

PSET-6 P2

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$$\cos^2 \phi(t) = |\langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle|^2; \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2 \quad (1)$$

Let Q be the projection operator on $|\Psi, 0\rangle \Rightarrow Q = |\Psi, 0\rangle \langle \Psi, 0|$

$$\Rightarrow \langle Q \rangle = \langle \Psi, t | Q | \Psi, t \rangle = \langle \Psi, t | \Psi, 0 \rangle \langle \Psi, 0 | \Psi, t \rangle \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle Q \rangle = |\langle \Psi, 0 | \Psi, t \rangle|^2 = \cos^2 \phi(t) \quad (3)$$

Since Q is a projection operator, $Q^2 = Q \Rightarrow \langle Q^2 \rangle = \langle Q \rangle = \cos^2 \phi(t)$.
Since:

$$(\Delta Q)^2 = \langle Q^2 \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta Q)^2 = \cos^2 \phi(t) - \cos^4 \phi(t) \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta Q)^2 = \cos \phi(t) \sin \phi(t); \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2 \quad (6)$$

From 2,

$$\left| \frac{d\langle Q \rangle}{dt} \right| = 2 \cos \phi(t) \sin \phi(t) \left| \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \right| \quad (7)$$

We know that:

$$\Delta H \Delta Q \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \left| \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \right| \quad (8)$$

$$\boxed{\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta H}{\hbar} \geq \left| \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \right|} \quad (9)$$

If $\left| \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \right| = \frac{\Delta H}{\hbar}$, time taken to be self-orthogonal will be minimum, in this case, $\Delta t_{\perp} \left| \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \right| = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \Delta t_{\perp} = \frac{h}{4\Delta H}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta H \Delta t_{\perp} \geq \frac{h}{4}} \quad (10)$$

b)

$$\frac{\Delta H}{\hbar} \geq \left| \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \right| \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta H t}{\hbar} \geq \left| \phi(t) - \phi(0) \right| \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Since } \phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta H t}{\hbar} \geq \left| \phi(t) \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{\Delta H t}{\hbar} \leq \cos \phi(t); \quad t \leq \frac{\pi \hbar}{2\Delta H} \quad (12)$$

Using 1:

$$\boxed{|\langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle|^2 \geq \cos^2 \left(\frac{\Delta H t}{\hbar} \right); \quad t \leq \frac{\pi \hbar}{2\Delta H}} \quad (13)$$