

1. (Text book* Problem 3.16)

Show that two noncommuting operators (不可对易算子) cannot have a complete set of common eigenfunctions. (没有完整公共的正交基) Hint: Show that if \hat{P} and \hat{Q} have a complete set of common eigenfunctions, then $[\hat{P}, \hat{Q}]f = 0$ for any function in Hilbert space.

Assuming $\hat{P}f_n = \lambda_n f_n$ and $\hat{Q}f_n = \mu_n f_n$, and $\{f_n\}$ are a complete set of eigenfunctions

For arbitrary wavefunction

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum_n c_n f_n \\ [\hat{P}, \hat{Q}]f &= (\hat{P}\hat{Q} - \hat{Q}\hat{P}) \sum_n c_n f_n = \hat{P} \left(\sum_n c_n \mu_n f_n \right) - \hat{Q} \left(\sum_n c_n \lambda_n f_n \right) \\ &= \sum_n c_n \mu_n \lambda_n f_n - \sum_n c_n \lambda_n \mu_n f_n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\hat{P}\hat{Q} = \hat{Q}\hat{P}$ or $f = 0$. The former contradicts to \hat{P} and \hat{Q} are noncommuting. The latter contradicts to f is an arbitrary wavefunction.

相当于是反证法, 推出矛盾即可

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2. $\hat{D}_x(a)$ is a translation operator in one dimension. When it applies to a wavefunction

$$\hat{D}_x(a)\psi(x) = \psi(x - a)$$

If $\hat{f}(x)$ is commutable with $\hat{D}_x(a)$, prove $\hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}(x - a)$.

Since $\hat{f}(x)$ is commutable with $\hat{D}_x(a)$,

$$[\hat{f}(x), \hat{D}_x(a)] = 0$$

For an arbitrary wavefunction $\psi(x)$

$$\hat{f}(x)\hat{D}_x(a)\psi(x) = \hat{f}(x)\psi(x - a) = \hat{D}_x(a)\hat{f}(x)\psi(x) = \hat{f}(x - a)\psi(x - a)$$

Since $\psi(x - a)$ is an arbitrary wavefunction

$$\hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}(x - a)$$

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还是背证明方法就可以