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1. Consider Euclidean motion (in an inverted potential) of a given energy  $E < 0$ , leading from  $x_1 \rightarrow x_2$  ( $x_1 < x_2$ ) in time  $T$ . As a potential take  $V(x) = \kappa(x^2 - a^2)^2$  with  $\kappa = 1/8a^2$ . For one instanton-like motion (without turning) it is clear that as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  then  $x_1 \rightarrow -a$ ,  $x_2 \rightarrow a$  and  $E \rightarrow 0$ . Show that in this limit

$$E = -8a^2 e^{-T}.$$

HINT. Use the classical formula for  $T$ . In the limit  $E \rightarrow 0$  the integral will contain a singular part that can be divided into a finite and still singular part by subtracting and adding  $((x - a)^2 + 2E)^{-1/2}$ . In the finite part one can immediately set  $E = 0$ . The other part can be calculated exactly for finite, but small  $E$ .

2. Find in the first order of time-dependent perturbation theory probability of a transition from energy eigenstate  $n \rightarrow m$  in a potential  $V(x, t) = V(x)f(t)$ , where  $f(t)$ :

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^{\gamma t}, & t < 0, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\gamma t}, & 0 < t < \frac{T}{2}, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\gamma(T-t)}, & \frac{T}{2} < t < T, \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{-\gamma(t-T)}, & T < t. \end{cases}$$

Result:

$$P(n \rightarrow m) = \left( \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2 + (E_m - E_n)^2} \right)^2 |V_{mn}|^2 \frac{4 \sin^2 \frac{(E_m - E_n)T}{2\hbar}}{(E_m - E_n)^2}.$$

Make a plot of function  $f(t)$ . Compare the result with a situation when the perturbation is momentarily switched on.

3. Under which conditions the transition probability for a harmonic potential (calculated in the first order of perturbation theory)

$$V(x, t) = 2V(x) \cos(\omega t)$$

reads:

$$\frac{dP(n \rightarrow m)}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |V_{mn}|^2 \{ \delta(E_m - E_n - \hbar\omega) + \delta(E_m - E_n + \hbar\omega) \}.$$