

## Symmetry in QM:

Classical Physics:  $L(q_i, \dot{q}_i)$

$$q_i \rightarrow q_i + \delta q_i, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

$$\text{so } p_i = \text{const.}$$

In Hamilton:  $\frac{dp_i}{dt} = \{H, p_i\} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \{q_i, p_i\} = 0$

Symmetry: If  $\{H, p_i\} = 0$ , then  $p_i = \text{const.}$

QM: Symmetry operator (unitary):  $U$ .

$$U^\dagger U = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{unitary.}$$

$$\boxed{U^\dagger H U = H}$$

$$\rightarrow i\hbar \frac{dG}{dt} = [G, H] = 0$$

$G$  is constant of motion.

If  $U$  depends on continuous parameter

$U \approx 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \epsilon G$   $\rightarrow$  generator of symmetry.  
approximate  $\rightarrow$  Hermitian,  $G^\dagger = G$

$$U = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \epsilon G}$$

Heisenberg

Schrodinger:

$$G|g\rangle = g|g\rangle$$

↳ eigenket of  $G$ .

$$|g\rangle \rightarrow U(t, t_0) |g\rangle_{t_0}$$

$$\hookrightarrow = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} H(t-t_0)} \quad \text{if time independent } V.$$

$$G|g\rangle_t = GU(t, t_0) |g\rangle_{t_0}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \stackrel{!}{=} U(t, t_0) \underbrace{G|g\rangle_{t_0}}_{g|g\rangle_{t_0}}$$

$$G|g\rangle_t = g|g\rangle_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} G(t) &= UGU^\dagger = G \\ UG &= GU. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $[H, L] = 0$

$$H|n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle$$

$$\hookrightarrow H L|n\rangle = L H|n\rangle$$

$$H L|n\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} E_n \underbrace{L|n\rangle}$$

is also an eigenket of  $H$ .

If  $|n\rangle \neq L|n\rangle$ , then  $E_n$  is degenerate.

↑  
allow phase difference.

Ex:  $[\vec{D}(\vec{r}), H] = 0$

$\hookrightarrow [\vec{J}, H] = 0$   
 $\vec{G}$

$\hookrightarrow [J^2, H] = 0$

Introduce:  $|n, j, m\rangle$  : eigenket of  $H, J^2, J_z$

$\vec{D}(\vec{r})|n, j, m\rangle$  has the same  $E_n$  for all  $\vec{r}$ .

$\hookrightarrow \sum_{m'=-j}^j |n, j, m'\rangle \vec{D}_{m', m}^{(j)}(\vec{r})$

$\uparrow 2j+1$  degenerate.

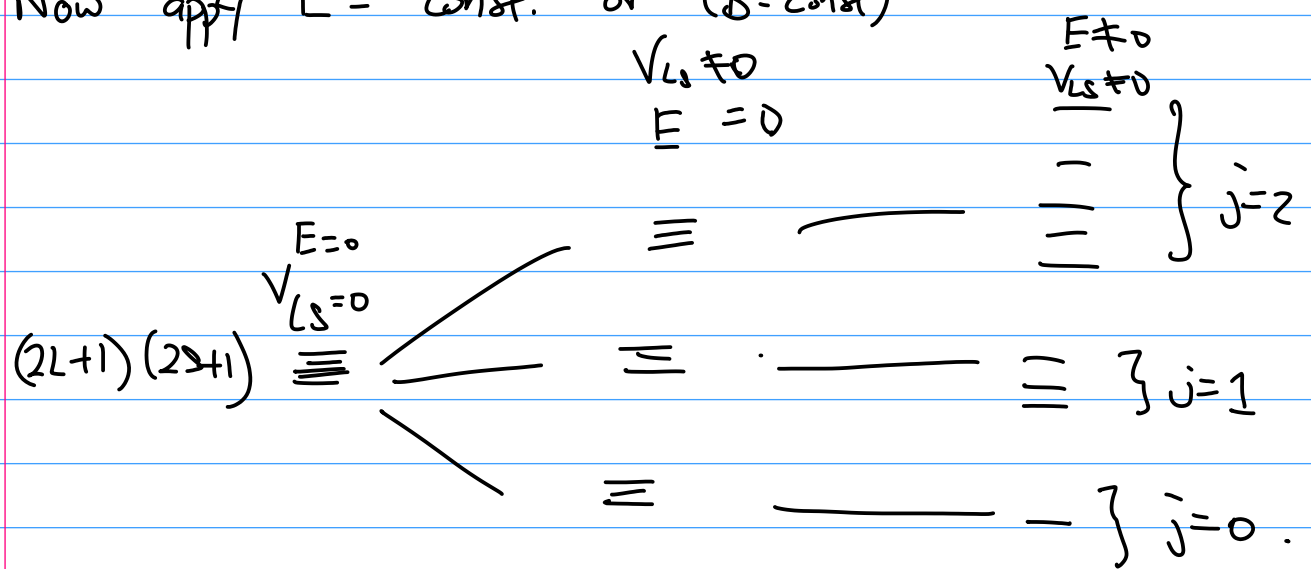
Application:  $V = \underbrace{V(r)}_{\text{central potential}} + \underbrace{V_{LS} \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}}_{\text{spin-orbit interaction.}}$

If  $V_{LS} = 0$  then we have  $(2l+1)(2s+1)$  degenerate.

