

## Free particle

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = E\psi$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\psi$$

$$k = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$\psi_k(x) = A_k e^{ikx}$$

Orthonormality:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \psi_k^*(x) \psi_{k'}(x) dx &= A_k A_{k'} \int e^{-ikx} e^{-ik'x} dx = A_k A_{k'} \int e^{-i(k-k')x} dx \\ &= A_k A_{k'} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-L}^L e^{-i(k-k')x} dx = A_k A_{k'} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-i(k-k')x}}{-i(k-k')} \Big|_{-L}^L \\ &= A_k A_{k'} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \sin(k-k')L}{k-k'} = A_k A_{k'} 2\pi \delta(k-k') \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(Lx)}{\pi x} = \delta(x)$$

$$A_k A_{k'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$\psi_k(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ikx}$$

$$\int \psi_k^*(x) \psi_{k'}(x) dx = \delta(k-k')$$

Completeness:

$$f(x) = \int \phi(k) \psi_k(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \phi(k) e^{ikx} dx$$

$f(x) \xrightarrow{FT} \phi(k)$ : momentum space wave function.

$$\phi(k) = \int \psi_k^*(x) f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

General solution:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \int \phi(k) \psi_k(x) e^{\frac{-iEt}{\hbar}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \phi(k) e^{i(kx - \frac{E}{\hbar}t)} dx$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \hbar\omega$$

Initial condition:

$$\Psi(x, 0) = \int \phi(k) \psi_k(x) dx$$

$$\phi(k) = \int \psi_k^*(x) \Psi(x, 0) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \Psi(x, 0) e^{-ikx} dx$$

Free particle=continuous, band particle=discrete, hence localization = quantization.

Velocity:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \phi(k) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dx; \omega = \omega(k) \text{ dispersion relation}$$

Phase velocity:  $v_{phase} = \frac{\omega}{k}$  can be larger than c. Group velocity  $v_{group} = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$  is true velocity.

$$\text{Eg: } E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \hbar\omega; \omega = \frac{\hbar k^2}{2m}; v_{phase} = \frac{\hbar k}{2m}; v_{group} = \frac{\hbar k}{m}; v_{phase} = 2v_{group}$$

Dirac  $\delta$  function and  $\delta$  function potential:

$$\delta(x) = 0, x \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$= \infty, x = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$

Properties of  $\delta(x)$ :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(ax) dx = \frac{1}{|a|}$$

$$\delta(ax) = \frac{\delta(x)}{|a|}$$

$$\delta(-x) = \delta(x)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) f(x-a) dx = f(a)$$

$$f(x) * \delta(x-a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \delta(\tau - (x-a)) d\tau = f(x-a)$$

$$\delta(f(x)) = \sum_i \frac{\delta(x-x_i)}{|f'(x_i)|}; \text{ } x_i \text{ are zeros of } f(x)$$

$$\delta(x) = \frac{dH(x)}{dx}; \text{ Heaviside step fn}$$

$$H(x) = 1, x > 0 \quad (4)$$

$$= 0.5, x = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$= 0, x < 0 \quad (6)$$

Dimension of  $\delta(x)$  are  $\frac{1}{[x]}$ .

$$V(x) = -\alpha \delta(x), \quad [\alpha] = [x][E]$$

Eg: Fermi pseudopotential  $V_f(r) = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} b \delta(r)$ , where  $b$  is bound scattering length.

**Bound State,  $E < 0, \neq$**

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + 0 = E\psi(x)$$

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{kx} + Be^{-kx}, k = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{kx}, x < 0 \quad (7)$$

$$= Be^{-kx}, x > 0 \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

Using continuity:

$$\psi(0^-) = \psi(0^+), A = B$$

$\frac{d\psi}{dx}$  is not continuous at  $\infty$  potential.

