

Quantum Mechanics Homework 05

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Problem 01

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\alpha)I(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-\alpha \frac{y^2}{2}} \\
 I^2(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx dy e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{\infty} dr r \frac{\partial(r, \theta)}{\partial(x, y)} e^{-\alpha \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2}} \\
 &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} dr r e^{-\alpha \frac{r^2}{2}} \\
 &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} d\left(\frac{r^2}{2}\right) e^{-\alpha \frac{r^2}{2}} \\
 &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} du e^{-\alpha u} \\
 &= 2\pi \frac{1}{-\alpha} [-1 + e^{-\alpha(\infty)}] \\
 &= \frac{2\pi}{\alpha} \\
 \Rightarrow I(\alpha) &= \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\alpha}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

First find the integral probability distribution interpretation for the \hat{X}^2 for a state ψ

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{X}^2 \rangle &\Rightarrow \langle \psi | \hat{X} \hat{X} | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle \psi | \hat{X} \hat{X} | x \rangle \langle x | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle \psi | \hat{X} | x \rangle x \langle x | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle \psi | x \rangle x^2 \langle x | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 \psi^*(x) \psi(x) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 |\psi(x)|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\pi \Delta^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-(1/\Delta^2)x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we require to solve the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}} \\
 \frac{d}{d\alpha} I(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{d}{d\alpha} e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}} \\
 \frac{d}{d\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\alpha}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}} \\
 \sqrt{2\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha^3}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}} \\
 \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\alpha^3}} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Drawing the coefficients together

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \implies \alpha = \frac{2}{\Delta^2} \implies \alpha^3 = \frac{8}{\Delta^6}$$

Hence the integral with $\alpha \rightarrow \Delta$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-(1/\Delta^2)x^2} = \sqrt{2\pi\alpha^{-3}} = \sqrt{2\pi\Delta^6/8} = \sqrt{\pi(\Delta^3)^2/2^2} = \frac{\Delta^3}{2} \sqrt{\pi}$$

Put the remaining pieces together

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{X}^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\Delta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-(1/\Delta^2)x^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\Delta} \left(\frac{\Delta^3}{2} \sqrt{\pi} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\Delta^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 03

(a)

Consider the wave equation for $|x| \leq \frac{L}{2}$.

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) = \left(B \left[\left(\frac{1+s}{2} \right) (-k_2^2 \cos(k_2 x)) + \left(\frac{1-s}{2} \right) (-k_2^2 \sin(k_2 x)) \right] \right) = -k_2^2 \psi(x)$$

Putting it to Schrodinger's equation gives

$$-k_2^2 \psi(x) = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V_0] \psi(x) \implies k_2^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V_0]$$

Similarly consider the wave equation for $x > L/2$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) = (-k_1)^2 A e^{-k_1 x} = k_1^2 \psi(x)$$

Putting it to Schrodinger's equation (note here $V(x) = 0$)

$$k_1^2 \psi(x) = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E] \psi(x)$$

For this

$$k_1^2 + k_2^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [-E + E - V_0] = \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} = q^2$$

(b)

At boundary of a side of the well, we require

$$\psi_{\text{in}}(x) = \psi_{\text{out}}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\psi_{\text{in}}(x)}{dx} = \frac{d\psi_{\text{out}}(x)}{dx}$$

Even parity case $s = 1$

Note that for the following computations $x = L/2$

$$\psi_{\text{in}}(x) = B \cos(k_2 x)$$

The wave solution for $x > L/2$

$$\psi_{\text{out}}(x) = A e^{-k_1 x}$$

First condition

$$B \cos k_2 x = A e^{-k_1 x}$$

Second condition

$$-k_2 B \sin k_2 x = -k_1 A e^{-k_1 x}$$

This is true for boundary $x = L/2$ The two equations relating A, B as required in the problem

$$A e^{-k_1 L/2} = B \cos k_2 L/2$$

$$A k_1 e^{-k_1 L/2} = B k_2 \sin k_2 L/2$$

Dividing these two equations

$$k_1 = k_2 \tan(k_2 L/2)$$

From previous computation of Schrodinger's equation inside the well we have

$$k_2^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V_0] = q^2 \frac{E - V_0}{V_0} \implies k_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V_0]}$$

$$q^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 \implies \frac{q^2}{V_0} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}$$

$$k_1^2 + k_2^2 = q^2 \implies k_1 = \sqrt{q^2 - k_2^2} \implies \sqrt{q^2 - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V_0]} \implies k_1^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E = q^2 \frac{E}{V_0}$$

