

Problem 1: Checking the Heisenberg Equation of Motion

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\hat{O}(t)}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[e^{i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \hat{O}(0) e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \right] \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} e^{i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \hat{O}(0) e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar} - \frac{i}{\hbar} e^{i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \hat{O}(0) \hat{H} e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar}\end{aligned}$$

Now, an operator commutes with any function of it, so

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\hat{O}(t)}{dt} &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} e^{i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \hat{O}(0) e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar} - \frac{i}{\hbar} e^{i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \hat{O}(0) e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \hat{H} \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} \hat{O}(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{O}(t) \hat{H} \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{O}(t)]\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Problem 2: The BCH Formula

$$\begin{aligned}e^A B e^{-A} &= \left[I + A + \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^3}{6} + \dots \right] B \left[I - A + \frac{A^2}{2} - \frac{A^3}{6} + \dots \right] \\ &= B - BA + \frac{BA^2}{2} - \frac{BA^3}{6} + \dots + AB - ABA + \frac{ABA^2}{2} - \frac{ABA^3}{6} + \dots + \frac{A^2B}{2} - \frac{A^2BA}{2} + \frac{A^2BA^2}{4} - \frac{A^2BA^3}{12} + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{A^3B}{6} - \frac{A^3BA}{6} + \frac{A^3BA^2}{12} - \frac{A^3BA^3}{36} + \dots \\ &= B + \{AB - BA\} + \left\{ \frac{BA^2}{2} - ABA + \frac{A^2B}{2} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{BA^3}{6} + \frac{ABA^2}{2} - \frac{A^2BA}{2} + \frac{A^3B}{6} \right\} + \dots \\ &= B + [A, B] + \frac{1}{2!} [A, [A, B]] + \frac{1}{3!} [A, [A, [A, B]]] + \dots \\ &\equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[A^{(n)}, B]}{n!}\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Here, we have defined

$$[A^{(N)}, B] \equiv \underbrace{[A, [A, [\dots, [A, B]]]]}_{n \text{ times}}; \quad [A^{(0)}, B] \equiv B\tag{3}$$