

Notes

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Chapter 1

Formalism

1.1 Hilbert Space

Constructs:

- state: wave function
- observables: operators
- vectors: defining conditions
- linear transformation: the operators act on vectors
- linear algebra: the natural language of Quantum Mechanics

Properties:

1. wave function live in
2. complete inner product space
3. square-integrable

Definition 1 *Inner product of two function*

$$\langle f|g\rangle \equiv \int_a^b f(x)^* g(x) dx$$

Discussion:

- Schwarz inequality:

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)^* g(x) dx \right| \leq \sqrt{\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \int_a^b |g(x)|^2 dx}$$

- $\langle g|f\rangle = \langle f|g\rangle^*$
- normalized $\langle f|f\rangle = 1$
- orthonormal $\langle f_m|f_n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$
- complete and orthonormal $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n f_n(x), c_n = \langle f_n|f\rangle$

1.2 Observables

1.2.1 Hermitian Operators

Definition 2 *Hermitian Operators*

$$\langle f|\hat{Q}g\rangle = \langle \hat{Q}f|g\rangle \quad \text{for all } f(x) \text{ and } g(x)$$

Discussion:

- Observables are represented by hermitian operators
- hermitian conjugate $\hat{Q}^\dagger = \hat{Q}$
- momentum operator is hermitian

$$\langle f|\hat{p}g\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(-i\hbar)\frac{dg}{dx}dx = -i\hbar f^*g\Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-i\hbar\frac{df}{dx}\right)^* gdx = \langle \hat{p}f|g\rangle$$

1.2.2 Determinate State

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \langle (Q - \langle Q \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle (\Psi | (\hat{Q} - q)^2 \Psi) \rangle = \langle ((\hat{Q} - q)\Psi | (\hat{Q} - q)\Psi) \rangle = 0 \\ &\Downarrow \\ \hat{Q}\Psi &= q\Psi \end{aligned}$$

Discussion:

- This is eigenvalue equation for \hat{Q}
- Ψ if an eigenfuction of \hat{Q} , and q is the corresponding eigenvalue
- Determinate state of Q are eigenfuction of \hat{Q}
- spectrum: the collection of all the eigenvalues of an operator
- degenerate: linearly independent eigenfuctions share the same eigenvalue

1.3 Eigenfuctions of a Hermitain Operator

1.3.1 Discrete Spectra

- the eigenvalues are separated from another
- the eigenfuctions lie in Hilbert space and constitute physically realizable states

Properties of normalizable eigenfuctions of a hermitian operator:

1. Their eigenvalues are *real*
2. Eigenfuctions belonging to distinct eigenvalues are *orthogonal*

1.3.2 Continuous Spectra

- the eigenvalues fill out an entire range
- the eigenfuctions are not normalizable and do not represent possible wave functions

The eigenfuctions and eigenvalues of the momentum operator (on the interval $(-\infty < x < \infty)$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} f_p(x) &= p f_p(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_p(x) = A e^{ipx/\hbar} \\
 &\downarrow \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{p'}^*(x) f_p(x) dx &= |A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(p-p')x/\hbar} dx = |A|^2 2\pi\hbar \delta(p-p') \\
 &\Downarrow \\
 f_p(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{ipx/\hbar}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Dirac orthonormality: $\langle f_{p'} | f_p \rangle = \delta(p-p')$
- Complete:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(p) f_p(x) dp = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(p) e^{ipx/\hbar} dp \\
 \langle f_{p'} | f \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(p) \langle f_{p'} | f \rangle dp = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(p) \delta(p-p') dp = c(p')
 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenfuctions and eigenvalues of the positoin operator:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{x} g_y(x) &= g_y x \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_y(x) = A \delta(x-y) \\
 &\downarrow \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_{y'}^* g_y(x) dx &= |A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-y') \delta(x-y) dx = |A|^2 \delta(y-y') \\
 &\Downarrow \\
 g_y(x) &= \delta(x-y)
 \end{aligned}$$

1.4 Generalized Statistical Interpretation

Observable: $Q(x, p)$

State: $\Psi(x, t)$

One of eigenvalues: $\hat{Q}(x - i\hbar d/dx)$

The probability of getting eigenvalues(orthonormal):

1. Discrete spectrum

- probablility of getting q_n

$$|c_n|^2, \quad \text{where } c_n = \langle f_n | \Psi \rangle$$

- Complete:

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(x, t) &= \sum_n c_n(t) f_n(x) \\ c_n(t) &= \langle f_n | \Psi \rangle = \int f_n(x)^* \Psi(x, t) dx \\ \sum_n |c_n|^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- The expectation value of Q :

$$\langle Q \rangle = \langle \Psi | \hat{Q} \Psi \rangle = \sum_n q_n |c_n|^2$$

2. Continuous spectrum

- probability of getting a result in the range dz

$$|c(z)|^2 dz, \quad \text{where } c(z) = \langle f_z | \Psi \rangle$$

- For position measurements:

$$c(y) = \langle g_y | \Psi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - y) \Psi(x, t) dx = \Psi(y, t)$$

- For momentum measurements:

$$c(p) = \langle f_p | \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx/\hbar} \Psi(x, t) dx$$

- Fourier transformation:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(p, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx/\hbar} \Psi(x, t) dx \\ \Psi(x, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx/\hbar} \Phi(p, t) dp\end{aligned}$$

- Expectation:

$$\langle Q(x, p, t) \rangle = \begin{cases} \int \Psi^* \hat{Q} \left(x, -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, t \right) \Psi dx, & \text{in position space} \\ \int \Phi^* \hat{Q} \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p}, p, t \right) \Phi dp, & \text{in momentum space} \end{cases}$$

1.5 The Uncertainty Principle

1.5.1 Proof of the Generalized Uncertainty Principle

$$\begin{aligned}f &\equiv (\hat{A} - \langle A \rangle) \Psi \rightarrow \sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 = \langle f | f \rangle \langle g | g \rangle \geq |\langle f | g \rangle|^2 \\ |z|^2 &\geq [\text{Im}(z)]^2 = \left[\frac{1}{2i} (z - z^*) \right]^2 \Rightarrow \sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq \left(\frac{1}{2i} [\langle f | g \rangle - \langle g | f \rangle] \right)^2 \\ \langle f | g \rangle - \langle g | f \rangle &= \langle \hat{A} \hat{B} \rangle - \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle - (\langle \hat{B} \hat{A} \rangle - \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle) = \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle \\ &\Downarrow \\ \sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2i} \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

