Exercise Set 6

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Monday

Exercise 1

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \, \delta_t(E_f - E) \delta_t(E - E_i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \, \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt_1 \, \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt_2 \, e^{i(E_f - E)t_1/\hbar} e^{i(E - E_f)t_2/\hbar}
= \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \, \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt_1 \, \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt_2 \, e^{iE(t_2 - t_1)/\hbar} e^{iE_f t_1/\hbar} e^{-iE_i t_2/\hbar}
= \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt_1 \, \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt_2 \, \delta(t_1 - t_2) e^{iE_f t_1/\hbar} e^{-iE_i t_2/\hbar}
= \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} dt' \, e^{i(E_f - E_i)t'/\hbar}
= \delta_t(E_f - E_i)$$

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We're just doing the substitutions $E_{\mathbf{fi}} \to E_{\mathbf{fi}} \pm \hbar \omega$

Exercise 2

$$\langle x|e^{\pm ikx}|p\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}x' \ \langle x|e^{\pm ikx}|x'\rangle \ \langle x'|p\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}x' \ \delta(x-x')e^{\pm ikx}e^{ipx/\hbar}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{i(p\pm\hbar k)x/\hbar}$$

$$= \langle x|p\pm\hbar k\rangle$$

Exercise 3

$$\lim_{E_{\mathbf{fi}} \to 0} e^{iE_{\mathbf{fi}}t/2\hbar} \delta_t(E_{\mathbf{fi}}) = \lim_{E_{\mathbf{fi}} \to 0} e^{iE_{\mathbf{fi}}t/2\hbar} \frac{\sin(E_{\mathbf{fi}}t/2\hbar)}{\pi E_{\mathbf{fi}}}$$

$$= \lim_{E_{\mathbf{fi}} \to 0} \frac{\sin(E_{\mathbf{fi}}t/2\hbar)}{\pi E_{\mathbf{fi}}}$$

$$= \lim_{E_{\mathbf{fi}} \to 0} \frac{t}{2\pi\hbar} \cos(E_{\mathbf{fi}}t/2\hbar)$$

$$= \frac{t}{2\pi\hbar}$$