

Exercise Session 1

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- Moodle page



Exercise sessions

- Exercise website: <https://lcbc-epfl.github.io/iesm-public/>



Exercise structure

Introduction

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Theory section

- Relevant theory for the exercise
- Theoretical exercises

Practical exercises

- “Coding” exercises
- Interpretation of results

Exercise evaluation

- Examples:

Exercise 9

Give the commutator of the position and linear momentum operators in the position representation (consider one dimension only).

Bonus Exercise 10

Show that the potential energy operator $\hat{V}(\mathbf{r})$ is multiplicative when applied to the real-space wavefunction.

```
# Check orthogonality
phi1phi2 = 0 # Replace with vector operation
print(f'<phi1|phi2> = {phi1phi2}')
```

- Exercises contribute to 1/3 of final grade
- Submit report
 - pdf document answering the questions completely with relevant results
 - Handwritten portions ok (please verify legibility)
 - You can type responses in the noto notebook and save as a pdf
 - Due date is usually the next exercise session (check Moodle!)
 - Interviews during next exercise session
 - Test your understanding and discuss your doubts/questions
 - Detailed feedback via Moodle after the interview
 - No grade, but comments and detailed corrections

Computer environment

- We will use a virtual environment that you can directly launch from the [exercise website](#)
- Click the rocket button on the top right of the code files and choose JupyterHub to launch noto.epfl.ch



- On noto.epfl.ch your work will be saved on your EPFL storage
- Make sure to always activate (top right) the Computational Chemistry kernel



Jupyter notebooks

- .ipynb files organized in cells
 - Markdown (text)
 - Code
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[1]: x = 1  
     y = 2
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[ ]: print(x+y)
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Saving Jupyter notebooks as PDFs



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Exercise 1 - Overview

Linear Algebra in Quantum Mechanics - [Exercise page](#)

- Linear Algebra in Quantum Mechanics
- Basic Concepts in Quantum Mechanics
- Working with vectors using Numpy

Learning goals

Review basic concept of linear algebra

Review basic notation of quantum mechanics

Chapter in script

Chapter 2 - Basic principles of Quantum Mechanics

Appendix A.1 - Vector space and scalar product

Resources

Cohen-Tannoudji, C., Diu, B., & Laloe, F. (1986). Quantum Mechanics, Volume 1.

- Chapter II B - State space, Dirac notation
- Chapter II C - Representations in the state space
- Chapter II D - Eigenvalue equations, observables
- Chapter II E - Two important examples of representations and observables
- Chapter II Complement D_{II} - A more detailed study of the $\{|r\rangle\}$ and $\{|p\rangle\}$ representations
- Chapter II Complement E_{II} - Some general properties of two observables, Q and P , whose commutator is equal to $i\hbar$

Exercise 1 - Tips

Tips!

- Start from Section 1.3 - [Working with vectos using Numpy](#) to get familiar with Noto environment and Jupyter Notebooks
- How to get the slides:
 - Download from the [exercise page](#)



- Once you open [Noto](#), in the exercise folder



- Will be uploaded on the [Moodle page](#)