1.5.2 The Minimum-Uncertainty Wave Packet

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= ia f(x), \quad \text{where } a \text{ is real} \\
 \Rightarrow \left(-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} - \langle p \rangle \right) \Psi &= ia(x - \langle x \rangle) \Psi \\
 \Rightarrow \Psi(x) &= A e^{-a(x - \langle x \rangle)^2 / 2\hbar} e^{i\langle p \rangle / \hbar}
 \end{aligned}$$

1.5.3 The Energy-Time Uncertainty Principle

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \langle Q \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \Psi | \hat{Q} | \Psi \rangle \\ i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \Psi, \quad \text{where} \quad H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V \\ \langle \hat{H} \Phi | \hat{Q} \Phi \rangle = \langle \Phi | \hat{H} \hat{Q} \Phi \rangle \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \langle Q \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] \rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial \hat{Q}}{\partial t} \right\rangle}$$

Assume that Q does not depend explicitly on t :

$$\sigma_H^2 \sigma_Q^2 \geq \left(\frac{1}{2i} \langle [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] \rangle \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{d\langle Q \rangle}{dt} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta E &\equiv \sigma_H \\
 \Delta t &\equiv \frac{\sigma_Q}{|d\langle Q \rangle / dt|} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta t \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

1.6 Vectors and Operators

1.6.1 Bases in Hilbert Space

$$\Psi(x, t) = \langle x | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle$$

$$\Phi(p, t) = \langle p | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle$$

$$c_n(t) = \langle n | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle &\rightarrow \int \Psi(y, t) \delta(x - y) dy = \int \Phi(p, t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{ipx/\hbar} dp \\
 &= \sum c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_n(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Operator "Transform"

$$|\beta\rangle = \hat{Q} |\alpha\rangle, \quad \text{components} \begin{cases} |\alpha\rangle = \sum_n a_n |e_n\rangle & a_n = \langle e_n | \alpha \rangle \\ |\beta\rangle = \sum_n b_n |e_n\rangle & b_n = \langle e_n | \beta \rangle \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \langle e_m | \hat{Q} | e_n \rangle \equiv Q_{mn} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_n b_n \langle e_m | e_n \rangle = \sum_n \langle e_m | \hat{Q} | e_n \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad b_m = \sum_n Q_{mn} a_n$$

Schrodinger equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle, \quad \text{Time-dependent}$$

$$\hat{H} |s\rangle = E |s\rangle, \quad \text{Time-independent}$$

Particular example of vectors:

$$\hat{x} \text{ (the position operator)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x & \text{(in position space)} \\ i\hbar \partial / \partial p & \text{(in momentum space)} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{p} \text{ (the momentum operator)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} -i\hbar \partial / \partial x & \text{(in position space)} \\ p & \text{(in momentum space)} \end{cases}$$

1.6.2 Dirac Notation

bra: $\langle \alpha |$

ket: $|\beta\rangle$

Orthonormal basis (complete):

- Discrete

$$\langle e_m | e_n \rangle = \delta_{mn} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_n |e_n\rangle \langle e_n| = 1$$

- Continuous

$$\langle e_z | e_{z'} \rangle = \delta(z - z') \quad \rightarrow \quad \int |e_z\rangle \langle e_{z'}| dz = 1$$

Baker-Campbell-Hausdrff formula:

$$e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}} = e^{\hat{A}} e^{\hat{B}} e^{-\hat{C}/2}, \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{C} = [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]$$

1.6.3 Changing Bases in Dirac Notation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the position eigenstats : } |x\rangle \quad 1 &= \int dx |x\rangle \langle x| \\ &\rightarrow |\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle = \int dx |x\rangle \langle x | \mathcal{S}(t)\rangle \equiv \int \Psi(x, t) |x\rangle dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the momentum eigenstats : } |p\rangle \quad 1 &= \int dp |p\rangle \langle p| \\ &\rightarrow |\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle = \int dp |p\rangle \langle p | \mathcal{S}(t)\rangle \equiv \int \Phi(p, t) |p\rangle dp \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the energy eigenstats : } |n\rangle \quad 1 &= \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| \\ &\rightarrow |\mathcal{S}(t)\rangle = \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n | \mathcal{S}(t)\rangle \equiv \sum_n c_n(t) |n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Operators act on kets

$$\langle x | \hat{x} | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle = \text{action of position operator in } x \text{ basis} = x \Psi(x, t)$$

$$\langle p | \hat{x} | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle = \text{action of position operator in } p \text{ basis} = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial p}$$

Proof:

$$\langle p | \hat{x} | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle = \left\langle p \left| \hat{x} \int dx |x\rangle \langle x| \right| \mathcal{S}(t) \right\rangle = \int \langle p | x \rangle \langle x | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle dx = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \langle p | \mathcal{S}(t) \rangle$$

1.7 Wave Functions in Position and Momentum Space(Addition)

NOTE: $x, f(x), p$ are operators, different from all above

1.7.1 Position-Space Wave Function

The base ket used are the position kets satisfying

$$x|x'\rangle = x'|x'\rangle \quad \langle x''|x'\rangle = \delta(x'' - x')$$

A physical state can be expanded in terms of x'

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha\rangle &= \int dx' |x'\rangle \langle x'|\alpha\rangle \\ |\langle x'|\alpha\rangle|^2 dx' &\quad \text{probability} \\ \langle x'|\alpha\rangle &\equiv \psi_\alpha(x') \quad \text{wave function} \end{aligned}$$

Using the completeness of $|x'\rangle$, we have

$$\langle \beta|\alpha\rangle = \int dx' \langle \beta|x'\rangle \langle x'|\alpha\rangle = \int dx' \psi_\beta^*(x') \psi_\alpha(x')$$

the probability amplitude for state $|\alpha\rangle$ to be found in state $|\beta\rangle$

