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Observables (continued)

If $\hat{A} = \hat{A}^\dagger$: "Hermitian"

- All eigenvalues are real.
- Can create an orthonormal basis from the eigenvectors

"Observable"

- closure relation:

$$\mathbb{1} = \sum_{\text{all } n} \sum_{\text{all } i} g_n^i |\lambda_n^i\rangle \langle \lambda_n^i|$$

Two observables: \hat{A}, \hat{B} , $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$

↳ a common set of eigenvectors can be found.

Complete set of commuting observables (CSCO)

- one single set of common eigenvectors

ex: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

← commute

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

complete set:

Unitary operators

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{U} \text{ is unitary IFF } \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} &= \hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger = \mathbb{1} \\ \hat{U} \hat{U}^{-1} &= \mathbb{1} = \hat{U}^{-1} \hat{U} \\ \hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger &= \mathbb{1} = \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} \\ \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{U}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

- unitary operators - preserve norm

- preserve relationships b/w kets

$$|\psi\rangle = 2|\psi\rangle \quad \hat{U}|\psi\rangle = 2\hat{U}|\psi\rangle$$

- $\hat{A} = \hat{A}^\dagger$ - Hermitian

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{B} &= e^{i\hat{A}} & \hat{B}^\dagger &= e^{-i\hat{A}} \\ \hat{B} \hat{B}^\dagger &= e^{i\hat{A}} e^{-i\hat{A}} = e^0 = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{B} \text{ - unitary}} \\ &\Downarrow \\ &= e^{i\hat{A} - i\hat{A}} \\ &= e^{[\hat{A}, \hat{A}]} = 1\end{aligned}$$

Q: Is $\hat{P}_\psi = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ unitary?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{check: } \hat{P}_\psi \hat{P}_\psi^\dagger &= |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| (|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)^\dagger = \\ &= |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \\ &= |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \cdot 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{P}_\psi \hat{P}_\psi^\dagger = \hat{P}_\psi \neq \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \text{not unitary}$$

Functions of operators

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$f(y)$ is a function, analytic, continuous, smooth (cont. diff.)

w/ Taylor expansion around $y=0$

$$f(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n f(y)}{dy^n} \right) \bigg|_{y=0}}_{c_n} y^n$$

$$= C_0 + C_1 y + C_2 y^2 + C_3 y^3 + \dots$$

$$f(\hat{A}) = C_0 + C_1 \hat{A} + C_2 \hat{A}^2 + C_3 \hat{A}^3 + \dots$$

ex: $f(y) = e^y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n!} = 1 + y + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{y^3}{6} + \dots$

$$e^{\hat{A}} = 1 + \hat{A} + \frac{\hat{A}^2}{2} + \frac{\hat{A}^3}{6} + \dots$$

In part 3: $e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y = 1 + iy + \frac{1}{2}(iy)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(iy)^3 + \dots$

$$e^{i\hat{A}} = \cos \hat{A} + i \sin \hat{A}$$

IF. $\hat{A}|\lambda_n\rangle = \lambda_n|\lambda_n\rangle$, then $F(\hat{A})|\lambda_n\rangle = F(\lambda_n)|\lambda_n\rangle$

ex: $\frac{e^{i\hat{H}t/\hbar}}{F(\hat{H})} |u_n\rangle = \frac{e^{iE_n t/\hbar}}{F(E_n)} |u_n\rangle$

time evolution operator

$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$ then $[F(\hat{A}), F(\hat{B})] = 0$

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

$$= [\hat{A}, 1] + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + [\hat{A}, \frac{\hat{B}^2}{2}] + \dots = 0$$

• if $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{C}$, $[\hat{A}, \hat{C}] = 0$, $[\hat{B}, \hat{C}] = 0$ then

#1 $\left. \begin{aligned} [\hat{A}, F(\hat{B})] &= [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \frac{dF(\hat{B})}{d\hat{B}} \\ [F(\hat{A}), \hat{B}] &= [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \frac{dF(\hat{A})}{d\hat{A}} \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{dF(y)}{dy} \text{ and then Taylor expand.}$

