PHYS 304 Formula Sheet

The Wave Function

Time dependent Schrodinger Equation:

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial x^2} + V\Psi$$

Standard Deviation:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\langle j^2\rangle - \langle j\rangle^2}$$

Momentum:

$$\langle p\rangle = m\frac{d\langle x\rangle}{dt} = \int \Psi^*\left(\frac{\hbar}{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\Psi\,dx$$

Infinite Square Well

Time Independent Schrodinger Equation:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi = E\psi$$

Eigenstate Expansion:

$$\Psi(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n\psi_n(x)e^{-iE_nt/\hbar} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n\Psi_n(x,t)$$

Energy In Infinite Square Well:

$$E_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2}{2ma^2}$$

Stationary States:

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}}\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right)$$

Determining Coefficients:

$$c_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}}\int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right)\Psi(x,0)\,dx$$

Expectation Value of Energy:

$$\langle H\rangle = \textstyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}|c_n|^2E_n$$

Harmonic Oscillator

$$k = \omega^2 m$$

Ladder Operators:

$$a_\pm = \tfrac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}}(\mp ip + m\omega x)$$
$$a_+\psi_n = \sqrt{n+1}\,\psi_{n+1}$$
$$a_-\psi_n = \sqrt{n}\,\psi_{n-1}$$

Operators:

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(a_+ + a_-)$$
$$p = i\sqrt{\frac{\hbar m\omega}{2}}(a_+ - a_-)$$
$$x^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}\left[(a_+)^2 + (a_+a_-) + (a_-a_+) + (a_-)^2\right]$$

Commutation:

$$[x,p] = i\hbar$$
$$[a_-,a_+] = 1$$

Hamiltonian:

$$H = \hbar\omega\left(a_+a_- + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$
$$a_+a_- + a_-a_+ = 2\left(\frac{H}{\hbar\omega}\right)$$

States:

$$\psi_0(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}x^2}$$
$$\psi_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}}(a_+)^n\psi_0$$

Energy:

$$E_n = \left(n + \tfrac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$$

Generalized Statistical Interpretation

Momentum Expansion:

$$\Phi(p,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx/\hbar}\,\Psi(x,t)\,dx$$
$$\Psi(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx/\hbar}\,\Phi(p,t)\,dp$$

Angular Momentum

$$L_x = yp_z - zp_y \qquad L_y = zp_x - xp_z \qquad L_z = xp_y - yp_x$$

Commutators:

$$\left[L_x,L_y\right] = i\hbar L_z \qquad \left[L_y,L_z\right] = i\hbar L_x \qquad [L_z,L_x] = i\hbar L_y$$
$$[L_z,x] = i\hbar y \qquad [L_z,y] = -i\hbar x \qquad [L_z,z] = 0$$
$$[L_z,p_x] = i\hbar p_y \qquad \left[L_z,p_y\right] = -i\hbar p_x \qquad [L_z,p_z] = 0$$

Square of Angular Momentum:

$$L^2 \equiv L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2 \qquad \left[L^2,\mathbf{L}\right] = 0$$

Ladder Operators:

$$L_\pm = L_x \pm iL_y \qquad [L_z,L_\pm] = \pm i\hbar L_\pm$$
$$L^2 = L_\pm L_\mp + L_z^2 \mp \hbar L_z$$
$$L_x = \frac{L_+ + L_-}{2} \qquad L_y = \frac{L_+ - L_-}{2i}$$
$$L_+\,|l,l\rangle = 0 \qquad L_-\,|l,-l\rangle = 0$$

Eigenvalues:

$$L^2\,|l,m\rangle = \hbar^2 l(l+1)\,|l,m\rangle$$
$$L_z\,|l,m\rangle = \hbar m\,|l,m\rangle$$
$$L_\pm\,|l,m\rangle = A_l^m\,|l,m+1\rangle$$
$$A_l^m = \hbar\sqrt{l(l+1) - m(m\pm 1)}$$

Expectation Value when $L_x\,|\psi\rangle = L_y\,|\psi\rangle$:

$$\langle\psi|\,L_x^2\,|\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|\,L_y^2\,|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\,\langle\psi|\,L^2 - L_z^2\,|\psi\rangle$$

Spherical Coordinate Representation:

$$L_x = \frac{\hbar}{i}\left(-\sin\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \cos\phi\cot\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)$$
$$L_y = \frac{\hbar}{i}\left(+\cos\phi\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \sin\phi\cot\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)$$
$$L_z = \frac{\hbar}{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}$$
$$L_\pm = \pm\hbar e^{\pm i\theta}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \pm i\cot\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)$$
$$L_+L_- = -\hbar^2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\theta^2} + \cot\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \cot^2\theta\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)$$
$$L^2 = -\hbar^2\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2}\right]$$

Spin

Commutators:

$$\left[S_x,S_y\right] = i\hbar S_z \qquad \left[S_y,S_z\right] = i\hbar S_x \qquad [S_z,S_x] = i\hbar S_y$$

Eigenvalues:

$$S^2\,|s,m\rangle = \hbar^2 s(s+1)\,|s,m\rangle$$
$$S_z\,|s,m\rangle = \hbar m\,|s,m\rangle$$
$$S_\pm\,|s,m\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{s(s+1) - m(m\pm 1)}\,|s,m+1\rangle$$

Square of Angular Momentum:

$$S^2 \equiv S_x^2 + S_y^2 + S_z^2 \qquad \left[S^2,\mathbf{S}\right] = 0$$

Spin 1/2

Spinors:

$$\chi = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix},\ |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1 \qquad \chi_+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \chi_- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Spin Operators:

$$\mathbf{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{S}^2 = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{S}_+ = \hbar\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{S}_- = \hbar\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trig Identities

$$2\cos\theta\cos\phi = \cos(\theta-\phi) + \cos(\theta+\phi)$$
$$2\sin\theta\sin\phi = \cos(\theta-\phi) - \cos(\theta+\phi)$$
$$2\sin\theta\cos\phi = \sin(\theta+\phi) + \sin(\theta-\phi)$$
$$2\cos\theta\sin\phi = \sin(\theta+\phi) - \sin(\theta-\phi)$$

Integral Identities

$$\int \sin^2 ax\,dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4a}\sin 2ax + C$$

$$\int \sin^3 ax\,dx = \frac{\cos 3ax}{12a} - \frac{3\cos ax}{4a} + C$$

$$\int \cos^2 ax\,dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4a}\sin 2ax + C$$

$$\int \cos^3 ax\,dx = \frac{\sin ax}{a} - \frac{\sin^3 ax}{3a} + C$$

$$\int \cos^n(ax)\sin(ax)\,dx = -\frac{\cos^{n+1}(ax)}{a(n+1)} + C$$

$$\int \sin^n(ax)\cos(ax)\,dx = \frac{\sin^{n+1}(ax)}{a(n+1)} + C$$

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^{2n+1}(ax)\sin(ax)\,dx = 0 \qquad n = 0, 1, 2\ldots$$

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^{2n}(x)\sin(x)\,dx = \frac{2}{2n+1} \qquad n = 0, 1, 2\ldots$$

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https://github.com/DonneyF/formula-sheets