$f(x)$ is a function of x

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x'|f(x)|x''\rangle &= (\langle x'|) \cdot (f(x'')|x'') = f(x')\delta(x' - x'') \\ \langle \beta|f(x)|\alpha\rangle &= \int dx' \int dx'' \langle \beta|x'\rangle \langle x'|f(x)|x''\rangle \langle x''|\alpha\rangle \\ &= \int dx' \psi_\beta^*(x') f(x') \psi_\alpha(x') \end{aligned}$$

1.7.2 Momentum Operator in the Position Basis

$$\begin{aligned} p|\alpha\rangle &= \int dx' |x'\rangle \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x'|\alpha\rangle \right) \\ \Rightarrow \langle x'|p|\alpha\rangle &= -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x'|\alpha\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x'|p^n|x''\rangle &= (-i\hbar)^n \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x'^n} \delta(x' - x'') \\ \langle \beta|p^n|\alpha\rangle &= \int dx' \psi_\beta^*(x') \left((-i\hbar)^n \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x'^n} \right) \psi_\alpha(x') \end{aligned}$$

1.7.3 Momentum-Space Wave Function

The base eigenkets in the p -basis specify

$$p|p'\rangle = p'|p'\rangle \quad \langle p'|p''\rangle = \delta(p' - p'')$$

Same way as $|x'\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\alpha\rangle &= \int dp' |p'\rangle \langle p'|\alpha\rangle \\
 |\langle p'|\alpha\rangle|^2 dp' &\quad \text{probability} \\
 \langle p'|\alpha\rangle &\equiv \phi_\alpha(p') \quad \text{momentum-space wave function}
 \end{aligned}$$

Transformation function from x to p: $\langle x'|p'\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle x'|p|p'\rangle &= -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x'|p'\rangle = p' \langle x'|p'\rangle \\
 \Rightarrow \langle x'|p'\rangle &= N \exp\left(\frac{ip'x'}{\hbar}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Discussion:

- the probability amplitude for $|p'\rangle$ specified by p' to be found at position x'
- the wave function for $|p'\rangle$, referred to as the momentum eigenfunction (still in the x-space)
- Normalization: $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}}$

Rewrite:

$$\begin{cases} \langle x'|\alpha\rangle = \int dp' \langle x'|p'\rangle \langle p'|\alpha\rangle \\ \langle p'|\alpha\rangle = \int dx' \langle p'|x'\rangle \langle x'|\alpha\rangle \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \psi_\alpha(x') = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \right] \int dp' \exp\left(\frac{ip'x'}{\hbar}\right) \phi_\alpha(p') \\ \phi_\alpha(p') = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \right] \int dx' \exp\left(\frac{-ip'x'}{\hbar}\right) \psi_\alpha(x') \end{cases}$$

Chapter 2

Quantum Mechanics in Three Dimensionss

2.1 The Schrodin Equation

2.1.1 Cartesian Coordinates

Laplacian

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

Schrodin's Equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + V\Psi$$

Canonical commutation relations

$$[r_i, p_j] = i\hbar \delta_{ij} \quad [r_i, r_j] = [p_i, p_j] = 0$$

Three-Dimensional of Ehrenfest's theorem

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{r} \rangle = \frac{1}{m} \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle = \langle -\nabla V \rangle$$

Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

$$\sigma_{x,y,z} \sigma_{p_x,p_y,p_z} \geq \hbar/2$$

2.1.2 Spherical Coordinates

Time-independent Schrodinger equation

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \right] + V\psi = E\psi \\ & \Downarrow \\ & \psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)Y(\theta, \phi) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) - \frac{2mr^2}{\hbar^2} [V(r) - E] = \ell(\ell + 1) \\ & \frac{1}{Y} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} \right\} = -\ell(\ell + 1) \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

2.1.3 The Angular Equation

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Theta} \left[\sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) \right] + \ell(\ell+1) \sin^2 \theta &= m^2 \\ \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} &= -m^2 \end{aligned}$$

Associated Legendre function

$$P_\ell^m(x) \equiv (-1)^m (1-x^2)^{m/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^m P_\ell(x)$$

Legendre polynomial

$$P_\ell(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2^\ell \ell!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^\ell (x^2 - 1)^\ell$$

Spherical harmonics

$$Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\ell+1)(\ell-m)!}{4\pi(\ell+m)!}} e^{im\phi} P_\ell^m(\cos \theta)$$

- $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- $m = -\ell, -\ell+1, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \ell-1, \ell$

Normalization

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

orthogonal

$$\int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} [Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi)]^* [Y_{\ell'}^{m'}(\theta, \phi)] \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{\ell\ell'} \delta_{mm'}$$

2.1.4 The Radial Equation

$$\begin{aligned} u(r) &\equiv rR(r) \\ \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \left[V + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} \right] u &= Eu \end{aligned}$$

Effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2}$$

Normalization

$$\int_0^\infty |u|^2 dr = 1$$

2.2 The Hydrogen Atom

$$V(r) = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$

2.2.1 The Radial Wave Function

Let

$$\kappa \equiv \frac{\sqrt{-2m_e E}}{\hbar} \quad \rho \equiv \kappa r \quad \rho_0 \equiv \frac{m_e e^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2 \kappa}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 u}{d\rho^2} = \left[1 - \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} + \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{\rho^2} \right] u$$

Asymptotic behavior

- As $\rho \rightarrow \infty$

$$u(\rho) \sim A e^{-\rho}$$

- As $\rho \rightarrow 0$

$$u(\rho) = C \rho^{\ell+1}$$

Peel off Asymptotic behavior

$$u(\rho) = \rho^{\ell+1} e^{\rho} v(\rho) \quad \rightarrow \quad v(\rho) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j \rho^j \quad \rightarrow \quad c_{j+1} = \left\{ \frac{2(j+\ell+1) - \rho_0}{(j+1)(j+2\ell+2)} \right\} c_j$$

For large j

$$c_j \approx \frac{2^j}{j!} c_0$$

Then

$$v(\rho) = c_0 e^{2\rho} \quad \rightarrow \quad u(\rho) = c_0 \rho^{\ell+1} e^{\rho}$$