If  $V_{LS} \neq 0$ ,  $[V_{LS}(\vec{r}) \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}, \vec{J}] = 0$ .

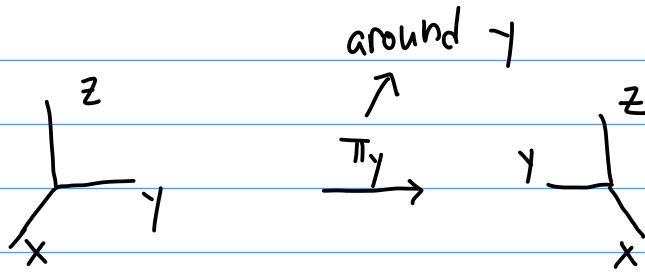
then  $(2j+1)$  degenerate.

Now apply  $E = \text{const.}$  or  $(B = \text{const.})$

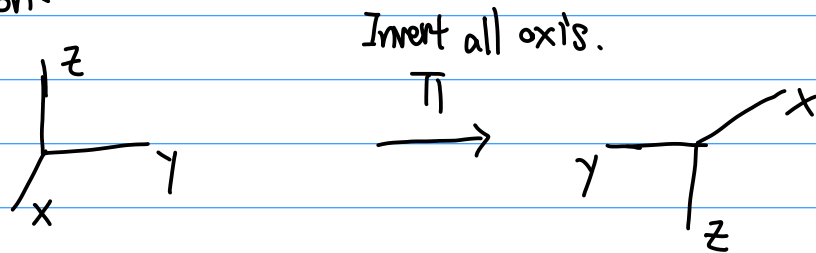


## Discrete Symmetries:

→ Parity :



→ Space Inversion:



→ Corresponding transformation of ket state:

$$|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow \pi |\alpha\rangle$$

↑ parity operator (unitary)

$$\langle \alpha | \pi^\dagger \vec{X} \pi | \alpha \rangle = - \langle \alpha | \vec{X} | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\pi^\dagger \vec{X} \pi = - \vec{X}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \vec{X} \pi = - \pi \vec{X} \rightarrow \{ \vec{X}, \pi \} = 0$$

↑ odd operator.

Odd operator if:

$$\{ \pi, \mathcal{O} \} = 0$$

Even operator if:

$$[ \pi, \mathcal{O} ] = 0$$

$|x'\rangle$  : position eigenket.

$$\vec{x}(\pi|\vec{x}'\rangle) = -\pi(\vec{x}|\vec{x}'\rangle) = -\vec{x}'\pi|\vec{x}'\rangle$$

$$\boxed{\pi|\vec{x}'\rangle = |-\vec{x}'\rangle} \leftarrow \text{convention, no phase } e^{i\phi}$$

$$\boxed{\pi = \pi^{-1} = \pi^{\dagger}} \leftarrow \text{unitary and Hermitian.}$$

$$\pi^2|x'\rangle = \pi|-\vec{x}'\rangle = |x'\rangle$$

Eigenvalue of  $\pi = \pm 1$

Translation:

$J(d\vec{x}')$  : translation by  $d\vec{x}'$

$$\boxed{\pi J(d\vec{x}') = J(-d\vec{x}') \pi}$$

$$\pi J(d\vec{x}')|\vec{x}'\rangle = J(-d\vec{x}')\pi|\vec{x}'\rangle = |-\vec{x}' - d\vec{x}'\rangle$$

$$\pi\left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\vec{p}\cdot d\vec{x}'\right)\pi^{\dagger} = \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar}\vec{p}\cdot d\vec{x}'\right)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \pi \vec{p} \pi^{\dagger} &= -\vec{p} \\ \pi^{\dagger} \vec{p} \pi &= -\vec{p} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\{\pi, \vec{p}\} = 0$$

so  $p$  is odd under parity

Angular Momentum:

$$[\pi, \vec{L}] = 0, \quad \vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$\vec{L}$  is even.

