

Due Friday March 27

- 28) A particle of mass m subject to a harmonic oscillator potential is initially in the ground state, $\phi_0(x)$. The mass carries a charge q and at time $t = 0$ an electric field E_0 is applied in the $+x$ direction, giving rise to a potential $-qEx$.
- (a) At what time t will the probability of finding the oscillator in state $\phi_1(x)$ be maximized?
- (b) Find the corresponding maximum value of $|c_1(t)|^2$.
- 29) A hydrogen atom is in the ground state when an external electric field pulse is applied along the z direction. The field is zero for $t < 0$, and for $t > 0$ follows the equation $E = E_0 e^{-t/\tau}$. Find the probability that the atom will end up in the 2p state, $(n, l, m) = (2, 1, 0)$, at times $t \gg \tau$. Neglect spontaneous decays back to the ground state.
- 30) Calculate the mean lifetime of the 2p state of hydrogen. The lifetime is the same for all values of the magnetic quantum number m , so you may choose any convenient value.