The series must terminate

$$c_{N-1} \neq 0 \quad \text{but} \quad c_N = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 2(N+\ell) - \rho_0 = 0 \\ n \equiv N + \ell \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho_0 = 2n \quad \Rightarrow$$

Bohr formula

$$E_n = - \left[\frac{m_e}{2\hbar^2} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \right] \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{E_1}{n^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Summary

- n : principal quantum number
- ℓ : azimuthal quantum number
- m : magnetic quantum number

Ground State

The polynomial $v(\rho)$

$$v(\rho) = L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(2\rho)$$

- Associated Laguerre polynomial
- q th Laguerre polynomial

$$\psi_{n\ell m} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na} \right)^3 \frac{(n-\ell-1)!}{2n(n+\ell)!}} e^{-r/na} \left(\frac{2r}{na} \right)^\ell [L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(2r/na)] Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi)$$

2.2.2 The Spectrum of Hydrogen

$$E_\gamma = E_i - E_f = -13.6\text{eV} \left(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = \mathcal{R} \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

2.3 Angular Momentum

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

$$L_x = yp_z - zp_y, \quad L_y = zp_x - xp_z, \quad L_z = xp_y - yp_x$$

2.3.1 Eigenvalues

Fundamental commutation relations for angular momentum

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z \quad [L^2, \mathbf{L}] = 0 \quad \sigma_{L_x} \sigma_{L_y} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} |\langle L_z \rangle|$$

Find simultaneous eigenstates

$$L^2 f = \lambda f \quad \text{and} \quad L_z f = \mu f$$

Let

$$L_\pm \equiv L_x \pm iL_y \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} [L_z, L_\pm] = \pm \hbar L_\pm \\ [L^2, L_\pm] = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

f is an eigenfunction of L^2 and L_z

$$\begin{aligned} L^2(L_\pm f) &= L_\pm(L^2 f) = L_\pm(\lambda f) \\ &= \lambda(L_\pm f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_z(L_\pm f) &= (L_z L_\pm - L_\pm L_z) f + L_\pm L_z f = \pm \hbar L_\pm f + L_\pm(\mu f) \\ &= (\mu \pm \hbar)(L_\pm f) \end{aligned}$$

- top rung

$$L_+ f_t = 0$$

- bottom rung

$$L_- f_b = 0$$

- compare them

$$\boxed{L^2 f_\ell^m = \hbar^2 \ell(\ell+1) f_\ell^m \quad L_z f_\ell^m = \hbar m f_\ell^m}$$

where

$$\ell = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, \dots; \quad m = -\ell, -\ell+1, \dots, \ell-1, \ell$$

2.3.2 Eigenfunctions

$$\mathbf{L} = -i\hbar(\mathbf{r} \times \nabla) \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = -i\hbar \left(\hat{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}}$$

$$\boxed{L^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right]}$$

Conclusion: Spherical harmonics are the eigenfunctions of L^2 and L_z

2.4 Spin

$$S^2 |s m\rangle = \hbar^2 s(s+1) |s m\rangle$$

$$S_z |s m\rangle = \hbar m |s m\rangle$$

$$S_{\pm} |s m\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{s(s+1) - m(m \pm 1)} |s(m \pm 1)\rangle$$

where

$$s = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{3}{2}, \dots \quad m = -s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s$$

2.4.1 Spin 1/2

for $s = 1/2$, there are two eigenstates

- spin up (\uparrow): $|\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$
- spin down (\downarrow): $|\frac{1}{2} (-\frac{1}{2})\rangle$

spinor

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a\chi_+ + b\chi_-$$

- spin up (\uparrow): $X_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- spin down (\downarrow): $X_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

in Matrix

$$\begin{cases} S^2 \chi_+ = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \chi_+ \\ S^2 \chi_- = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \chi_- \end{cases} \Rightarrow S^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} S_z \chi_+ = \frac{\hbar}{2} \chi_+ \\ S_z \chi_- = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \chi_- \end{cases} \Rightarrow S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} S_+ \chi_- = \hbar \chi_+ \\ S_- \chi_+ = \hbar \chi_- \\ S_+ \chi_+ = S_- \chi_- = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} S_+ = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ S_- = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} S_x = \hbar/2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ S_y = \hbar/2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Pauli spin Matrix

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma_x \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

2.4.2 Electron in a Magnetic Field

Hamiltonian matrix for a spinning charged particle, at rest in \mathbf{B}

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\mu} = \gamma \mathbf{S} \\ H = -\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B} \end{cases} \Rightarrow H = -\gamma \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

- $\boldsymbol{\mu}$: magnetic dipole momentum
- γ : gyromagnetic ratio

1. Larmor precession:

$$\mathbf{B} = B_0 \hat{k} \Rightarrow H = -\gamma B_0 S_z = -\frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{eigenstates} \begin{cases} \chi_+, \text{ with } E = -(\gamma B_0 \hbar)/2 \\ \chi_-, \text{ with } E = +(\gamma B_0 \hbar)/2 \end{cases}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} = H \chi \Rightarrow$$

$$\chi(t) = a \chi_+ e^{-iE_+ t/\hbar} + b \chi_- e^{-iE_- t/\hbar} = \begin{pmatrix} a e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \\ b e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \chi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha/2) e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \\ \sin(\alpha/2) e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

\Downarrow

$$\langle S_x \rangle = \chi(t)^\dagger S_x \chi(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sin \alpha \cos(\gamma B_0 t)$$

$$\langle S_y \rangle = \chi(t)^\dagger S_y \chi(t) = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \sin \alpha \sin(\gamma B_0 t)$$

$$\langle S_z \rangle = \chi(t)^\dagger S_z \chi(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos \alpha$$