Rotation of 3d space:

$$R^{(\text{parity})} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\hat{1}$$

$$R^{(\text{parity})} R^{(\text{rot})} = R^{(\text{rot})} R^{(\text{parity})} \quad \leftarrow \text{for matrix.}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \pi D(R) = D(R) \pi \quad \leftarrow \text{postulate the same for operator.}$$

$$\parallel 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \epsilon \hat{n} \cdot \vec{J}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{[\pi, J] = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad \pi^\dagger \vec{J} \pi = \vec{J}} \\ \uparrow \text{even operator.}$$

	Rotation (J)	Parity (π)	
$\vec{x}, \vec{p}$	vector	odd	Polar Vector
$\vec{J}, \vec{S}, \vec{L}$	vector	even	axial vector (pseudovector)
$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{x}, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}$	scalar	odd	pseudoscalar
$\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}, \vec{x} \cdot \vec{p}$	scalar	even	True Scalar.

Wave function under parity:

$$\psi_\alpha(\vec{x}) = \langle \vec{x} | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{x} | \pi | \alpha \rangle = \langle -\vec{x} | \alpha \rangle = \psi_\alpha(-\vec{x}) = \psi_{\text{parity}}(x)$$

$$\boxed{\psi(x) \xrightarrow{\pi} \psi(-x)}$$

Eigenstate of parity:

$$\boxed{\pi | \alpha \rangle = \pm | \alpha \rangle}$$

$$\langle \vec{x} | \pi | \alpha \rangle = \pm \langle \vec{x} | \alpha \rangle = \pm \psi_\alpha(x)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \langle -\vec{x} | \alpha \rangle = \end{array} \boxed{\psi_\alpha(-\vec{x}) = \pm \psi_\alpha(x)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} + : \text{parity even} \\ - : \text{parity odd} \end{cases}$$

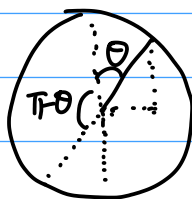


In spherical coordinate:

$$r \rightarrow r$$

$$\theta \rightarrow \pi - \theta$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \pi + \phi$$



$$\cos\theta \rightarrow -\cos\theta$$
$$e^{im\phi} \rightarrow (-1)^m e^{im\phi}$$

$$\pi |\alpha; l, m\rangle = \sigma |\alpha; l, m\rangle \quad \text{note: } [\pi, L] = 0$$

$$\text{So Apply } L_+ : \quad \pi |\alpha; l, m+1\rangle \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \sigma |\alpha; l, m+1\rangle$$

so  $\sigma$  doesn't depend on  $m$

$$\langle \theta, \phi, r | \alpha; l, m \rangle = R_{\alpha l}(r) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\langle \theta, \phi | \pi | l, m \rangle = \langle \pi - \theta, \phi + \pi | l, m \rangle$$

$$= Y_l^m(\pi - \theta, \phi + \pi) = (-1)^l Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\pi |\alpha; l, m\rangle = (-1)^l |\alpha; l, m\rangle}$$

Theorem: If  $[H, \pi] = 0$ ,  $H|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$   
and  $|n\rangle$  is non-degenerate.

then  $|n\rangle$  is an eigenstate of  $\pi$ , so  $|n\rangle$  must be either even or odd.

Take  $|n_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1 \pm \pi}{2} |n\rangle$   $\pi\left(\frac{1 \pm \pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi \pm 1}{2} = \pm\left(\frac{1 \pm \pi}{2}\right)$

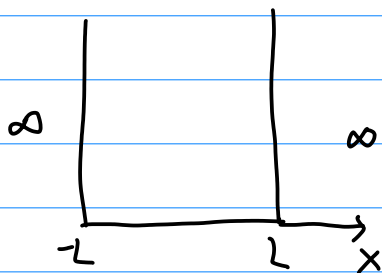
$\hookrightarrow \pi|n_{\pm}\rangle = \pm\left(\frac{1 \pm \pi}{2}\right)|n\rangle = \pm|n_{\pm}\rangle$

$H|n_{\pm}\rangle = E_n|n_{\pm}\rangle$

then  $|n_+\rangle = |n_{\frac{1}{2}}\rangle$  or  $|n_+\rangle = 0$

$|n_-\rangle = 0$  or  $|n_-\rangle = |n_+\rangle$

Ex:



$\psi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L} n(x+L)\right)$

$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\pi^2 n^2}{4L^2}$

When  $n = \text{odd}$ , then it's even under parity  
 $n = \text{even}$ , odd under parity.

odd:  $\psi_{2k+1}(x) = \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{L}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) x\right) \rightarrow \pi \psi_{2k+1} = \psi_{2k+1}$  <sup>even</sup>

even:  $\psi_{2k}(x) = \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} kx\right) \rightarrow \pi \psi_{2k} = -\psi_{2k}$  <sup>odd</sup>

Ex: free particle in 3d

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} \quad [H, \pi] = 0 \quad \text{with eigenstate } |\vec{p}\rangle$$

but  $\pi|\vec{p}\rangle = |-\vec{p}\rangle$  so  $|\vec{p}\rangle$  is not eigenstate of  $\pi$

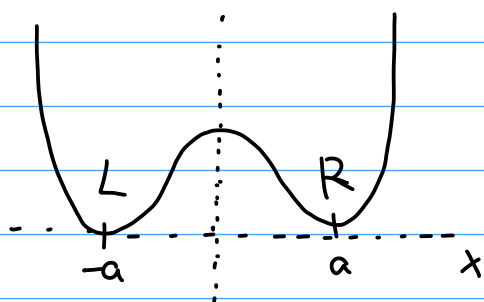
Also  $E_p = \frac{p^2}{2m} = E_{-p}$ , so it is degenerate.

so theorem doesn't apply.

