

## PHY 491 - 2013

### Atomic, Molecular, and Condensed Matter Physics

### Problem Set 7

1. Chapter 4, problem 6 (6 pt)
2. Chapter 4, problem 4(a) (4 pt)
3. Chapter 5, problem 1 (a) and (b) (4 pt)
4. Consider a diatomic molecule with nuclear masses  $\sim M$  and the typical electron binding energy  $E_e$ . Consider the cubic term in the expansion of the potential energy in the relative displacement  $\Delta R$  of the nuclei from the equilibrium position  $\Delta U = K_3(\Delta R)^3$ . Estimate  $K_3$  in terms of  $E_e$  and the electron mass  $m_e$ . (3 pt) Using the second-order perturbation theory, estimate the shift of the lowest vibrational energy level  $\propto K_3^2$  (3 pt).

**The solution is due on October 30.**