Larmor frequency:

$$\omega = \gamma B_0$$

2. The Stern-Gerlach experiment

2.4.3 Addition of Angular Momenta

Two Particles

$$S^{(1)2} |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle = s_1(s_1 + 1)\hbar^2 |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

$$S^{(2)2} |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle = s_2(s_2 + 1)\hbar^2 |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

$$S_z^{(1)} |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle = m_1 \hbar |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

$$S_z^{(2)} |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle = m_2 \hbar |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

total angular momentum

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^{(1)} + \mathbf{S}^{(2)}$$

z component

$$\begin{aligned} S_z |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle &= S_z^{(1)} |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle + S_z^{(2)} |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle \\ &= \hbar(m_1 + m_2) |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle = \hbar m |s_1 s_2 m_1 m_2\rangle \Rightarrow m = m_1 + m_2 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the spin-1/2 Particles

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} |1\ 1\rangle & = & |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ |1\ 0\rangle & = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \\ |1\ -1\rangle & = & |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{array} \right\} \quad s = 1 \text{ (triplet)}$$

- triplet states are eigenvectors of S^2 with eigenvalue $2\hbar^2$

$$\left\{ |0\ 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \right\} \quad s = 0 \text{ (singlet)}$$

- singlet state is an eigenvector of S^2 with eigenvalue 0

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

$$|s\ m\rangle = \sum_{m_1+m_2=m} C_{m_1 m_2 m}^{s_1 s_2 s} |s_1\ s_2\ m_1\ m_2\rangle$$

2.5 Electromagnetic Interactions

2.5.1 Minimal Coupling

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \left[\frac{1}{2m} (-i\hbar \nabla - q\mathbf{A})^2 + q\varphi \right] \Psi$$

- quantum implementation of the Lorentz force law
- minimal coupling rule

2.5.2 The Aharonov-Bohm Effect

Chapter 3

Identical Particles

3.1 Two-Particle System

- $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t)$
- $i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\Psi$, where $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1}\nabla_1^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2}\nabla_2^2 + V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t)$
- $\int |\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t)|^2 d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 = 1$
- $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t) = \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)e^{-iEt/\hbar}$
- $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1}\nabla_1^2\psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2}\nabla_2^2\psi + V\psi = E\psi$

1. Noninteracting Particles

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t) = \Psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1, t) + \Psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2, t)$$

2. Central potential (helium atom)

$$V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(-\frac{2e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1|} - \frac{2e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_2|} + \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \right)$$

3.1.1 Bosons and Fermions

1. Bosons state

$$\psi_+(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = A[\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) + \psi_b(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2)] \quad A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- symmetric under interchange: $\psi_+(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \psi_+(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1)$
- all particles with integer spin are bosons

2. Fermions state

$$\psi_-(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = A[\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) - \psi_b(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2)] \quad A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- symmetric under interchange: $\psi_-(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = -\psi_-(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1)$

- all particles with half integer spin are fermions
- Pauli exclusion principle: two identical fermions cannot occupy the same state

$$\psi_-(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = A[\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) - \psi_b(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_a(\mathbf{r}_2)] = 0$$

3.1.2 Exchange Forces

Suppose $\psi(x_1, x_2) = \psi_a(x_1)\psi_b(x_2)$
 calculate $\langle (x_1 - x_2)^2 \rangle = \langle x_1^2 \rangle + \langle x_2^2 \rangle - 2\langle x_1 x_2 \rangle$

1. Distinguishable particles

$$\langle (x_1 - x_2)^2 \rangle_d = \langle x^2 \rangle_a + \langle x^2 \rangle_b + 2\langle x \rangle_a \langle x \rangle_b$$

2. Identical particles

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \langle x_2^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\langle x^2 \rangle_a + \langle x^2 \rangle_b)$$

$$\langle x_1 x_2 \rangle = \langle x \rangle_a \langle x \rangle_b \pm |\langle x \rangle_{ab}|^2$$

where

$$\langle x \rangle_{ab} \equiv \int x \psi_a(x)^* \psi_b(x) dx$$

thus

$$\langle (x_1 - x_2)^2 \rangle_{\pm} = \langle x^2 \rangle_a + \langle x^2 \rangle_b + 2\langle x \rangle_a \langle x \rangle_b \mp 2|\langle x \rangle_{ab}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \langle (\Delta x)^2 \rangle_{\pm} = \langle (\Delta)^2 \rangle_d \mp 2|\langle x \rangle_{ab}|^2$$

Exchange force: (if $\langle x \rangle_{ab} \neq 0$)

- force of attraction between identical bosons
- force of repulsion between identical fermions

3.1.3 Spin

Pauli principle: two electrons in a given position state as long as their spins are in the singlet configuration

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)\chi(1, 2) = -\psi(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1)\chi(2, 1)$$

3.1.4 Generalized Symmetrization Principle

general statement, if you have n identical particles

$$|(1, 2, \dots, i, \dots, j, \dots, n)\rangle = \pm |(1, 2, \dots, j, \dots, i, \dots, n)\rangle$$

3.2 Atoms

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{j=1}^Z \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_j^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \frac{Ze^2}{r_j} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \sum_{j \neq k}^Z \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_k|}$$

- Z : atomic number
- Ze : electric charge
- in curly brackets: kinetic plus potential energy of the j th electron
- the second sum: the potential energy associated with the mutual repulsion of the electrons

3.2.1 Helium

$$\hat{H} = \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_1^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \frac{2e^2}{r_1} \right\} + \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_2^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \frac{2e^2}{r_2} \right\} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

ignore the last term

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \psi_{n\ell m}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{n'\ell' m'}(\mathbf{r}_2) \quad \text{with} \quad E = 4(E_n + E_{n'})$$

ground state

$$\psi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \psi_{100}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{100}(\mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{8}{\pi a^3} e^{-2(r_1+r_2)/a} \quad \text{with} \quad E = 8(-13.6 \text{ eV}) = -109 \text{ eV}$$

- symmetric function
- singlet

3.2.2 The Periodic Table

Hund's rules

$$^{2S+1}L_J$$

3.3 Solids

3.3.1 The Free Electron Gas

Suppose

$$V(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < x < l_x, 0 < y < l_y, 0 < z < l_z \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Wave functions are

$$\psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{l_x l_y l_z}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi}{l_x} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi}{l_y} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi}{l_z} z\right)$$

energies are

$$E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left(\frac{n_x^2}{l_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{l_y^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{l_z^2} \right) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad \mathbf{k} \equiv (k_x, k_y, k_z)$$

