

Interchange operator

$$\hat{P}\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) \text{ [exchange operator]}$$

$$\hat{P}\psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) = \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

$$\hat{P}^2\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

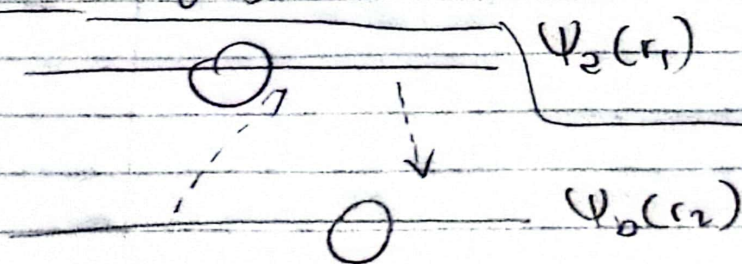
$$\boxed{P = \pm 1} \text{ since } P^2 = 1$$

When particles are identical

$$[P, H] = 0$$

↳ hamiltonian

When identical particles change state, it cannot be distinguished as to whether there is a change



→ $[P, H]$ commuting as they have the same eigen state & eigen value

$$\rightarrow \psi(r_1, r_2) = \pm \psi(r_2, r_1)$$

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