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} - V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

Integrating from  $-\epsilon$  to  $\epsilon$ :

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} = \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} dx + \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} V(x)\psi(x) dx = E \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \psi(x) dx$$

Taking the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d\psi}{dx} \Big|_{0^-}^{0^+} - \alpha\psi(0) = E\psi(0)2\epsilon$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} \Big|_{0^-}^{0^+} = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \alpha A \neq 0$$

$$-Ak - Ak = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \alpha A$$

$$k = \frac{m\alpha}{\hbar^2} = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$E = \frac{-m\alpha^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

Normalization:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi|^2 dx = (A^2)(2) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2kx} dx = (A^2)(2) \frac{1}{2k} = 1$$

$$A = \sqrt{k}$$

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{k} e^{-k|x|}, k = \frac{m\alpha}{\hbar^2}$$

$$E = -\frac{m\alpha^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

Scattering state,  $E > 0$ :

$$x \neq 0, \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = E\psi(x)$$

$$x < 0, \psi(x) = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$$

$$x > 0, \psi(x) = Ce^{ikx} + De^{-ikx}$$

where  $k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$ .

Using continuity at  $0^-$  and  $0^+$ :

$$A + B = C + D$$

$$\left. \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right|_{0^-}^{0^+} - \alpha\psi(0)$$

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} ik[(C - D) - (A - B)] = \alpha(A + B)$$

Consider  $D = 0$ , particle comes from the left:

$$A + B = C$$

$$(1 + 2\beta i)A + (-1 + 2\beta i)B = C, \beta = \frac{m\alpha}{k\hbar^2}$$

$$B(A) = \frac{\beta i}{1 - \beta i} A$$

$$C(A) = \frac{1}{1 - \beta i} A$$

Reflection coefficient:

$$R = \left| \frac{B}{A} \right|^2 = \frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2}$$

Transmission coefficient:

$$T = \left| \frac{C}{A} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \beta^2}$$

Remarks:

- E inc, k inc,  $\beta$  dec, T inc, R dec
- $\alpha$  inc,  $\beta$  inc, T dec, R inc,  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty, T \rightarrow 0, R \rightarrow 1$
- If  $V \rightarrow -V$ : no bound state, scattering state remains the same vs classical.

## 1D Finite Square Well

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & |x| \geq a \\ -V_0; & |x| < a \end{cases}$$

(1) **Bound State**  $E < 0$  ( $E > -V_0$ ) For  $x < -a$ :

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = E\psi(x)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{\kappa x} + Be^{-\kappa x}; B = 0$$

For  $-a < x < a$ :

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} - V_0\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{-2m(E + V_0)}}{\hbar}$$

$$\psi(x) = Ce^{kx} + De^{-kx}$$

For  $x > a$ :

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = E\psi(x)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$\psi(x) = Fe^{\kappa x} + Ge^{-\kappa x}; F = 0$$

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} Ae^{\kappa x}; & x < -a \\ C\sin kx + D\cos kx; & -a < x < a \\ Ge^{-\kappa x}; & x > a \end{cases}$$

Continuity:

$$Ae^{-\kappa a} = -C\sin ka + D\cos ka \quad (10)$$

$$A\kappa e^{-\kappa a} = -Ck\sin ka + Dk\cos ka \quad (11)$$

$$Ge^{-\kappa a} = C\sin ka + D\cos ka \quad (12)$$

$$-G\kappa e^{-\kappa a} = Ck\sin ka - Dk\cos ka \quad (13)$$

$$10^2 + \frac{11^2}{k} : A^2 e^{-2\kappa a} \left(1 + \frac{\kappa^2}{k^2}\right) = C^2 + D^2$$

$$12^2 + \frac{12^2}{k} : G^2 e^{-2\kappa a} \left(1 + \frac{\kappa^2}{k^2}\right) = C^2 + D^2$$

For even wave function:

$$A = G$$

For odd wave function:

$$A = -G$$

$$10 - 12 : 0 = -2C\sin ka \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$10, 12 \Rightarrow Ae^{-\kappa a} = D\cos ka$$

$$11, 13 \Rightarrow Ake^{-\kappa a} = D\sin ka$$

$$\kappa = k \tan ka$$

For odd,  $D = 0$ :

$$\kappa = -k \cot ka$$

Notice that:

$$k^2 + \kappa^2 = \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2}$$

Let  $ka = Z$ , then:

$$Z^2 + k^2 a^2 = \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} a^2 = Z_0^2$$

$$ka = \sqrt{Z_0^2 - Z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{Z_0^2 - Z^2} = Z \tan z$$

$$\tan Z = \sqrt{\frac{Z_0^2}{Z^2} - 1}$$

Wide( $a \rightarrow \infty$ ), deep( $V_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ):

$$Z_n \approx \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

where  $n=1,3,5,\dots$  for even wave functions and  $n=2,4,6,\dots$  for odd wave functions.

