

Worksheet #9

(Monday, January 26, 2026)

Name**Questions (5 pts):**

As we discussed, the Schroedinger's equation for the 1st-order perturbation leads to the following expression:

$$\langle n^{(0)} | H_0 - E_n^{(0)} | n^{(1)} \rangle = \langle n^{(0)} | E_n^{(1)} - H' | n^{(0)} \rangle$$

(a) Use the properties of the unperturbed Hamiltonian ($H_0 | n^{(0)} \rangle = E_n^{(0)} | n^{(0)} \rangle$) to simplify the left-hand-side of the expression above.

(b) **If you have time:** Use your result of (a) to find the first-order energy correction $E_n^{(1)}$.