The equation for Energy that we can get from this is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{k_1}{k_2} &= \tan\left(\frac{k_2 L}{2}\right) \\ \frac{E}{E - V_0} &= \tan^2\left(\frac{k_2 L}{2}\right) \\ \frac{E}{E - V_0} &= \tan^2\left(\frac{qL}{2} \sqrt{\frac{E - V_0}{V_0}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{E}{E - V_0} = \tan^2\left(\frac{qL}{2} \sqrt{\frac{E - V_0}{V_0}}\right)}$$

Parity of $s = -1$ case

We get

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{\text{in}}(x) &= B \sin(k_2 x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\psi_{\text{in}}(x)}{dx} = k_2 B \cos(k_2 x) \\ \psi_{\text{out}}(x) &= -A e^{k_1 x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\psi_{\text{out}}}{dx} = -k_1 A e^{k_1 x}\end{aligned}$$

We have the equation relating A, B at $x = -L/2$

$$\begin{aligned}-A e^{k_1 x} &= B \sin(k_2 x) \\ -k_1 A e^{k_1 x} &= k_2 B \cos(k_2 x) \implies \frac{1}{k_1} = \frac{\tan(k_2 x)}{k_2} \implies k_1 = k_2 \cot(k_2 x) \\ k_1 &= k_2(-\cot(k_2 L/2))\end{aligned}$$

We can avoid the whole computation by simply replacing the \tan of previous equation with $-\cot$

$$\boxed{\frac{E}{E - V_0} = \cot^2\left(\frac{qL}{2} \sqrt{\frac{E - V_0}{V_0}}\right)}$$

(c)

$$\tan\left(q \frac{L}{2} \sqrt{\frac{E - V_0}{V_0}}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{k_2 L}{2}\right)$$

Problem 04

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(p) &= \langle p|\psi\rangle = \langle p|\hat{I}|\psi\rangle \\
 &= \langle p|\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx|x\rangle\langle x|\psi\rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle p|x\rangle\langle x|\psi\rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{-ipx/\hbar} \psi(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-ipx/\hbar} \psi(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

Wave Mechanical Fourier Transform

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0 \frac{x}{a}\right] \psi(x) = E\psi(x) \\
 \Rightarrow &\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0 \frac{x}{a}\right] \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} = E\psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} \\
 \Rightarrow &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_0 \frac{x}{a}\right] \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx E\psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} \\
 \Rightarrow &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right] \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[V_0 \frac{x}{a}\right] \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx E\psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} \\
 \Rightarrow &\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right) \left[\underbrace{\left[\frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} e^{-ipx/\hbar} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} (-ip/\hbar) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx}_{\text{Integration by Parts done TWICE}} \right] + \frac{V_0}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x\psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx E\psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} \\
 \Rightarrow &\frac{p^2}{2m} \psi(p) + \frac{V_0}{a} \left(-\frac{\hbar}{i}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} = E \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} \\
 \Rightarrow &\left[\frac{p^2}{2m}\right] \psi(p) + \frac{V_0}{a} \left(-\frac{\hbar}{i}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \psi(p) = E\psi(p)
 \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Mechanical Wave Transform

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H}|E\rangle &= E|E\rangle \Rightarrow \langle x|\hat{H}|E\rangle = E\langle x|E\rangle \\
 &\Rightarrow \langle x|\frac{\hat{P}^2}{2m} + \frac{V_0}{a}\hat{X}|E\rangle = E\langle x|E\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

We know know that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2m}\langle x|\hat{p}\hat{p}|\Psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{2m}\frac{\hbar}{i}\frac{d}{dx}\langle x|\hat{p}|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2m}\frac{\hbar}{i}\frac{d}{dx}\frac{\hbar d}{dx}\langle x|\Psi\rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\langle x|\Psi\rangle \\ \frac{V_0}{a}\langle x|\hat{X}|\Psi\rangle &= \frac{V_0}{a}x\langle x|\Psi\rangle\end{aligned}$$

