

Back to Coordinate Space

key equation: $\hat{a}|0\rangle = 0$
 $\hat{a} \equiv \frac{x}{b} + \frac{ib}{\hbar} p$
 $\epsilon = 0 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $E = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$

$$\hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{x}{b} + \frac{ib}{\hbar} p \right)$$

represent in coordinate space (could do momentum space too).

$$\hat{x} \equiv x$$

$$\hat{p} \equiv \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$|0\rangle \equiv \langle x|0\rangle \equiv \psi_0(x)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{x} \equiv i\hbar \frac{d}{dp} \\ \hat{p} \equiv p \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \equiv \langle p|0\rangle \equiv \psi_0(p) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{x}{b} + \frac{ib\hbar}{\hbar} \frac{d}{dx} \right) \psi_0(x) = 0$$

$$\text{let } y = \frac{x}{b} \quad \text{or } x = by$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(y + \frac{d}{dy} \right) \psi_0(y) = 0$$

$$y\psi_0 = -\frac{d\psi_0}{dy}$$

$$\text{or } -ydy = \frac{d\psi_0}{\psi_0}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}y^2 = \ln \psi_0$$

$$\psi_0 = A e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2}$$

$$\text{want } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx |A|^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{b^2}} = 1 \quad \text{for normalization}$$

$$\text{or } b|A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{b} e^{-\frac{x^2}{b^2}} = 1$$

$$b|A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-y^2} = 1 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{p. 659} \\ \text{A.2.1} \end{array} \right)$$

$$|A|^2 = \frac{1}{b\sqrt{\pi}} \quad b = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$$

$$|A|^2 = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$A = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/4} e^{i\phi} \quad \begin{array}{l} \phi = \text{real} \\ \text{choose } \phi = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_0(x) &= \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2} = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{b^2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{1}{2} y^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$|1\rangle? \quad \hat{a}^+ |0\rangle = \sqrt{1} |1\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$\hat{a}^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{x}{b} - \frac{i\hbar}{m\omega} \frac{d}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(y - \frac{d}{dy} \right)$$

$$\text{so, } \Psi_1 = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(y - \frac{d}{dy} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2} y^2}$$

$$\Psi_1(y) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (y - \frac{d}{dy}) e^{-\frac{1}{2} y^2} = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y e^{-\frac{1}{2} y^2}$$

can extend to higher n .

$$|n\rangle = \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{n-1}} \dots \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{1}} |0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{(a^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle$$

so,

$$\psi_n(y) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \left(y - \frac{d}{a}\right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2}$$

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p. 145

$$\psi_n(y) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\hbar\pi}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} H_n(y)$$

and so:

$$H_n(y) = e^{+\frac{1}{2}y^2} \left(y - \frac{d}{a}\right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2}$$

Chapter 9 (skip Chapter 8)

generalize $[x, p] = i\hbar \rightarrow$ antihermitian
($i\hbar$)^{*} = $-i\hbar$

with $\underline{\Omega} =$ Hermitian and $\underline{\Lambda} =$ Hermitian

consider

$$\left(\underline{\Omega} \underline{\Lambda} - \underline{\Lambda} \underline{\Omega}\right)^\dagger = \underline{\Lambda}^\dagger \underline{\Omega}^\dagger - \underline{\Omega}^\dagger \underline{\Lambda}^\dagger = \underline{\Lambda} \underline{\Omega} - \underline{\Omega} \underline{\Lambda}$$

$$= -\left(\underline{\Omega} \underline{\Lambda} - \underline{\Lambda} \underline{\Omega}\right)$$

or $[\underline{\Omega}, \underline{\Lambda}]^\dagger = -[\underline{\Omega}, \underline{\Lambda}]$ antiHermitian

make $[\underline{\Omega}, \underline{\Lambda}] = i\underline{\Gamma}$ where $\underline{\Gamma} =$ Hermitian

$$(\Delta\Omega)^2(\Delta\Lambda)^2 \equiv \langle \psi | (\Omega - \langle \Omega \rangle)^2 | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | (\Lambda - \langle \Lambda \rangle)^2 | \psi \rangle$$

where $\langle \Omega \rangle = \langle \psi | \Omega | \psi \rangle$ is a c-number

$\langle \Lambda \rangle = \langle \psi | \Lambda | \psi \rangle$ is also a c-number.

Redefine $\hat{\Omega} \equiv \Omega - \langle \Omega \rangle$

$$\hat{\Lambda} \equiv \Lambda - \langle \Lambda \rangle$$

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c-number (commuting number)

$$[\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\Lambda}] = [\Omega - \langle \Omega \rangle, \Lambda - \langle \Lambda \rangle]$$

$$= [\Omega, \Lambda] - [\Omega, \langle \Lambda \rangle] - [\langle \Omega \rangle, \Lambda] + [\langle \Omega \rangle, \langle \Lambda \rangle]$$

all three are zero

and $\hat{\Omega} = \hat{\Omega}^\dagger$, $\hat{\Lambda} = \hat{\Lambda}^\dagger$

$$(\Delta\Omega)^2(\Delta\Lambda)^2 = \langle \psi | \hat{\Omega}^2 | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | \hat{\Lambda}^2 | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle \psi | \hat{\Omega}^\dagger \hat{\Omega} | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | \hat{\Lambda}^\dagger \hat{\Lambda} | \psi \rangle$$