3.3.2 Band Structure

Bloch's theorem

$$V(x+a) = V(x) \quad \rightarrow \quad \psi(x+a) = e^{iqa}\psi(x)$$

Dirac comb

$$V(x) = \alpha \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \delta(x - ja)$$

Chapter 4

Symmetries and Conservation Laws

4.1 Introduction

what a symmetry is: that the Hamiltonian is unchanged by some transformation, such as a rotation or a translation

4.1.1 Transformations in Space

Translation Operator

$$\hat{T}(a)\psi(x) = \psi'(x) = \psi(x - a)$$

Parity Operator

$$\hat{\Pi}\psi(x) = \psi'(x) = \psi(-x)$$

$$\hat{\Pi}\psi(x, y, z) = \psi'(x, y, z) = \psi(-x, -y, -z)$$

$$\hat{\Pi}\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi'(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi(r, \pi - \theta, \phi + \pi)$$

Rotation Operator (about z axis through an φ)

$$\hat{R}_z(\varphi)\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi'(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi(r, \theta, \phi - \varphi)$$

4.2 The Translation Operator

by Taylor series

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T}(a)\psi(x) &= \psi(x - a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-a)^n \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \psi(x) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{-ia}{\hbar} \hat{p} \right)^n \psi(x)\end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

“generator” of translations

$$\boxed{\hat{T}(a) = \exp \left[-\frac{ia}{\hbar} \hat{p} \right]}$$

- $\hat{T}(a)$ is a unitary operator

$$\hat{T}(a)^{-1} = \hat{T}(-a) = \hat{T}(a)^\dagger$$

4.2.1 How Operators Transform

$$\begin{aligned}\langle\psi'|\hat{Q}|\psi'\rangle &= \langle\psi|\hat{Q}'|\psi\rangle \\ &= \langle\psi|\hat{T}^\dagger\hat{Q}\hat{T}|\psi\rangle\end{aligned}\quad\Rightarrow\quad\boxed{\hat{Q}' = \hat{T}^\dagger\hat{Q}\hat{T}}$$

4.2.2 Translational Symmetry

A system is translationally invariant if the Hamiltonian is unchanged by the transformation, then

$$\hat{H}' = \hat{T}^\dagger\hat{H}\hat{T} = \hat{H} \quad \Rightarrow \quad [\hat{H}, \hat{T}] = 0$$

1. Discrete translation symmetry and Bloch's Theorem
2. Continuous translational symmetry and Momentum Conservation

4.3 Conservation Laws

- First Definition: $\langle Q \rangle$ is independent of time
- Second Definition: The probability of getting any particular value is independent of time

4.4 Parity

4.4.1 Parity in One Dimension

- $\hat{\Pi}(a)$ is a unitary operator

$$\hat{\Pi}(a)^{-1} = \hat{\Pi}(-a) = \hat{\Pi}(a)^\dagger$$

- $\hat{\Pi}$ is Hermitian

Inversion symmetry

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{\Pi}] = 0$$

Parity Conservation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle\Pi\rangle = 0$$

4.4.2 Parity in Three Dimensions

4.4.3 Parity Selection Rules

4.5 Rotational Symmetry

4.5.1 Rotations About the z Axis

$$\hat{R}_z(\varphi) = \exp\left[-\frac{i\varphi}{\hbar}\hat{L}_z\right]$$

4.5.2 Rotations in Three Dimension

$$\hat{R}_n(\varphi) = \exp\left[-\frac{i\varphi}{\hbar} \mathbf{n} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}\right]$$

4.6 Degeneracy

4.7 Rotational Selection Rules

4.7.1 Selection Rules for Scalar Operators

4.7.2 Selection Rules for Vector Operators

4.8 Translation in Time

generator of translations in time

$$\hat{U}(t) = \exp\left[-\frac{it}{\hbar} \hat{H}\right]$$

4.8.1 The Heisenberg Picture

4.8.2 Time-Translation Invariance

Energy Conservation is a consequence of time-translation invariance

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{H} \rangle = 0$$

Chapter 5

Time-Independent Perturbation Theory

5.1 Nondegenerate Perturbation Theory

5.1.1 General Formulation

Perturbation theory is a systematic procedure for obtaining approximation solutions to the perturbed problem, by building on the known exact solutions to the unperturbed theory

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H^0 + \lambda H' \\ \psi_n &= \psi_n^0 + \lambda \psi_n^1 + \lambda^2 \psi_n^2 + \dots \\ E_n &= E_n^0 + \lambda E_n^1 + \lambda^2 E_n^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- E_n^1 : first-order correction to the n th eigenvalue
- ψ_n^1 : first-order correction to the n th eigenfunction

Plugging into

$$H\psi_n = E_n\psi_n$$

we have

- to lowest order (λ^0)

$$H^0\psi_n^0 = E_n^0\psi_n^0$$

- to first order λ^1

$$H^0\psi_n^1 + H'\psi_n^0 = E_n^0\psi_n^1 + E_n^1\psi_n^0$$

- to second order λ^2

$$H^0\psi_n^2 + H'\psi_n^1 = E_n^0\psi_n^2 + E_n^1\psi_n^1 + E_n^2\psi_n^0$$

5.1.2 First-Order Theory

$$\langle \psi_n^0 | H^0 \psi_n^1 \rangle + \langle \psi_n^0 | H' \psi_n^0 \rangle = E_n^0 \langle \psi_n^0 | \psi_n^1 \rangle + E_n^1 \langle \psi_n^0 | \psi_n^0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_n^1 = \langle \psi_n^0 | H' | \psi_n^0 \rangle}$$

rewrite first-order wave function

$$(H^0 - E_n^0)\psi_n^1 = -(H' - E_n^1)\psi_n^0 \quad \leftarrow \quad \psi_n^1 = \sum_{m \neq n} c_m^{(n)} \psi_m^0$$

