

QHO Quantum Harmonic Oscillator

1. Basic

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(\hat{x}) \quad 1D$$

2. Number Operator

$$V(\hat{x}) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \hat{x}^2 \quad (\text{for harmonic})$$

3. Fock State

4. Coherent State

$$\begin{cases} \hat{a} = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}} \hat{p} \\ \hat{a}^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} - i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}} \hat{p} \end{cases}$$

$$[\hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{a}] = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger) \\ \hat{p} = i\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}} (\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger) \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{N} \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \quad \text{Number Operator}$$

$$[\hat{N}, \hat{a}] = \hat{a}^\dagger [\hat{a}, \hat{a}] + [\hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{a}] \hat{a} = -\hat{a}$$

$$[\hat{N}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = \hat{a}^\dagger [\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = \hat{a}^\dagger$$

$$\text{Let } \hat{N} |\lambda\rangle = \lambda |\lambda\rangle$$

$$\hat{N}(\hat{a}|\lambda\rangle) = (\lambda-1)(\hat{a}|\lambda\rangle)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}|\lambda\rangle = C_- |\lambda-1\rangle$$

↓
annihilation operator

Similarly

$$\hat{a}^\dagger |\lambda\rangle = C_+ |\lambda+1\rangle$$

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creation operator

while

$$\langle \lambda | \hat{N} | \lambda \rangle = \lambda$$

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$$\langle \lambda | \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} | \lambda \rangle = \| \hat{a} | \lambda \rangle \|^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \| C_- \|^2 = \lambda \Rightarrow C_- = \sqrt{\lambda}$$

Similarly

$$C_+ = \sqrt{\lambda+1}$$

Hint that λ is an
non-negative \mathbb{Z}

$$\hat{a} |0\rangle \equiv 0$$

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$|0\rangle$: ground state

$$|\lambda\rangle \rightarrow |n\rangle$$

Zero Point Energy

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H} = \hbar\omega \left(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \text{when } |\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{E}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega}$$

Fock State $|n\rangle$

$|n\rangle$: ① Eigenstate of \hat{H}

② Fock State

③ Occupation Numbers States.

$$\langle \hat{x} \rangle = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \right)^{1/2} \langle n | a^\dagger + a | n \rangle$$

Similarly

$$\langle \hat{p} \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{while } \begin{cases} \langle n | a^\dagger | n \rangle = \langle n | n+1 \rangle \equiv 0 \\ \langle n | a | n \rangle = \langle n | n-1 \rangle \equiv 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \hat{x} \rangle = 0$$

Furthermore

$$\langle n | a^{\dagger 2} | n \rangle$$

$$= \langle n | a^2 | n \rangle \equiv 0$$

$$\langle n | a^\dagger a | n \rangle = n$$

$$\langle n | a a^\dagger | n \rangle = n+1$$

$$\begin{aligned} |n\rangle &= \frac{\hat{a}^\dagger}{\sqrt{n}} |n-1\rangle \\ &= \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta x^2 = \langle x^2 - \langle x \rangle^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \langle n | (a^\dagger + a)^2 | n \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \langle n | a^2 + a^{\dagger 2} + a^\dagger a + a a^\dagger | n \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (2n+1)$$

$$\Delta p^2 = \frac{m\hbar\omega}{2} (2n+1) \Rightarrow \Delta x \cdot \Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{2} (2n+1) \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \text{MUS}$$

Wave function of Fock State

$$\varphi(x) = \langle x | n \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} | \hat{n} \rangle = \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} | 0 \rangle \\ \hat{a} | 0 \rangle \equiv 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} x dx = -\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \frac{d\varphi_0(x)}{\varphi_0(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\varphi_0(x)}{\varphi_0(x)} = -\frac{m\omega}{\hbar} x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \varphi_0(x) = -\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2$$

$$\alpha x = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \right)^{1/2} x$$

$$\langle x | \hat{a} | 0 \rangle = \langle x | \left(\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\hbar\omega}} \hat{p} \right) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \left(\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} x + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \varphi_0(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_0(x) = A e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2} = A e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{\alpha x} \right)^2}$$

↓ Gaussian function

$$\varphi_n(x) = \langle x | \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \langle x | \left(\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} - \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \hat{p} \right)^n | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \langle x | \left(\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} - \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \frac{d}{dx} \right)^n | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \left(\alpha x + \frac{d}{d(\alpha x)} \right)^n \varphi_0(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} H_n(\alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}} \quad \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}}$$

↓ Gaussian still

Coherent State

$$\textcircled{1} \hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

$$\textcircled{2} \langle \hat{N} \rangle = \langle \alpha | \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} | \alpha \rangle = |\alpha|^2$$

$$\textcircled{3} P_n(\alpha) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!}, \lambda = \langle \hat{N} \rangle$$

Consider

$$\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

where $C_n(\alpha) = \langle n | \alpha \rangle$

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_n C_n(\alpha) |n\rangle$$

$$\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \sum_n C_n(\alpha) \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle$$

$$\alpha|\alpha\rangle = \sum_n \alpha C_n(\alpha) |n\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{n+1}(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n+1}} C_n(\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_n(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} C_0(\alpha)$$

$$\text{while } \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = 1 = \sum_{n,m} C_n^*(\alpha) C_m(\alpha) \langle n | m \rangle$$

$$= \sum_n |C_n(\alpha)|^2 = \sum_n \frac{|\alpha|^{2n}}{n!} |C_0(\alpha)|^2$$

$$= |C_0(\alpha)|^2 \left(\sum_n \frac{|\alpha|^{2n}}{n!} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0(\alpha) = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} = \langle n | \alpha \rangle$$

$$P_n(\alpha) = |\langle n | \alpha \rangle|^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^{2n}}{n!} e^{-|\alpha|^2}$$

$$\downarrow \lambda = |\alpha|^2$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda}$$

Poissonian Distribution

$$\lambda \gg 1$$

\approx Gaussian

Displacement Operator

BCH: formula

$$e^{\hat{A}+\hat{B}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}[\hat{A},\hat{B}]} e^{\hat{A}} e^{\hat{B}}$$

let $\hat{A} = \alpha \hat{a}^\dagger$ ★

$\hat{B} = \alpha^* \hat{a}$

$\Rightarrow [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = |\alpha|^2$

\Rightarrow

$$|\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$$

$$\hat{D} = e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \hat{a}}$$

$$= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}}$$

Properties of $\hat{D}(\alpha)$

$$\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) = \hat{D}^{-1}(\alpha) = \hat{D}(-\alpha) \quad \text{"Trinity"}$$

$$[\hat{a}, \hat{D}(\alpha)] = \alpha \hat{D}(\alpha)$$

$$\hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) = \alpha \hat{D}(\alpha) + \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{a}$$

Equivalent:

$$\alpha |\alpha\rangle = \hat{a} |\alpha\rangle$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$|\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$$

[Proof]: " \Rightarrow "

$$\hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{a} |\alpha\rangle$$

$$\hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \alpha |\alpha\rangle$$

$$\hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle = \alpha |\alpha\rangle$$

$$\hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{a} \hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a} \hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$$

" \Leftarrow " $|\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$

$$\hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$$

How About Eigenstate of \hat{a}^\dagger

Suppose $\hat{a}^\dagger |\lambda\rangle = \lambda |\lambda\rangle$

$$|\lambda\rangle = \sum_n c_n(\lambda) |n\rangle$$

$$\hat{a}^\dagger |\lambda\rangle = \sum_n c_n(\lambda) \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle$$

$$\lambda |\lambda\rangle = \sum_n c_n(\lambda) \lambda |n\rangle$$

when $n=0$ $c_0(\lambda) = 0$

$$n>0 \quad c_n(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\lambda} c_{n-1}(\lambda) = \dots = 0$$

\Rightarrow No such $|\lambda\rangle$!!!