In momentum basis,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}|E\rangle = E|E\rangle &\implies \langle p|\hat{H}|E\rangle = E\langle p|E\rangle \\ &\implies \langle p|\frac{\hat{P}^2}{2m} + \frac{V_0}{a}\hat{X}|E\rangle = E\langle p|E\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Computing each terms

$$\begin{aligned}\langle p|\frac{\hat{P}^2}{2m}|E\rangle &= \frac{p^2}{2m}\langle p|E\rangle \\ \frac{V_0}{a}\langle p|\hat{X}|E\rangle &= \frac{V_0}{a}\left(-\frac{\hbar}{i}\right)\frac{d}{dp}\langle p|E\rangle \implies \left[\frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar}{i}\frac{V_0}{a}\frac{d}{dp}\right]\Psi(p) = E\Psi(p)\end{aligned}$$

(c)

The differential equation is

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar V_0}{ia}\right]\frac{d\psi(p)}{dp} = \left[E - \frac{p^2}{2m}\right]\psi(p)$$

Not that bad,

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda\frac{d\psi(p)}{\psi(p)} &= (E - p^2/2m)dp \\ \int \frac{d\psi(p)}{\psi(p)} &= \int \left(\frac{E}{\Lambda} - \frac{p^2}{2m\Lambda}\right)dp \\ \ln\left(\frac{\psi(p)}{\psi_0(p)}\right) &= \frac{E}{\Lambda}p - \frac{p^3}{6m\Lambda} + C \\ \ln\left(\frac{\psi(p)}{\psi(0)}\right) &= \frac{E}{\Lambda}p - \frac{1}{6m\Lambda}p^3 \\ \psi(p) &= \psi(0)\exp\left(\frac{E}{\Lambda}p - \frac{1}{6m\Lambda}p^3\right) \\ \psi(p) &= \psi(0)\exp\left(\frac{-iaE}{\hbar V_0}p + \frac{ia}{6m\hbar V_0}p^3\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{F(p, E) = \exp\left(\frac{-iaE}{\hbar V_0}p + \frac{ia}{6m\hbar V_0}p^3\right)}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \psi(0) \exp\left(\frac{-iaE}{\hbar V_0} p + \frac{ia}{6m\hbar V_0} p^3\right) e^{ipx/\hbar} \\
&= \frac{\psi_p(0)}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \exp\left(\frac{-iaE}{\hbar V_0} p + \frac{ix}{\hbar} p + \frac{ia}{6m\hbar V_0} p^3\right) \\
&= \frac{\psi_p(0)}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\frac{-aE}{V_0} + x\right] p + \frac{ia}{6m\hbar V_0} p^3\right) \\
&= \frac{\psi_p(0)}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[x - \frac{aE}{V_0}\right] p + \frac{ia}{6m\hbar V_0} p^3\right) \\
&\implies \psi(x) = F\left(x - a\frac{E}{V_0}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

From the computation it is clear that F here is the inverse fourier transform at zero energy.

Problem 05

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
G_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_3^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_3^3 &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_3^4 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_3^5 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = G_3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \dots$$

$$\sin \theta = x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \dots & -\sin \theta = -x + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 - \frac{1}{5!}x^5 + \dots & 0 \\ \sin \theta = x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \dots & \cos \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \text{roughly speaking } \sum x^n/n! \begin{bmatrix} 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, \dots & 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, \dots & 0 \\ 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, \dots & 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{x^2}{2!} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots \\
&= \hat{I} + xG_3 + \frac{x^2}{2!}G_3^2 + \frac{x^3}{3!}G_3^3 + \dots = e^{\theta G_3}
\end{aligned}$$

(b)

I do the computation by hand on paper.

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 G_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_2 G_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & [J_1, J_2] = i^2 G_1 G_2 - i^2 G_2 G_1 = G_2 G_1 - G_1 G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = i^2 G_3 = iJ_3 \\
G_2 G_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_3 G_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & [J_2, J_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = i^2 G_1 = iJ_1 \\
G_3 G_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
G_1 G_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & [J_3, J_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = i^2 G_2 = iJ_2
\end{aligned}$$

From the commutator relationship we know that

$$[J_x, J_y] = -[J_y, J_x] \implies \varepsilon_{x,y,z} = -\varepsilon_{y,x,z}$$

So hence proving

$$[J_a, J_b] = i\varepsilon_{abc}J_c$$