

Solutions

(1a) The Heisenberg equations of motion are here

$$\frac{d}{dt} P = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial X} = -\gamma P, \quad \frac{d}{dt} X = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P} = \frac{1}{M} P + \gamma X$$

and are solved by

$$P(t) = e^{-\gamma T} P(t_0),$$

$$X(t) = e^{\gamma T} X(t_0) + \frac{e^{\gamma T} - e^{-\gamma T}}{2\gamma M} P(t_0)$$

with $T \equiv t - t_0$.

(1b) We have

$$[X(t), P(t_0)] = [e^{\gamma T} X(t_0), P(t_0)] = i\hbar e^{\gamma T}.$$

(1c) Proceeding from

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle x, t | p, t_0 \rangle = \langle x, t | H_t | p, t_0 \rangle$$

we express H_t in terms of $X(t)$ and $P(t_0)$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2M} e^{-2\gamma T} P(t_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \gamma e^{-\gamma T} (X(t) P(t_0) + P(t_0) X(t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2M} e^{-2\gamma T} P(t_0)^2 + \gamma e^{-\gamma T} X(t) P(t_0) - \frac{1}{2} i\hbar \gamma \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle x, t | p, t_0 \rangle &= \left(\frac{1}{2M} e^{-2\gamma T} p^2 + \gamma e^{-\gamma T} xp - \frac{1}{2} i\hbar \gamma \right) \langle x, t | p, t_0 \rangle \\ &= \langle x, t | p, t_0 \rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{p^2}{2M} \frac{1 - e^{-2\gamma T}}{2\gamma} + xp(1 - e^{-\gamma T}) - \frac{1}{2} i\hbar \gamma T \right). \end{aligned}$$