We can use  $\frac{|\vec{p}\rangle \pm |-\vec{p}\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \leftarrow \text{eigenstate of } \pi, \text{ but not for } \vec{p}$

$|\vec{p}\rangle \leftarrow \text{eigenstate of } p, \text{ but not } \pi.$

Ex: Symmetrical double-well potential:



Since  $V(x) = V(-x)$

$$[\pi, H] = 0$$

So eigenstates have definite parity.

$\psi_0 = \text{[symmetric wave]} = |S\rangle$

$\psi_1 = \text{[antisymmetric wave]} = |A\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi |S\rangle &= |S\rangle \\ \pi |A\rangle &= -|A\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \\ & \end{aligned} \right\} E_A > E_S$$

and  $\Delta = E_A - E_S$  very small

then let 
$$\begin{aligned} |R\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|S\rangle + |A\rangle) \\ |L\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|S\rangle - |A\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Not eigenstate of  $H$

so its not stationary

$$|S\rangle \rightarrow e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_S t} |S\rangle$$

$$|A\rangle \rightarrow e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_A t} |A\rangle$$

$$|R\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_S t} |S\rangle + e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_A t} |A\rangle \right)$$

← has extra interference so state changes.

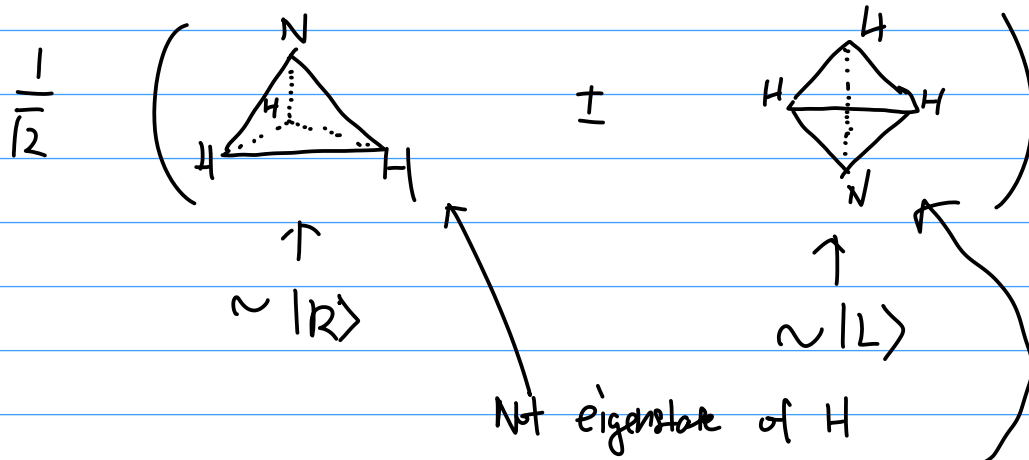
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_S t} (|S\rangle + e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \Delta t} |A\rangle)$$

↑ period:  $T = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\Delta}$

After  $t = T/2$

$$|R\rangle \xrightarrow{T/2} |L\rangle$$

Ex: Ammonic Molecule:  $\text{NH}_3$ :



Since after  $\pi$  it  
is not the same.

## Parity Selection Rule:

Suppose  $[H, \pi] = 0$

$\pi |\alpha\rangle = \epsilon_\alpha |\alpha\rangle$  eigenvalues of  $\pi$ ,  $(\pm 1)$   
 $\pi |\beta\rangle = \epsilon_\beta |\beta\rangle$

If  $\vec{x}$  is odd  $\rightarrow \pi^\dagger x \pi = -x = \pi x \pi^\dagger$

$$\langle \beta | x | \alpha \rangle = \langle \beta | \pi^\dagger \pi x \pi^\dagger \pi | \alpha \rangle$$
$$= \epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta \langle \beta | \pi x \pi^\dagger | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\langle \beta | x | \alpha \rangle = -\epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta \langle \beta | x | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \beta | x | \alpha \rangle (1 + \epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta) = 0$$

\* parity selection rule.