call $|\hat{\Lambda}\psi\rangle = \hat{\Lambda}|\psi\rangle$ $|\hat{\Omega}\psi\rangle = \hat{\Omega}|\psi\rangle$

then $\langle \hat{\Lambda}\psi | = \langle \psi | \hat{\Lambda}^\dagger$ $\langle \hat{\Omega}\psi | = \langle \psi | \hat{\Omega}^\dagger$

so

$$(\Delta\Omega)^2(\Delta\Lambda)^2 = \langle \hat{\Omega}\psi | \hat{\Omega}\psi \rangle \langle \hat{\Lambda}\psi | \hat{\Lambda}\psi \rangle$$

now use Schwarz inequality: p. 17
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$$\langle v|v\rangle\langle w|w\rangle \geq |\langle v|w\rangle|^2$$

$$(\Delta R)^2(\Delta A)^2 \geq |\langle \hat{R}\psi | \hat{A}\psi \rangle|^2$$

$$\langle \hat{R}\psi | \hat{A}\psi \rangle = (\langle \psi | \hat{R}^\dagger) (\hat{A} | \psi \rangle) = \langle \psi | \hat{R}\hat{A} | \psi \rangle$$

↑ self-adjoint

$$(\Delta R)^2(\Delta A)^2 \geq |\langle \psi | \hat{R}\hat{A} | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$\hat{R}\hat{A} = \frac{1}{2}(\underbrace{\hat{R}\hat{A} + \hat{A}\hat{R}}_{\text{hermitian}}) + \frac{1}{2}(\underbrace{\hat{R}\hat{A} - \hat{A}\hat{R}}_{\text{antihermitian}})$$

$$\hat{\Delta} \equiv \hat{R}\hat{A} + \hat{A}\hat{R}$$

$$= [\hat{R}, \hat{A}]_+$$

$$i\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\Omega}^\dagger = \hat{\Omega}$$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{\Delta} | \psi \rangle = \text{real } \# \quad i\langle \psi | \hat{\Omega} | \psi \rangle = \text{imaginary } \#$$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{R}\hat{A} | \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\langle \psi | \hat{\Delta} | \psi \rangle}_{\text{real}} + \frac{i}{2} \underbrace{\langle \psi | \hat{\Omega} | \psi \rangle}_{\text{real}}$$

imaginary.

$$|\langle \psi | \hat{R}\hat{A} | \psi \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} |\langle \psi | \hat{\Delta} | \psi \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |\langle \psi | i\hat{\Omega} | \psi \rangle|^2$$

Finally:

$$(\Delta R)^2(\Delta A)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} |\langle \psi | \hat{\Delta} | \psi \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |\langle \psi | i\hat{\Omega} | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$\hat{\Delta} = [\hat{R}, \hat{A}]_+ \quad i\hat{\Omega} = [\hat{R}, \hat{A}] = [\hat{R}, \hat{A}]$$

Back to $\hat{Q} = \hat{x}$ $\hat{A} = \hat{p}$

$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$$

$$(\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} |\langle \Psi | (\hat{x}\hat{p} + \hat{p}\hat{x}) | \Psi \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2$$

or

$$(\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2$$

$$(\Delta x) (\Delta p) \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

 since $\frac{1}{4} |\langle \Psi | (\hat{x}\hat{p} + \hat{p}\hat{x}) | \Psi \rangle|^2 \geq 0$

For equality, two conditions must hold:

1) Schwartz EQUALITY meaning:

$$\hat{Q} |\Psi\rangle = c \hat{A} |\Psi\rangle$$

2) Anti-commutator term must vanish

$$\hat{x} + \hat{p}$$

rep in coordinate space.

$$(\hat{p} - \langle \hat{p} \rangle) |\Psi\rangle = c (\hat{x} - \langle \hat{x} \rangle) |\Psi\rangle$$

$$\left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} - \langle p \rangle \right) \Psi(x) = c (x - \langle \hat{x} \rangle) \Psi(x)$$

let $x' = x - \langle \hat{x} \rangle$

then
$$\frac{d\Psi}{\Psi} = \frac{i}{\hbar} (\langle p \rangle + c x') dx'$$

$$\ln \psi = \alpha + \frac{i}{\hbar} (\langle p \rangle x' + c(\frac{1}{2} x'^2))$$

$$\psi(x) = A e^{\frac{i \langle p \rangle x'}{\hbar}} e^{\frac{icx'^2}{2\hbar}}$$

satisfies Schwartz

at this point, c is unconstrained... can be any general complex number.

The second condition, that the anticommutator vanish, constrains c .

starting from Schwartz:

$$(p - \langle p \rangle) |\psi\rangle = c \tilde{x}' |\psi\rangle$$

$$\tilde{x}' (p - \langle p \rangle) |\psi\rangle = c \tilde{x}'^2 |\psi\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi | \tilde{x}' (p - \langle p \rangle) |\psi\rangle = c \langle \psi | \tilde{x}'^2 |\psi\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi | (p - \langle p \rangle) \tilde{x}' |\psi\rangle = c^* \langle \psi | \tilde{x}'^2 |\psi\rangle$$

← consider left operation

$$\langle \psi | (\tilde{x}' (p - \langle p \rangle) + (p - \langle p \rangle) \tilde{x}') |\psi\rangle$$

$$= (c + c^*) \underbrace{\langle \psi | \tilde{x}'^2 |\psi\rangle}_{\geq 0 \text{ usually } > 0} = 0$$

must have $c + c^* = 0$

$$c = \text{pure imaginary}$$