

[nex68] Zwanzig's kinetic equation.

In the derivation of Zwanzig's kinetic equation,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_1(t) = -i\hat{P}\hat{L}\rho_1(t) - i\hat{P}\hat{L}e^{-i\hat{Q}\hat{L}t}\rho_2(0) - \int_0^t d\tau \hat{P}\hat{L}e^{-i\hat{Q}\hat{L}\tau}\hat{Q}\hat{L}\rho_1(t-\tau), \quad (1)$$

from two projections of the Liouville equation,

$$\hat{P} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} = -i\hat{P}\hat{L}[\rho_1 + \rho_2], \quad \hat{Q} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \rho_2}{\partial t} = -i\hat{Q}\hat{L}[\rho_1 + \rho_2], \quad (2)$$

we postulate the formal solution

$$\rho_2(t) = e^{-i\hat{Q}\hat{L}t}\rho_2(0) - i \int_0^t d\tau e^{-i\hat{Q}\hat{L}\tau}\hat{Q}\hat{L}\rho_1(t-\tau). \quad (3)$$

Verify that (3) is a solution of (2). The derivation involves one integration by parts.

Solution: