



Quantum Mechanics

Homework Assignment 07

Fall, 2019

1. Starting from the time-dependent Schrödinger equation in the Dirac notation, $i\hbar \frac{d|\psi(t)\rangle}{dt} = \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \hat{V}(\hat{r}) \right] |\psi(t)\rangle$, derive the time-dependent Schrödinger equation in the $\{|\vec{p}\rangle\}$ representation,

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\psi}(\vec{p}, t) = \left[\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + \hat{V}(i\hbar \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}}) \right] \bar{\psi}(\vec{p}, t)$$

2. Introducing the Fourier transform of the potential energy $V(\vec{r})$ in the $\{|\vec{r}\rangle\}$ representation, $\bar{V}(\vec{p}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} \int d^3r e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} V(\vec{r})$, show that the time-dependent Schrödinger equation in the $\{|\vec{p}\rangle\}$ representation can be also written as

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\psi}(\vec{p}, t) = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \bar{\psi}(\vec{p}, t) + \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} \int d^3p' \bar{V}(\vec{p} - \vec{p}') \bar{\psi}(\vec{p}', t).$$

3. In the $\{|p_x\rangle\}$ representation, find the energy eigenvalue and eigenfunction of a particle of mass m in the one-dimensional δ -function potential well

$$V(x) = -\lambda\delta(x), \quad \lambda > 0.$$

4. In the $\{|\vec{p}\rangle\}$ representation, the wave function of a particle at a given time is given by $\bar{\psi}(\vec{p}) = N e^{-\alpha|\vec{p}|/\hbar}$ with $\alpha > 0$. Find the value of the normalization constant N and the wave function $\psi(\vec{r})$ in the $\{|\vec{r}\rangle\}$ representation.

5. For a particle in one-dimensional space, find the expression of the operator $\hat{x}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\hat{x}}$ in the $\{|p_x\rangle\}$ representation and the expression of the operator $\hat{p}_x^{-1} = \frac{1}{\hat{p}_x}$ in the $\{|x\rangle\}$ representation.

Note that \hat{x}^{-1} is the inverse of \hat{x} and that \hat{p}_x^{-1} is the inverse of \hat{p}_x .