Taking the inner product with ψ_l^0

$$\sum_{m \neq n} (E_m^0 - E_n^0) c_m^{(n)} \langle \psi_l^0 | \psi_m^0 \rangle = -\langle \psi_l^0 | H' | \psi_n^0 \rangle + E_n^1 \langle \psi_n^0 | \psi_l^0 \rangle$$

If $l \neq n$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\psi_n^1 = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle \psi_m^0 | H' | \psi_n^0 \rangle}{E_n^0 - E_m^0} \psi_m^0}$$

5.1.3 Second-Order Energies

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_n^0 | H^0 \psi_n^2 \rangle + \langle \psi_n^0 | H' \psi_n^1 \rangle &= E_n^0 \langle \psi_n^0 | \psi_n^2 \rangle + E_n^1 \langle \psi_n^0 | \psi_n^1 \rangle + E_n^2 \langle \psi_n^0 | \psi_n^0 \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \quad E_n^2 &= \langle \psi_n^0 | H' | \psi_n^1 \rangle = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle \psi_m^0 | H' | \psi_n^0 \rangle \langle \psi_n^0 | H' | \psi_m^0 \rangle}{E_n^0 - E_m^0} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{E_n^2} &= \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{|\langle \psi_m^0 | H' | \psi_n^0 \rangle|^2}{E_n^0 - E_m^0} \end{aligned}$$

5.2 Degenerate Perturbation Theory

5.2.1 Two-Fold Degeneracy

Suppose that

$$H^0 \psi_a^0 = E^0 \psi_a^0, \quad H^0 \psi_b^0 = E^0 \psi_b^0, \quad \langle \psi_a^0 | \psi_b^0 \rangle = 0$$

Note that

$$\psi_0 = \alpha \psi_a^0 + \beta \psi_b^0, \quad H^0 \psi_0 = E^0 \psi_0$$

The fundamental result of degenerate perturbation theory

$$\boxed{E_{\pm}^1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[W_{aa} + W_{bb} \pm \sqrt{(W_{aa} - W_{bb})^2 + 4|W_{ab}|^2} \right]}$$

5.2.2 "Good" States

Theorem: Let A be a hermitian operator that commutes with H^0 and H' . If ψ_a^0 and ψ_b^0 (the degenerate eigenfunction of H^0) are also eigenfunctions of A , with distinct eigenvalues,

$$A\psi_a^0 = \mu\psi_a^0, \quad A\psi_b^0 = \nu\psi_b^0, \quad \text{and } \mu \neq \nu$$

then ψ_a^0 and ψ_b^0 are the "good" states to use in perturbation theory.

Proof:

5.2.3 Higher-Order Degeneracy

5.3 The Fine Structure of Hydrogen

5.3.1 The Relativistic Correction

$$T = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} - mc^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$$

expanding in powers of small number (p/mc)

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4} - mc^2 \\ &= mc^2 \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{p}{mc}\right)^2} - 1 \right] = mc^2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{p}{mc}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{p}{mc}\right)^4 + \dots - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{p^4}{8m^3 c^2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$E_r^1 = \langle H_r' \rangle = -$$

5.4 The Zeeman Effect

5.5 Hyperfine Splitting in Hydrogen

Chapter 6

The Variational Principle

6.1 Theory

Variational principle

$$E_{gs} \leq \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \equiv \langle H \rangle$$

- Pick any normalized function ψ whatsoever
- E_{gs} : ground state energy
- Proof:

$$\psi = \sum_n c_n \psi_n, \quad \text{with } H\psi_n = E_n \psi_n$$

$$1 = \sum_n |c_n|^2 \quad \langle H \rangle = \sum_n E_n |c_n|^2$$

$$\because E_{gs} \leq E_n \quad \therefore \langle H \rangle \geq E_{gs} \sum_n |c_n|^2 = E_{gs}$$

Examples:

- 1-d harmonic oscillator

$$\text{"trial wave function"} : \quad \psi(x) = A e^{-bx^2} \quad A = \left(\frac{2b}{\pi} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$\frac{d}{db} \langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} - \frac{m\omega}{8b^2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow b = \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \quad \Rightarrow \langle H \rangle_{\min} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega$$

- delta function potential

$$\text{"trial wave function"} : \quad \psi(x) = A e^{-bx^2} \quad A = \left(\frac{2b}{\pi} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$\frac{d}{db} \langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi b}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow b = \frac{2m^2 \alpha^2}{\pi \hbar^4} \quad \Rightarrow \langle H \rangle_{\min} = -\frac{m\alpha^2}{\pi \hbar^2}$$

6.2 The Ground State of Helium

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\nabla_1^2 + \nabla_2^2) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\left(\frac{2}{r_1} + \frac{2}{r_2} - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}\right)$$

The ground state energy measured in lab:

$$E_{gs} = -78.975 \text{ eV} \quad \text{experimental}$$

If ignore V_{ee}

$$\psi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \equiv \psi_{100}(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_{100}(\mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{8}{\pi a^3} e^{-2(r_1+r_2)/a} \quad \text{with } 8E_1 = -109 \text{ eV}$$

$$\Rightarrow H\psi_0 = (8E_1 + V_{ee})\psi_0 \quad \Rightarrow \langle H \rangle = 8E_1 + \langle V_{ee} \rangle$$

trial function

$$\psi_1(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \equiv \frac{Z^3}{\pi a^3} e^{-Z(r_1+r_2)/a}$$

- Z : effective nuclear charge, variational parameter

rewrite H

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\nabla_1^2 + \nabla_2^2) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\left(\frac{Z}{r_1} + \frac{Z}{r_2}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\left(\frac{(Z-2)}{r_1} + \frac{(Z-2)}{r_2} + \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}\right) \\ \langle H \rangle &= 2Z^2 E_1 + 2(Z-2)\left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right)\left\langle\frac{1}{r}\right\rangle + \langle V_{ee} \rangle \\ \left\langle\frac{1}{r}\right\rangle &= \frac{Z}{a} \quad \langle V_{ee} \rangle = \frac{5Z}{8a}\left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right) = -\frac{5Z}{4} E_1 \\ \Rightarrow \langle H \rangle &= [-aZ^2 + (27/4)Z]E_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dZ}\langle H \rangle = 0 \\ \Rightarrow Z &= \frac{27}{16} \quad \langle H \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6 E_1 = -77.5 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

