

《量子信息基础》2024.3.21 随堂作业:

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1. (Text book* Problem 3.4)

(a) Show that the sum of two Hermitian operators is Hermitian.

Assume \hat{Q} and \hat{S} are Hermitian operators, and $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are arbitrary functions.

$\langle f|\hat{Q}g\rangle = \langle \hat{Q}f|g\rangle$ and $\langle f|\hat{S}g\rangle = \langle \hat{S}f|g\rangle$. Therefore

$$\langle f|(\hat{Q} + \hat{S})g\rangle = \langle f|\hat{Q}g\rangle + \langle f|\hat{S}g\rangle = \langle \hat{Q}f|g\rangle + \langle \hat{S}f|g\rangle = \langle (\hat{Q} + \hat{S})f|g\rangle$$

So $(\hat{Q} + \hat{S})$ are Hermitian

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(b) Suppose \hat{Q} is Hermitian, and α is a complex number. Under what condition (on α) is $\alpha\hat{Q}$ Hermitian?

$$\langle f|\alpha\hat{Q}g\rangle = \alpha\langle f|\hat{Q}g\rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha\hat{Q}f|g\rangle = \alpha^*\langle f|\hat{Q}g\rangle$$

If α is a real number, $\alpha\hat{Q}$ is Hermitian.

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(c) When is product of two Hermitian operators Hermitian?

$$\langle f|\hat{Q}\hat{S}g\rangle = \langle f|\hat{Q}(\hat{S}g)\rangle = \langle \hat{Q}f|\hat{S}g\rangle = \langle \hat{S}\hat{Q}f|g\rangle$$

If $\hat{Q}\hat{S}$ is Hermitian,

$$\langle f|\hat{Q}\hat{S}g\rangle = \langle \hat{Q}\hat{S}f|g\rangle$$

$\hat{Q}\hat{S}$ needs to be commutable.

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- (d) Show that the position operator (\hat{x}) and the Hamiltonian operator ($\hat{H} = -\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$) are hermitian.

$$\langle f | \hat{x} g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f^*(x) x g(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x f(x))^* g(x) dx = \langle \hat{x} f | g \rangle$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | \hat{H} g \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f^*(x) \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \right] g(x) dx \\ &\quad \text{这一项分部积分} \quad \text{再对这一项分部积分} \\ &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} f^* \frac{dg}{dx} \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{df^*}{dx} \frac{dg}{dx} dx + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [V(x) f(x)]^* g(x) dx \\ &\quad \text{这一项} = 0 \quad \text{这一项} = 0 \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g \frac{df^*}{dx} \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d^2 f^*}{dx^2} g dx + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [f(x) V(x)]^* g(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + V(x) f \right]^* g(x) dx = \langle \hat{H} f | g \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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2. A Hermitian operator \hat{A} has a complete orthonormal set of eigenfunctions $|\psi_n\rangle$ with associated eigenvalues α_n . Show that we can always write

$$\hat{A} = \sum_i \alpha_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} |\psi_n\rangle &= \alpha_n |\psi_n\rangle \\ \hat{A} |\psi_n\rangle &= \sum_i \alpha_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i | \psi_n \rangle = \alpha_n |\psi_n\rangle \\ &\quad \text{正交性, } i=n \text{ 时才有值} \\ \therefore \hat{A} &= \sum_i \alpha_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| \end{aligned}$$

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* David J. Griffiths, and Darrell F. Schroeter, Introduction to Quantum Mechanics (3rd Edition), Cambridge University Press (2018).