$$k_n = \frac{Z_n}{a} \approx \frac{n\pi}{2a}$$

$$E_n + V_0 = \frac{k_n^2 \hbar^2}{2m} \approx \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2m(2a)^2}$$

which is same as infinite square well.

Narrow( $a \rightarrow 0$ ), shallow( $V_0 \rightarrow 0$ ): If  $Z_0 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then one bound state.

Normalization of even wavefunction:

$$D^2 \int_0^a \cos^2 kx dx + A^2 \int_a^\infty e^{-2\kappa x} dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$D^2 \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin 2ka + ka \right) + A^2 \frac{1}{2\kappa} e^{-2\kappa a} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Ae^{-\kappa a} = D \cos ka$$

$$D^2 = \frac{\kappa k}{k \cos^2 ka + \sin ka \cos ka + \kappa ka} = \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa a}$$



$$D = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa a}}$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa a}} \cos ka \, e^{\kappa a}$$

Normalization of odd wavefunction:

$$C^2 \int_0^a \sin^2 kx dx + A^2 \int_a^\infty e^{-2\kappa x} dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C^2 \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sin ka + ka \right) + A^2 \frac{1}{2\kappa} e^{-2\kappa a} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Ae^{-\kappa a} = -C \sin ka$$

$$C^2 = \frac{\kappa k}{k \sin^2 ka - \sin ka \cos ka + \kappa ka} = \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa a}$$

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa a}}$$

$$A = -\sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa a}} \cos ka \, e^{\kappa a}$$

**In summary:**

For odd n:

$$\psi_n(x) = \begin{cases} Ae^{\kappa x}; & x < -a \\ D \cos kx; & -a < x < a \\ Ae^{-\kappa x}; & x > a \end{cases}$$

For even n:

$$\psi_n(x) = \begin{cases} Ae^{\kappa x}; & x < -a \\ C \sin kx; & -a < x < a \\ -Ae^{-\kappa x}; & x > a \end{cases}$$

**(2) Scattering State  $E > 0$ )**

$$x < -a, \psi(x) = Ae^{ik_1 x} + Be^{-ik_1 x}, k_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$-a < x < a, \psi(x) = C \sin k_2 x + D \cos k_2 x, k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E + V_0)}}{\hbar}$$

$$x > a, \psi(x) = Fe^{ik_1 x} + Ge^{-ik_2 x}, G = 0$$

Consider  $G=0$ , particle comes from the left. Using continuity:

$$Ae^{-ik_1a} + Be^{ik_1a} = -C\sin k_2a + D\cos k_2a$$

$$ik_1(Ae^{-ik_1a} - Be^{ik_1a}) = k_2(C\cos k_2a + D\sin k_2a)$$

$$C\sin k_2a + D\cos k_2a = Fe^{ik_1a}$$

$$k_2(C\cos k_2a - D\sin k_2a) = ik_1Fe^{ik_1a}$$

$$F = \frac{e^{-2ik_1a}}{\cos(2k_2a) - i\frac{k_1^2 + k_2^2}{2k_1k_2}\sin(2k_2a)}A$$

$$B = i\frac{\sin(2k_2a)}{2k_2a}(k_2^2 - k_1^2)F$$

Reflection coefficient:

$$R = \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2}$$

Transmission coefficient:

$$T = \frac{|F|^2}{|A|^2}$$

Remarks:

$$T^{-1} = 1 + \frac{V_0^2}{4E(E + V_0)}\sin^2\left(\frac{2a\sqrt{2m(E + V_0)}}{\hbar}\right)$$

when

$$\frac{2a\sqrt{2m(E + V_0)}}{\hbar} = n\pi$$

or

$$E + V_0 = \frac{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2}{2m(2a)^2}$$

the eigen energies. Then  $T = 1$ , the well becomes transparent.

