1 Notations

1.1 Green's function

1.1.1 As the kernel of the resolvent

Consider the operator $L: X \to X$.

• Physics notation:

$$R(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda I - L}$$

• Mathematics notation:

$$R(\lambda) = \frac{1}{L - \lambda I}$$

TODO: proof that it is an integral operator $G(x, s; \lambda)$ is the kernel of $R(\lambda)$.

1.1.2 Green's function of the differential operator

Differential operator L, defined for distributions. Green's function at point s is a solution (TODO what if there are many?) of

• Physics notation:

$$L_xG(x,s) = -\delta(x-s)$$

• Mathematics notation:

$$L_x G(x,s) = \delta(x-s)$$

That is, they differ up to sign. We use PHYSICS notation. Eigenfunction expansion:

• Physics notation:

$$G(x,s) = -\sum_{n} \frac{\psi_n(x)\psi_n^*(s)}{\lambda_n}$$

• Mathematics notation:

$$G(x,s) = \sum_{n} \frac{\psi_n(x)\psi_n^*(s)}{\lambda_n}$$

2 Short intro into quantum physics

TODO

3 Schrodinger's equation

3.1 Time-dependent

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi(x,t) = H\Psi(x,t)$$

Particle in an electric (!!!) field:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(x,t)$$

TODO what about charge?

3.2 Time-independent

If V(x,t) does not depend on time, we can separate the variables: $\Psi(x,t) = \psi(x)T(t)$.

$$\begin{cases} i\hbar\partial_t T(t) = ET(t) \\ (-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(x))\psi(x) = E\psi(x) \end{cases}$$

Now that we have time-independent states, we can represent any initial state ψ_0 (TODO: complete set of eigenstates) in its basis:

$$\psi_0 = \sum_{\lambda} A_{\lambda} \psi_{\lambda}$$

$$\psi(x,t) = \sum_{\lambda} A_{\lambda} \psi_{\lambda}(x) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_{\lambda} t}$$

4 Reflection coefficient and transmission coefficient

Reflection/transmission coefficients are quantities describing the behaviour of scattered wave (usually at infinity).

Probability current for spin-0 particle.

$$\mathbf{j}(x,t) = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} (\psi(x,t)^* \nabla \psi(x,t) - \psi(x,t) \nabla \psi^*(x,t))$$

TODO: write about stationary (scattering) states and omitting time.

$$T = \frac{|j_{trans}|}{|j_{inc}|}$$

$$R = \frac{|j_{refl}|}{|j_{inc}|}$$

These are position dependent and non-scalar values in general. Usually, geometry and symmetries of the scattering problem allows to define the asymptotic region and calculate its integral over scattering cross section, yielding a scalar value.

5 Free particle in magnetic field

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}(-i\hbar\nabla - qA)^2$$

Field B = (0, 0, B), vector potential $A = (0, \frac{1}{2}Br, 0)$. Polar coordinates:

$$(-i\hbar\nabla - qA)\psi = \begin{pmatrix} -i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} \\ -i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{r} \\ -i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta} - q\frac{1}{2}Br\psi \\ -i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(-i\hbar\nabla - qA)\cdot F = -i\hbar\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial(rF_r)}{\partial r} - i\hbar\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial F_{\theta}}{\partial\theta} - q\frac{1}{2}BrF_{\theta} - i\hbar\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$

$$2mH\psi = -\hbar^2\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r}\right)$$

$$-\hbar^2\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta^2} + i\hbar\frac{1}{r}q\frac{1}{2}Br\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta} + q\frac{1}{2}Bri\hbar\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta} + q^2\frac{1}{4}B^2r^2\psi$$

$$-\hbar^2\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$= \hat{p}_r^2 - \frac{i\hbar}{r}\hat{p}_r$$

$$+ (\hat{p}_{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}qBr)^2$$

$$+ \hat{p}_z^2$$

Commutes with p_z and seems to commute with p_λ . Eigenvectors of p_z :

$$\psi(r,\theta,z) = \xi(r,\theta)e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}p_z z}$$

Eigenvectors of p_{λ} :

$$\psi(r,\theta,z) = \xi(r,z)e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}p_{\lambda}\theta}$$

Periodicity requires $\frac{1}{\hbar}p_{\lambda}2\pi = 2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, therefore, $p_{\lambda} = \hbar k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\psi(r,\theta,z) = R(r)e^{ik\theta}e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}p_zz}$$

Substitute in the equation:

$$2mH\psi = -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) = e^{\cdots} \left(-\hbar^2 R''(r) - \frac{\hbar^2}{r} R'(r) \right)$$
$$+ \left(\frac{1}{r} \hbar k - \frac{1}{2} q B r \right)^2 \psi$$
$$+ p_z^2 \psi$$
$$= 2mE\psi$$

Divide everything by e^{\cdots} :

$$\left(-\hbar^2\left(\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial R}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\hbar^2 k^2 - qB\hbar k + \frac{1}{4}q^2B^2r^2 + p_z^2 - 2mE\right)R(r) = 0$$

Divide by $-\hbar^2$:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial R}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r^2}k^2 - \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{\hbar^2}q^2B^2r^2 + \frac{1}{\hbar}qBk - \frac{p_z^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}\right)R(r) = 0$$

Use substitution: $R(r) = \frac{U(r)}{\sqrt{r}}$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{4r^{5/2}}U(r)\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{r^2}k^2 - \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{\hbar^2}q^2B^2r^2 + \frac{1}{\hbar}qBk - \frac{p_z^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}\right)\frac{U(r)}{\sqrt{r}} = 0$$

Multiply all by \sqrt{r} :

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{4r^2} - \frac{1}{r^2}k^2 - \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{\hbar^2}q^2B^2r^2 + \frac{1}{\hbar}qBk - \frac{p_z^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}\right)U(r) = 0$$

5.1 Notes

5.1.1 Cylindrical coordinates

$$\mathbf{r} = (r, \theta, z)$$

$$\hat{p_r} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$$

$$\hat{p_\theta} = -i\hbar \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\hat{p_z} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \\ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot F = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (rF_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$