$$\text{So } \langle \beta | x | \alpha \rangle = 0 \text{ unless } \epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta = -1 \text{ or } \epsilon_\alpha = -\epsilon_\beta$$

$$\langle \beta | x | \alpha \rangle = \int \psi_\alpha^* x \psi_\beta d^3x.$$

$\rightarrow$  Implies non-degenerate energy state cannot possess a permanent dipole moment.

$$\langle \alpha | \vec{x} \cdot \vec{r} | \alpha \rangle = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \alpha'; l' m' | \hat{X} | \alpha; l m \rangle = 0 \quad \text{unless} \quad \epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta = -1.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \epsilon_\alpha = (-1)^{l'} \quad \epsilon_\beta = (-1)^l$$

$$\hookrightarrow \epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta = (-1)^l (-1)^{l'} \Rightarrow \boxed{l - l' = \text{odd.}} \quad \leftarrow \text{parity selection rule.}$$

Rotational selection rule:

$$\hookrightarrow l = \begin{cases} l'-1 \\ l' \\ l'+1 \end{cases}$$

with parity selection  
 $\Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{l = l' \pm 1}$$

Other discrete symmetry:

- Point group
- Lattice translational.

## Time Reversal Symmetry:

Newton: If  $m\ddot{x} = -\vec{\nabla}V$  : and  $x(t)$  is a solution  
then  $x(-t)$  is also a solution.

Maxwell:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m\ddot{x} &= e(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c}\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= 4\pi\rho \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c}\partial_t \vec{E} &= \frac{4\pi}{c}\vec{j} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{1}{c}\partial_t \vec{B} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ if } t \rightarrow -t, \text{ then}$$
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E} &\rightarrow \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} &\rightarrow -\vec{B} \\ \rho &\rightarrow \rho \\ \vec{j} &\rightarrow -\vec{j} \\ \vec{v} &\rightarrow -\vec{v} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

New Schrodinger:  $i\hbar \partial_t \psi = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{x}) \right] \psi$

If  $\psi(x, t)$  is a solution, then  
 $\psi^*(x, -t)$  is a solution, notice that complex conjugate.

at  $t=0$ :  $\psi = \langle x | \alpha \rangle$  - time reversal  $\rightarrow \psi^* = \langle x | \alpha \rangle^*$

$$\langle \alpha | \pi | \beta \rangle = \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle$$

$$\hookrightarrow \int \psi_\alpha^*(-x) \psi_\beta(-x) d\vec{x} = \int \psi_\alpha^*(x) \psi_\beta(x) d\vec{x} \quad \leftarrow \text{parity.}$$

$$\text{but } \underbrace{\int dx (\psi_\alpha^*(x))^*}_{\langle \tilde{\alpha} |} \underbrace{(\psi_\beta(x))^*}_{| \tilde{\beta} \rangle} = \left( \int dx \psi_\alpha^*(x) \psi_\beta(x) \right)^* \quad \leftarrow \text{Time Reversal}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \tilde{\beta} \rangle = \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle^*$$

time reversal of  $|\alpha\rangle$  and  $|\beta\rangle$  ↑ implies time reversal is not unitary.



Def:  $|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{\alpha}\rangle = \theta|\alpha\rangle$   
 $|\beta\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{\beta}\rangle = \theta|\beta\rangle$  ) Transformation.  
 anti-unitary.

\* If i)  $\langle\tilde{\beta}|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle = \langle\beta|\alpha\rangle^*$   
 ii) antilinear  $\theta (c_1|\alpha\rangle + c_2|\beta\rangle) = c_1^* \theta|\alpha\rangle + c_2^* \theta|\beta\rangle$   
 ↑  
 complex conjugate.

\* Write  $\theta = U K$   
 ↑      ↑  
 Unitary      complex conjugate.  
 Where  $K|\alpha\rangle = C^* K|\alpha\rangle$

let  $|\alpha\rangle = \sum_a |a\rangle \langle a|\alpha\rangle$

$\xrightarrow{K}$   $K|\alpha\rangle = \sum_a \langle a|\alpha\rangle^* |a\rangle$

→  $K$ : depends on basis,  $K|a\rangle = |a\rangle$

Ex: check  $\Theta = UK$  antiunitary holds:

$$|\alpha\rangle \xrightarrow{\Theta} |\tilde{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_a \langle a|\alpha\rangle^* \underbrace{U|a\rangle}_{\Theta}$$

$$= \sum_a \langle a|\alpha\rangle^* U|a\rangle$$

$$|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} \sum \langle \alpha|a\rangle U|a\rangle$$

Similarly  $\langle \tilde{\beta}| = \sum_a \langle a|\beta\rangle \langle a|U^\dagger$

then  $\langle \tilde{\beta}|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{a_1, a_2} \langle a_2|\beta\rangle \underbrace{\langle a_2|U^\dagger U|a_1\rangle}_{\substack{\langle a_2|a_1\rangle \\ a_1=a_2}} \langle \alpha|a_1\rangle$

$$= \sum_{a_2} \langle a_2|\beta\rangle \langle \alpha|a_2\rangle$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} \langle \alpha|\beta\rangle$$

$$\langle \tilde{\beta}|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} \langle \beta|\alpha\rangle^* \quad \leftarrow \text{proves anti-unitary.}$$

but  $\rightarrow |\langle \tilde{\beta}|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle| = |\langle \beta|\alpha\rangle|$  absolute value don't change.

either unitary or antiunitary.

