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$$1) \text{ Let } l_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{m_1 \omega}} \quad \hat{x}_1 = \frac{l_0}{2} (a^\dagger + a) \quad V' = \lambda \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$\langle \text{initial} \rangle = |p\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$$

$$|p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{ipx}$$

$$|\text{final}\rangle = |p^*\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

$$|p^*\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{ip^*x}$$

$$\text{Energy conservation: } \frac{p^{*2}}{2m_2} = \frac{p^2}{2m_2} - t\omega$$

$$p^{*2} = p^2 - 2m_2 t \omega$$

$$p^* = \pm \sqrt{p^2 - 2m_2 t \omega}$$

$$\langle \text{final} | V' | \text{initial} \rangle = \langle 1, p^* | \lambda \delta(x_1 - x_2) | 0, p \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1 | \int dx_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-ip^*x_2} \lambda \delta(x_1 - x_2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{ipx_2} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1 | \frac{\lambda}{L} e^{i(p-p^*)x_1} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{L} L} \langle 1 | e^{i(p-p^*)l_0(a^\dagger + a)/2} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Let } z = \frac{i(p-p^*)l_0}{2}$$

$$|z|^2 = (p-p^*)^2 \frac{l_0^2}{4} = \frac{(p-p^*)^2 t}{2m_1 \omega}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{L} L} \langle 1 | e^{z a^\dagger - \bar{z} a} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{L} L} \langle 1 | z \rangle$$

where $|z\rangle = e^{-|z|^2/2} \sum_n \frac{z^n}{n!} |n\rangle$ is a coherent state

$$\therefore \langle \text{final} | V' | \text{initial} \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{L} L} \langle 1 | e^{-|z|^2/2} \sum_n \frac{z^n}{n!} |n\rangle$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{L} L} e^{-|z|^2/2} z$$

$$|\langle \text{final} | V' | \text{initial} \rangle|^2 = \frac{\lambda^2}{L^2} e^{-|z|^2} |z|^2 \omega (i(p-p^*)l_0)$$

The probability of a transition can now be calculated

to first order in perturbation theory:

$$P_{0 \rightarrow 1}^{\text{sys}}(t) = \frac{1}{L^2} \left| \int_0^t e^{i(E_1 - E_0)t'/t} \langle \text{final} | V' | \text{initial} \rangle dt' \right|^2$$

Since the energy of the system is conserved $E_1 - E_0 = 0$

$$P_{0 \rightarrow 1} = \frac{1}{L^2} \left| t \langle \text{final} | V' | \text{initial} \rangle \right|^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{L} \frac{t}{L} \right)^2 e^{-|z|^2} |z|^2 \omega (i(p-p^*)l_0)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{L} \right)^2 \frac{1}{v v^*} e^{-|z|^2} |z|^2 \langle \text{final} | V' | \text{initial} \rangle^2$$

where $v = \frac{L}{t}$ and $v^* = \frac{L}{t}$ are the initial and final velocities

Now, since there are two possible final values of p^* (of particle two)

p^* (as seen above) particle two may scatter in two different directions. Each possibility must be taken into account in $P_{0 \rightarrow 1}$:

Let $p_f = \sqrt{p^2 - 2m_2 \hbar \omega}$, $p_{\bar{f}} = -\sqrt{p^2 - 2m_2 \hbar \omega}$

$v_f = \frac{p_f}{m_2}$, $v_{\bar{f}} = \frac{p_{\bar{f}}}{m_2} = -\frac{p_f}{m_2}$, $v = \frac{p}{m_2}$

$P_{0 \rightarrow 1} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\hbar}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{v} \left[\frac{1}{v_f} \frac{(p-p_f)^2 \hbar}{2M_1 \omega} e^{-(p-p_f)^2 \hbar / 2M_1 \omega} \right.$

$\left. + \frac{1}{v_{\bar{f}}} \frac{(p-p_{\bar{f}})^2 \hbar}{2M_1 \omega} e^{-(p-p_{\bar{f}})^2 \hbar / 2M_1 \omega} \right]$

$\text{tak} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\hbar}\right)^2 \frac{m_2}{p} \frac{m_2 \hbar}{2M_1 \omega} \left[\frac{1}{p_f} (p-p_f)^2 e^{-(p-p_f)^2 \hbar / 2M_1 \omega} \right.$

$\left. - \frac{1}{p_{\bar{f}}} (p+p_f)^2 e^{-(p+p_f)^2 \hbar / 2M_1 \omega} \right]$

$P_{0 \rightarrow 1} = \frac{\lambda^2 m_2^2}{2M_1 \hbar \omega p p_f} \left[(p-p_f)^2 e^{-(p-p_f)^2 \hbar / 2M_1 \omega} \right.$

$\left. - (p+p_f)^2 e^{-(p+p_f)^2 \hbar / 2M_1 \omega} \right]$

where $p_f = \sqrt{p^2 - 2m_2 \hbar \omega}$