# Formalism: Algebra Mechanics and Vector-Matrix Representation

**Hilbert Space:**  $\infty$  dimension linear space, could be discrete or continuous.

- Ket vector  $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \psi(x)$
- Bra vector  $\langle\psi| \rightarrow \int \psi^*(x)dx$
- Inner product  $\langle\psi|\phi\rangle \rightarrow \int \psi^*\phi dx$
- Normalization  $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$
- Orthogonality  $\langle\psi|\phi\rangle = 0$

## Operator:

- Observable:  $\langle A \rangle = \langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle$  Hermitian operator:  $\langle A \rangle$  of physical quantity must be real.  $\langle A \rangle^* = \langle A \rangle$ .

$$\langle\psi|A\psi\rangle^* = \langle A\psi|\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|A\psi\rangle$$

[If  $\langle A^T\psi|\phi\rangle = \langle\psi|A\phi\rangle$ , then  $A^T$  is the Hermitian conjugate of  $A$ ,  $(A^T)^T = A$

$$= \langle A^T\psi|\psi\rangle = \langle A^T\rangle = A$$

- All physical quantities are represented by Hermitian operators.
- Eigenstates and eigenvalues of Hermitian operators

$$A|\psi_n\rangle = A_n|\psi_n\rangle$$

- $A_n$  are real:

$$\langle\psi_n|A|\psi_n\rangle = \langle\psi_n|A_n|\psi_n\rangle = A_n$$

$$\langle A\psi_n|\psi_n\rangle = A_n^*$$

- Normalization :  $\langle\psi_n|\psi_n\rangle = 1$

- Orthogonality :  $\langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle = 0$

$$\langle \psi_n | \psi_n \rangle = \delta_{nm}$$

Proof:

$$A|\psi_n\rangle = A_n|\psi_n\rangle; A|\psi_m\rangle = A_m|\psi_m\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi_n | A | \psi_m \rangle = \langle \psi_n | A_m | \psi_m \rangle = A_m \langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle$$

$$\langle A \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle = A_n^* \langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle = A_n \langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle$$

If  $A_n \neq A_m$ , then  $\langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle = 0$ .

If  $A_n = A_m$ , then Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization.

- Completeness  $|\psi\rangle = \sum C_n |\psi_n\rangle$ , where  $C_n = \langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle$ .

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum \langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle |\psi_n\rangle = \sum |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle = I |\psi\rangle = \sum |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$$

- Projection operator  $\hat{P} = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$ , picks out the portion along  $|\alpha\rangle$ .
- $\langle A \rangle = \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle = (\sum_n C_n^* \langle \psi_n |) A (\sum_m C_m |\psi_m\rangle) = \sum |C_n|^2 A_n$ , where  $|C_n|^2$  is the probability.
- Normalization:

$$1 = \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \sum_m C_m^* \langle \psi_m | \sum_n C_n |\psi_n\rangle = \sum_{n,m} C_m^* C_n \langle \psi_m | \psi_n \rangle = \sum |C_n|^2$$

## Vector-Matrix Representation

- Heisenberg (1932 Nobel), Born (1954 Nobel), Jordan (*N a z i*).  
Given an operator and its eigenstates  $|\psi_n\rangle$ .

- Vector:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum c_n |\psi_n\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Dual vector

$$\langle \psi| = \sum c_n^* \langle \psi_n| \rightarrow (c_1, \dots, c_n^*)$$

- inner product:

- $\langle \psi|\phi\rangle = \sum c_n^* d_n$
- $\langle \psi|\phi\rangle^* = \langle \phi|\psi\rangle$
- Normalization:  $\langle \psi|\psi\rangle = 1 = \sum |c_n|^2$
- Orthogonality:  $\langle \psi|\phi\rangle = 0 = \sum c_n^* d_n$

- Operator  $A|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum c_n |\psi_n\rangle, |\phi\rangle = \sum d_m |\psi_m\rangle$$

$$A \sum c_n |\psi_n\rangle = \sum d_m |\psi_m\rangle$$

$$\sum_n \langle \psi_m| A |\psi_n\rangle c_n = d_m$$

$$\sum_n A_{mn} c_n = d_m$$

$$A_{mn} = \langle \psi_m| A |\psi_n\rangle$$

-matrix element.