Time reversal operator:

$$|\alpha\rangle \longrightarrow \theta |\alpha\rangle = |\alpha'\rangle$$

expect  $\theta |\vec{p}\rangle \rightarrow |-\vec{p}\rangle$

$$\vec{p} \xrightarrow{\theta} -\vec{p}$$

$$|\alpha\rangle_{st} = \left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} H s t\right) |\alpha\rangle$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} H s t\right) \theta |\alpha\rangle = \theta \left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} H (-s t)\right) |\alpha\rangle$$

$$-iH\theta = \theta iH$$

If  $\theta$  is unitary, so  $i$  doesn't get conjugated.

$$-iH\theta = i\theta H \rightarrow H\theta = -\theta H$$

$$\theta^{-1} \frac{p^2}{2m} \theta = -\frac{p^2}{2m} \quad \leftarrow \text{can't be, so } \theta \text{ is not unitary.}$$

If  $\theta$  is anti-unitary:

$$-iH\theta = \theta iH$$

$$-iH\theta = -i\theta H$$

complex conjugate  
since anti-unitary.

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{[H, \theta] = 0}$$

$\theta$  commutes with  $H$ .

If there is time reversal symmetry in the system ( $H$ ) then  $\theta$  commutes  $[H, \theta] = 0$

How does  $\theta$  act on operators:

$$\langle \beta | \theta | \alpha \rangle = \langle \beta | (\theta | \alpha \rangle) \quad , \text{ let } \theta \text{ always act to the right.}$$

$$|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle = \theta |\alpha\rangle$$

$$|\tilde{\beta}\rangle = \theta |\beta\rangle$$

Identity:  $\langle \beta | A | \alpha \rangle = \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \theta A \theta^{-1} | \tilde{\beta} \rangle \quad *$

proof:  $\langle \beta | A | \alpha \rangle = (\langle \beta | A) | \alpha \rangle = \langle \gamma | \alpha \rangle$

$$\langle \gamma | \alpha \rangle = \langle \gamma | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle^* = \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \gamma \rangle$$

$$= \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \theta (A^\dagger | \beta \rangle)$$

$$= \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \theta A^\dagger | \beta \rangle$$

$$= \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \theta A^\dagger \theta^{-1} | \tilde{\beta} \rangle$$

$$\langle \beta | A | \alpha \rangle = \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \theta A \theta^{-1} | \tilde{\beta} \rangle \quad \text{if } A = A^\dagger$$

If  $\tilde{A} = \theta A \theta^{-1} = \pm A$  then  $A$  is even (+) or odd (-) under time reversal.

$$\text{then } \theta A = \pm A \theta$$

$$\langle \beta | A | \alpha \rangle = \langle \tilde{\alpha} | \theta A \theta^{-1} | \tilde{\beta} \rangle$$

$$= \pm \langle \tilde{\alpha} | A | \tilde{\beta} \rangle$$

or  $\langle \alpha | A | \alpha \rangle = \pm \langle \tilde{\alpha} | A | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle$  ← restriction on exp value in time reversal state.

$$\theta \vec{p} \theta^{-1} = -\vec{p}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \langle \alpha | \vec{p} | \alpha \rangle = -\langle \tilde{\alpha} | \vec{p} | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle$$

$$\vec{p} \theta | \tilde{\beta} \rangle = -\theta \vec{p} | \tilde{\beta} \rangle = -\theta \tilde{\beta}' | \tilde{\beta}' \rangle = -p' (\theta | \tilde{\beta}' \rangle)$$

$$\theta | \tilde{\beta}' \rangle = | -\tilde{\beta}' \rangle \quad \text{up to phase.}$$

$$\theta \vec{x} \theta^{-1} = \vec{x}$$

→

$$\theta | \vec{x}' \rangle = | \vec{x}' \rangle$$

↳  $| \vec{x}' \rangle$  is even under time reversal.

$$[x_i, p_j] = i\hbar \delta_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta [x_i, p_j] \theta^{-1} &= \theta x_i p_j \theta^{-1} - \theta p_j x_i \theta^{-1} \\ &= \underbrace{\theta x_i \theta^{-1}}_{x_i} \underbrace{\theta p_j \theta^{-1}}_{-p_j} - \underbrace{\theta p_j \theta^{-1}}_{-p_j} \underbrace{\theta x_i \theta^{-1}}_{x_i} \leftarrow \\ &= -i\hbar \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

