

PHYSICS 852
Quantum Mechanics II
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Lectures: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:20 - 11:10, Room 317 PA

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Textbook: *E. Merzbacher*, Quantum Mechanics, third edition

Grading: Homework 30% (assigned every week on Wednesday), Quizzes 10%,
Midterm exam 20% (March), Final exam (QM Subject Exam) 40%.

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Tentative program:

1. Review: Semiclassical approximation. Quantization rules. Tunneling. Semiclassical level density. Idea of path integrals. [Chapter 7]
2. Three-dimensional motion. Reduction of a two-body problem. Central field. Spherical functions. Hydrogen atom (discrete spectrum). [Chapters 11,12]
3. Scattering theory. Phase analysis and Born approximation. Low-energy and high-energy scattering. Quasistationary states. Analyticity. Scattering matrix and many-channel reactions. [Chapters 13,20]
4. Angular momentum. Algebra and irreducible representations. Spin and orbital momentum. Angular momentum coupling. Wigner-Eckart theorem. [Chapters 11,16,17]
5. Stationary perturbations. Atom in electric and magnetic fields. [Chapters 8, 18]
6. Time-dependent perturbations. Transition probability. Adiabatic and sudden perturbations. Atom in time-dependent fields. [Chapter 19]
7. Identical particles, Bose- and Fermi-statistics, secondary quantization. Atoms, molecules and nuclei. [Chapters 21,22]
8. Quantization of electromagnetic field. Radiation theory. [Chapter 23]
9. Introduction to relativistic quantum mechanics. [Chapter 24]