6.3 The Hydrogen Molecule Ion

Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'}\right)$$

Trial wave function

$$\psi_0(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a^3}} e^{-r/a}$$

6.4 The Hydrogen Molecule

Chapter 7

The WKB Approximation

Chapter 8

Scattering

Chapter 9

Quantum Dynamics

9.1 Two-level System

Suppose two states of (unperturbed) System

$$\hat{H}^0 \psi_a = E_a \psi_a \quad \hat{H}^0 \psi_b = E_b \psi_b$$

$$\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}, \quad (i, j = a, b)$$

9.1.1 The Perturbed System

$$\Psi(t) = c_a(t) \psi_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} + c_b(t) \psi_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar}$$

$$|c_a|^2 + |c_b|^2 = 1$$

Solve for $c_a(t)$ and $c_b(t)$

$$\hat{H} \Psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t}, \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{H} = \hat{H}^0 + \hat{H}'(t)$$

We find

$$c_a \left(\hat{H} \psi_a \right) e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} + c_b \left(\hat{H}' \psi_b \right) e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} = i\hbar \left(\dot{c}_a \psi_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} + \dot{c}_b \psi_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} \right)$$

We define

$$H'_{ij} \equiv \langle \psi_i | \hat{H}' | \psi_j \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{H}'_{ji} = (H'_{ij})^*$$

Take the inner product with ψ_a and ψ_b

$$\begin{cases} \dot{c}_a = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[c_a \hat{H}'_{aa} + c_b \hat{H}'_{ab} e^{-i(E_b - E_a)t/\hbar} \right] \\ \dot{c}_b = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[c_a \hat{H}'_{ba} e^{i(E_b - E_a)t/\hbar} + c_b \hat{H}'_{bb} \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{H}'_{aa} = \hat{H}'_{bb} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{|l} \dot{c}_a = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H}'_{ab} e^{-i\omega_0 t} c_b \\ \dot{c}_b = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H}'_{ba} e^{-i\omega_0 t} c_a \end{array} \quad \omega_0 \equiv \frac{E_a - E_b}{\hbar}$$

9.1.2 Time-Dependent Perturbation Theory

Suppose the particles states out in the lower state:

$$c_a(0) = 1 \quad c_b(0) = 0$$

Zeroth Order:

$$c_a^{(0)}(t) = 1 \quad c_b^{(0)}(t) = 0$$

First Order:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dc_a^{(1)}}{dt} &= 0 \Rightarrow c_a^{(1)}(t) = 1 \\ \frac{dc_b^{(1)}}{dt} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H}'_{ba} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \Rightarrow c_b^{(1)}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \hat{H}'_{ba}(t') e^{i\omega_0 t'} dt' \end{aligned}$$

9.1.3 Sinusoidal Perturbations

Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}'(\mathbf{r}, t) &= V(\mathbf{r}) \cos(\omega t) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} H'_{ab} &= V_{ab} \cos(\omega t) \\ V_{ab} &\equiv \langle \psi_a | V | \psi_b \rangle \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Assume

$$\omega_0 + \omega \gg |\omega_0 - \omega|$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_b(t) &\approx c_b^{(1)}(t) = -\frac{iV_{ba}}{2\hbar} \int_0^t \left[e^{i(\omega_0+\omega)t'} + e^{i(\omega_0-\omega)t'} \right] dt' \\ &= -\frac{V_{ba}}{2\hbar} \left[\frac{e^{i(\omega_0+\omega)t} - 1}{\omega_0 + \omega} + \frac{e^{i(\omega_0-\omega)t} - 1}{\omega_0 - \omega} \right] \\ &\approx -\frac{V_{ba}}{2\hbar} \frac{e^{i(\omega_0-\omega)t/2}}{\omega_0 - \omega} \left[e^{i(\omega_0-\omega)t/2} - e^{-i(\omega_0-\omega)t/2} \right] \\ &= -i \frac{V_{ba}}{\hbar} \frac{\sin[(\omega_0 - \omega)t/2]}{\omega_0 - \omega} e^{i(\omega_0-\omega)t/2} \end{aligned}$$

Transition probability

$$P_{a \rightarrow b}(t) = |c_b(t)|^2 \approx \frac{|V_{ba}|^2 \sin^2[(\omega_0 - \omega)t/2]}{\hbar^2 (\omega_0 - \omega)^2}$$

9.2 Emission and Absorption of Radiation

9.2.1 Electromagnetic Waves

The atom is exposed to a sinusoidally oscillating electric field

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= E_0 \cos(\omega t) \hat{k} \quad H' = -qE_0 z \cos(\omega t) \\ \Rightarrow H_{ba} &= -\wp E_0 \cos(\omega t), \quad \text{where } \wp \equiv q \langle \psi_b | z | \psi_a \rangle \end{aligned}$$

in section 11.1.3, with

$$V_{ba} = -\wp E_0$$

9.2.2 Absorption, Stimulation Emission, and Spontaneous Emission

Absorption (start off in the lower state)

$$P_{a \rightarrow b}(t) = \left(\frac{|\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle E_0}{\hbar} \right)^2 \frac{\sin^2[(\omega_0 - \omega)t/2]}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2}$$

- $c_a(0) = 1, c_b(0) = 0$
- the atom absorbs energy $E_b - E_a = \hbar\omega_0$ from the electromagnetic field

Stimulation Emission (start off in the upper state)

$$P_{b \rightarrow a}(t) = |c_a(t)|^2 = P_{a \rightarrow b}(t)$$

- $c_a(0) = 0, c_b(0) = 1$
- The electromagnetic field gains energy $\hbar\omega_0$ from the atom

Spontaneous Emission

- An atom in the excited state makes a transition downward, with the release of a photon, but without any applied electromagnetic field to initiate the process

9.2.3 Incoherent Perturbations

9.3 Spontaneous Emission

9.3.1 Einstein's A and B

9.3.2 The Lifetime of an Excited State

9.3.3 Selection Rules

9.4 Fermi's Golden Rule

9.5 The Adiabatic Approximation

