

0.1 Homework 2

0.1.1 Angular momentum for 4-dimensional space

Consider a 4-dimensional space with coordinates (x, y, z, w) .

1. Show that the operators $L_i = \epsilon_{ijk} x_j p_k$ and $K_i = wp_i - x_i p_w$ generate rotations in this space by showing that the transformations generated by these operators leave the four dimensional radius, defined by $R^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2$, invariant.

2. Compute the commutators $[L_i, K_j]$ and $[K_i, K_j]$.

0.1.2 Harmonic oscillator

1. Find the energy eigenvalues E_n and the corresponding wave functions $\psi_n(x)$ for a one-dimensional quantum harmonic oscillator system.
2. Calculate $\langle m|x|n\rangle$, $\langle m|p|n\rangle$, $\langle m|x^2|n\rangle$, and $\langle m|p^2|n\rangle$.

3. Assume the quantum harmonic oscillator is in a thermal bath at temperature T ; find the partition function Z and the average energy $\langle E \rangle$ of the system.

4. Prove that the inner product of coherent states is given by:

$$\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2) + \alpha^* \beta}$$