2l - 1)!!]^2 \frac{\Gamma[(1 - 2l - \eta)/4]}{\Gamma[(2l + 3 - \eta)/4]}$$

Two trapped particles interacting with a short-range potential $V(r)$

$$\frac{d^2}{dr^2} u_l(r) = -2\mu \left[E - \frac{l(l+1)}{2\mu r^2} - V(r) - \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega^2 r^2 \right] u_l(r)$$

Two different scales :

→ potential range b

→ HO trap scale b_{HO}

assuming separation of scales $b \ll b_{HO}$

Three different regions :

$r < b$: HO term can be neglected

$b < r < b_{HO}$: $V(r)$ and HO terms can be neglected

$b_{HO} < r$: $V(r)$ term can be neglected

$b < r < b_{HO}$ region

For $r \rightarrow b_+$ HO potential can be neglected but we are still in an external region with respect to $V(r)$ of range b .

EXTERNAL REGION :

$$u_l(r) = A(kr) [j_l(kr) + n_l(kr) \tan(\delta_l)]$$

→ for $r > b$ but still r close to zero

$$j_l(z \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow \frac{z^2}{(2l+1)!!}$$

$$n_l(z \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow \frac{(2l-1)!!}{z^{l+1}}$$

$$u_l(r \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow B_l r^{l+1} \left\{ 1 + (2l+1) [(2l-1)!!]^2 \frac{\tan(\delta_l)}{(kr)^{2l+1}} \right\}, \quad B_l = \frac{A k^{l+1}}{(2l+1)!!}$$

$b < r < b_{HO}$ region

In this specific region we have also a solution of radial equation with HO trap but no $V(r)$.

$$u_l(x) = c_1 x^{l+1}$$

$$\left[M\left(\frac{2l+3-\eta}{4}, l + \frac{3}{2}; x^2\right) + \frac{c_2}{c_1} x^{-2l-1} M\left(\frac{-2l+1-\eta}{4}, -l + \frac{1}{2}; x^2\right) \right] e^{-x^2/2}$$

$$M(\alpha, \beta, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{(n)} z^n}{b^{(n)}} \qquad e^{-x^2/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{2^n n!}$$

where $a^{(n)}$ is a rising factorial $a^{(0)} = 1$, $a^{(1)} = a$, $a^{(2)} = a(a+1)$, $a^{(3)} = a(a+1)(a+2)$, ...

→ for $r > b$ but still r close to zero $M(\dots, \dots, x^2) \simeq 1$ and $e^{-x^2/2} \simeq 1$

$$u_l(x \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow c_1 x^{l+1} \left[1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \frac{1}{x^{2l+1}} \right]$$

Matching condition

$$u_l(r \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow B_l r^{l+1} \left\{ 1 + (2l+1) [(2l-1)!!]^2 \frac{\tan(\delta_l)}{(kr)^{2l+1}} \right\}, \quad B_l = \frac{A k^{l+1}}{(2l+1)!!}$$

$$u_l(r \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow c_1 r^{l+1} \left[1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \frac{b_{HO}^{2l+1}}{r^{2l+1}} \right], \quad (\text{we used } x = r/b_{HO})$$

Matching two solutions :

$$(2l+1) [(2l-1)!!]^2 \frac{\tan(\delta_l)}{(k)^{2l+1}} = \frac{c_2}{c_1} b_{HO}^{2l+1}$$

$$\frac{c_2}{c_1} = -(-1)^l 2^{-2l} (l+1/2) [(2l-1)!!]^2 \frac{\Gamma[(1-2l-\eta)/4]}{\Gamma[(2l+3-\eta)/4]}$$

Busch formula for phase shifts

Busch formula

$$k^{2l+1} \cot \delta_l = (-1)^{l+1} (\sqrt{4\mu\omega})^{2l+1} \frac{\Gamma[(2l+3-\eta)/4]}{\Gamma[(1-2l-\eta)/4]}$$

$$\eta = \frac{2E}{\omega}, \quad k = \sqrt{2\mu E}$$

We can use Harmonic oscillator trap bound state energies calculated with the given short-ranged potential $V(r)$ to extract the corresponding scattering phaseshifts !

Few-body systems

Lets assume N-body system in a HO trap (equal masses $m_i = m$)

$$H_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m\omega (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{x}_N)^2$$

using simple identity $\sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{x}_N)^2 = \sum_{i < j}^N \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)^2$ we get

$$H_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \frac{m\omega}{N} (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)^2$$

Introducing Jacobi coordinates :

$$H_0^{\text{intrinsic}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left[\frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}_\rho^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 \mathbf{x}_\rho \right]$$