Rotation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & \dots & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_m \end{pmatrix}$$

- vector representation using different bases:

$$x : \Psi(x, t) = \langle x | \Psi(t) \rangle; |\Psi(t)\rangle = \int |x\rangle \langle x | \psi(t) \rangle dx$$

$$p : \Phi(p, t) = \langle p | \Psi(t) \rangle; |\Psi(t)\rangle = \int |p\rangle \langle p | \psi(t) \rangle dp$$

$$H : c_n(t) = \langle n | \Psi(t) \rangle; |\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum |n\rangle \langle n | \Psi(t) \rangle$$

$$\Psi(x, t) = \int \langle x | y \rangle \Psi(y, t) dy = \int \langle x | p \rangle \Phi(p, t) dp = \sum \langle x | n \rangle c_n(t)$$

$$= \int \delta(x, y) \Psi(y, t) dy = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} p x} \Phi(p, t) dp = \sum c_n(t) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_n t} \psi_n(x)$$

## Time evolution of an operator

- Classical mechanics

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + [A, H] (\text{Poisson bracket})$$

- Quantum mechanics

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} [A, H] (\text{Commutator})$$

which is equivalent to Schroedinger equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$$

Proof:

$$\frac{d\langle A \rangle}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \Psi | A | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \Psi | A | \Psi \rangle + \langle \Psi | \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} | \Psi \rangle + \langle \Psi | A | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi \rangle$$

$$(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{i\hbar} H |\psi\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \psi | = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle H \psi |)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle H \Psi | A | \Psi \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \psi | A | H \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \Psi | AH - HA | \Psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \rangle + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [A, H] \rangle$$

- If  $[A, H] = 0$ , and A does not depend on t explicitly:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = 0$$

A is conserved.

- Schroedinger picture vs Heisenberg picture:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle; |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{S} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$\hat{S} = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} - \text{S matrix.}$$

### Procedure:

- Given H, solve  $H|\psi_n\rangle = E_n|\psi_n\rangle$  to get  $E_n$  and  $|\psi_n\rangle$ .
- General solution  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum c_n e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_n t} |\psi_n\rangle$ .  
 $|\psi(0)\rangle = \sum c_n |\psi_n\rangle \Rightarrow c_n = \langle \psi_n | \psi(0) \rangle$ .
- Observable:

$$\langle H \rangle = \langle \psi(t) | H | \psi(t) \rangle = \sum_n c_n^* e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} E_n t} \langle \psi_n | \sum_m E_m c_m e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_m t} | \psi_n \rangle = \sum |c_n|^2 E_n$$

### Example: Two state system

Spin(up/down), bit(0/1), Schroedinger's cat (dead/alive), relationship(love/hate), exam(pass/fail).

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_1 & \\ & E_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow |\psi_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |\uparrow\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |\downarrow\rangle$$

If:

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = c_1 |\uparrow\rangle + c_2 |\downarrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{If } c_1 = \frac{1}{2}, c_2 = (?) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = c_1 e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_1 t} |\uparrow\rangle + c_2 e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_2 t} |\downarrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_1 t} \\ c_2 e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_2 t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle H \rangle = |c_1|^2 E_1 + |c_2|^2 E_2$$



## Uncertainty Principle (Heisenberg)

- If  $[A, B] = 0$ , then A,B can have the same eigen state.

$$\begin{aligned} A|\psi_n\rangle &= A_n|\psi_n\rangle \\ BA|\psi_n\rangle &= A(B|\psi_n\rangle) \\ B|\psi_n\rangle &= B_n|\psi_n\rangle \\ BA_n|\psi_n\rangle &= A_n(B|\psi_n\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

- If  $[A, B] \neq 0$ , then  $\sigma_A \sigma_B \geq \frac{1}{2} | \langle [A, B] \rangle |$ .

$$\sigma_A^2 = \langle \Delta A | \Delta A \rangle = \langle (A - \langle A \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle A^2 - 2A\langle A \rangle + \langle A \rangle^2 \rangle = \langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2$$