#2 $e^{\hat{A}} e^{\hat{B}} = e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}} \cdot \underline{e^{1/2[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]}}$ BCH formula

$$\underline{\text{ex:}} \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar, \quad [\hat{x}, i\hbar] = 0, \quad [\hat{p}, i\hbar] = 0$$

$$\underline{\text{Q:}} \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{p}^3] = [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] \frac{d}{d\hat{p}} (\hat{p}^3) = i\hbar \cdot 3 \cdot \hat{p}^2$$

$$\underline{\text{Q:}} \quad \left[e^{-ia\hat{x}/\hbar}, \hat{p} \right] = [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] \frac{d}{d\hat{x}} (e^{-ia\hat{x}/\hbar}) =$$

$$= i\hbar (-ia/\hbar) e^{-ia\hat{x}/\hbar} =$$

$$= a e^{-ia\hat{x}/\hbar}$$

Functions of matrices

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$F(M)$

• Taylor expansion

$$\neq \begin{pmatrix} F(m_{11}) & F(m_{12}) \\ F(m_{21}) & F(m_{22}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\text{ex:}} \quad \cos \begin{pmatrix} \pi & 0 \\ 0 & -\pi \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

However: if M is diagonal $M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & m_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$

then: $F(M) = \begin{pmatrix} F(m_{11}) & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & F(m_{22}) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$

Continuous bases representations: Position and Momentum

Let Σ - state space isomorphic w/ a function space \mathcal{F}_x

ex: 1D QHO

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma & & \mathcal{F}_x \\ |\psi\rangle & \longleftrightarrow & \psi(x) \\ |\varphi\rangle & \longleftrightarrow & \varphi(x) \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \text{inner product } \langle \varphi | \psi \rangle & \longleftrightarrow & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \varphi^*(x) \psi(x) \end{array} \right) \quad \underline{C. (U-A)}$$

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isomorphic.

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1 \quad \text{then} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx |\psi(x)|^2 = 1$$

bases: 2 bases in \mathcal{F}_x

$$\mathcal{F}_x \quad \Sigma$$
$$\{ \delta(x-x') \} \text{ for all real positions } x' \longleftrightarrow \{ |x'\rangle \}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{i p' x / \hbar} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \{ |p'\rangle \}$$

plane wave

basis representation:

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp' \underline{c}_{p'} e^{i p' x / \hbar}$$

$$\langle x'' | x' \rangle = \int_{\text{all } x} dx \delta(x-x'') \delta(x-x') = \delta(\underbrace{x''-x'}_0)$$

$$\langle p'' | p' \rangle = \delta(p'' - p')$$

General
orthonormality
conditions

Closure relations

$$\mathbb{1} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx |x\rangle\langle x| = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dp |p\rangle\langle p|$$

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\text{ex:}} \quad \langle \psi | \psi \rangle &= \langle \psi | \hat{\mathbb{1}} | \psi \rangle = \\ &= \langle \psi | \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx |x\rangle\langle x| | \psi \rangle = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle \psi | x \rangle \langle x | \psi \rangle dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x' | \psi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(x - x') \psi(x) dx = \psi(x')$$

$$\boxed{\langle x | \psi \rangle = \psi(x)}$$

$$\langle p | \psi \rangle = \bar{\psi}(p)$$

$|\psi\rangle$ in $\{|p\rangle\}$ representation. $\Rightarrow \bar{\psi}(p)$

$$\underline{\text{Q:}} \quad \langle p | x' \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int e^{-ipx/\hbar} \delta(x - x') dx =$$

$$\langle p | x' \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{-ipx'/\hbar}$$

$$\bar{\psi}(p) = \langle p | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle p | \hat{\mathbb{1}} | \psi \rangle =$$

$$= \langle p | \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x\rangle\langle x| | \psi \rangle dx =$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle p | x \rangle \langle x | \psi \rangle dx =$$

$$\psi(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx/\hbar} \psi(x) dx$$

⇐ Fourier transform
of $\psi(x)$