

# Quantum Chemistry by Levine

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## 1 Chapter 3 Operators

### 3.1

- (a)  $\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x^2 + 1) = -2x \sin(x^2 + 1)$
- (b)  $5 \sin x$
- (c)  $\sin^2 x$
- (d)  $x$
- (e)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$
- (f)  $24x + 36x^3$
- (g)  $2xy \cos(xy^2)$

### 3.2

- (a) operator
- (b) function
- (c) function
- (d) operator
- (e) operator
- (f) function

### 3.3

$$3x^2 + \frac{d}{dx}$$

### 3.4

- (a) 1
- (b)  $\frac{d}{dx}$
- (c)  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$

### 3.5

- (a)  $\frac{d}{dx}$
- (b)  $\frac{x}{2}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$

**3.6**

$$(\hat{A} + \hat{B})f = \hat{A}f + \hat{B}f$$

$$(\hat{B} + \hat{A})f = \hat{B}f + \hat{A}f$$

So:

$$\hat{A} + \hat{B} = \hat{B} + \hat{A}$$

**3.7**

$$(\hat{A} + \hat{B})f = \hat{A}f + \hat{B}f = \hat{C}f$$

$$\hat{A}f = \hat{C}f - \hat{B}f$$

$$\hat{A}f = (\hat{C} - \hat{B})f$$

**3.8**

(a)  $20x^3$

(b)  $6x^3$

(c)  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(x^2 f(x))$

(d)  $x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x)$

**3.9**

$$\hat{A}\hat{B} = x^3 \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\hat{B}\hat{A} = 3x^2 + x^3 \frac{d}{dx}$$

**3.11**

(a)  $(\hat{A} + \hat{B})^2 = \hat{A}^2 + \hat{A}\hat{B} + \hat{B}\hat{A} + \hat{B}^2 = (\hat{B} + \hat{A})^2$

(b) interchangeable of  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$

**3.12**

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$$

$$[\hat{B}, \hat{A}] = \hat{B}\hat{A} - \hat{A}\hat{B}$$

**3.13**

(a)  $[\sin z, \frac{d}{dz}] = \sin z \frac{d}{dz} - \cos z - \sin z \frac{d}{dz}$

(b)  $[\frac{d^2}{dx^2}, ax^2 + bx + c]$

(c)  $[\frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d^2}{dx^2}] = \frac{d^3}{dx^3} - \frac{d^3}{dx^3} = 0$

**3.14**

the def of linear operators:  $T(ax + by) = Tax + Tby$

- (a) linear.
- (b) nonlinear.
- $(a + b)^2 \neq a^2 + b^2$
- (c) linear.
- (d) nonlinear.
- (e) linear.
- (f) linear.

### 3.16

$$(\hat{A}\hat{B})(af + bg) = \hat{A}(\hat{B}af + \hat{B}bg) = \hat{A}\hat{B}af + \hat{A}\hat{B}bg$$

### 3.18

- (a)  $\hat{A}(bf + cg) = \hat{A}bf + \hat{A}cg = b\hat{A}f + c\hat{A}g$
- (b)  $\hat{A}cg = c\hat{A}g$

### 3.19

- (a) conjugation
- $(a + b)^* = a^* + b^*$
- but  $(cg)^* = c^*g^* \neq cg^*$

### 3.20

- (a) True, commutative
- (b) False, has to be linear operator.
- (c) False, left function, right operator.
- (d) False, very strong  $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$
- (e) False, function and operator.
- (f) False, linear operators satisfy.
- (g) True, inside function commutative.
- (h) True, both are functions.

### 3.21

- (a)  $\hat{T}_c(af + bg) = af(x + c) + bg(x + c) = \hat{T}_c af + \hat{T}_c bg$
- (b)  $(x + 2)^2 - 3(x + 1)^2 + 2x^2$

### 3.22

$$e^{\hat{D}} = 1 + \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \dots$$
$$\hat{T}_1 f(x) = f(x + 1) = f(x) + 1 * \frac{df(x)}{dx} + \dots$$

which is the Taylor expansion.

**3.23**

- (a) T.
- (b) F.
- (c) T.
- (d) T.
- (e) T.

**3.24**

$$(a) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) (e^{2x} e^{3y}) = 4e^{2x} e^{3y} + 9e^{2x} e^{3y} = 13e^{2x} e^{3y}$$

$$(b) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) (x^3 y^3) = 6xy^3 + 6yx^3$$

Not an eigenfunction.

$$(c) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) (\sin(2x) \cos(4y)) = -4\sin(2x) \cos(4y) - 16\sin(2x) \cos(4y) = -20\sin(2x) \cos(4y)$$

eigenvalue -20.

$$(d) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) (\sin(2x) + \cos(3y)) = -4\cos(2x) - 9\cos(3y)$$

Not an eigenfunction.

**3.25**

find the value of the differential equation:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} s^2 = k$$

$$s = i\sqrt{2mk}/\hbar$$

$$\Psi = Ae^{sx} + Be^{-sx}$$

**3.26**

$$y = Ae^{kx}$$

k needs to be imaginary.

