

(5.2) Show that Poisson brackets anticommute

$$\{A, B\}_{\text{PB}} = -\{B, A\}_{\text{PB}} \quad (5.59)$$

and also satisfy the Jacobi identity

$$\{\{A, B\}_{\text{PB}}, C\}_{\text{PB}} + \{\{C, A\}_{\text{PB}}, B\}_{\text{PB}} + \{\{B, C\}_{\text{PB}}, A\}_{\text{PB}} = 0 \quad (5.60)$$

and show that quantum mechanical commutators also have the same properties.

From equation (5.11)

$$\{A, B\}_{\text{PB}} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_i} \quad (5.11)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\{A, B\}_{\text{PB}}, C\}_{\text{PB}} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_i} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_i} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial q_i} \end{aligned}$$

Eigenmath proof

$$\text{PB}(f, g) = d(f, q) \, d(g, p) - d(f, p) \, d(g, q)$$

$$A = a(p, q)$$

$$B = b(p, q)$$

$$C = c(p, q)$$

$$\text{PB}(\text{PB}(A, B), C) + \text{PB}(\text{PB}(C, A), B) + \text{PB}(\text{PB}(B, C), A) == 0$$