Schwarz inequality:

$$\langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle \langle \beta | \beta \rangle \geq | \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle |^2, (|\alpha|^2 |\beta|^2 \geq |\alpha|^2 |\beta|^2 \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 = \langle \Delta A | \Delta A \rangle \langle \Delta B | \Delta B \rangle \geq | \langle \Delta A | \Delta B \rangle |^2$$

$$\Delta A \Delta B = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta A \Delta B - \Delta B \Delta A) + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta A \Delta B + \Delta B \Delta A) = \frac{1}{2} [\Delta A, \Delta B] + \Delta A, \Delta B$$

$$[\Delta A, \Delta B]^\dagger = (\Delta A \Delta B - \Delta B \Delta A)^\dagger = (\Delta B)^\dagger (\Delta A)^\dagger - (\Delta A)^\dagger (\Delta B)^\dagger = \Delta B \Delta A - \Delta A \Delta B = -[\Delta A, \Delta B]$$

...anti-Hermitian, imaginary.

$$\Delta A, \Delta B^\dagger = (\Delta A \Delta B + \Delta B \Delta A)^\dagger = (\Delta B)^\dagger (\Delta A)^\dagger + (\Delta A)^\dagger (\Delta B)^\dagger = \Delta B \Delta A + \Delta A \Delta B = \Delta A, \Delta B$$

...Hermitian, real.

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} | \langle [\Delta A, \Delta B] \rangle |^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta A, \Delta B] &= \Delta A \Delta B - \Delta B \Delta A = (A - \langle A \rangle)(B - \langle B \rangle) - (B - \langle B \rangle)(A - \langle A \rangle) \\ &= (AB - \langle A \rangle B - A \langle B \rangle + \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle) - (BA - \langle B \rangle A - B \langle A \rangle + \langle B \rangle \langle A \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} | \langle [A, B] \rangle |^2, \sigma_A \sigma_B \geq \frac{1}{2} | \langle [A, B] \rangle |$$

eg:  $[x, p_x] = i\hbar, \sigma_x \sigma_{p_x} \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$ .

## Minimum uncertainty wave packet

$\Delta A = ia\Delta B$ ,  $a$  is real.

For position-momentum uncertainty relation:

$$(-i\hbar \frac{d}{d\chi} - \langle p \rangle)\psi(\chi) = ia(\chi - \langle \chi \rangle)\psi(\chi)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\chi}\psi + \frac{a}{\hbar}\chi\psi - \frac{i}{\hbar}(\langle p \rangle - ia\langle \chi \rangle)\psi = 0$$

$$\chi \rightarrow \infty, \frac{d\psi}{d\chi} + \frac{a}{\hbar}\chi\psi = 0$$

$$\psi(\chi) = c_1 e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2}$$

Let  $\psi(\chi) = \phi(\chi)e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2}$ :

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\chi}e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2} + \phi(\chi)e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2}(-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi) + \phi(\chi)e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2}(\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi) - \frac{i}{\hbar}(\langle p \rangle - ia\langle \chi \rangle)\phi(\chi)e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\chi} - \frac{i}{\hbar}(\langle p \rangle - ia\langle \chi \rangle)\phi(\chi)e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2} = 0$$

$$\phi(\chi) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(\langle p \rangle - ia\langle \chi \rangle)\chi}$$

$$\psi(\chi) = c_2 e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}\chi^2} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(\langle p \rangle - ia\langle \chi \rangle)\chi} = c_3 e^{-\frac{a}{2\hbar}(\chi - \langle \chi \rangle)^2} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(\langle p \rangle - ia\langle \chi \rangle)\chi}$$

...Gaussian in  $\chi$ .

## Energy-time uncertainty principle

$$\sigma_H \sigma_t \geq \frac{1}{2}\hbar$$

If  $A$  doesn't depend on  $t$  explicitly,  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = 0$ ,  $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar}[A, H]$ .

$$\sigma_A \sigma_H \geq \frac{1}{2} | \langle [A, H] \rangle | = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left| \frac{d \langle A \rangle}{dt} \right|$$

Define  $\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_A}{\frac{d \langle A \rangle}{dt}}$ , then  $\sigma_H, \sigma_t \geq \frac{1}{2}\hbar$ .