**3.30**

$$(a) [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = x \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^*$$

$$(b) [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x^2] = \left( \frac{\hbar}{i} \right)^2 \left[ x \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} x^* \right]$$

$$(c) [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_y] = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} x \right) = 0$$

$$(d) [\hat{x}, V(x, y, z)] = xV - Vx = 0$$

$$(e) [\hat{x}, \hat{H}] = x \left( \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right)^2 + V \right) - \left( \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right)^2 + V \right) x$$

$$(f) [\hat{x} \hat{y} \hat{z}, \hat{p}_x^2]$$

**3.31**

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}$$

### 3.32

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + c(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

### 3.33

(a)  $\int_0^2 |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx$

(b)  $\int \int \int_0^2 |\Psi(x, y, z, t)|^2 dx dy dz$

(c)  $\int \int \int \int_0^2 |\Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)|^2 dx_1 dy_1 dz_1 dx_2 dy_2 dz_2$

### 3.34

$\Psi$  does not have a concrete meaning

$\Psi^2$  is the prob density

(a)  $\int_0^2 |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx$

$dx$  has SI of  $m$

So  $\Psi(x, t)$  has SI  $m^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

(b)  $\int \int \int_0^2 |\Psi(x, y, z, t)|^2 dx dy dz$

$dx dy dz$  has SI  $m^3$

So  $\Psi(x, t)$  has SI  $m^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

(c)  $\int \int \int \int_0^2 |\Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)|^2 dx_1 dy_1 dz_1 dx_2 dy_2 dz_2$

$dx_1 dy_1 dz_1 \dots dx_n dy_n dz_n$  has SI of  $m^{3n}$

So  $\Psi(x, t)$  has SI  $m^{-\frac{3n}{2}}$

### 3.35

the lowest lying excited state is 1, 1, 2

which is degenerate.

ground state is 1, 1, 1,

$$E = h\nu = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{2^2}{c^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\nu = 7.58 * 10^{14} s^{-1}$$

### 3.36

(a)  $Prob = \int_{a_0}^{a_1} \int_{b_0}^{b_1} \int_{c_0}^{c_1} |\Psi|^2 dx dy dz$

where in ground state where  $n_x = n_y = n_z = 1$ :

$$F(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$G(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{b}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{b}\right)$$

$$H(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{c}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{c}\right)$$

$$\Psi = F(x)G(y)H(z)$$

(b) the same method as above

(c) the same method as above

**3.37**

$$\hat{p}_x = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

- (a) F.
- (b) T.
- (c) T.
- (d) F.

**3.39**

- (a)  $n_x = 1, n_y = 1, n_z = 1$

So according to nodal graph, max at  $(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2})$

- (b)  $n_x = 2, n_y = 1, n_z = 1$

max at  $(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2})$  or  $(\frac{3a}{4}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2})$

**3.40**

$$\int \int (x)G(y)H(z)dxdydz = \int ()dydz =$$

**3.41**

$$E = \left( \frac{n_x^2}{a^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{b^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{c^2} \right) \frac{2}{8m}$$

So as long as:

$$\left( \frac{n_x^2}{a^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{b^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{c^2} \right) = k$$

degeneracy.

**3.42**

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V \right) \Psi = E \Psi$$

**3.43**

$$(a) \left( \frac{n_x^2}{a^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{b^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{c^2} \right) = \frac{1^2+3^2+8^2}{l^2}$$

So it is degenerate.

- (b) not degenerate.

- (c) it is degenerate.

**3.44**

the degenerate combinations are:

$$n_x n_y n_z = (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 2, 2), (2, 2, 2), (1, 1, 3), (1, 2, 3)$$

6 different energy levels

17 different states (combinations).

**3.45**

- (a) the only combination is 2, 2, 2 not degenerate.
- (b) the energy level comes from 1, 2, 3 so 6 different states.
- (c) the energy level comes from 1, 1, 5 or 3, 3, 3 so 4 different states.

**3.46**

- (a) T.
- (b) F.
- (c) T.
- (d) T.
- (e) F.
- (f) F.
- (g) T.

**3.47**

$$\hat{H}(\psi_1 + \psi_2) = \hat{H}\psi_1 + \hat{H}\psi_2$$

**3.49**

$$\langle A + B \rangle = \int \Psi^* (A + B) \Psi dx = \int \Psi^* A \Psi dx + \int \Psi^* B \Psi dx$$

**3.50**

- (a)  $e^{-ax}$  goes to infinity when  $x < 0$   
not well-behaved.
- (b) well-behaved.
- (c) well-behaved.
- (d) well-behaved.
- (e) not continuous at  $x = 0$

**3.51**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = \hat{H} \Psi$$

it is a linear operator.

**3.53**

- (a) T.
- (b) F.  
Get eigenvalues at different prob.
- (c) F.  
Not guarantee to have same eigenvalue.
- (d) F.
- (e) F.

not guarantee to have the same eigenvalue of  $E$ .

(f) F.

not guarantee to be stationary states.

(g) F.

(h) F.

(i) T.

adding time term it also holds.

(j) T.

(k) T.

(l) F.

(m) T.

$$\hat{A}\hat{A}f = \hat{A}(af) = a^2f$$

(n) F.

order not exchangeable.

(o) F.