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$$[J_i, J_j] = i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} J_k$$

$$[\tilde{J}_i, \tilde{J}_j] = \theta i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} J_k \theta^{-1}$$

$$= -i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} \tilde{J}_k$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} [J_i, J_j] = i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} J_k \\ [\tilde{J}_i, \tilde{J}_j] = -i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} \tilde{J}_k \end{array} \right\} \tilde{J}_i = \theta J_i \theta^{-1} = -J_i$$

Wave function:

$$t=0 \quad |\alpha\rangle = \int d^3x' |x'\rangle \langle x'|\alpha\rangle$$

$$\theta|\alpha\rangle = \int d^3x' \langle x'|\alpha\rangle^* \theta|x'\rangle$$

$$\text{so } \theta \psi_\alpha(x') = \psi_\alpha(x')^*$$

$$\text{so } Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \xrightarrow{\theta} Y_l^m{}^*(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m Y_l^{-m}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\theta|l, m\rangle = (-1)^m |l, -m\rangle$$

$$\theta^2|l, m\rangle = \theta(-1)^m |l, -m\rangle$$

$$= (-1)^m \theta|l, -m\rangle$$

$$= (-1)^m (-1)^m |l, m\rangle$$

$$\theta^2|l, m\rangle = |l, m\rangle$$

$\theta^2 = 1$  when applied to  $Y_l^m(\vec{r})$

Theorem: if  $[H, \theta] = 0$ , then wavefunction of nondegenerate states are real (up to overall phase)

proof:  $H \theta |n\rangle = \theta H |n\rangle = \theta E_n |n\rangle = E_n \theta |n\rangle$

then  $\theta |n\rangle$  and  $|n\rangle$  have the same eigenvalue  $E_n$ .

If non degenerate, then  $\theta |n\rangle = |n\rangle$

then  $\langle x | n \rangle^* = \langle x | n \rangle \rightarrow$  so  $\psi_n(x)$  is real

Form of  $\theta$  depends on representation:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta |\alpha\rangle &= \sum_a \theta |a\rangle \langle a | \alpha \rangle = \sum_a \theta |a\rangle \langle a | \alpha \rangle^* \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} \int d^3x \langle x | \alpha \rangle^* \theta |x\rangle = \int d^3x \underbrace{\langle x | \alpha \rangle^*}_{\psi_\alpha(x)^*} |x\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$\psi_\alpha(x) \xrightarrow{\theta} \psi_\alpha^*(x)$  in position basis, we just complex conjugate under  $\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \theta |\alpha\rangle &= \int d^3p \langle p | \alpha \rangle^* \theta |p\rangle = \int d^3p \langle p | \alpha \rangle^* |-p\rangle \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} \int d^3p \langle -p | \alpha \rangle^* |p\rangle \end{aligned}$$

so  $\psi_\alpha(p) \xrightarrow{\theta} \psi_\alpha^*(-p)$  In momentum basis, complex conjugate and  $-p$

Spin  $-\frac{1}{2}$  : ~~note~~  $\theta |\hat{n}, +\rangle = \eta |\hat{n}, -\rangle$  ← phase.

$$(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) |\hat{n}, +\rangle = |\hat{n}, +\rangle$$

$$(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) \chi(\hat{n}, +) = +\chi(\hat{n}, +)$$

$$(\vec{\sigma}^* \cdot \hat{n}) \chi^*(\hat{n}, +) = \chi^*(\hat{n}, +)$$

using identity:  $\vec{\sigma}^* = -\sigma^2 \vec{\sigma} \sigma^2$  for Pauli-Matrices.

$$\hookrightarrow -\sigma^2 (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) \sigma^2 \chi^*(\hat{n}, +) = \chi^*(\hat{n}, +)$$

$$\hookrightarrow (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) \underbrace{\sigma^2 \chi^*(\hat{n}, +)} = -\sigma^2 \chi^*(\hat{n}, +) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{note:} \\ (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) \tilde{\chi}(\hat{n} \pm) \\ = \pm \tilde{\chi}(\hat{n} \pm) \end{array}$$

then we see:  $\sigma^2 \chi^*(\hat{n}, +) = \eta \chi(\hat{n}, -)$

By comparing  $\theta |\hat{n}, +\rangle = \eta |\hat{n}, -\rangle$

then

$$\boxed{\theta = \eta \sigma^2 K}$$

then  $\theta^2 = \eta \sigma^2 K \eta \sigma^2 K$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} \underbrace{\eta \eta^*}_{=1} \sigma^2 K \sigma^2 K$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} \sigma^2 \sigma^{2*} K^2$$

$$\boxed{\theta^2 = -1}$$



For general  $j$ :