$\sigma_A = \left| \frac{d \langle A \rangle}{dt} \right| \sigma_t$  = the amount of time it takes the expectation value of  $A$  to change by one standard deviation of  $\sigma_A$ .

### 3D Schroedinger Equation

$$[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(r)]\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = E\psi(r, \theta, \phi)$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r}) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Separation of variables  $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)Y(\theta, \phi)$ :

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{dR}{dr}) - \frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} [V(r) - E] + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \theta}) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$

$$l(l+1) - l(l+1) = 0$$

The angular equation let  $Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$ :

$$\frac{1}{\Theta} [\sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} (\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta})] + l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

...same as solving  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$ . Previous equation is same as:

$$m^2 - m^2 = 0$$

For  $\Phi$  :

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = -m^2, \Phi(\phi) = e^{im\phi}$$

(-m is included by allowing m to run negative).

Symmetry:

$$\Phi(\phi) = \Phi(\phi + 2\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{im\phi} = e^{im(\phi+2\pi)} \Rightarrow m = \text{integer}$$

For  $\Theta$ :

$$\sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} (\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta}) + [l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta - m^2] \Theta = 0$$

$$\Theta(\theta) = AP_l^m(\cos \theta)$$

$P_l^m(\chi)$ : associated Legendre function/polynomial:

$$P_l^m(\chi) = (-1)^m (1 - \chi^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^m}{d\chi^m} P_l(\chi), m > 0$$

Rodrigue's formula:

$$P_l(\chi) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{d\chi^l} (\chi^2 - 1)^l$$

$$P_l^{-m}(\chi) = (-1)^m \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} P_l^m(\chi)$$

$$P_l^m(-\chi) = (-1)^{m+l} P_l^m(\chi)$$

$$P_0(\chi) = 1$$

$$P_1(\chi) = \chi$$

$$P_2(\chi) = \frac{1}{2}(3\chi^2 - 1)$$

$$P_3(\chi) = \frac{1}{2}(5\chi^3 - 3\chi)$$

If  $|m| > l$ , then  $P_l^m = 0$ , so  $|m| \leq l$ ,  $m = -l, \dots, l$  ( $2l+1$  values).  
 $P_l^m(\chi)$  is always a polynomial in  $\cos\theta$  and  $\sin\theta$ .

$$P_0^0 = 1$$

$$P_1^0 = \cos\theta; P_1^1 = -\sin\theta; P_1^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2}P_1^1$$

$$P_2^0 = \frac{1}{2}(3\cos^2\theta - 1), P_2^1 = -3\sin\theta\cos\theta; P_2^2 = 3\sin^2\theta$$

$$P_2^{-1} = -\frac{1}{6}P_2^1; P_2^{-2} = -\frac{1}{24}P_2^2$$

$$Y_l^m = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\theta}$$

...spherical harmonics, solution of Laplace's equation. Vibration of a string:  
 $\sin, \cos$ . Vibration of a sphere:  $Y_l^m$ .

$$Y_l^{-m} = (-1)^m (Y_l^m)^*$$

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi Y_l^m Y_{l'}^{m'} = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

Normalization:

$$\int_0^\infty |R|^2 r^2 dr = 1; \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta (|Y|^2 \sin\theta) = 1$$

Parity:

$$Y_l^m(\pi - \theta, \pi + \phi) = (-1)^l Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

l=0:

$$Y_0^0 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}$$

l=1:

$$Y_1^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}}\sin\theta e^{-i\phi}$$

$$Y_1^0 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}}\cos\theta$$

$$Y_1^1 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}}\sin\theta e^{i\phi}$$

l=2:

$$Y_2^{-2} = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}}\sin^2\theta e^{-2i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{15}{\pi}}\sin\theta\cos\theta e^{-i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^0 = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}}(3\cos^2\theta - 1)$$

$$Y_2^1 = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{15}{\pi}}\sin\theta\cos\theta e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^2 = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}}\sin^2\theta e^{2i\phi}$$