

c) ~~$\hat{\sigma}_x$~~

6. a) $\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_x^2 + \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_x^2 \hat{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_y^2 \hat{y}^2$

It is reasonable to introduce:

$$\hat{a}_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar m \omega_x}} (+i\hat{p}_x + m\omega_x \hat{x})$$

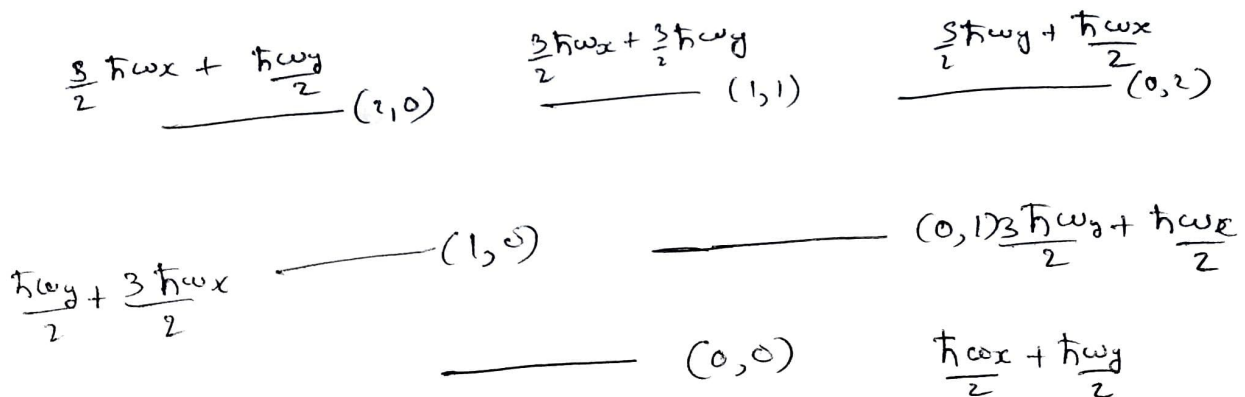
$$\hat{a}_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar m \omega_y}} (+i\hat{p}_y + m\omega_y \hat{y})$$

so $\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_x (\hat{N}_x + \frac{1}{2}) + \hbar\omega_y (\hat{N}_y + \frac{1}{2})$

Clearly $E_{n,m} = \hbar\omega_x (n + \frac{1}{2}) + \hbar\omega_y (m + \frac{1}{2})$

where $|n,m\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m!}} [\hat{a}_x^\dagger]^n [\hat{a}_y^\dagger]^m |0\rangle$

b) Energy - level diagram, ($\omega_x \neq \omega_y$)



$$c) \quad \hat{N}_x = \frac{\hat{N} + \hat{n}}{2}, \quad \hat{N}_y = \frac{\hat{N} - \hat{n}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{n,m} = \hbar \omega_x \left(\frac{N+n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \hbar \omega_y \left(\frac{N-n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$\{\hat{N}, \hat{n}\}$ and $\{\hat{N}_x, \hat{N}_y\}$ are ~~commuting~~ ^{complete sets} variables

if ω_x / ω_y is rational

else any one of four set suffices

$$d) \quad \hat{L} = \hat{x} \hat{p}_y - \hat{y} \hat{p}_x$$

$$\hat{L} = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_x}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar m \omega_y}{2}} (\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_x^\dagger) (\hat{a}_y - \hat{a}_y^\dagger)$$

$$- i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar m \omega_x}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_y}} (\hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_y^\dagger) (\hat{a}_x - \hat{a}_x^\dagger)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} i (2 \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y - 2 \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger) = i \hbar (\hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y - \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger)$$

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{L}] = [\hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y, \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y - \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger]$$

$$= \begin{aligned} & \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y - \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger - \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger \\ & - \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x - \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y \\ & \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ & \hat{a}_x^\dagger [\hat{a}_x, \hat{a}_x^\dagger] \hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_x^\dagger [\hat{a}_y^\dagger, \hat{a}_y] \hat{a}_y + [\hat{a}_x, \hat{a}_x^\dagger] \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_x + [\hat{a}_y^\dagger, \hat{a}_y] \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_x \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

Thus \hat{H} and \hat{L} commute

$$e) \quad \hat{a}_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_x + i\hat{a}_y) \quad \hat{a}_R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_x - i\hat{a}_y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{N}_L &= \hat{a}_L^\dagger \hat{a}_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_x^\dagger - i\hat{a}_y^\dagger) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_x + i\hat{a}_y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y + i\hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y - i\hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{N}_R &= \hat{a}_R^\dagger \hat{a}_R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_x^\dagger + i\hat{a}_y^\dagger) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_x - i\hat{a}_y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_y + i\hat{a}_y^\dagger \hat{a}_x - i\hat{a}_x^\dagger \hat{a}_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega(\hat{N}_L + \hat{N}_R)$$

$$\hat{J} = \hbar(\hat{N}_L - \hat{N}_R)$$

Claim: If $(\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle$ is eigenstate of \hat{N}_R with eigenvalue n , $(\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^{n+1} |0,0\rangle$ is also an eigenstate with value $n+1$:

$$\hat{N}_R (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle = n (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{N}_R (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^{n+1} |0,0\rangle &= \hat{a}_R^\dagger \hat{a}_R \hat{a}_R^\dagger (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle \\ &= \hat{a}_R^\dagger [1 + \hat{a}_R^\dagger \hat{a}_R] (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle \\ &\text{Since } [\hat{a}_R, \hat{a}_R^\dagger] = 1 \\ &= (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^{n+1} |0,0\rangle + \hat{a}_R^\dagger n (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^{n-1} |0,0\rangle \\ &= (n+1) (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^{n+1} |0,0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Similar result for \hat{N}_L and \hat{a}_L

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{N}_R |0,0\rangle = 0 &\Rightarrow \hat{N}_R (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle = n (\hat{a}_R^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle \\ \hat{N}_L (\hat{a}_L^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle &= n (\hat{a}_L^\dagger)^n |0,0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Similar to harmonic oscillator case,

$\frac{(\hat{a}_R^+)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0,0\rangle$ and $\frac{(\hat{a}_L^+)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0,0\rangle$ are normalized

eigenkets of \hat{N}_R and \hat{N}_L respectively with eigenvalue n

we note $[\hat{a}_R, \hat{a}_L] = [\hat{a}_R^+, \hat{a}_L^+] = 0$

$$[\hat{a}_R, \hat{a}_R^+] = [\hat{a}_L, \hat{a}_L^+] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{N}_R \frac{(\hat{a}_R^+)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \frac{(\hat{a}_L^+)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} |0,0\rangle$$

$$= \hbar(n-m) \frac{(\hat{a}_R^+)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \frac{(\hat{a}_L^+)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} |0,0\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{(\hat{a}_R^+)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \frac{(\hat{a}_L^+)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} |0,0\rangle$ is an eigenvector of \hat{L} with

eigenvalue $\hbar(n+m)$

now, each time we operate \hat{a}_R^+ or \hat{a}_L^+ on a state with energy $n\hbar\omega$, we get a superposition of states with energy $(n+1)\hbar\omega$

Thus, for degenerate state $|n,m\rangle$, $n+m=N$

\hat{L} gives eigenvalues $n-m = N, N-2, \dots, -N+2, -N$

\Rightarrow By operating \hat{H} and \hat{L} on $|n,m\rangle$, n and m can be determined

$\Rightarrow \hat{H}$ and \hat{L} together constitute a complete set of commuting variables of entire Hilbert space