$$|\hat{n}, m\rangle: (\vec{J} \cdot \hat{n}) |\hat{n}, m\rangle = \hbar m |\hat{n}, m\rangle$$

$$J^2 |\hat{n}, m\rangle = \hbar^2 j(j+1) |\hat{n}, m\rangle$$

$$|\hat{n}, m\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_z \alpha} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_y \beta} |\hat{z}, m\rangle$$

$$\theta: J_i \xrightarrow{\theta} -J_i, \quad i \xrightarrow{\theta} -i$$

$$\theta |\hat{n}, m\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_z \alpha} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_y \beta} \theta |\hat{z}, m\rangle$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\eta |\hat{n}, -m\rangle = \eta e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_z \alpha} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_y \beta} - |\hat{z}, m\rangle$$

$$= \eta e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_z \alpha} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_y (\beta + \pi)} K |\hat{z}, m\rangle$$

then

$$\theta = \eta e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} J_y \pi} K = UK.$$

↑ assuming  $\hat{z}$  axis is real.

For  $S=1/2$ :  $e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma^2} = \cos\frac{\pi}{2} - i\sigma^2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = -i\sigma^2$

then  $\theta = \eta e^{-i\pi\frac{\sigma^2}{2}} K$

$$= \eta (-i\sigma^2) K \leftarrow \text{same as } S=1/2 \text{ case.}$$

Find  $\theta^2 = \eta e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \pi J_1} \eta e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \pi J_1} \eta$

$$= \eta e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \pi J_1} \eta^* e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \pi J_1} \eta^2$$

$$= |\eta|^2 e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} 2\pi J_1} \eta^2$$

$$= e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} 2\pi J_1}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} 2\pi m}$$

$$J_1 = (-J, -J+1, \dots, J) \hbar$$

$$2m = (-2J, -2J+1, \dots, 2J)$$

$$= (-1)^{2m} = (-1)^{2J}$$

then  $\boxed{\theta^2 = (-1)^{2J}}$   $\begin{cases} 1 & J = \text{integer} \\ -1 & J = \text{half-integer} \end{cases}$

ex: if  $J = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\theta^2 = 1 \leftarrow \text{half integer}$

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Kramers Degeneracy. suppose  $[H, \theta] = 0$

Note that it ~~does~~ does NOT form conservation laws. because  $\theta$  is anti-unitary.

since 
$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} \theta e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} = e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar} H t} \theta \neq \theta$$

unlike parity 
$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} \pi e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} = \pi.$$

If  $[H, \theta] = 0$  and  $|n\rangle$  is nondegenerate eigenket of  $H$ .  
then  $\psi_n(x)$  is Real.

→ Suppose  $[\theta, H] = 0$ , then  $|n\rangle$  and  $\theta|n\rangle$  are degenerate.

→ If  $|n\rangle$  is not degenerate, then  $\theta|n\rangle = e^{i\delta}|n\rangle$

then 
$$\theta^2|n\rangle = \theta e^{i\delta}|n\rangle = e^{-i\delta}\theta|n\rangle = e^{-i\delta}e^{i\delta}|n\rangle$$

then 
$$\theta^2|n\rangle = |n\rangle$$

$$\hookrightarrow (-1)^{2j}|n\rangle = |n\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{this is impossible for } j = \text{half integer.}$$

So If  $j = \text{half-integer}$ , then  $|n\rangle$  and  $\theta|n\rangle$  must be different states with same eigenenergy. so they must be at least 2-fold degeneracy when  $[H, \theta] = 0$ .

Consider example:

E-field:  $V(x) = e\phi(x)$  since it's real

$$\text{then } [\theta, V] = 0$$

So we can conclude E-field cannot lift Kramer degeneracy.

Magnetic field:  $\vec{V}_1 = \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}$   $\leftarrow \vec{B}$  is real  $\leftarrow$  Zeeman coupling.

$$H \sim (\vec{P} - \vec{A})^2 = P^2 - (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{P}) + A^2$$

$\leftarrow \vec{A}$  is real

$$\theta S \theta^{-1} = -\vec{S} \rightarrow [\vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}, \theta] \neq 0$$

$$\theta P \theta^{-1} = -P \rightarrow [(\vec{P} - \vec{A})^2, \theta] \neq 0$$

Since  $\theta$  don't commute with  $H$ , then it lifts degeneracy.

$$S = 1/2 \begin{cases} \uparrow \mu_B \\ \downarrow -\mu_B \end{cases}$$

If  $S$  is large, suppose  $S = 1/2$

$$\frac{1}{S^2} [S_i, S_j] = i \epsilon^{ijk} S_k \frac{1}{S^2}$$

$$[n_i, n_j] = i \left(\frac{\hbar}{S}\right) \epsilon^{ijk} n_k \quad \leftarrow \text{if } S \rightarrow \infty, \text{ RHS is } 0$$

so basically classical.