

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle q_3 | e^{-3i\epsilon H} | q_0 \rangle &= \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle q_3 | e^{-i\epsilon H} | q_2 \rangle \langle q_2 | e^{-i\epsilon H} | q_1 \rangle \langle q_1 | e^{-i\epsilon H} | q_0 \rangle dq_1 dq_2 \quad (1) \\
&= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i\epsilon} \right)^{3/2} \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ i\epsilon \sum_{j=0}^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} m \dot{q}_j^2 - V(q_j) \right] \right\} dq_1 dq_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Let's ignore the potential  $V(q)$  and integrate over  $q_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ i \frac{m}{2\epsilon} [(q_2 - q_1)^2 + (q_1 - q_0)^2] \right\} dq_1 \quad (2) \\
&= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ i \frac{m}{\epsilon} \left[ q_1^2 - (q_2 + q_0)q_1 + \frac{1}{2}(q_2^2 + q_0^2) \right] \right\} dq_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-iax^2 + ibx) dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{ia}} \exp\left(i \frac{b^2}{4a}\right) \quad (3)$$

with  $a = -m/\epsilon$  and  $b = -m(q_2 + q_0)/\epsilon$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{i\pi\epsilon}{m}} \exp[-im(q_2 + q_0)^2/4\epsilon + im(q_2^2 + q_0^2)/2\epsilon] \quad (4) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{im(q_2 - q_0)^2/4\epsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

The amplitude now is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle q_3 | e^{-3i\epsilon H} | q_0 \rangle &= \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2}\pi i\epsilon} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left[ i \frac{m}{2\epsilon} [(q_3 - q_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(q_2 - q_0)^2] \right] dq_2 \\
&= \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2}\pi i\epsilon} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left[ i \frac{m}{2\epsilon} \left( \frac{3}{2}q_2^2 - (2q_3 + q_0)q_2 + q_3^2 + \frac{1}{2}q_0^2 \right) \right] dq_2 \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we do the  $q_2$  integral using (3) with  $a = -3m/4\epsilon$  and  $b = -m(2q_3 + q_0)/2\epsilon$ . We find

$$\langle q_3 | e^{-3i\epsilon H} | q_0 \rangle = \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i 3\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} e^{im(q_3 - q_0)^2/2(3\epsilon)}. \quad (6)$$

We now leap from 3 to  $n$  and replace  $3\epsilon$  with  $n\epsilon = t$  so as to find that

$$\langle q_\beta | e^{-itH} | q_0 \rangle = \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i t} \right)^{1/2} e^{im(q_\beta - q_0)^2/2t}. \quad (7)$$